

LAY AGENCY.

GRAND FALLS AND SAINT FRANCIS.

Brother Goldrup made a visit last Autumn to this section of the Province in the service of the Board. He was most cordially received by the people, and handsome collections were taken up by him in Saint Francis and in other places in aid of the funds. His representations, on his return, in reference to the destitution of that region and the anxieties of the people to have the gospel, deeply impressed the Board with the importance of sending a missionary there without delay; but as yet the state of the funds would not enable them to do so. They strongly commend this extended and destitute field to the consideration of the society.

STATIONS ABOUT SAINT JOHN.

There are three of these, Loch Lomond, Milkish and Grand Bay, which have been profitably supplied, for several months past, by two gifted brethren of Germain Street, and one of Brussels Street. The only expense to the Board is a small amount paid for the hire of a horse. This is partially met by contributions at the stations. In the absence of a stated ministry, this arrangement is found to be highly advantageous.

THE FRENCH DEPARTMENT.

Brother Peter Knight has continued to labour during the year, in behalf of the French people, with what amount of success it is impossible to say. He finds the obstacles in his way numerous and great, and yet he thinks in many instances he observes a very marked improvement in the minds of those with whom he comes in contact. He sees the truth gradually dawning upon their benighted visions, and an anxious enquiry excited after the knowledge of the truth. But where the errors of popery are seen and abandoned in heart by individuals, they are afraid to make their convictions known, lest they should subject themselves to a bitter persecution. Some that appeared at one time in a hopeful state have returned to their former errors. The missionary has circulated upwards of sixty Testaments, seven Bibles, the Pilgrim's Progress, and religious tracts amongst the people. By some few the Word of God is studied with deep interest, producing evidently a powerful impression upon the mind. We have reason to hope that the seed thus sown will take root and produce fruit to the divine glory. Brother Knight, in addition to his labors among the French people, has devoted considerable time amongst the English, preaching the gospel publicly, and from house to house. In this respect we hope his labor has not been in vain. In relation to the French mission, your Board are of opinion that no very decided success will attend it until it shall be enlarged and more laborers brought into the field.

SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE.

Number of Missionaries employed—nine;
The amount of labour performed—six years;