

The following is an extract from the letter of a clergyman in one of our cities, in which alluding to a movement in his vicinity among the French Canadians, and offering his Church for two services on the Sunday, and one in the week, being confident of a good congregation, he says,—“Why is it that the Church of England is ever last in the field? Surely if God's blessing did not in an especial manner rest upon her, she had been dead long ago. Why can we not do for the French Canadians what has been done for the West of Ireland? Would you kindly take this matter into consideration, and tell me what you think *I could do to help in this cause upon the spot?*”

These are but a few extracts from the many communications which have been received from the friends of the cause, all of them of an encouraging nature, offering assistance, asking for deputations to be sent, and wishing the Society God speed in its work and labour of love. The Committee have met with some discouragements, but they can truly say that they are more than counterbalanced by the marks of the Divine favour which they have received. Nay, they would regard the trials, as sent in love to produce that humble prayerful spirit, and that simple reliance upon God, without which they may not look for their efforts to be crowned with success.

DEPUTATIONS.

Great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining clergymen and others acquainted with the working of the mission, to visit those kind friends who have solicited such assistance in raising the amounts promised by them. Such is the scarcity of clergymen, and so multiplied their labours, that it is impossible for those in the vicinity often to leave their parishes; they would therefore entreat the friends of the cause to bear with them, and to become co-workers, by themselves helping to advocate the claims of this the only Church of England Mission to the French Canadians. Having now the sanction of the Bishops and the countenance of the Parent Society in England, they trust that the co-operation of the clergy and laity in Canada and the Lower Provinces, will be general.

In the course of the summer, a deputation visited the city of Ottawa, and met with a cordial reception at the hands of the rector, the Rev. Dr. Strong. After preaching on Sunday in the Parish Church, a meeting was held in the public hall, where addresses were delivered by the deputation. The Rector occupied the chair, and an Association was formed, of earnest ladies and gentlemen, who pledged themselves to raise funds for the mission, and otherwise advance its interests. The Committee hope that the clergyman who has since succeeded Rev. Dr. Strong as Rector of Ottawa will lend his valuable aid to the cause.