

been entirely overcome. For although the Society has procured a few most faithful and devoted labourers, it has been constantly cramped and limited by the impossibility of procuring *as many* as the exigencies of the case required."

At the commencement of the past year there were but six Missionaries in the field; but afterwards fourteen new labourers were added, seven of whom were students from the Seminary at Andover, Massachusetts, who spent from four to six weeks of their vacation in preaching and establishing schools, and otherwise doing good. An admirable example, which Students from other Academies and Colleges might imitate with great propriety and advantage. The Rev. W. P. Curry, of Montreal, is the Secretary and General Agent.

In some measure connected with the preceding Institution, or forming a part of its plan, is the provision made for assisting pious young men who wish to study for the Ministry in Lower Canada, to pursue a course of Theological education. The Rev. G. W. Perkins, of Montreal, is appointed Chairman of an Examining Committee, by the American Education Society; and, by application to him, those who wish to avail themselves of the advantage may be placed on the funds of that Association, and receive directions as to the mode of proceeding in the attainment of their object.

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The attention of the Committee has been much occupied in deliberating on the site of the new Academy. As this is a matter of very considerable importance, precipitancy ought by all means to be avoided, and every circumstance carefully weighed; although, on the other hand, it is desirable, for the interest of the Society, and the success of the whole plan,

that a decision should be made as speedily as possible. It has been hitherto thought, in coincidence with the suggestion of the Society at home, that Brockville was, upon the whole, the most eligible spot; but difficulties have presented themselves which have caused several members of the Committee to entertain doubts upon the subject. Should those difficulties remain, and appear to be insurmountable, a memorial to that effect will be presented to the London Committee, whose concurrence it is necessary to obtain before a change is made in the location.

Application has been made to the Home Society to send out six Missionaries to Canada, as soon as they can be obtained.

THE CANADAS.

[In the *Gospel Witness*, a weekly paper published in New York, we perceive a letter under the above title, signed L. C., Clinton Hall, August 17, from which we give the following extracts:—]

"MR. EDITOR,—We have supposed that a brief, connected bird's eye view of religious affairs in the Canadas might not be unacceptable to your readers. These provinces, owing to their political relation to Great Britain, might naturally look to the father-land for any assistance needed to execute plans for their moral and intellectual improvement; and again, their proximity to the States, has given them a claim upon the sympathies of their American brethren, which is neither slight nor unreasonable. But the truth seems to be, that until a recent period, the brethren on both sides of the Atlantic, have mostly neglected the Canadas and suffered them to lie an uncared-for moral waste.

"These provinces were settled as early as the year 1608 by the French, by whom they were held in possession one hundred and fifty years, until wrested from them by the present occupants. The population of the Lower Province is, to this day, composed principally of the French and their descendants. They brought with them their religion, which was the Catholic; and the superstition, ignorance and prejudice which are common to this system, have flourished in all their demoralizing luxuriance, especially among the lower