

WORK IN THE PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

A strenuous effort is being made to increase the circulation of the PRESBYTERIAN RECORD in the Presbytery of Quebec. To this end proposals have been entertained to secure a *special edition* for circulation throughout the Presbytery, in which one page monthly will be secured for the insertion of local matter supplied by the Presbytery. This implies an annual additional cost of \$30. The managers of the RECORD, however, have offered to carry out this arrangement free of extra charge on condition that one thousand more copies are taken in the Presbytery. The statement which follows was forwarded to us as the first Quebec page, and we send it out to the whole Church as a sample of what is intended to be done by this Presbytery. If there are any other Presbyteries like-minded, we shall be glad to hear from them without delay. Of course, in the event of this plan being adopted, the special page, which would occupy the first page of the RECORD, would only reach the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery in whose interests it is published. The new departure will complicate our office work to some extent, but we are willing to adopt any method that shall secure the greatest amount of good to the greatest number.—EDITORS.

"The Augmentation Scheme has been fairly launched in our district. Rev. R. H. Warden attended the late Presbytery meeting in Quebec, and fully explained that the object contemplated is to raise every minister's salary up to \$750 and a manse. To entitle a congregation to aid, however, it must give its minister at least, \$400 and a manse, and contribute at the rate of not less than \$4.50 a year, per communicant. To secure this, the aid-needing congregations will have, in every case, to add considerably to their present contributions, and the congregations not needing aid are expected to increase their present contributions. A Committee of Presbytery has been appointed, consisting of Messrs. Amaron, Dewey and Pritchard, to attend to the work. Already Kinnear's Mills has been visited when the congregation raised its salary to the minimum without any aid from the scheme. St. Sylvester and Lower Leeds were also visited, when \$70 was at once added to Mr. Pritchard's salary, entitling his congregation to come on the Fund. Other congregations are being

visited, of whom we expect to have good tidings next month.

Morrin College is in a very gratifying condition this year. Every room in the college is occupied. There are nineteen regular students in attendance. Three of these are in the Theological department, and sixteen are taking the Arts course, and working for a degree. Four, if not five, of these have already signified their intention of studying for the ministry. When congregations are apportioning their benevolent contributions, it is hoped, that they will remember that last June the General Assembly unanimously and most cordially "*recommended*" the congregations of our Presbytery to send their gifts for college purposes to Morrin College, as worthy of all support and as having a special claim on our own people. Will congregations bear this in mind, and send their gifts to Rev. J. C. Cattach, Treasurer for the Presbytery?

A few weeks ago, the Rev. Dr. Wardrope of Guelph, the convener of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, visited Quebec and addressed the students of Morrin College on the claims of the Foreign Mission field. Since then, the Rev. H. A. Robertson of Eromanga has visited the Presbytery and addressed meetings at Richmond, Kingsbury, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers and Quebec, having very large audiences on every occasion and awakening a deep interest in Foreign Mission work and in Eromanga in particular. Such visits bring mission work before our congregations in a manner that is most impressive. Our interest in the lonely Eromanga missionary is deeper than ever, now that we have seen and heard him.

Sherbrooke congregation is considering the question of a new church building, hence the Ladies Aid Society recently held a musical festival and sale, which yielded a handsome sum for the new church. Mr. Cattach has lately opened a branch Sabbath-school in the township of Ascot, under the superintendence of Mr. Robt. Eadie, with very encouraging prospects.

Richmond Sabbath-school is larger than ever hitherto. Mr. Dewey has lately commenced two new preaching stations within the bounds of the congregation. *Massawippi, Richby* and *Coaticooke* are being supplied this winter by the Montreal College Missionary Association. The work of gathering in and building up is progressing very favorably. Mr. J. Woodside, Coaticooke, is the ruling elder.

Quebec.—Rev. Dr. Cook is supplying St. Andrew's pulpit for the present. Chalmers' Church will introduce the hymnal into public worship at the New-Year.

Agnes.—Plans for the new church have been laid before the congregation. The building will be commenced in spring, while a social will be held about the New-Year.