

lying. Wake up! Do something before you are dead. Either help to pull the Lord's chariot, or get out of the way."

MISSIONARY MEETINGS will be in order at this season. Every congregation is the better of having at least one good rousing meeting in the course of the year. It would be still better if they had one every month. These afford excellent opportunities for circulating information respecting all the schemes of the Church, and keeping up the *esprit de corps* that is so much needed. It is for the office-bearers in congregations to see that they are turned to the best possible account. Good speaking usually draws out good audiences, and there is a power in numbers. On such occasions the main thing is to impart to the people an intelligent understanding of the requirements of the Church and to suggest the best means for each congregation overtaking its proper share of the work to be done. There is no greater mistake than to plead "the peculiar circumstances" of any congregation as a reason why they should be "excused." All experience confirms the truth of the maxim, "give and it shall be given unto you." A hearty and generous support of our Missions, Home and Foreign, is the best evidence that can be given that we appreciate our own advantages, and is also the best means of infusing life and activity into congregations that are ready to die out for want of something to do.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—We have reason to believe that the first week of this year was observed very generally by the Christian community throughout the Dominion. So far from any diminution of interest being noticeable, it seems to commend itself more and more as a most becoming and reasonable mode of ushering in the New Year, as it certainly is a fitting time to call to remembrance the many blessings we have received as individuals and churches, and to renew our allegiance to Him whom we profess to serve by fresh resolutions of consecration to His cause. Had the Evangelical Alliance done nothing more than substitute

this now world-wide week of prayer, their efforts had not been in vain.

A HYMNAL for the use of congregations in public worship is one of the immediate and important wants of the Church. At the present time we have a multiplicity of collections of psalms and hymns and spiritual songs from which it would seem to be an easy matter to make a judicious selection, and it would for many reasons be desirable to attain as much uniformity in regard to the service of praise as possible, at all events that one collection should receive the imprimatur of the Assembly and be recommended for general adoption. The *Presbyterian* of Philadelphia, naturally thinks that we might with advantage avail ourselves of the "Presbyterian Hymnal" prepared by a committee of the General Assembly of the United States, of which Dr. Duryea is understood to be the leading spirit, but it is more likely that our own General Assembly will take the earliest possible opportunity of appointing a committee to attend to the matter. We have among us men well qualified for this duty, and who will be glad to avail themselves of the experience acquired by other churches.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.—We invite particular attention to the statement of the Rev. Dr. McVicar respecting the work and the requirements of the committee under his management. In so far as Montreal is concerned, we have seen and can testify of the great work that is being done in this city, and there is reason to look for results in the not very distant future that will surpass the most sanguine expectations of to-day. Dr. McVicar believes that the means will be forthcoming for the prosecution of this work, if not from the people of Canada, from the *Ministers of the Gospel*. And he has grounds for such a belief in the contributions of not a few "poor ministers," who have already contributed willingly for this cause. Let every congregation take note of this, and let the whole church arise and roll away the reproach that lies at the door.