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COLLECTION FOR KANKAKEE MISSION.

A collection in aid of the Kankakee Mission (Rev. C. Chiniquy's) was appointed by the Synod to be taken up on the 1st Sabbath of November. The present engagements of the Church in connection with this Mission are (1st.) \$1,200 for teachers in the Mission School, and (2nd.) such a sum as will, with the contributions of the people, make Mr. Chiniquy's salary \$1,000. We direct attention to Mr. Chiniquy's communication in another column, with reference to the extent and necessities of the Mission.

The collections are to be remitted to the treasurer at Toronto.

THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW DOMINION.

Within the last few months great and important changes have passed over us. We have emerged from a state of tutelage, and have assumed a position not indeed of independence, for we are thankful to say that we are still part and parcel of the Great British Empire and subjects of our Queen, beloved and revered by all her subjects,—but still a position of higher political and national existence. We have, to a certain, extent a separate establishment, while still under the protection and kindly eye of the Parent. We now form a large and growing confederation, with a wider field for enterprise, and a higher stimulus to energy, in the development of the varied resources of our country. At the same time, we shall have the benefit of a more direct control and regulation of our own domestic affairs. The change, through which we have been passing, is one no doubt fraught with important results; and we have not been indifferent onlookers, but have felt a deep interest in the progress and completion of the confederation movement, and in our first exercise of the rights and duties pertaining to us as citizens respectively of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and of the Dominion of Canada. After all there is a close connexion between the moral and religious progress of a community on the one hand, and its physical and political advancement on the other.

The new state of things has now been inaugurated. We have our confederate and our local governments, and legislatures, and we look with interest and with hope, not unmingled with anxiety, for the working of the new machinery. We desire to see, at the commencement, a high-toned public morality, characterising those at the head of our affairs, our legislators both in the confederate and local legislatures, and a high standard of principle and of honor for the regulation of the acts both of the rulers and of the ruled, both of the legislators and of the electors. It is of great consequence that we begin well, for it is easy to degenerate, but more difficult to rise to a higher standard.

We confess that already we have been in many things greatly dis-