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THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

We are delighted to welcome *The Monthly Record of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia and the Adjoining Provinces* in its new and neater form. We accept the first number as a sample of what will follow; and it is not saying much to affirm that it ought to succeed. We think it might be circulated much more largely in this Province, and, should any feel disposed to subscribe, we take this opportunity of mentioning that the charge is half a dollar per annum in advance; and that the recognized Agents in Canada are Messrs. T. A. Gibson, Montreal; Alex. Davidson, Toronto; and John Paton, Kingston. Any good Canadian dollar bill is current in Nova Scotia at full value, and perhaps some would prefer transmitting names and subscriptions directly. In that case they should address Mr. Robert Doull, Sec., Pictou, Nova Scotia.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

A contemporary has done good service at the present time by calling attention to the inadequacy of Ministerial Support. There is a laxity of practice on the part of the people with reference to this matter.

In many cases obligations, solemnly and deliberately entered into, are broken, and ministers are left to struggle with difficulties and poverty. Circumstances have recently come under our observation which lead us cordially to endorse the statements of the paragraph we copy beneath. Let congregations and members of the Church examine the duty of the support of the preached Word, and give liberally as God hath prospered them. Let there be no broken promises and narrow withholding of part of, often at best, narrow incomes. Some, we fear many, are at fault in this matter.

A HINT TO CONGREGATIONS.—We fear, from some circumstances that have come to our knowledge, that there is much more suffering on account of the hardness of the times among country ministers than their congregations are at all aware of. We would, therefore, earnestly suggest to the official members of churches and congregations to look into this matter without delay, and, if there be any arrears of salary, to see that they are forthwith made up. It might be well, also, for individual congregations to ask their office-bearers how the minister's salary has been paid, for there are, we grieve to say, sometimes careless men in office who need a little pushing. Of course we take it for granted that every one, who has undertaken to pay so much towards the support of a minister, will consider it a debt of honor that must be met promptly. We should add that we have heard no complaints from any minister, but, as above stated, we are led to be-

lieve, from facts that have come incidentally to our knowledge, that many ministers are suffering in silence great hardships.—*Montreal Witness.*

THE FRENCH MISSION.

The usual monthly letter from Mr. Baridon has been received by the Committee. He is pursuing his work steadily. In reply to a question as to when would be the most suitable time for a delegation of the Committee to visit his stations, he recommends the end of February or beginning of March. He states that he endeavours to regard his work with a healthy and enlightened vision, and reminds the Committee that this particular description of evangelization is a work of small beginnings by gleanings one and another from the dominion of a system of error. He mentions having preached on an evening in the house of a Canadian at Sciota, having previously done so in the morning in the Church. In the evening there were 20 present. During the week he had visited 20 families, of whom 4 or 5 Romish families were very poor, the children naked and sick, and scarce warmed even. The American Protestants, to whom he had made known their condition, had given them some trifling aid. There are also several Canadian Protestant families, who are very poor. The parents and