

Fund of the Church of Scotland, and who is still prosecuting the Scheme. We are satisfied that the same plan would be effective here. It is probable however that more might be thus accomplished in more auspicious times than the present, but still a commencement should even now be made. But, 2ndly, there are the plans of annual collections in our Churches; and, 3rdly, of annual subscriptions to Congregational Associations for Home and other Missionary purposes. Both these last can at once be carried out, as they are already partially. The Presbytery of Toronto have already a scheme in operation. In the Presbytery of Hamilton, we believe, Congregational Associations have been formed. In the Presbytery of Montreal a collection was last year taken up and remitted to the Colonial Committee. But there is no combined or general action, and the Church at large is in ignorance as to the working of these schemes. We think that this year there should be a collection taken up throughout all our Congregations for Home Mission purposes; we trust that this will be done. But, besides this, Associations should be formed in aid of the Home Mission Fund. Our brethren in Nova Scotia are vigorously carrying out this plan. In Halifax a Society for this object has been formed, and a Lay Association has been lately formed at Pictou with thirteen branches, and is working energetically in raising funds for missionary objects. It comprises already 2000 subscribers, paying 2s. 6d. per annum each, and is likely to accomplish much good. Now this is a simple mode of attaining a very desirable object. Are there not many of our congregations that will forthwith follow the example, and establish Parochial Associations for the purpose of aiding the Home and Foreign missionary efforts of our Church? Surely ere the year is out, if proper exertions were made, we could have in our town congregations alone 4000 subscribers of 2s. 6d. each to a Home Mission Fund, and as many in the rural charges. This would be a good beginning, and, by commencing and sustaining with energy, zeal and fidelity such a scheme, our Church would be enabled to discharge its duties to our adherents in this Province, and prove itself a vital, living branch of the Church of our Lord and Master. Our Church has been planted in this vast new land—it has peculiar duties and responsibilities with regard to it; may she discharge these aright, and prove a fruitful instrument for much good by dispensing the knowledge of the Gospel of Peace at home and abroad. So doing, a blessing will rest upon our Zion, and she will be made a blessing.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In our present number we publish the report presented to the Synod by the Committee on Sabbath Schools. It is a matter of regret that this docu-

ment is so defective, professing, at the outset, only to refer to thirty-three schools, little more, we should suppose, than one third of the number connected with our Church in this Province; while, of those of which it does treat, the information supplied is very scanty.

We sympathize with the Committee in the difficulty which they have experienced in their work, and especially under the feeling that so little interest has been felt in the subject by many ministers and Kirk Sessions.

Looking over our Synod roll, it must, however, be borne in mind that many of our congregations are planted in thinly populated districts, where the introduction of the system may be attended with difficulty, and we can even imagine the case of some quiet country schools, whose machinery may not be very complete, where the formidable list of queries presented by the Committee, would reveal numerous deficiencies, of which they have by it, for the first time, been made aware. Some of this class may have preferred withholding a return to transmitting one which must only consist of a series of blanks.

On the whole, however, we congratulate the Committee on having taken a decided step towards systematizing our Sabbath Schools, and we feel confident that another annual report will be much more complete, both as regards the number of schools it comprises, and the correctness with which replies have been furnished to the Committee by those that do make returns.

In regard to the latter point, we observe that many schools, that have furnished the numbers on the roll, do not supply the average number in attendance, and hence the blank in the general statement of the Committee. Without presuming to question the correctness of any of the returns, we would venture to remark that some of the averages are excessive, while our school at Chatham, C. E., must be regarded as having, in this respect, attained the highest point which the most earnest teacher could wish, not having had a single absentee during the twelve months.

We fear that Superintendents' roll-books are not so carefully kept in some schools as could be desired.

We notice with pleasure the establishment of Mission Schools, a very interesting feature in the report. We understand the object of these schools to be the gathering-in of children in districts where there is no regular administration of divine ordinances, or where, as in the poorer districts of our large cities, there exists great spiritual destitution, for which our city ministers, already fully occupied, cannot be expected to provide.

Regarding these schools as opening up the way for churches and congregations, we hope to see them increase rapidly.

In reporting on these schools, we think

that they should be formed into a separate class, as from their character and constitution there are few particulars in which they can bear comparison with congregational schools.

We anticipate with pleasure the early fulfilment by the Committee of one of its own recommendations,—the publication of a general scheme of lessons, a delightful link which will unite our widely scattered schools.

The many important suggestions of the Committee we commend to the earnest consideration of all engaged in the work, in the belief that they cannot engage the attention of any Christian Sabbath School Teacher without producing an effect which we believe the members of the Committee will esteem one of the most precious fruits of their labours.

CHURCH IN CANADA.

BURSARY FUND OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

From the Missionary Association of St. Andrews' Church, Perth, per Rev. Wm. Bain, \$20.

JOHN PATON,
Sec. to the Trustees.

Queen's College,
Kingston, 27th August, 1858.

FRENCH MISSION FUND.

The Treasurer of the French Mission Fund acknowledges the receipt of the following payment:—

Aug. 26.—Received from Rev. William Bain, being a collection of the Missionary Association in connection with the Congregation of Perth,.....\$16
ARCHD. FERGUSON,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 26th August, 1858.

HOME MISSION FUND.

The Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund for the Presbytery of Montreal acknowledges the following payments:—

July 4th.—Received from Dr. Verity for collections from the congregation of Hemmingford for Missionary services,.....\$36.00
Aug. 10th.—Received from Mr. John Wadel for collections from the congregation of Hawkesbury for Missionary services,..... 20.00
Aug. 25th.—Received from Longueuil for Missionary services,..... 40.00

Montreal, 23d Aug., 1858. \$96.00

ARCHD. FERGUSON,
Treasurer.

JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION.

Received since last acknowledgement—
Collection from congregation at Ottawa, per Wm. Hamilton, Esq.,.....\$40.00
Collection from congregation at Brockville, per Judge Malloch,..... 23.53
Collection from congregation at Cornwall, per Rev. Dr. Urquhart,..... 40.53

Montreal, August, 1858. \$104.06

ALEXR. MORRIS,
Treasurer.