

for the ministry, than ever we had before, and its friends are enthusiastic. Besides the twelve in the Divinity Hall, we have thirty-three in the Arts classes looking forward to the ministry, and I think five in the Collegiate Institute, or fifty in all, who may be called students for the ministry."

To the Board of French Evangelisation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada the Committee renewed their former grant of £200. A special appeal from the Board, with a Statement from their agent here, printed at III. (2 and 3) of the Appendix, will fully explain the nature and the great need and very remarkable success of the missions among our French Canadian fellow-countrymen.

The letter from the Rev. Gavin Lang, Convenor of the Correspondence Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, as to their Home Mission work, aided by a grant from the Colonial Committee, will be found at No. III. (4) of the Appendix.

In the Maritime Provinces of Canada the Colonial Committee renewed their former grants. As to former grants in aid of Home Mission work, in connection with the Canadian Presbyterian in these Provinces, the Rev. Dr. McGregor wrote: "The largest portion of your gifts for Home Missions has been apportioned to the aiding of the weaker congregations; and unquestionably your aid has secured the continued enjoyment of religious ordinances of a good many congregations that otherwise would have heard the Gospel preached only at long intervals, or at least with very many interruptions."

A special grant in aid of church-building at New Kincardine, New Brunswick, was voted, with cordial sympathy with the self-denying exertions of the people and their devoted pastor. On the 25th October last the Rev. P. Mel-

ville, B. D., wrote in regard to a petition from the colonists of New Kincardine: "Our eyes fail with longing looks for a gracious reply from your venerable Committee. Our church is now finished on the outside, and is being slowly prepared within. Our little collections are all exhausted, and I have already paid 200 dollars out of my own small salary to carry on the work, and I am responsible for over 400 dollars more before the contract is paid. The work is being done well and extremely cheap; and I cannot see the devoted workmen disappointed of their very low and well-won wages. Our neighbors cannot help us to any extent, for the dreadful fire in St. John has swallowed up their help, and crippled the Province besides; and there have been other heavy losses upon losses since, of which you will have heard. It seems 'the time of Jacob's calamity.' May he be delivered from it! We had not anticipated such a terrible conjunction of hard times and dire disasters. Our crops promised well; but the rot has attacked the potatoes, the chief staple of food. We cannot, therefore, look for more from colonists just now besides their labor and material. . . . Beyond doubt you will not fail to help them in this emergency. They are the youngest and most purely Scottish and Presbyterian colony in the Province, or probably in Canada."

When the vote was reported, Mr. Melville replied: "Your gracious letter is duly received, and coming like refreshing rain of heaven upon our weary hearts. Words are weak to express our gratitude. Your generous vote, and if possible more generous work of sympathy and cordial approbation, touch my heart very deeply. I feel that your words are most just, and yet they are kindly and gracious none the less."

Again, writing to the treasurer of the Committee, Mr. Melville says: "I send you at length the necessary documents