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French Canadian Missionary Society.—A special appeal has been issued by the above Society, of which we can only give a brief summary. It begins by adverting to the fact, that 70 years elapsed after Canada came under the British rule, before any steps were taken to evangelise the French Canadian Catholics. In 1839, twelve persons of different denominations organised this Society on an unsectarian basis. Its special field is 500 miles long by 40 wide, containing nearly two-thirds of the 1,000,000 French Canadians in the Province of Quebec. There are among these about 900 parish priests, besides nearly an equal number of friars, jesuits, &c. The first formidable difficulties of the work, in the ignorance and prejudices of the people, have been, to a considerable extent, overcome. Over 30,000 copies of the Scriptures have been circulated; 1,700 youths, of both sexes, have been educated in the Society's schools, many of whom are converted, and others enlightened; six churches have been organized, and formed into a national Synod, after the example of those in France and Switzerland; there are 23 preaching-stations; and the Society owns valuable mission-premises in Montreal, Pointe-aux-Trembles, Grenville, and Belle-Rivière. The present aspect of the field is more than ever encouraging. The appeal concludes as follows:—"The foregoing statements abundantly show that God has blessed the labors of this Society to a very large extent. Difficulties of the most formidable kind have been met and overcome, and much accomplished. Past results not only encourage to continued efforts in the great enterprise of evangelising the French Canadians, but demand an immediate augmentation of the various agencies of the Society, and a vigorous prosecution of the work. God in His Providence is telling us to go forward. To the friends of the Society, under God, do the Committee now appeal for support in this welcome crisis of the mission. A large increase in subscriptions to the funds of the Society will warrant them in employing additional laborers, to be stationed at points *demanding immediate occupation.*

More earnest prayer to God will secure more enlarged success. He only can remove difficulties, and cause the darkness of Romish error and superstition to disappear before the light of His Gospel. On behalf of the Committee,

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Montreal, Oct. 19, 1867.

The Secretary of the Society, referring to the fact that no set time was appointed by the Congregational Union, for the "annual contribution on its behalf," which, in June last, it recommended the churches to make, asks us to suggest a day for that purpose. We have no authority in the matter, but would respectfully propose the *first Sabbath in December* to those churches with which that day is not preoccupied.

Widows' Fund Receipts.—I subjoin statement of collections received since my last.

Stouffville Church, additional	\$0 50
Albion "	2 00
Sherbrooke "	16 83
Lennoxville "	2 00
Granby "	21 10

Montreal, Oct. 22, 1867.

J. C. BARTON, *Treasurer.*