

facilitated were the Conveners of the Standing Committees to have their reports ready when the Synod meets. We know that from the fact of the members of committee being scattered over the church, there is great difficulty in accomplishing this. Still it should be aimed at, and we trust that in this respect there will be an improvement next year.

We cannot but take it as a token for good that so many doors of usefulness are opening before us as a church. We have an application from the French Canadians in the western part of the Province, and we have Mr. Chiniquy and his congregation making application to be connected with us; and, if this application shall be granted, what a door of usefulness and influence may be opened to us among the French Canadians in our own Province, as well as in the United States. May these calls have the effect of causing us to put forth all our energies for the advancement of the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From the discussion which took place in our own Synod and the discussions in the Synods and meetings of other Bodies, it is evident that a struggle is impending, in connexion with our national education. While in Britain enlightened educationists and christian patriots are giving up a denominational system, and seeking the establishment of a national one, some here are apparently going back from the broad national platform to the narrow platform of denominationalism. Our Synod has spoken out with no ambiguous voice on this matter. Let our people speak out too. The cause of a national common school system, and the cause of a national unrestricted college and university system are one. We believe an attempt is being now made to attack both. Let our people be prepared for the defence. Let them speak out in tones that cannot be misunderstood, and earnestly and emphatically forbid, so far as their influence can go, the impairing of our present system of unrestricted and unsectarian education.

Official Notices.

COLLECTION FOR THE SYNOD FUND.

By appointment of Synod, the collection for the Synod Fund will be taken up in the various congregations throughout the church on the third Sabbath of this month. It is desirable that this and the other Synodical collections should be taken up on the day appointed, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient. Besides the ordinary charges on this fund, in connexion with our ecclesiastical organization, there will be this year several special charges, arising from the commission appointed to visit St. Anne's, Illinois, for the purpose of inquiring into the mission of Mr. Chiniquy, and other commissions appointed by the Synod to visit particular localities. All these charges should in equity be divided among the various congregations of the church, and were each to bear its share, the burden would in every case be light.

The collection, when made, should be remitted to Rev. W. Reid, Knox College, Toronto.