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The Ladies' French Evangelization Society acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a Box of Clothing from the Ladies of St. Paul's Church, Peterboro', and another from the Georgetown and English River Women's Missionary Society. Similar contributions, as also money, are urgently needed at present at the Mission House, 568 LaGauchetière Street, Montreal.

Official Notices.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Wallace—Tuesday, 6th February.
 Miramichi—Tuesday, 6th February.
 Ottawa—Tuesday, 6th February, 3 p.m.
 Toronto—Tuesday, 6th March, 11 a.m.
 Saugeen—Tuesday, 6th February, 4 p.m.
 Lindsay—Tuesday, 27th February, 11 a.m.
 Barrie—Tuesday, 6th March.
 Manitoba—Wednesday, 7th March.
 Stratford—Tuesday, 13th March, 10 a.m.
 Guelph—Tuesday, 13th March, 11 a.m.
 Paris—Tuesday, 13th March, 11 a.m.
 Brockville—Tuesday, 20th March, 7 p.m.
 London—Tuesday, 20th March, 2 p.m.
 Montreal—Tuesday, 3rd April, 11 a.m.
 Glengary—Tuesday, 9th April.
 Newfoundland—Thursday, 3rd May, 7 p.m.

The State of Religion.

AT the meeting of Committee, held in Toronto, on Wednesday, 10th October last, the following questions on this subject were prepared, to be submitted, in the first case, to the various Kirk-Sessions in the Church with the request that answers, as full as possible, be made out and returned to the Clerks of Presbyteries, on or before the 1st of March, 1877.

As the Synod of the Maritime Provinces has already been held, Presbytery Clerks, or Conveners of Committees on the State of Religion in that Synod, will please forward their communications direct to the Rev. DUNCAN MORRISON, OWEN SOUND, ONT.

The Committee earnestly appeal to Sessions to aid them with material for a full report, to be laid before the Assembly in June. Besides such answers as may be given to these questions, they would gladly receive any information or suggestions that may enable them more efficiently to prosecute their work. If there are any of the questions that Sessions may not be prepared to answer, or that from any cause they think should be answered, it is hoped they will not, on that account, refrain from answering the others.

QUESTIONS.

What is the number of Communicants in your Congregation? Number received during the past year? How many by Certificate? How many on Profession of Faith?

What of Family Worship? To what extent is it observed in your Congregation? Have you reason to believe that parents are faithful in instructing their children in Divine things, and earnestly seeking their conversion to God?

Is there any Congregational Prayer Meeting? If so, how conducted? How attended? Are there any District Meetings conducted by the Elders?

Have you any Sabbath School or Schools? If so, are the teachers sustained in any good degree by the sympathies and co-operation of the members of the Church? Is the Shorter Catechism used? Are the older children familiar with it?

What special efforts are put forth with a view to the spiritual benefit of the young? Any additions to the membership from Bible-class or Sabbath-School?

Have any Evangelistic Services been held in the Congregation? If so, can you give any report as to the results? Any other special indications of spiritual life?

Is there any evidence of increasing liberality in the Congregation in the support of Gospel Ordinances among themselves, and in contributions to the schemes of the Church?

What means are used to increase the interest of the Congregation in Missions, and in the various schemes of the Church?

Are there any particular hindrances to the advancement of Christ's cause among you? If so, any special means used to counteract them? Any causes of discipline during the past year?

DUNCAN MORRISON,
 THOMAS WARDROPE,

Conveners of the General Assembly's Committee on the state of Religion.

Literature.

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY AND PRINCETON REVIEW for January, edited by Lyman H. Atwater, and Henry B. Smith, is, as usual, full of solid and instructive reading matter. It opens with an able paper on Exegetical Theology, especially of the Old Testament, by Prof. C. A. Briggs, D.D., of Union Theological Seminary. Here we find the function of exegesis clearly defined and its various steps illustrated. Proceeding on the assumption that