

lar will be issued to ministers shortly, in reference thereto, but attention is called to the matter at present so that it may be kept in view in congregational arrangements. It is right to observe this appointment as coming from the Synod, and it is important to make the collection as nearly as possible on the day set apart for it. When it is not attended to at the proper time there is danger of its not being attended to at all. Past experience shows this very clearly; and we regret to say that during the past year very many congregations which did not contribute at the right time, have not yet found a convenient reason.

There is now more than ever a great and urgent need of liberal support to this scheme. We have two missionaries—the Rev. J. Tanner, in the city of Montreal, for whom, just from the lack of funds, the Committee has not been able to provide a salary; and the Rev. L. Baridon, who continues to labour with diligence and success in his former field. The amount required for the support of existing operations is between \$700 and \$800 per annum; but to enable the Committee to place the Montreal branch of the Mission on a proper footing, from \$300 to \$400 more are required. The income for the present year will be short of the expenditure by \$170, on the first of April next. In such a state of matters a vigorous effort is solicited. It will be quite impossible without a liberal collection to continue the Mission in its present extent; and surely its friends must regret any necessity for curtailing it.

This call in behalf of the general fund should not interfere with the building scheme. Our anticipations with regard to the latter have been greatly disappointed. The scheme was sanctioned by last meeting of Synod, and in the course of the summer an appeal with collecting cards was issued. As yet only twelve congregations have been heard from, contributing a little upwards of \$800. We implore the other congregations to bestir themselves, so that the building which is all but ready for occupation may not be cambered with a heavy debt. Remittances should be addressed to Archibald Ferguson, Esq., Mansfield street, Montreal.

Interesting communications have been received from Mr. Baridon. We extract the following incidents:

"Last Sunday was a solemn day for the Sciota people. I was called to officiate at the funeral of a young lady. Much more

than one hundred persons were present. A very large house was not large enough to contain them. About a half part were Romish, and for the first time heard serious speaking about death and eternity. The lady with her husband and family was living under the Protestant faith for a few years. Two days before her departure I administered to her the Lord's supper, from which she testified to have received much blessing. Her last words were '*Je suis heureuse*,'—I am happy. It was under such blessing she met her Saviour. A week before her death her father came to see her. He is a Roman Catholic. He spoke to her about calling on a priest and returning to the Romish religion before she died. Her obstinacy would prevent her parents from attending the funeral. She answered, 'My father, I do not want a priest. I have my hope in Jesus Christ as my very Saviour. If you do not wish to come to my funeral I have other persons to take care of my mortal remains.' Father, mother, and brothers were at the burial, and were very attentive during the whole of my address."

Writing on the 31st of January last, Mr. Baridon says:—"For two weeks snow roads have been good. Every day I have run abroad to pay visits to the sick, both Protestant and Catholic, reading the Bible, teaching and praying near the beds of the patients. It is a good work, a Christian work, a biblical work, but not of a nature to make much noise before the nominal Christians who look on appearances.

"As for our various stations, I continue by turns to hold meetings on Sunday and sometimes on week days and nights. But it is not easy to meet people on week day evenings. They are labouring hard in the woods until night, and are worn to sleep after their evening meal.

"When I buried lately a lady in Althony Parish, I was told by her mother-in-law that the priest came to see her a few days before her death, to attempt to bring her again to the Catholic faith. He took much trouble to persuade her of the danger of dying out of the religion, 'catholic and apostolic,' as they call it. But all his sophisms were vain. The young Christian persisted in not wanting him, telling him, "I have found my Saviour who has redeemed me for ever and for ever. He is my hope for life and in death!"

With unfeigned sorrow, we record in another part of the Journal the death of