

house essentially necessary—many others, it is believed, would be induced to come, who “halt between two opinions,” was there a suitable place for their accommodation; and the facilities that would thus be afforded the missionary, of becoming more intimately acquainted with the spiritual condition of those who come to consult him, would at once tend to promote the success of the mission, and guard against disappointments, arising from imperfect views and instability of mind. A mission-house would also afford a central point, around which any auxiliary agency might circulate.

The importance of connecting the education of the young with the mission will be acknowledged by all; and the Committee have the satisfaction to report, that in addition to his other labours, Mr. Lapelletrie is willing to undertake this duty, in so far as it may be subservient to the grand object of the mission.

The expense of erecting a chapel and mission-house, would not, in the opinion of the Committee, impose an insuperable burden on the Synod. They unwillingly recommend any measure that would press more heavily upon any of the recently formed congregations, many of which are already burdened to the utmost, were they not assured, that there would be but few who would not be willing to bestow their prayers, that God would bless and prosper his own work among the French Canadians, but also, as God had prospered themselves, contribute to the relief of the spiritual wants of their brethren. If every congregation within the bounds of the Synod was to throw its mite into the treasury, an average sum of £4 or £5, from each, for one year, together with what may be collected in Montreal and Quebec, by individual contributions, it is deemed, would form a sum fully adequate for the purpose. If these contributions were continued from year to year, the mission would be greatly extended; indeed, the object contemplated by the Synod can never be efficiently followed out, without having at least one missionary settled in Quebec, as well as one in Montreal, with subordinate agencies for the country—such as preambulating scripture readers, distributors of bibles—