

while the French Evangelization Scheme of their own Church languishes for lack of funds, is a question that admits of but one answer.

Doubtless, some of our people contributed to this Society under the impression that it is connected with our own Church, or in ignorance of the fact, that the General Assembly has a Board of French Evangelization carrying on colportage, educational and evangelistic work among the French speaking people of the country. It was natural that such a misapprehension should heretofore exist because of the connection of one branch of the United Church with the French Canadian Missionary Society in former years, and also because of the fact that on the Committee of that Society, year after year, appeared the names of many members of the General Assembly's Board of French Evangelization. In December last, all the ministers of our Church on that Committee, with one exception, withdrew their names, so as to prevent, if possible, such a misapprehension in future.

We do not desire to be regarded as saying anything derogatory of the French Canadian Missionary Society. We believe that that Society was needed in the past, and has rendered good service in years gone by.

At the same time we do not hesitate to express our conviction that loyalty to the Church and to the Assembly should constrain our congregations and Sabbath Schools to contribute towards French missions through the denominational channel. The General Assembly's Board of French Evangelization have a herculean task before them and in seeking to accomplish it they deserve the undivided support of all the schools and congregations of the Church.

We earnestly trust that the appeal of the Board will meet with a prompt and liberal response, so as to render unnecessary the contraction of the work.

#### THE THIRTIETH OF APRIL.

WE again remind all interested parties that the books of the Treasurers of the several schemes of the Church close on the 30th inst., and that all contributions should be forwarded before that date. It is much to be regretted that many delay so long in remitting. For several years the Assembly has recommended that monies should be sent monthly or quarterly as received instead of annually at the close of the ecclesiastical year, but the recommendation seems to be adopted by very few. On looking over the acknowledgments in the "Record" of May and June 1878 we find that the Treasurers received as follows:—

	Received in 10 months to 28th February.	Received in 2 months— March and April.
For Colleges.	\$ 3,750	\$ 5,200
For Home Missions.	11,850	13,800
For Foreign Missions.	9,800	10,800
For French Evan.	17,000	6,000

In other words, about one-half the total receipts for the year were received in the last two months of the year. This operates injuriously in several ways. It entails a heavy account annually for interest on loans discounted at the banks, besides all the trouble and annoyance of borrowing, renewing notes etc. It likewise prevents the several Mission

Committees and Boards forming a correct estimate from time to time of how their funds stand and thus by over caution the work may be contracted at some important juncture, the committee fearing that the funds will not be forthcoming to carry it on, while on the other hand a committee over sanguine as to the financial result at the close of the year may launch out in opening up new fields and find themselves when the year ends compelled to reduce the salaries of their labourers below the amounts promised.

Delay in forwarding contributions acts injuriously in another respect. Too often, especially where the contributions for the schemes are obtained by means of Sabbath collections, some one or other scheme is omitted entirely. The collections have not been made at stated intervals during the year, the year is drawing to a close; and it is judged expedient by the minister or session to crowd two or three special collections upon the people in the few closing Sabbaths and consequently one or more is omitted altogether to the serious injury of some department of the Church's work. We fear that this is the reason why some congregations fail to contribute to one or other of the schemes from year to year.

This may be remedied in future years, but is there no possible remedy for the year which closes this month? Where there has been neglect in regard to any collection during the year let the fact be frankly stated to the congregation, and either by a special collection on the last Sabbath of the month or a special subscription within the next ten days let the money be obtained and forwarded before the month ends. Mere regret for the past is of little avail, an immediate effort to make up the amount may result in a handsome sum being added to the Church funds before the close of the treasurers' books on the 30th inst.

**PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.**—The last regular meeting of this Presbytery took place at Edwardsburg on the 18th and 19th ult. There was a fair attendance of ministers and elders. The first business was the Presbyterial visitation of the congregation of Edwardsburg and Mainsville. The questions appointed to be used in such cases were put by the Moderator, Rev. D. McGillivray, to the minister, elders and managers respectively. These parties severally answered and Mr. Clark then addressed the minister in words of sympathy and encouragement. Mr. Leishman addressed the elders, and Mr. Thos. Coulthart, elder, gave good and pointed counsel to the managers and congregation respecting systematic giving to which Mr. Cassels, elder, added some excellent remarks. At the close of the addresses it was moved, duly seconded, and agreed, "That the Presbytery of Brockville having visited the congregation of Edwardsburg and Mainsville, express their great satisfaction with the work of the pastor, session and managers, and pray that the cause of Christ may prosper more and more among them, and that they may more and more liberally contribute of their means for the maintenance of their pastor and the extension of Christ's kingdom at home and abroad. Reports were received from (1.) The Convener of the Committee in the N. Williamsburg case, (Mr. Leishman) to the effect that everything is being done that can be done in prosecuting the case in the Court of Chancery; and further, that a defence had been entered. (2.) The Treasurer, agent receipts to Presbytery and Synod Expense Fund, the Assembly Fund, etc. (3.) The Convener of the Missionary deputation appointed by the Presbytery to conduct missionary meetings throughout the bounds (Messrs. McGillivray and Leishman). The meetings in many cases had been eminently successful, in some cases

the weather and the condition of the roads proved unfavourable, and in others illness of members of deputation had interfered with the work. (4.) The Committee on the application from Flockville, N.Y., for reception into this Church. This Committee found difficulty in coming to a finding and asked advice. It was finally agreed "That the Committee appointed by Presbytery in the matter of the application from Flockville be requested to report concerning the same at the first meeting of Presbytery to be held after the 17th of May next." The Convener of this Committee was also instructed to correspond with the Presbytery of N.Y. in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of the United States for further information anent certain particulars. (5.) The Home Mission Committee. Certain claims were laid before the Court by this Committee and disposed of. (6.) The Committee on the state of religion. This report was received and transmitted to the Synod's Committee. In response to a petition from Matilda congregation, Mr. McKibbin was appointed Moderator of session with power to moderate in a call. Anent the Home Mission debt of the Presbytery, \$34.25, it was agreed that it should be met by a contribution of \$2 from each congregation and the clerk was instructed to notify them accordingly. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane of Brantford, was nominated to the Moderatorship of the General Assembly, and the following appointed as Commissioners from the Presbytery, viz., by rotation Rev. Messrs. McGillivray, and Taylor, and by ballot Rev. Messrs. Burnfield and Henderson, and Messrs. Cassels, Coulthart, McGrady and Reid, elders. The following overture was submitted by Mr. Leishman,

Whereas, much of the business of the General Assembly is done through Committees; and whereas many of the Presbyteries are not adequately represented on these committees, while other Presbyteries have too numerous representation; and whereas many persons are appointed on committees who are not members of Assembly and some not even members of any Presbytery. It is therefore humbly overtured that the General Assembly take into consideration the propriety of appointing the different committees so that there may be a fair representation of all the Presbyteries on said committees. And that as far as possible these committees be chosen from the members of Assembly, and that the committee to nominate standing committees be always composed of one Commissioner from each Presbytery." It was agreed to receive this overture and transmit it to the General Assembly with alterations. The new Hymn Book was referred to a Committee who were instructed to report to the meeting of Presbytery to be held during the meeting of Synod. Circular letters were read from the Presbyteries of London and Toronto. The former referring to the reception into this Church of Messrs. McLintock of the English Presbyterian Church, and Elliott of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada; and the latter referring to the reception of Messrs. Reikie and Dickson from the Congregational Church in Canada. It was agreed to hold a Presbyterial visitation in each of the charges of South Gower, etc., Mr. Leishman's, and Kemptville, on the third Wednesday in April. Members of Presbytery were named to take part in the proceedings. After appointing the next regular meeting to be held at Kemptville, on Tuesday, July 8th, at 7 p.m., the Court adjourned to meet again at Prescott on the 27th. At Prescott, on the 27th ult., the Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in connection with the induction of Mr. Stewart into the pastoral charge of Prescott congregation. The Moderator, Mr. McGillivray, presided, Mr. Taylor preached, Mr. Clark addressed the minister, and Mr. Munro the people. At the close and before the Presbytery, the Treasurer of the congregation, Mr. Downley, presented their new pastor with a check for a quarter's salary, \$250. Mr. McKibbin asked to be relieved from moderating in the Session of Matilda and in the matter of their call, for the reason that he found himself unable to attend to their business as soon as was necessary, and feared that delay might prove injurious to their interests. The request was granted, Mr. McKibbin was relieved of the Moderatorship and Mr. Taylor appointed in his stead.—W. MCKIBBIN, Pres. Clerk.

MR. J. W. BURTON, Librarian of Knox Church Sabbath school, Embro, was agreeably surprised the other evening by being presented with an elegant writing desk and a flattering address by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Munro, on behalf of the children.