

ble to devote themselves to the sacred office, and alluded to the proneness of the literary men of the period to scoff at or treat it sarcastically. The lecturer then suggested some remedies for this state of things, and at the same time warned ministers not to attempt to soften down, or popularize the Gospel, and concluded by suggesting that there was nothing against allowing a certain amount of itinerancy to the settled ministers of churches, and lastly, urging that they ought to have greater means of education, and be, in some cases, relieved of a portion of their labors, when the strain was too great on mind and body.

At the close of the lecture, the Chairman announced donations to the library, and stated that ten students additional to those formerly in attendance entered this session. Of these, six are French students from Kankakee, Illinois. These are to be prepared for the French field, while at the same time they all speak English, and give promise of being successful students. The expense of carrying on this department of the work is to be borne by a collection to have been taken up on the third Sabbath of October throughout all our churches and mission stations, as intimated in the last number of the RECORD. The Chairman also stated that the staff of instructors this session will be Professors Macvicar, Gibson and Coussirat.

COLLECTION—KANKAKEE FRENCH MISSION.

This Collection is appointed by the Synod to be taken up on the FIRST SABBATH OF NOVEMBER. The Committee trust that it will be liberal and universal. Last year only 214 out of the 500 congregations on the Roll of the Church—less than one-half—contributed to the funds of this Mission. The blanks are certainly more numerous than they need to be.

This is a Mission among the Roman Catholic French people, which, in the providence of God, has come into our hands, and is assuming a position and exerting an influence that ought to be gratifying to every Protestant. By its means opportunities of preaching the Gospel to Roman Catholics are opening up in many places. By its direct agency one hundred persons were brought out of the Church of Rome, and, we believe, to Christ, last year, and since our report to the Synod many more have come to our knowledge. The congregation at St. Ann's, under the pastorate of Mr. Chiniquy, continues to prosper in numbers and piety at Kankakee City; the Church, under the care of Mr. J. H. Paradis, one of the fruits of the Mission, is flourishing. Some supply of preaching has been given to the people of Muskegon, where a good work is in progress. Among the French people on the shores of Lake Huron, one of our converts has been labouring with much acceptance during the summer. We have frequent testimonies to the good influences which our people in St. Ann's are exerting on the Romanists of the Province of Quebec and other places.

There were 220 pupils in our Schools last year, and an average attendance of 145. They have been resumed; and for the month of September give an average of 112, with 130 on the roll. Six young men have been sent to the College in Montreal, who earnestly desire to devote themselves to the work of the ministry among their countrymen. One more is at Knox College, Toronto, and it is contemplated to aid other six in their studies at St. Ann's.

A liberal collection is all the more required this year, inasmuch as no contributions will be received from the Lower Provinces, and very little