

JULY, 1877.

## French Evangelization.

THE Annual Collection for this Scheme has been appointed by the General Assembly, for Sabbath, 22nd July. It is safe to say that in no department of the Church's work has greater progress been made during the past year than in that under the care of the Board of French Evangelization. The number of fields has been doubled during the year. Among the new ones, are such important centres as Quebec City, St. Hyacinthe, Danville, Joliette, Canning Street, Montreal, &c. Indeed, it would seem as if our Church were being specially called to undertake French Evangelistic work, nearly all the prominent Missions among the French Catholics of the Dominion being under the care of the Assembly's Board. When a few months ago, the Synod of the French Protestant Church of Canada (Synod des Eglises Evangeliques) was dissolved, all of its Congregations, with a few exceptions, asked connection with our Church. The Missionaries at present employed by the Board of French Evangelization, number 42. Such has been the rapid growth of the work, that as large a sum is required this year to carry it on as is required for Home Missions in the Western Section of the Church. We hope, therefore, that there will be a liberal response to the appeal of the Board, when the collection is made on 22nd July. Besides contributions from settled congregations, let all Mission Stations, Sabbath Schools, and Bible Classes, help to make up the large amount required. This is the first collection for any of the Schemes this present Ecclesiastical year. Let the result of it indicate what the Church is determined to do for all the Schemes during this the first year of returning prosperity.

Formerly there were two Boards—one for the Maritime Provinces and one for the Western Section of the church. There is now but the one Board, with an executive in Montreal. The Assembly at its late meeting has enjoined that all contributions for French Evangelization, including Rev. C. Chiniquy's Mission, should be forwarded direct to the Treasurer, addressed Rev. R.

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## The General Assembly.

GOD has blest our Church with gracious answers to the earnest prayers that were presented at the Throne of Grace from ten thousand hearts on behalf of the General Assembly. We can look back to the Halifax Assembly with unmingled gratitude and joy. Our faithless fears have all been dispelled, and our hopes more than realized. Men loyal to the Lord Jesus and loyal to the Church, came together to do the Church's work, and they have done it well and successfully. There was no small amount of toil and of expense in travelling so far; but no obstacle prevented a full and admirable representation of nearly all our Presbyteries. It was the first representative Assembly of our Church, and very few of the Ministers and Elders chosen to represent their Presbyteries failed to carry out their commission.

From the opening day to the close, a spirit of deep devotion pervaded the Assembly. It was evidently a gathering of men conscious of their responsibility to the Head of the Church, and their duty in a world where sin and misery sadly abound. The good hand of God was recognized throughout. Special Prayer Meetings were held in the Halifax Churches before the Assembly met, and morning meetings were held daily in two of the churches. St. Matthew's Church, where the Assembly met, was usually thronged with members and deeply interested spectators; and the whole community was in full sympathy with the proceedings from day to day.

The work of the Church in all its departments received due attention and honest discussion. Our Colleges had their claims ably presented, and their operations minutely described. We have Knox College, Queen's College, Montreal College, Morrin College, Halifax College, and the College in Manitoba, to watch over and to sustain.