

been tried it has resulted in a manifold increase of contributions and a manifest deeper interest in the enterprises of the Church.

To facilitate the formation of Congregational Missionary Societies we present a form of an address to a Congregation and a Constitution of a Society, which has been adopted by some of our congregations, and been found to work well. It is capable of modification to suit special circumstances, and the Editor of the Record will gladly furnish copies, at a moderate cost, to congregations requiring them.

TO THE CONGREGATION OF ——— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

At the recommendation of the Church Session, the congregation, at a meeting held to consider the question, agreed to undertake the collection and management of the Missionary and Presbyterian Funds, to which the members are expected to contribute, and for this purpose have agreed to form a society, with a committee and office-bearers, who shall take charge of this special work.

The articles which follow have been agreed on and adopted, as defining the operations and objects contemplated by the society. Your cordial co-operation is solicited for the efforts that will be made to carry out this good purpose.

It is found that the beneficence of any church, in order to be effectual, should be systematic, and the collections made at short and regular intervals. This method enables each one to follow the precept of St. Paul to the Corinthian Church, that "On the first day of the week every one should lay by him in store as God hath prospered him," for the maintenance and extension of the Church of Christ. As Christian people in this new country, we have a great deal to do besides building up our own special interests. Beyond ourselves there lies the field of the world, with whose welfare and salvation the church is charged. We cannot attend to this without means. Our silver and our gold must, for this end, be, to some adequate extent, dedicated to the Lord. Through the agency of this society an opportunity is afforded of aiding, in what may be called, the outside work of the church. It will be seen that the objects contemplated by the society are all highly important, and cannot, with honor, be neglected.

1. Theological colleges for the education of young men for the ministry are a necessity of every church. We have found it requisite to establish two of these—one in Toronto, and another in Montreal. Both need liberal contributions. They are sending out annually faithful men to preach the gospel.

2. Our missionary efforts have hitherto been directed to the distant colony of New Columbia, and to the settlers and Indians in the Hudson's Bay Territory; besides assisting the church of Nova Scotia in its interesting and successful missions in the South Sea Islands. No church can afford to be without a foreign mission. It is only thus that it can obey the command of Christ to go into all the world and preach the gospel of the kingdom to every creature. At present we have four missionaries in the field, and more are urgently needed.

3. Home missions, too, demand our special attention. Our great cities need to be evangelized, and our own people, scattered in little groups throughout the country, by reason of the smallness of their number, need assistance for a time in order to maintain gospel ordinances. The French Canadian people also require our aid. Urgent claims both for men and money are made on us for these purposes, to which we cannot turn a deaf ear without being unfaithful to duty.

4. Our ecclesiastical organization of Synods and Presbyteries, with their