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In last number of the *Record* a letter appeared from the pen of Principal McVicar with reference to French Evangelization. The object of the letter was to call attention to the fact that now the French Mission work of our Church has been consolidated, that instead of two collections—one for St. Anne's Mission, Kankakee, and the other for French Evangelization in Canada—there will be now but one for the support of both objects. The Mission at St. Anne's is to be carried on under the special superintendence of the Presbytery of Chatham, and for this purpose the sum of \$1800 will be drawn from the funds of the French Evangelization Committee. The rest of the collection will be required for the support of the French Professor, Mr. Coussirat, the salary of Mr. Chiniquy, and any assistance required by the French students. We have said that for St. Anne's Mission the sum of \$1800 per annum will be required; but indeed for the current year considerably more will be required, inasmuch as several months' salary was due to Mr. Chiniquy, and a considerable sum was needed to carry on the work from first May till the new arrangements were carried into effect. There is a special necessity, therefore, for a liberal collection for this object.

While our Church is called to engage in all the departments of missionary work and to send as we are able help to the heathen in foreign lands, we are specially called on to sustain our own Home Mission work and to seek the evangelization of our fellow-countrymen in the Province of Quebec. Mr. Chiniquy will give his experience, and devotedness and energy to this work under the direction of the Committee, and, aided by the young men who are being trained in the Montreal College, we doubt not he will be able, under the blessing of God, to carry on the work with vigour and success. Too little has been done—too little has been attempted heretofore in this field. We are now entering on the work in a more resolute, systematic and earnest spirit. It is hoped that the congregations of the Church will supply the means for prosecuting this work in earnest. It will be borne in mind that the day for the collection for French Evangelization, where the contribution is not made otherwise, is the 4TH SABBATH OF SEPTEMBER.