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The time for the annual Foreign Mission collection, unless otherwise provided for, is set down by the Assembly as the third Sabbath of March. What ever the time adopted let no scheme be forgotten. Let each congregation see that it has no blanks for the year.

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The one scheme in the West that stands in greatest need of a strong earnest effort before the close of the year, is the Augmentation Fund. To care for Mission stations and not for the Augmented congregations, is like nursing a child in infancy and when it gets able to creep, to cut it off. These congregations cannot support ordinances themselves. They do well, they have to do well, before they receive any aid, but they cannot do without aid for a time yet; and in many an instance it is a question of whether a weak struggling congregation shall be helped to its feet or allowed to scatter. Help it a little farther and it will soon be a strength to the church. Leave it without aid, it will soon be gone beyond recall. Let all who can do a little more send in an extra contribution for the Augmentation Fund during April.

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In the East the scheme that needs the most earnest attention, that needs all the extra effort that can be put forth, is the Foreign Mission Fund. God has given grand success and He calls upon us to lay hold of the success and meet its demands. Let the balance lie on the right side on the first of May.

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We would like to call attention to the *Children's Record*. It is not merely for infant classes, but for the young of all ages who can read and understand. Its aim is to give missionary information to the young and to cultivate a missionary spirit among them. Authorized by our General Assembly, it has the first claim upon our Sabbath schools. No other paper that they can get will give the some amount of reading matter at so low a price. Sample copies will be sent free for distribution. Please give it a trial.

Congregations will please remember that the Treasurer's books for the various schemes of the church close promptly on the 30th April, and all who wish their contributions acknowledged in the accounts of the current ecclesiastical year should send in the money as soon as possible.

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The General Assembly meets in Montreal, June 8, to review the work of the past year, and to plan for the year and years to come. Some preparation is necessary to make that meeting a success. This preparation includes prayer and work. Either is useless without the other. The following are a few points to be remembered:—

1. Every congregation, if it is not done already, should do something according to its ability for each scheme of the church.
2. An earnest, prompt effort should be made to have all the schemes close their accounts, free of debt, April 30th.
3. All reports and returns of congregations, presbyteries, and committees, should be forwarded early.
4. Congregations should help their minister or elder, if a delegate, to bear the expense of the journey. It is work for the whole church and it is not fair to make the delegates bear the whole burden.
5. All delegates should at once notify Prof. Scrimger, who is convener of the accommodation committee, as to whether they expect to be present, and in the event of any change in their plans, should at once send him word. Then having done all let each one pray that a rich blessing may accompany and flow from the Assembly of 1892.

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We have received congregational reports, both from East and West, showing most excellent results for the past year. We would be glad, did space permit, to give particulars from all our congregations, for the lessons they teach as to what may be done where the people have a mind to work, but the wide extent of the church and the small size of the RECORD make it impossible.