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As we lose no opportunity of *finding fault* with our subscribers when they neglect to send us remittances at the proper time, or fail in doing what they can to extend the circulation of our paper, we also consider ourselves bound *vice versâ* to take the first opportunity of *thanking* them when they promptly respond to our appeals, and do what they can in having circulated the Missionary and other Church intelligence which the Presbyterian is the only medium of conveying. Acting on this principle, we have much pleasure in specially thanking our Kingston agent, who, in addition to many former favours, has last week sent us six new subscribers; in further stating, for the satisfaction of those others to whom the result is due, that the amount of subscriptions received for the present year largely exceeds that received during the same length of time in any former year; and that through the exertions of those interested in the welfare of the Church our list of contributors is being daily increased. For this we are grateful, as it shows that our labours are appreciated, and that there is a prospect of our being able at length from surplus funds to aid some of the Synod's Schemes. We also feel called upon to thank our readers for the kindness they have shown in forbearing to find fault with what in our mode of conducting the paper may differ from their views or injure their feelings. Occasionally outbursts of complaint are poured in upon us; but then, these we to a great extent overlook, as they have evidently proceeded from persons of an exceedingly stunted mental growth, or so located in perversity as to heap on us the blame of what without doubt ought to have been imputed to themselves. For instance, although we have again and again begged our readers to send us reports of meetings of interest to the Church which might be held in their neighbour-

hoods, a clerical brother in a district where the revival movement began, and who along with Mr. Hammond took a prominent part in that movement, having neglected to do this, thinks fit, however, to rate us in the following terms:

"From certain secular newspapers of Montreal, I have learned that a religious awakening has lately taken place in your city. I fail to discover any mention of such an occurrence in the 'Presbyterian.'

It is not in my power to account for the omission of an event so important to the well-being of the Church of Christ as has taken place in almost all the congregations of your city. I feel constrained to seek my religious intelligence through another medium; and, therefore, now intimate to you that from this date I cease subscribing to your Paper."

Did it never occur to our perplexed brother that the same reason might have prevented us from giving an account of this movement in Montreal, which prevented him from giving an account of it, as it developed itself in the district in which he resides? Did it never occur to him, that by acting as he has done, he has given us the strongest reasons,—although we do not choose to form a judgment upon them,—of supposing that, if the ideas contained in his letter have not through the effects of climate become so rarified in transmission as to prevent us exactly comprehending their meaning, he would have acted more in accordance with that charity which the scriptures everywhere so strongly inculcate, if he had plucked the mote out of his own eye before he interfered with the beam which he imagined he saw in his neighbour's?

By appointment of Synod a collection for the general fund of the French Mission Scheme falls to be made on the 5th, the first Sabbath, of next month. A cir-