

Mission Committee to receive his answer and make the necessary arrangements in the premises. The salary to be \$1,400 per annum, with a residence.

#### COMMITTEE ON FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Rev. Dr. Burns, of Montreal, submitted the report of the Special Committee of the General Assembly, which was appointed to conduct mission work by students and others among French Roman Catholics in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, and to correspond with the French-Canadian Missionary Society. The Assembly further ordered a collection to be taken up throughout the Church to defray expenses of training French and English-speaking students at the Presbyterian College of Montreal. The Committee have endeavored, to the best of their ability, to carry out their instructions. Efforts have been employed through circulars, correspondence, and otherwise, to bring the peculiar necessities of this new enterprise under the notice of the Church.

During the last season Messrs. T. Brouillette, Chas. Brouillette, Francis Rivard, — Dionne and E. Pelletier, French students, labored in L'Orignal, Hawkesbury, Caledonia Springs, Point Fortune, South Georgetown, Beauharnois, Vankleekhill, and vicinity of St. Hyacinthe and other localities. Their labors were not in vain, and many interesting extracts are given. Rev. Mr. McKay, convener of Committee on Popery, writes hopefully of their work. For two seasons our colporteurs have been travelling over the scattered French settlement. Professor Couissirat, with three students, removed in 1869-70, from Point-aux-Trembles to Montreal. Messrs. Rivet and Dionne were ordained in November last, and Mr. Cote in April, by the French Evangelical Church, and are laboring for the F. C. Missionary Society. Twelve students attended the college last session, and ten of these are engaged in missionary fields.

The peculiar difficulties of the work diminish not with the lapse of time. Nowhere is Papal devotion more ardent, or priestly tyranny more apparent, or the submission of the masses more abject than in Lower Canada. The Protestant element is being sedulously weeded out; the chains are being rivetted on the soil and on society. There are not the political grievances which make the system odious in other lands. The converts, so soon as they break from the shackles of superstition, move away to quarters free of Romish coercion!

The Committee and the French Missionary Society recommended that the accounts hereafter be kept distinct, and would appeal for further subscriptions and aid, and that the amount collected be exclusively expended in the evangelistic work of the Church.

The Assembly received the report, gave thanks to the Committee and Convener, expressed its grateful recognition of progress in the work, granted the request of the French Canadian Missionary Society to withdraw their application for a share in the annual collection for French evangelization, and set apart the second Sabbath of October as a day for special collection in aid of this scheme of the Church.

#### DELIVERANCE ON TEMPERANCE.

There was taken up and read a memorial from the Galt Total Abstinence Society, calling attention to the manifold evils of intemperance in our midst, and praying the Assembly to take such action as may be advisable to bring this subject before the congregations, and as may tend to the lessening and removal of so great and widespread an evil. On motion of Dr. Burns, the following deliverance was adopted:—

The Assembly hereby renew the testimony which for a succession of years this Church has borne against the enormous evils of intemperance.

Every year gives increasing force to their conviction that it is the chief cause of poverty and crime, disease and death throughout our land; that it is the principal occasion of discipline throughout our Church; and that there exists no more formidable obstacle to the spread of the Gospel amongst us.

The Assembly hail with satisfaction every well-designed and well-directed