

is wholly dependent on his own exertions for a livelihood. He relinquished an appointment in the High School, Quebec, to become a Student and supported himself during the last session by teaching.

He states that he cannot do justice to his studies while thus engaged, and craves employment during the summer months, to enable him to pursue his studies more satisfactorily in the winter. The Committee have received very favorable accounts of his character and acquirements and think that he has claims upon the Church for encouragement and aid. They have therefore employed Mr. Leger during the summer months as a catechist, under the supervision of this Presbytery and stationed him at Sorel among the French and Scotch population there, and in that vicinity. They have promised him a salary of £60 for his services during the summer, but think it should be raised to £70. A double object will thus be obtained, and should the opening be found a favourable one, Sorel may be formed into a congregation, the few Scotch families being cared for, and the French Mission being also effectively prosecuted from that point as a centre of operations in that District.

In order to enable this desirable object to be effected the Synodical Collection might be taken up in June, and the Committee hereby memorialize the Synod to enjoin attention to it.

The Committee are persuaded that the members of our Church would cheerfully respond to this appeal, especially when a way thus appears to be opening up, in securing speedily the services of a competent Licentiate of our Church, to prosecute this important Mission. Already they are aware of tokens of renewing interest, and they feel satisfied that funds shall be forthcoming to meet all the requirements of the Mission.

The Committee further recommend, that during the ensuing year a correspondence should be entered into with Dr. Grandpierre of Paris, and the Church to which he belongs, with a view of directing their attention to this important field, and ascertaining whether, if circumstances justify the extension of the Mission, a Minister of character, ability and piety, could be obtained from that quarter. The Committee think that material aid might be thence obtained, and besides an interest might be awakened towards the great Mission field in Canada.

The Committee have now placed before you their views. They have endeavoured to discharge their duty. They trust that the Synod will concur in their proposals, and they hope that the Mission hitherto struggling with so many difficulties, will yet be placed in a satisfactory position and be productive of no little good. The field that stretches out to the view is a wide one. There is much darkness—much need of the enlightening influence of the gospel of light. May the feeble instrumentality of the effort be owned by the great Head of the Church, and be honoured to lead many to the knowledge of the great Salvation!

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Montreal, May 6, 1857.

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