

in its last issue make the following sensible remark: "It is felt to be very important that the Hymns in the new Hymnal should be set to suitable serviceable music. Excellent Hymns have had their usefulness marred if not wholly nullified by being wedded to dull tunes. A sub-committee of the Hymnal Committee is earnestly engaged in the selection of suitable tunes. The convener of the sub-committee is Rev. Alex. McMillan. Mimico, Toronto. Many of our ministers are blessed with good taste, skill and knowledge in regard to Hymnals and hymn music. They may know of hymns that have been rendered useless by the music attached to them. They may be able to suggest better music, and afford various hints that will be of much value to the Committee. Communicate your ideas to Rev. Mr. McMillan, and do so at as early a day as you can. We may add that Presbyteries engaged in reviewing the draft Hymnal—the "Book of Praise" would be rendering very valuable service to the Church as a whole by suggesting Hymns new or old which they can heartily recommend. In this way the new book may be rendered more useful and acceptable. It is well worth while striving earnestly to have in the hands of our people a collection worthy of a place beside the very best in existence. We can do it, and we ought to do it."

#### French Evangelization.

The terms of the appeal issued on behalf of the French Evangelization Committee are characterized by right down directness. There is no mincing of words. There is a present deficit of eight thousand dollars, which ought to be wiped out by the *Thanksgiving Day* collection. The committee has taken the people into its confidence, frankly stated the shortage and now it rests with the people to meet the needs of the case with a willingness that will not only place the funds on a level with the requirements, but will also throw more life into the hearts of those who are bravely and constantly engaging in the most difficult work of spreading the good news among our fellow citizens, fellow Canadians in Quebec. The appeal strikes a hopeful tone. How joyful a document it will prove to many who have laid this great and important work on their hearts and consciences! Here is the appeal:

There is a present deficit in the Ordinary French Evangelization and Pointe-aux-Trembles Funds of eight thousand dollars.

The Executive of the Board has accordingly resolved to appeal to the congregations of the Church for a special collection on *Thanksgiving Day* (Nov. 22).

The work of the past half year presents many encouraging features. Colporteurs report a growing desire among the people to listen to and speak about the things of the Gospel, although forbidden to read it and warned against those who sell it by their Church.

There has been a good attendance at the mission day-schools, about one-half of the pupils being Roman Catholic.

The Pointe-aux-Trembles school opened on October 16th. There are already over one hundred and fifty pupils in attendance.

The missionaries and their work are being more appreciated. While rejoicing over conversions in the face of difficulties and opposition known only to those in the field, they deplore in many quarters a recognition

of the truth without the conviction necessary to its acceptance or rejection. The needs and condition of the work call for the utmost liberality consistent with other missionary claims.

Once more we would impress on our readers the great importance of work among the French. The energies of the Church ought to go out with ever increasing strength toward those habitants who are at our very door, needing the light of a pure gospel. How long shall we regard this sacred field of labor with a passing interest merely? May Dr. MacVicar have the power of a MacDuff to arouse the Church to a proper sense of her duty to the benighted of our sister province.

"*Made Sermons.*" "There are two many made sermons," is the opinion of Dr. Monro Gibson. "Sermons," he says, "should not come out of the factory, but out of the life; not out of the head, but out of the soul. Everything put into a sermon which has nothing to do with the object of the sermon weakens it, and makes the people think the preacher is only half in earnest."

*Scottish Church* Referring to the recent Church Conferences held in Scotland Dr. John MacLeod of Govan, son of the "High Priest of Morven" and cousin of the prospective Moderator of the "Auld Kirk," said that a disposition had been shown by some speakers at the Protestant Conference to make capital out of the demonstration for the purpose of furthering the disestablishment of the National Churches, but if Disestablishment took place it would be a most serious disaster to the cause of Protestantism. In his opinion, while testifying against the Romish Church, we would do well to consider our own shortcomings—the endless disputes, the coarse, and sometimes almost profane, wrangling that went on in our own Presbyterian Scotland; the unseemly proceedings of our Church Courts; our frequently semi-Rationalistic preaching; our careless administration of ordinances; our infrequent communion, and our shut churches. He then referred at length to the meeting of the Episcopal Church Council at Aberdeen, and urged that no agreement could be come to between the *Scottish Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church of Scotland* so long as their Episcopal brethren adopted its extreme attitude assumed at that Conference.

*Doing Good* by Rev. Newman Hall gave an interview the other day to a representative of a magazine named the *New Age*, on Mr. Gladstone which has been copied in almost all the leading papers of Britain and America, of the many interesting anecdotes the following is not the least worthy of reproduction:—"It was related to Dr. Newman Hall by Sir Francis Crossley: When Mr. Gladstone was Chancellor of the Exchequer he used to go to the Church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, which, as many people know, overlooks Trafalgar Square. One day Sir Francis was dining with the vicar, who had recently been to see a sick crossing-sweeper in the parish. The vicar asked the crossing-sweeper if anyone had lately visited him. "Yes, Mr. Gladstone," answered the invalid. "But how came he to see you?" asked the vicar. "Well," answered the crossing-sweeper, "he had always a nice word for me when he passed my crossing, and when I was not there he missed me. He asked my mate, who had taken my place, where I was, and when he heard I was ill he asked for my address, and when he was told he put it down on paper. So he called to see me." "And what did he do?" asked the vicar. "Why, he read some Bible to me and prayed," was the answer.