

The receipts for past two years not being equal to our appropriations, it became apparent some months ago, that the Board must reduce the expenditure. Such a course has been necessary in most Missionary Societies during the past year of commercial stringency. A Committee was appointed to examine each item of expense with the view of finding how and where we could reduce the appropriations for next year. This Committee consisting of Messrs. D. E. Thomson, of Toronto, George Edwards, of Thurso, W. A. Marsh, of Quebec, Rev. E. W. Dadson, D.D., of Montreal, Principal Masse, of Grande Ligne, Rev. A. L. Therrien, Messrs. J. W. Tester and A. A. Ayer, of Montreal, made an exhaustive report. They recommended :

1st. Suspending work (which could easily be restored without harm to the cause,) such as the Hall (Salle) work in Montreal from 1st May next, the School work in Quebec as soon as arrangements could be made, and most of the work in Megantic County, which is as much if not more Home Mission work than Grande Ligne, thus employing one student less in summer.

2nd. Doing without a Missionary at St. Pie (Emileville) supplying the field there with students in summer, and with neighboring missionaries in winter.

3rd. Reducing the salaries of all officers and missionaries.

The report was adopted by the Board, thus reducing the appropriations for next year by over \$2,000. It is hoped that before the next annual meeting, the debt will be paid and funds will be in hand to restore the School and Hall work for the following winter, as well as to enable the Board to push forward into new fields of work ; meanwhile if funds are supplied, the work will not cease.

In reply to questions, we beg to state that the Rev. Theodore Lafleur, our Secretary, has been a missionary for 45 years, and besides lecturing in our school, and weekly contributing to *l'Aurore*, being Chairman of the Editorial Committee, he employs a goodly portion of his time in preaching and in active missionary work. Incidentally, we may mention that \$3,000 of our Endowment was given us with a special provision for a portion of his salary.