

the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The Synod directed all congregations to give an Annual Collection to defray the expenses thus incurred. The College Board respectfully requests Congregations who have not forwarded a collection towards this object to do so with as little delay as possible. The amount received up to the present time is insufficient to meet the expenses connected with the work in its present limited form. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that this notice will meet such a liberal response as will enable the Board not only to meet present liabilities, but also to increase the number of its students training for this important field.

THE REV. C. CHINIQUY IN MONTREAL.

In the early part of the winter it was thought desirable by the Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society, that a series of lectures on subjects at issue between the Reformed Churches and that of Rome, should be given in the French Evangelical Church, Montreal. These lectures were commenced at the beginning of December, and continued every Sabbath evening till the middle of January. Much interest was manifested in them, and a more than ordinary number of French Canadian Romanists attended. The Rev. C. Chiniquy was asked, and consented, to take part in these lectures. Accordingly, on Sabbath, the 9th Jan., he appeared in the French Evangelical Church, and took for his subject, "The Priest of the Gospel." The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and hundreds were unable to obtain admittance. A certain number attended for the evident purpose of interrupting the service, and the increasing crowds without the building manifested the usual intolerance of men brought up in the Romish system, by continued howlings, mingled with threats of violence towards Mr. Chiniquy. A body of police was called to the scene, and it was thought necessary by them that Mr. Chiniquy should be escorted by two of their number to his place of residence. In order to accommodate the crowds that assembled, the meetings had to be transferred from the French Evangelical Church on Craig Street, to the Free Church, Cote Street, where Mr. Chiniquy has continued his addresses, and hundreds of his countrymen have continued to attend them. Through the precautions taken by the police authorities, the large and attentive audiences were enabled to listen, without interruption, to the most fearless exposure of the errors of Rome, and as faithful a declaration of the gospel of the Lord Jesus. Nothing could more clearly indicate the change which has come over the people, than the hundreds that have continued night after night, in spite of the efforts and denunciations of the priests, to listen to the earnest appeals of him whom *they* call the excommunicated and degraded priest. The interviews Mr. C. has had with individuals have been most encouraging, and there is little doubt that this change in the people is largely owing to the evangelistic efforts of the French Canadian and kindred societies. May God "arise and plead His own cause" in that province. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

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PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—At a special meeting of this Presbytery, held at Springville on the 7th of December, Mr. Blain declined the call addressed to him by the congregation of Inverness.