

## ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

THIRD SABBATH IN OCTOBER.

The General Assembly, in June last, appointed a committee to carry on the work of Evangelization among French Roman Catholics in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, and directed a collection to be taken up at a convenient time in all the congregations of the Church for this purpose, and for the training of French students for the Ministry; the balance, after defraying these expenses, to be given to the French Canadian Missionary Society.

The Assembly having left the time for said collection undetermined, the Committee have agreed to call for it on Sabbath, the 16th October. They have special reasons for selecting this time, viz., that some of the Colporteurs employed during the past summer are yet unpaid, much to their inconvenience,—the salary of the French Professor and other current expenses require to be met at once, and the College Board cannot determine finally how many French students are to be allowed to enter classes until it is known how much this collection will yield. The Committee, therefore, respectfully submit the following considerations to ministers and office-bearers, with the request that the decision of the Assembly may be fully complied with, and the matter earnestly pressed upon the attention of members and adherents, as well as Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools:

1. There are now 12 young Frenchmen, of piety and suitable gifts, seeking to be recognized as students in our College at Montreal. These are all converts from the Church of Rome, and speak both French and English, and may, by the grace of God and proper training, become qualified to labor as Colporteurs, and to preach the gospel, in Mission stations and congregations requiring both languages. Six of them attended College last session, and it will depend upon the amount of this collection how many more can be admitted this winter. Shall we receive them all, or must we reject their urgent application through lack of means?

2. Four of these young men were employed during last summer as Colporteurs and Missionaries, and they have all reported to the committee gratifying success. Two of them, Messrs. E. Rivard and Charles Brouillette, labored in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and were paid by the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. The other two, Messrs. Pelletier and Teles Brouillette, labored in the regions of Vankleek Hill, L'Orignal, Roxborough, Finch, Indian Lands, Valleyfield, St. Louis De Gonzague and Farnham West. These are to be paid from the collection now asked, and it is manifest that they should receive as large remuneration as our English-speaking students, both because of the difficulty and trying nature of their work, and inasmuch as it is desirable that they should thus be able to support themselves during their attendance at College. It should also be remembered that a larger number of Missionaries will be ready for service next spring, and that the Committee cannot employ them unless this collection should prove sufficient to warrant such a step.

3. Many portions of the fields just named are in a most promising condition, and should not be left unoccupied during the winter. If the Committee are obliged, through lack of means, to suspend work in those regions during six months, the priests of Rome, who have ample resources in their hands, will do much to destroy the good accomplished during the summer. In one neighborhood ten families have abandoned Romanism, and ten