

VI. In what proportion is family worship observed? and what evidence do parents give of their sense of responsibility to God as entrusted with the spiritual care of their children and domestics?

VII. What proportion attend the prayer meetings? and how are these conducted?

VIII. Is the liberality of the members increasing? and to what extent may that increase be regarded as evidence of religious progress?

IX. Is the Shorter Catechism used in the families and Sabbath schools?

X. In what manner is pastoral visitation conducted?

JOHN McTAVISH, *Convener*.

Woodville, 14th Nov. 1870.

### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION COLLECTION.

The collection taken up in Cote Street, Montreal, yielded \$160 (less ordinary collection). Our congregations will bear in mind that this object is different from the Kankakee Mission, and the French Canadian Missionary Society. Its necessities are pressing, and deserve warm sympathy and substantial aid. In those cases where the collection could not be taken up on the Sabbath recommended, let an early day be appointed. Where missionary associations exist, or missionary meetings are held, let this most important object have its fair share. All moneys to be forwarded to Rev. W. Reid, Toronto, or Warden King, Esq., Craig Street, Montreal, designated "For French Evangelization."

### A FOREIGN MISSION.

The following circular has been addressed to Presbyteries by the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee:—

OTTAWA, 10th October, 1870.

*To the Moderator of the Presbytery of.....*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by the Foreign Mission Committee to address you in reference to a matter which requires early attention. The Committee, at its meeting last week, had under consideration an offer on the part of Mr. G. L. Mackay, Licentiate, to go forth as a labourer to the Foreign Mission field. The Committee having met with Mr. Mackay, examined his testimonials, and made enquiries of those acquainted with his career, were so favourably impressed with his piety, modesty, devotedness and suitable talents, that they would at once have most gladly accepted his services, but for two difficulties: (1) the lack of funds, and (2) the restrictions put upon the Committee by the action of the late General Assembly.

The lack of funds would not in itself have prevented the Committee from taking some favourable action, inasmuch as they are strongly persuaded that the establishment of a Mission to India or China would go far to evoke a measure of liberality sufficient to sustain it. But in view of the action of the late General Assembly, the Committee feel that they cannot hold forth any encouragement to Mr. Mackay, unless there is such an expression of the mind of the Church, given by the Presbyteries, as to warrant them to believe that the next General Assembly will be prepared to accept his services.

In reference to Mr. Mackay, I may state that he was brought up under the pastoral care of the Rev. D. Mackenzie, Zorra, and that he is the son of one of the office bearers of his church. After studying for some time in Knox College, Toronto, he went to Princeton, N J., and passed through the full theological course in the Seminary. During his summer vacations, he has laboured in Canada in the Mission field, where he has, we understand, made a very favorable impression.