

gathering nuclei of self-sustaining charges are of the highest moment as the indices of a living and life-giving church. To meet the demands that are now made upon us, and which must, ere long, become increasingly numerous, will require no lack of energy and zeal on the part of every true lover of our Church. Our Home Mission Board, acting as the agent of the Church, must be placed in a position by which they can carry on the work and meet the demands made upon them. They will require a replenishing rather than a depletion of funds; for if there be a falling off in our contributions, they will be unable to attend to the loud calls in the Home Field. Parents should also be found looking at the present and future wants of the Church, and dedicate their sons to the noble work of the ministry, that the labourers may be increased, and that our waste places, new stations, and immigrants may be enabled to receive some attention at our hands. Every true flower of our Zion should be carefully considering the wants of our Home Field, and remember the strong claims it has upon us.

OUR ACADIA MISSION.

We have much pleasure in publishing the subjoined interesting letter. Our people need more information respecting the zealous labours of the young French missionaries, who have so earnestly and wisely laboured to evangelize our French fellow-countrymen. They have left the lower Provinces, but we hope to see them return with the coming spring, yet more fully equipped for their work. In the meantime let the church follow the summer's work with prayer, and cheerfully meet the expence incurred. We could select in the body half a dozen men who could carry on the mission themselves, and the difference in their annual expenditure would scarcely be noticed, and yet what six christian gentlemen could do almost without an effort, six score christian congregations are not doing. If these young men should leave us it will be matter of deep regret when the loss comes to be realised, and yet it would not be strange if they should say to the

Committee, "You invite us, but we have good reason to believe that the Church of the Lower Provinces does not value or desire our services, for they have not placed in your hands the means of our support.

The information needful to enlist the sympathies of our people generally is supplied, in part, in the following letter. We will expect more facts from Mr. McKay and the young missionaries in our January number, and if this expectation is realized, we feel confident that more money will be reported in response in January and February.

LETTER FROM REV. N. MACKAY, CONVENER
OF COMMITTEE ON ACADIA MISSIONS.

ST. JOHN, NOV. 18, 1872.

Rev. and Dear Sir.—For weeks, and I may say for months, I have been desirous of placing before you and the church some facts connected with the Acadia Mission, but various causes have so far prevented. There has been upon me recently an unwonted burden of toil and care, and in addition to this pressure, I have been desirous of ascertaining additional information in respect to the details of mission work at Grand Falls. The Committee, at a meeting held early in October, directed me to visit the field, see as many as possible of the converts and strengthen their hands, now that the missionaries have left, and take steps towards the erection of a Mission Church. This duty I have not yet been able to overtake. I purpose leaving tomorrow morning for Grand Falls, and after reviewing the field you shall hear from me again.

Meanwhile I may say that our hearts have been greatly cheered by the unparalleled success of our agents during the last season. I have before me the names of more than twenty converts, many of them heads of families, who have left Romish error for the faith of the Gospel. During a hurried visit in August, I met several of these personally in their own homes, and had the privilege of hearing the Word of God read to them in their own language, and as the Missionary prayed in a language which I but imperfectly understood, I had the privilege of adding a believing if not very intelligent Amen. It was indeed a privilege to witness these new-born children, agonizing to tears, in prayer for the clearer light and the greater joy of the christian life. On more than one occasion we wept with them, but our tears were full of joy. The cottage meetings of missionaries were scenes of deepest interest. Prayer and preaching were usually followed by earnest