

our missions have come to their district and identified themselves with their congregations, and not unfrequently the testimony is borne that they are adorning the doctrine of God their Saviour by a consistent walk. The Board have been greatly hampered and embarrassed in carrying on the work owing to lack of funds. In response to a recent appeal for help so as to render unnecessary the contraction of the work. Many letters have been received indicating the deep interest felt in all parts of the country. By a poor servant, the servant in a minister's family, two dollars were forwarded, a larger contribution than that of some *Congregations* in the Church. A family of children in London, Ont., send the contents of their mission box for the year. A young farmer who had just adopted the plan of systematic giving sends one dollar, hoping by God's grace to be kept a faithful steward and to increase his giving as he is prospered.

A contributor in the West thus writes,—  
 "My wife and I take a deep interest in the Evangelization of our French fellow-citizens and are very sorry that any employed in the work should have to be discharged for want of funds. We are old folks and have lost most of our means through the failures of others. We scarce dare to hope to be able to clear our home-  
 stead of its present encumbrance, even though it is a comparatively small sum, yet, after prayerful consideration of the whole matter, we have come to the conclusion to send you two dollars as we think no one will suffer except ourselves and that does not trouble us. The Lord has provided for us hitherto and He will do it still." Another contributor says, and his words merit serious consideration, "It is a great pity that any of the labourers have to be dismissed for want of means. It seems that the general depression in business is making those who are entrusted with wealth, or the power to help by giving of their means, less liberal and that should not be so, for 'God is able to make all grace abound so that we *always* having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work.' If a day of prayer through all our Churches was set apart for the work among our fellow French Canadian countrymen great blessing would follow the work. God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think.—Jeremiah xxxiii, 3."

Since writing the foregoing, we learn that in Danville, Q., several families have recently withdrawn from the Church of Rome through the instrumentality of Rev. M. F. Boudreau, our French Missionary there. At New Glasgow, Q., an influential Roman Catholic family, named Chartrand, a few days ago connected themselves with our French Presbyterian Church there. The Missionary, Rev. A. B. Cruchet, speaks of this family in the highest terms, and

adds that Mr. Chartrand is constantly proclaiming the Gospel to his neighbours, even to the detriment of his business.

## Ecclesiastical News.



THE REV. WILLIAM GRAHAM, of Liverpool, is named as Moderator-elect of the English Presbyterian Synod. Mr. Graham is described as one of the keenest intellects in the Church. This Church has now two hundred and fifty-six Ministers. The Rev. John Campbell formerly of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, N.S., and more recently of Oaklands Church, Glasgow, has been translated to the charge of Newark Church, Port-Glasgow, Scotland. By this we are reminded of the names of quite a number of ministers who have since the Union received appointments from the Churches in Britain, and whose Canadian credentials have been a sufficient passport for their preferment. The Rev. W. M. Black, of Montreal, to Anwoth; Rev. R. J. Cameron of St. John, to Burntisland; Rev. John McTavish, of Woodstock, to Inverness, Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, of Kingston, to Canonbie; Rev. John Rannie, of Chatham, to New Amsterdam (by Church of Scotland). The Rev. Andrew Dowsley, of Landsdowne, to India (by Church of Scotland); Rev. Neil McDougall, formerly of Indian Lands, to Coll, and the Rev. Malcolm McNeill, formerly of Simcoe. Besides, these, a number of Canadians are to be found occupying prominent positions in the old country, among whom are the Revs. G. J. Caie, of Forfar; R. M. Thornton, of Wellpark Church, Glasgow; Charles M. Grant, of St. Marks', Dundee; John Cameron, of Dunoon, and others. At the Annual missionary meeting of the Fisher Street Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, gave a good account of the Canadian Church and its mission fields, stating amongst other things that "the voluntary contributions of the people in Canada were such as ought to put many of the people in the old country, who had so many privileges, to the blush."

THE PRESBYTERIES IN SCOTLAND very generally denounced the proposed Lottery scheme for the relief of the sufferers by the failure of the City Bank of Glasgow, upon the principle that "it is wrong to do evil that good may come," and the consequence has been the abandonment of the ill-starred project. In this connection, Dr. Rainy took occasion to say, in the Free Church Presbytery of Edinburgh, that they should overture the General Assembly to consider whether raffles at church bazaars could not be put a stop to. In the Presbytery of Glasgow, it was moved and seconded that in view of the low state of public morality, as evidenced by the Bank disaster, the ministers