

ACADIA MISSION.

Receipt from May 31st.....\$107 85
 Debt of last year, and payments..... 494 52

Present deficiency.....\$386 67

and yet Messrs. Paradis and Pelletier, who have so faithfully performed their work in the settlements of the Acadian French in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia (touching shortly at P. E. Island), are paid only in part, for want of funds. Were they paid in full, and they must be paid within a few weeks, that fund, unless quickly replenished, will be \$500 in debt.

Is there not then cause for the heading of this article. Is not our credit truly at stake? Our small Home Mission balance cannot make up for all these deficiencies, nor has the Treasurer any other Bank or Rest, but that to which he now appeals, the hearts and resources of our true and loyal people, in every part of these Lower Provinces. We are no alarmists, but when we consider that in two months a half-yearly payment is due to the Trinidad Missionaries, with at least \$1200 for the supplementing fund, and nothing, or rather less than nothing, in hand to meet these calls, we feel that we must speak out plainly, and call our friends to the rescue.

We have two suggestions to offer—

The first is that our congregations should begin, if they have not already begun, to apply the principle of systematic giving to the Schemes of the church. Hitherto, with a few exceptions, the application of this principle has been to Pastoral support. But why should we give 50 times a year for the maintenance of ordinances among ourselves, and but once or twice for Gospel extension? The congregations which are storing up weekly or monthly, are always ready to meet such a demand as is now felt, and some of them have responded already. Let others follow the example as speedily as possible—making collections in December rather than May or June, and taking order that missionary revenue shall come on like the steady flow of a spring having a perennial fountain.

The Second, is that our children and Sabbath Schools shall, for this season, join the Acadia Mission to the *Day Spring*.

They can and will do both, if they undertake it. Even now the larger proportion of *Day Spring* money required for ordinary support is in fund. What is necessary for the *Dayspring* and for the Acadia Mission debt will both be raised if our Sabbath Schools, will give this year the same sum as last year. The *Dayspring* cards will probably be issued in the usual form, but a resolution of the Sabbath School passed either before or after the gathering of funds would be a sufficient warrant for Teachers, Superintendent or Treasurer of Sabbath Schools, to say one third or one-half of the amount may be used for *French Mission*.

We have again to call attention to the fact, that contributions sent to Rev. C. Chiniquy, are not given to our own Acadia Mission. Essentially it is true, the work is one, and we feel that the interesting facts in the letters from St. Anne's, published in this No., should strengthen faith in our Acadia Mission, and stimulate us to prosecute it; but that distant mission can draw support from many churches and cities; ours depends on ourselves, and unless supported by us, must be abandoned. We would not try to stop funds from going to Mr. Chiniquy, but would say, that for every dollar sent, another if not two, should be dropped into the Acadia Mission Till.

 THE BRIGHT SIDE.

We have many most precious encouragements in our work as a Church. Ten years ago the Presbyterian and Free Churches were united after long and anxious negotiations. That Union has been graciously owned and blessed by the great Head of the church. In all the intervening years there never was a vote taken in Synod that would indicate the old dividing lines, nor have there been any other noteworthy symptoms of old disunionism. All the fears of the friends of Union have been disappointed, and many of their fondest hopes have been happily realized. No Church could be more homogeneous in spirit, more harmonious in working than ours is. The questions about the "Civil Magistrate" which were so anxiously scanned before the