

lecting. Where such persons can be secured, the work will be well done. But it is very hard to secure them ; they are scarce ; they are busy ; and they have too much of this work on hand all the year round.

Another plan has recently come under our notice, which we have thought it well to describe to our readers for their consideration. It is that adopted in many congregations of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Its origin we do not know. It smacks somewhat of Dr. Chalmers' remarkable financial organization of the Free Church ; but we have a guess that in its missionary application it finds its paternity in the U. P. wing of the body. The facts and figures we are about to give are derived from the printed report, for 1871, of a city congregation numbering 404 members.

Within this congregation is organized a "Missionary Association," consisting of all subscribers to its funds, the pastor being president, and the elders members of the committee, by virtue of their offices ; besides these are a Vice-President, two Joint Secretaries and Treasurers, fourteen Committee-men, and sixteen Lady Collectors. These Collectors are expected to call upon every member of the congregation, and to obtain first the promise and afterwards the payment of a *monthly* subscription to the funds of the Association. The Secretaries attend before or after a week-night service, once a month, to receive the contributions from the Collectors. The Association itself meets once a year, and on the recommendation of the Committee appropriates the money thus collected to the various "schemes of the Church," at the same time electing its officers for the ensuing year.

Such is the plan : now for the results. In this congregation of 404 communicants we find the names of 205 subscribers to the Missionary Association, from whom the sum of \$992.92 was received by the Collectors. Adding to this \$124.19 from public collections for the same objects, there are \$1,117.11 for distribution at the annual meeting. Other special collections, for Widows' Fund (\$45), China Mission outfit (\$79), Assembly Fund (\$20), and Sunday-School Missionary Collections (\$95.05), made a grand total of \$1356.16 for denominational objects. The \$1117.11 was thus divided :—Home Missions, \$556.11 ; Foreign Missions, \$160 ; Knox College, \$280, do. Scholarship Fund, \$60, total \$340 ; French Evangelization, \$60.

The list of donors, which we have been at the pains to classify, contains one name, the minister's, for \$120 (\$10 a month), one for \$72, one for \$52.50, one for \$48, one for \$30, two for \$25, one for \$24, one for \$20, one for \$18, six for \$12, one for \$11, one for \$8.70, one for \$8.20, two for \$7, one for \$6.50, seventeen for \$6, one for \$5.50, seven for \$5, nine for \$4 and fractions under \$5, twenty-three for \$3 and fractions under \$4, thirty-eight for \$2 and fractions under \$3, forty-nine from \$1 to \$2, leaving thirty-two donors of under \$1.

Thus it would appear that out of over two hundred subscribers only seventeen gave over \$10, their united contributions amounting to \$517.50, more than one-half of the sum (\$992.92) given by the whole congregation. There were thirty other donors of between \$5 and \$10, their aggregate being \$179.90. The balance,