

But, lest any should suppose that our statements are too strong or too highly colored, we observe that there are many charges which devise liberal things for their pastors, so that they enjoy comparative comfort, and that in the way of Christian liberality, we are ahead of the other denominations. If we continue to make the same progress as during the last few years, the hope may be cherished that the ministers who are now entering on a course of preparation for the work, will suffer few of the privations and hardships of the early pioneers, who have borne the burden and heat of the day.

But space and time warn us to postpone any further remarks to a future occasion.

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the state of Religion request the Presbyteries of the Church to return to the Convener, before the first of March, answers to the following questions, and thus aid them in discharging the duty entrusted to them, viz: of presenting to the Synod a correct picture of the condition of the Church in respect of its highest interests, in order that thanks may be rendered to God for mercies received, and measures taken to correct such evils as may exist, and to rouse the whole body to a livelier frame and more entire devotedness to God.

They would also take the liberty of suggesting to ministers that the questions be read to the congregations:—

1. Is family worship observed morning and evening in the houses of the members of the Church?
2. Do the members attend the weekly prayer-meetings?
3. Do they regard themselves as responsible for the conversion of their families to God, and do they devote themselves to bring them up in His nurture and admonition?
4. Do they work for mutual edification, and the conversion of others?
5. Are they growing in Christian liberality?
6. Are the Sabbath-schools well attended, and do the teachers aim at the conversion of their pupils?
7. Is the Shorter Catechism used in the families and in the Sabbath-schools?
8. Is there any marked change in the religious condition of the congregations within the past two years?
9. Do you know of any causes which seem to prevent the young from receiving the Gospel, and making a public profession of their faith in the Saviour?

JOHN MAC TAVISH, Convener.

Woodville, Ontario, October 6th.

Missionary Intelligence.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We are glad to be able to report a most encouraging state of things in relation to this important mission. The difficulties hitherto retarding efforts put forth to evangelize the French Canadians are rapidly and sensibly becoming less formidable. The opposition of the Romish Priesthood