

of much good being effected through this Scheme, if means of supporting and extending its operations are at their disposal. In some Country localities, as favourable, if not more favourable opportunities of usefulness are to be found than even in Towns. For reasons too obvious to be stated, your Committee would recommend that some of these country localities should be chosen, and that the Mission should not, as hitherto, be confined to Montreal. In the conclusion of Mr. Lapelletrie's last Report, there is the gratifying intelligence of his having been urgently requested since his return to attend to the people of Saguenay, where there are forty families of French Protestants already to be found, destitute of religious instruction, with the prospect of benefiting many others of Indian and Canadian origin.

The Counties of Beauharnois and Huntingdon or Laprairie may be also pointed out as important fields, where, owing to the mixture of Protestants, and the maintenance of Protestant Churches, the attention of our French brethren may be more readily directed to the Truth, if visited by qualified instructors, able to converse with them in their own language. But it is in vain, without more abundant means at their disposal, for the Committee to hope doing good; and, seeing no other alternative from totally abandoning the Scheme than more liberal efforts being made, they would leave the consideration of their difficulties, their wishes, and their fears, wholly to your Reverend Court, in the hope that measures will be adopted to put this important and interesting Scheme upon a more solid and permanent footing.

STATE OF ACCOUNTS SINCE MEETING OF SYNOD, JULY, 1845.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Martintown, Rev. J. M'Laurin, -	£5 0 0
Smith's Falls, Rev. G. Romanes, } -	1 10 0
Seymour, Rev. R. Neill, -	7 10 0
Beckwith, Rev. J. Smith, -	3 0 0
Niagara, Rev. J. Cruickshank, -	4 6 3
St. Eustache, Rev. D. Shanks, -	1 0 0
Dundee, Rev. D. Moody, -	0 7 6
Pakenham, Rev. A. Mann, 1846, -	1 5 0
Kingston, Rev. Dr. Machar, -	15 0 0
Toronto, Rev. J. Barclay, -	5 0 0
Lanark, Rev. T. Fraser, -	1 0 0
Donation, Rev. J. George, -	3 0 0
Donation, Rev. A. Bell, -	2 10 0
Toronto Township, Rev. A. Bell, -	2 2 6
Caledon, Rev. A. Bell, -	0 5 0
Esquesing, Rev. P. Ferguson, -	3 10 0
Lachine, Rev. W. Simpson, -	3 10 0
Perth, Rev. W. Bain, -	9 15 0
Buckingham, Rev. G. Bell, -	5 10 0
Beckwith, Rev. J. Smith, -	2 10 0
Perth, Rev. W. Bell, -	2 10 0
Esquesing, Rev. P. Ferguson, -	2 10 0
Ormestown, Rev. J. Anderson, -	0 15 0
Perth, Rev. W. Bain, -	11 5 0
Dundas, Rev. A. Bell, -	1 6 3
Ancaster, Rev. A. Bell, -	1 0 0
Donation, Rev. A. Bell, -	2 15 0
Lanark, Rev. T. Fraser, -	0 10 0
Perth, Rev. W. Bell, -	1 5 0
Lachine, Rev. W. Simpson, -	6 6 0
Three Rivers, Rev. J. Thom, -	1 10 0
Buckingham, Rev. G. Bell, -	4 0 0
St. Paul's, Montreal, Rev. R. M'Gill, -	12 10 0
Beckwith, Rev. J. Smith, -	1 10 0
Georgetown, Rev. J. C. Muir, -	2 10 0
Lancaster, Rev. T. M'Pherson, -	3 0 0
Niagara, Rev. J. Cruickshank, -	3 17 6
Fergus, Rev. Dr. Mair, -	3 1 3
Huntingdon, Rev. A. Wallace, -	1 6 3
St. Andrew's, Montreal, Rev. Dr. Mathieson, -	12 10 0
Georgetown, Rev. J. C. Muir, -	2 10 10½
Cote St. George, Rev. A. M'Lean, -	2 5 0
Beamsville, Rev. G. M'Clatchey, -	0 15 0
Dundee, Rev. D. Moody, -	0 6 3
Lanark, Rev. T. Fraser, -	1 5 0
Beauharnois, Rev. W. Roach, -	3 12 10½
£164 2 11.	

Brought over £164 2 11	
Chateauguay, Rev. W. Roach, -	0 12 7
St. Louis, Rev. W. Roach, -	0 10 2
Valcartier, Rev. D. Shanks, -	1 10 0
Ramsay, Rev. J. M'Morine, -	1 3 9
Martintown, Rev. J. M'Laurin, -	2 10 0
Hemmingford, Rev. J. Marlin, -	1 5 0
King, Rev. J. Tawse, -	1 5 0
Esquesing, Rev. P. Ferguson, -	2 12 6
Hornby, Rev. W. Barr, -	1 0 0
Perth, Rev. W. Bain, -	7 8 9
Pakenham, Rev. A. Mann, -	2 10 0
Guelph, Rev. C. Grigor, -	2 0 0
Dundas, Rev. A. Bell, -	1 15 2½
Ancaster, Rev. A. Bell, -	0 16 3
Donation, Rev. A. Bell, -	2 10 0
Osnabrock, Rev. J. Purkis, -	1 1 3
Williamstown, for } three years, } Rev. J. M'Kenzie, -	7 10 0
Williamsburg, Rev. J. Dickey, -	1 0 0
Donation, Rev. J. Dickey, -	1 0 0
Lancaster, Rev. T. M'Pherson, -	0 10 0
Donation, Rev. D. Moody, -	2 18 5
£207 11 10½	

<i>Expenditure.</i>	
Balance due last Report, 1845, -	£49 10 11
Paid Mr. Lapelletrie, 1846, -	120 0 0
Paid Mr. Lapelletrie on account, 1847, -	96 0 0
Paid City Tax on Property, 1845, -	1 12 0
Paid City Tax on Property, 1846, -	1 12 0
Paid Mr. Starke for Printing, -	11 16 0
Paid Discount on Canada-West Bills, -	0 16 8
Paid Mr. Jacquemart to 21st September, 1848, -	57 10 0
Paid Mr. Baridan to 21st September, 1848, -	50 0 0
Paid Mr. Lapelletrie on account -	12 10 0
Paid Mr. Jacquemart (House-rent), -	7 7 6
Paid Firewood for Chapel, -	1 2 6
Paid Mr. Lapelletrie on account, -	125 15 0
Paid Mr. Lapelletrie's Travelling Expenses, -	0 3 0
Paid Mr. Baridan's Travelling Expenses, -	2 10 0
Paid Postage, &c. for three years -	5 10 10
Paid Postage to M. Klaur, -	2 10 0
£546 6 5	
Receipts, - - - - -	207 11 10½
Debt on Mission - - - - - £338 14 6½	

We subjoin the following Deliverance of the Synod on the above :-

*First,* That the Synod receive and approve the Report, and present their thanks to the Convener, the Rev. William Simpson, and the Committee generally, for the ability, zeal and faithfulness, with which they have managed the important trust which has been committed to them; and instruct the Committee to print such an abstract of the Report as they may judge useful for the information of Congregations, and circulate the same throughout the Church; and that the Synod express their gratitude to the Christian people in Great Britain and other parts of Europe, as well as in the United States, for their liberal contributions towards building a Church or Mission House for the French Congregation in Montreal, and other purposes specified in the Committee's instructions to Mr. Lapelletrie.

*Second,* That the French Mission be placed under the management of two separate Committees, the one to attend to the spiritual superintendence, and the other to the financial concerns of the Mission; That the Committee for the Spiritual Superintendence of the Mission be the Members of the Presbytery of Montreal, the Rev. William Simpson, Convener; and that the following persons be requested to take charge of the Financial Concerns of the Mission—Hugh Allan, Hew Ramsay, John Greenshields, and H. E. Montgomerie, Esquires; and that both Committees report to the Synod at the next meeting.

*Third,* That, considering the Synod have now three Missionaries in the field, it has become more

than ever necessary that every exertion should be made efficiently to maintain this Mission; that Ministers are hereby enjoined to bring the claims of this Mission before their Congregations at least once in the year at as early a date as may be considered expedient, but not later than the first Sabbath in the month of May, and to give them an opportunity of contributing by an extraordinary collection; that Congregations be strongly recommended to form Associations to raise funds for this purpose by subscriptions, donations, and otherwise; and that Ministers of Congregations in arrears be enjoined to make collections on this behalf, and remit the same forthwith to the Financial Committee above named.

LATE MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF CANADA.

Our readers will perceive by the Report of the Synod's proceedings in our last number, that many interesting and important subjects were discussed by that body. It may be useful to draw their attention to some of these subjects more fully than could be done in a mere Report.

The French Mission engaged much of the Synod's attention, and we are happy to see that this important enterprise of our Church is exciting more interest in the minds of its Ministers than it has previously done. We trust that this interest will be communicated to their Congregations, and that they will vigorously support the Synod in the efforts now to be made for its support and extension. When a Church is earnestly engaged in diffusing Divine Truth, it is the best evidence of life and vigour; and, whatever may be the present amount of success attending its efforts, the re-action upon itself is most beneficial. Like bodily exercise, besides the direct apparent results of the labour performed, there is a second, and no less important benefit, the health and strength which the exercise itself imparts.

The Synod displayed a laudable anxiety to guard our Church against the entrance of unqualified or improper persons into the Ministry. Situated as our Church in Canada is, this is a danger to which it is peculiarly exposed; and, much as the want of Ministers is to be regretted, the introduction of incapable or worthless ones would be an evil far more to be deplored. Uniform experience has shown that an unlearned and ignorant Ministry is a vicious and depraved one, and therefore worse than useless. To some extent this danger was guarded against by the enactment of a former Synod, requiring all Ministers and Preachers from other Churches to undergo one year's probation as Missionaries: and another security has now been added, by the appointment of an Examining Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the Literary and Theological attainments of all Candidates for license before any of the Presbyteries, and of all who may wish to be received as Ministers of this Church. This will tend to produce a greater uniformity in examinations, and to relieve the Presbyteries from the difficult and delicate situation in which they are sometimes placed in cases of application for in-