

Presbytery. Because of this such processes as these are going on: Leaving the supply of some Mission Stations in the hands of a neighboring Congregationalist minister; federating a Presbyterian congregation with a congregation of one of the churches negotiating for Union, uniting two Presbyterian congregations, while the prospect of a congregation disbanding, and the fragments thereof seeking to avail themselves of the services in the congregation nearest to each, is in sight.

The Presbytery has carried three vacancies for eight or nine months. During that period very few, if any real candidates appeared in these three. And two of them had supply for but very few Sundays. Because of the smallness of some of them, and so little prospect of growth, ministers with larger congregations, or the prospect of securing such, show little inclination to serve in these. In some cases the difficulty of securing settlement arises from the question of education for children. In some instances there is no school of any kind in the vicinity of the manse. Such a manse is not likely to be sought by a minister whose children are in school age. Yet the Presbytery, with motherly interest, seeks to do the best for her children, whether they be few or many, weak or strong, declining or growing; and though the difficulties are many, some "angels of the church" for years have striven to maintain the candlestick in place.

The work of evangelization among the French has taken on some new vigor, and shows that in more aggressive work; in success in reaching some of those deprived of the word of God with the truth—which has brought them light; in putting forth more endeavor in maintaining ordinances among themselves; and in providing the share of the budget assigned to them. Much of this awakened interest is due the labors and earnestness of Dr. Amaron, sub-convenor of this department of Home Mission work. "Lux lucet in tenebris."



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