

of many lands, met on successive days to bewail the comparative inefficiency of our missionary efforts and entreat the Lord of the harvest, "that He would send forth labourers into His harvest." Does not sincerity require that we act in accordance with our prayers, and that if our drinking habits be an obstacle to success, these habits be abandoned? The gain that would thus result to the church in wealth and power for good is beyond computation.

The Committee recommend special Total Abstinence Societies, and co-operation in securing repressive legislation.

Our Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

Our last number shewed that the congregations in Cape Breton had generally and generously responded to the application of the Committee of Synod in behalf of this Fund.

We have reason to believe that that the Presbytery of St. John, N. B., will lose no time in doing their share of the work. A fair commencement has been made in the City of St. John. Besides the contributions received (for which see acknowledgments), others have been subscribed in sums payable in three and six months, and many persons are yet to be called upon.

Our people in St. John think that their congregational liabilities are unusually heavy at present, and that their general contributions consequently may be excusably diminished for a season, still we must say that our calls (for we spent a few days with brethren of the city in the begging business) were well received, and much interest in the object expressed. The many called on contributed, and those who declined at present will aid at another time.

We anticipate that the Presbytery will lose no time in bringing the effort before all congregations, and in shewing the people an example of Christian liberality. It is now about five years since such a recommendation came from a unanimous Synod. This advice might have been turned into fact, within a single year, if all were as willing to carry out resolutions, as to

vote for them. Nothing has been gained, and good deal has been lost by unnecessary delays, it is therefore hoped that the work to be done will be fully and with good heart carried out during the present year in all the Presbyteries of the Church.

ACADIAN MISSION.

The Committee of the Acadian Mission are sending Rev. Mr. Paradis round on a collecting tour in aid of the Grand Falls Mission Church. They are in immediate want of \$600, which they stand pledged to pay on the 20th of this month. Contracts have been entered into to have the stone foundation completed by Oct. 20th, at a cost of \$310. The framing, rough boarding and shingling to be done by December 1st, at a cost of \$600. A new and most eligible site has been placed at the disposal of the Building Committee by the Kirk Presbytery on the presentation of a petition to that effect by the Committee.

New and handsome plans have been supplied by J. Dunham, Esq., of St. John, —which the Committee pronounce thoroughly satisfactory—and of which the estimated cost is no higher than \$2000. It is to be hoped that by the liberal contributions of our people, our friends at the Falls will be able triumphantly to carry through their programme of putting up and enclosing the building before the deep snows come on.

We copy the above from the *Evangelist*, and now add a few facts respecting the progress and success of Mr. Paradis.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF MR. PARADIS TO REV. WM. STUART.

Mr. P. writes: "I have visited Bass River, Mill Branch, Section 22, of Railway Line, Nicholas River, Richibucto, Kouchibouguac, Chatham, Douglstown, Newcastle, Derby, Blackville, Black River, and Black Brook, and have received \$360, which I regard as a "great success."

"The people come in large numbers to hear about the mission, and the people connected with the Kirk of Scotland seem quite as much interested in it as the people of our own Church.

"I have been working very hard so far, and in fact felt nearly *tired out* last night, after delivering a lecture of an hour and a half on Romanism to a crowded house, and many Roman Catholics listening through the windows.

"I may say, in passing, that I trust I have been been the instrument in God's hand, to make three converts even since I