

eminently fitted, leaving his congregation to be supplied by a French pastor when, it is expected, a union may be formed between it and the American Presbyterian Congregation, the united congregation to find its connection with the sister church in the United States.

### STATE OF RELIGION.

To the questions sent down to Sessions in regard to the State of Religion in the congregations of the General Assembly, replies were returned by the Sessions, the largest number that ever reported. From a conjunct view of the reports these facts are inferred by the Committee :

That, in the congregations from which returns have been received, there has been in most cases a considerable increase in the membership ; that family worship is generally observed by heads of families that are members of the Church ; that in almost every congregation there is a congregational prayer meeting, and that in some there are district meetings for prayer, conducted by Elders or other members of the Church, in which considerable interest has been manifested ; that the congregations, with few exceptions, have a Sabbath school or schools, in which many of the elders, as well as other members of the Church, engage in the instruction of the young, and that the schools are, in some degree, although not so fully as they should be, sustained by the sympathy and aid of the congregations ; that in the congregations there is a growing liberality in the support of God's ordinances among themselves, and that in many cases a more liberal support is given to the schemes of the Church ; that the Sabbath is on the whole well observed, although complaints come from various quarters of temptations to disregard the holy day which are readily yielded to ; that intemperance is on the decrease, but that, in many communities the drinking usages of the day are still exerting a most baneful influence ; that in many congregations there is a growing interest in the cause of Christ, as well as a more regular attendance on public ordinances ; and that, among young men and young women, there is a greater readiness to improve the opportunities afforded them for Bible Class instruction, while a goodly number of them have joined themselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

In this Mission considerable progress is being made towards raising native ministers whose home is the Province of Quebec, and whose tongue is the French. Misael Paradis has been licensed to preach the Gospel, and is labouring in New Brunswick. There are several students in course of training for the ministry, whose spheres of labour were thus assigned last summer :

1. Calvin Amaron stationed at Aylmer ; 2. Telesphore Bronillette, at Riviere du Loup ; 3. Charles Brouillette, at Lancaster ; 4. A. B. Cronin, in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia ; 5. M. F. Bondreau, in the lumbering region of the Upper Gatineau, in connection with the Miss. Soc. of the Montreal Presbyterian Col. ; 6. Charles Chavez, in the Sixes portage on the Gatineau ; 7. G. Mousseau, colporteur in connection with the Bible Society ; 8. E. D. Pelletier, is teaching at St. Anne's, Kankakee.

The statement of accounts is as follows :—

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
To balance .....	\$ 675 88	Sundries .....	\$ 330
Receipts .. .....	3002 92	Board .....	428
		Salary of Prof. Coussirat ..	1600
	\$3678 79	H. Mission Work .....	661
			\$3041
		Balance due .....	637