

as respects times and methods in some instances at least in the same Church. A great deal of freedom, must therefore be continued, and yet it is doubtless desirable that some unity of action in these points should be arrived at, as soon as possible.

The General Assembly has therefore arranged times for collections to be made for the Church's schemes, leaving to sessions entire freedom, if they see cause to prefer other days than those named.—

The following list is slightly different from that of the General Assembly the deviation, arising from, unavoidable circumstances which it would take too long to explain. It has been prepared by a small committee named by one of our Boards.

I. *For our Theological Hall.* From first to third Sabbath of December. The circular issued names the first. Where that has been prevented it is still desirable that this call should be responded to universally by the third Sabbath of December.

II. *For our Supplementing Fund.*—Fourth Sabbath January. The semi-annual payments are nearly all due January first, and the money is then needed. But at all events, let the response to this most needful fund, be promptly forwarded immediately after fourth Sabbath of January. If incumbents should have to wait one month for payment let it be no longer.

III. *For our Foreign Missions.*—The fourth Sabbath of February. The Board appealed for collection in October and this appeal has been responded to partially. Let those who have not yet responded to that appeal, if possible, send in their free will offering for the Foreign Mission Cause by the end of February.

IV. *For French Evangelization.*—The Assembly named July, being in need of funds at once. But the minutes did not reach the Lower Provinces till a later date.

The second Sabbath in April, is therefore recommended for the Lower Provinces.

Surely the great Mission field of the Church in Canada is the Roman Catholic population of the Dominion. This Mission must grow on the Church and we look for a general response.

V. *Home Missions.*—Second Sabbath of May.

Returns from the collecting cards for Dayspring, Mission Schools, Zenana work, and Orphanage, are expected in January at whatever times suit Superintendents and teachers of schools.

Congregations making collections for the Young Men's Bursary scheme, which is one of great value and importance, or for Ministers' Widows' Fund, or for Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, are expected to accomplish their purpose not later than the end of May.

The preceding suggestions have no official authority, except so far as they are hints for carrying out the objects, dear to all true ministers and members of the Church, and recommended by the General Assembly. When congregations accomplish the same object in a different way, or at another time, it is all well. The main object is that all have the opportunity of giving to every scheme which the Church has taken up and feels called on to prosecute.

OUR WORK.

As a Church of Christ our mission is becoming every day more important. We are Christ's witnesses in a fallen and ruined world. The harvest of the earth is ripe. The fields are white. God calls us to reap and to gather sheaves in abundance. The cry, Come and help us, reaches us from near and far. Woe unto us if our ears are so filled with the clamour and din of this world's follies as to shut out the cry of those who are perishing for lack of spiritual food.

In the Island of Cape Breton there is lack of daily bread among the miners. Men, women and children are destitute. But shall their cry for aid be in vain? God forbid. No, no; when the cry of bodily hunger reaches our ears we all are ready to respond to the best of our ability. But why should we be less prompt to aid when the cry is for the Bread of Life? For example, there are in the Maritime Provinces many thousands of Roman Catholics who