

We urge it the more earnestly upon all to do something, as it is exceedingly desirable that the Committee should be placed in a position to enter on a new mission to the heathen without financial embarrassment. At present we have only one ordained missionary labouring among the heathen. A Church with such resources can certainly never be satisfied with such a practical manifestation of its interest in the conversion of the perishing heathen.

Heretofore the difficulty of securing a suitable missionary has stood in the way of anything being done. This obstacle is now apparently removed. Last autumn, Mr. G. L. Mackay offered his services for the Foreign Mission field to the Committee.

In the month of October, circulars were addressed to the Presbyteries of the Church, to ascertain their views in reference to the employment of Mr. Mackay, and also in respect to the field which should be occupied, in the event of the Church entering on a new heathen mission. Replies have been received from all the Presbyteries save one. From these answers, while it is evident there is considerable diversity of opinion as to whether India or China is the field which should be occupied by the Church, there is remarkable unanimity of sentiment as to the propriety of taking immediate steps to commence a new mission to some portion of the heathen field. More than four-fifths of the Presbyteries encourage the Committee to go forward.

In these circumstances, the Committee have decided to recommend to the General Assembly to accept the services of Mr. G. L. Mackay. They have not, as yet, decided upon making any recommendation as to the special field to which he should be sent, but they will probably find themselves in a position to do so ere the Assembly meets. It is expected that Mr. Mackay, who is now in Edinburgh, will, at the request of the Committee, be present at the meeting of the Assembly in Quebec, when it is hoped arrangements will be made for his early designation to the foreign field.

In view of the early commencement of this work, for which many have been longing and praying, we trust the friends of missions will place the Committee in a position which will render it less difficult to undertake the large additional expenditure which this new enterprise will necessarily involve.

WM. McLAREN,

Convener.

OTTAWA, 15th March, 1871.

P. S.—Boxes or parcels of plain substantial clothing will, as in former years, be thankfully received for the Saskatchewan mission, under the care of the Rev. James Nesbet. Such contributions should be sent to J. Playfair, Esq., Toronto, or D. M. Lellan, Esq., Hamilton, as early in April as possible.

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PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.—ENDOWMENT FUND.

At a recent meeting of the College Board it was unanimously resolved: "That, in view of the success which has followed the establishment of the College at Montreal, it is our duty to devise means by which the professorial staff may be increased; further, that steps be taken without delay to make new efforts to induce the congregations connected with the College to contribute liberally to the annual income, as well as to increase the permanent Endowment Fund to at least sixty thousand dollars, and that the following, with power to add to their number, be a committee to carry out