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## The Privilege of Giving.

OUR editorial page this week is crowded with appeals from various committees and Boards of the Church for money. Money is necessary for the carrying on of the work of the Church and no worthier object claims a share than that work. At this season of the year accounts are being closed and each committee has to put its case before its constituency. It becomes the duty of a Church paper to co-operate with the committee. It is a noble duty, one of responsibility, requiring consecrated aims and purpose and a sympathy with the details of the schemes advocated by the committees and re-echoed in these columns. We prize the privilege and would count it a blessed labor if by means of the publication of an appeal one dollar would be added to the free-will offerings of the people. It is blessed to give, to contribute a mite towards the Master's work. We pray you, thoughtful reader, to lay to heart the facts brought before you in the articles following, and let your action be the result of a prayerful searching of conscience.

## French Evangelization.

The claims of the work among the French Canadians have always appealed strongly to the conscience and heart of the Church and justly so, for the work is a noble testimony to the cause of truth and of inestimable value to the Church and country. And yet it is a matter for profound regret that the sympathy so freely bestowed, and the claims so readily admitted do not carry with them material support adequate for the necessary outlays of the Board.

The general meeting was held lately, when the reports by the Presbyteries were presented and the ways and means considered. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board have issued the following statement and appeal as a result of the meeting, and the facts cannot be too widely or too carefully perused:—"The reports from the Presbyteries all spoke of good work, progress—one evidence being the addition of 220 to the Church,—favoring conditions, and the duty of going forward. The only disheartening report was the Treasurer's. He had to present the state of the funds, as follows:—

### Ordinary Fund:

Receipts to date (including balance on hand last May).....	\$14,078 26
Payments to date.....	16,846 25
Required before 1st May.....	8,867 99

### Ordinary Fund, Pointe-aux-Trembles:

Receipts to date (including balance on hand last May).....	\$6,840 07
Payments to date.....	6,162 80
Required before 1st May.....	2,422 33

Total required before 1st May.....\$11,290 32  
Total received during same period, 1895 7,972 63

Estimated deficit.. \$3,317 69

"The Board regarded the whole situation as most serious and considered it at great length. Its judgment

is indicated by its action. It resolved: (1) to order the full payment of salaries due on the 1st May next; (2) to make grants for carrying on the work in 41 fields and 21 mission-day schools, (thus extending the work and at the same time economizing \$170 per month as compared with grants made at same date last year); (3) to appeal to the congregations, that have given nothing to the funds, for a contribution; to those contributing less than they did last year to even up at least; to all others to help, if possible, avert this *threatening deficit*. The Board cannot believe that just when God is opening doors for His messengers to enter with the bread of life to the hungry, His believing children will block the way by withholding what is their meet and bounden duty to give."

This plain, strong statement of facts ought to bear fruit in a practical manner by providing against the threatened deficit and placing the funds on a satisfactory footing. In the exercise of Christian liberality at this time the needs of French Evangelization ought not to be forgotten.

## The Institutional Church.

Students of the "Institutional Church" will find material for study in a description of the activities of the Jersey City Tabernacle, which the pastor, Rev. John L. Scudder, contributes to the *Sunday School Times*. "The keynote of Institutional work," he says, is ministering to the entire man and interesting yourself in every department of his being," and the results outlined in this article make it clear that this particular work is really as comprehensive as the claim which is made for it. In five buildings are provided industrial training, gymnasiums for both sexes, amusements, art teaching and music, from voice culture to drum and fife practice for the boys. All this with the idea of keeping the boys out of the street and the young men out of the saloons. The result of these attractions, wisely and lovingly maintained and administered, is found in a church made up largely of young people and a Sunday school with more males than females in its membership. Throughout the work it is plain from what Mr. Scudder says that there is the attractive power of a warm and unassuming sympathy, while the aim is always to awaken an ambition and direct it into the highest channels. "It is a crying pity," Mr. Scudder adds, "that Institutional churches located in tenement house districts are not more liberally supported by Christian men and women of wealth." Perhaps when we can have more men who are fitted by training and sympathy for the oversight of "these gigantic missionary plants" the question of endowment may not be so difficult.

## Higher Religious Instruction.

The examination syllabus for 1896 for Higher Religious Instruction has been distributed by the Convener, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., St. John, N.B., and it may be said at once that the committee is to be congratulated on the selection and arrangement of subjects for study. All Bible Classes and Young People ought to take a deep interest in this work, and information will be gladly given by Rev. W. Farquharson, B.A., Claude, Ont., the vice-convener in charge of this special work. The Committee prints the following address to the Sabbath Schools:—"Sabbath Schools that have not yet sent a contribution to the funds of the General Assembly's Committee are reminded that the financial year closes with April 30th. The publication of such a complete series of *Lesson Helps* has necessarily involved the committee in great expense. The burden is at present