

from under the cloud of hypocrisy. It is hoped that the permanent settlement among them of a missionary which may soon be effected, will serve to back the wavering, and to strengthen the faith and courage of those who through good and evil report have held to the truth, "persuaded"—as our good old Bible reader affectingly remarks "that God will be a refuge to him who perseveres."

To fill up in some measure M. Paradis' place, Mr. Casey has been transferred from the Home Mission staff, to labour under the charge of your committee in this necessitous field. He is reported to be well-fitted, both by early training, and by his familiar acquaintance with both languages, for the peculiar services required.

PICTOU.

The Presbytery of Pictou, besides sustaining their full share of the burden of the General Mission, and presenting such pattern samples of liberality as that of Mr. Walker's congregation which, with its own Church laid in ashes, yet forwards a contribution of \$124, has this spring secured at their own cost the services of M. Cruchet to labour among the Alsatian emigrants, newly arrived within their bounds. A statement in connection with this Report will be laid before Synod by the Convener of the Presbytery's sub-committee having charge of this special enterprise.

FINANCE.

Your committee have to call attention to the fact, that although the Grand Falls Church Fund is in a decidedly healthy state the expenditure on the mission account proper, has overrun by fully a third the receipts; the figures being respectively received, \$876.93; expended \$1199.55. To begin with, a heavy balance is reported as due the Treasurer, (\$98.84); then Mr. Paradis' salary has run over the whole year, instead of the summer months only, as heretofore; while the saving effected by Mr. Brouillette's unexpected withdrawal this spring has been more than counter-balanced by Mr. Richard's engagement. An economy amounting almost to parsimony has been forced upon the Committee, and so as seriously to hamper them in the prosecution of their work. The Church must face the truth that, with all aid possible to be drawn from local sources to bolster up the meagre salaries they can offer, over \$1000 annually is now required to maintain undiminished their small staff of one permanent missionary, one other employed during the summer months only, and a Colporteur at half the usual rates. To the facts thus presented nothing need be added other than this, that the committee wish to be relieved in the future from the painful necessity of borrowing from other

funds which are all of them, too heavily weighted already. Justice demands that each honest claim shall be separately and squarely met. As our people are serious in their wishes for the success of this great work to which the Church stands committed, so let them act. With praise worthy liberality they have responded to the direct and personal appeals addressed to them by our missionary. The committee look upon their conduct in this respect as but the earnest and pledge of the yet nobler efforts which the aroused conscience of the Church will lead her to put forth when once she is convinced that her Acadia Mission is destined to take a front rank among her greater schemes.

In conclusion the committee would beg leave to bring to the notice of Synod the accompanying financial exhibit of the state of the funds as regards the Grand Falls Church account, and the Acadia Mission account respectively. [This was submitted to the Synod].

They would also recommend:—

1st. "That the Synod do authorize the Presbytery of Saint John to ordain Mr. Paradis as a missionary to the French Acadians, when requested by the Acadian Mission Committee."

2nd. "That Synod authorize the committee to pay Mr. Paradis, now licensed at the rate of \$600 per annum, Mr. P., to pay his own board and travelling expenses, with the exception of railroad, stage and steamboat fare outside his special district, and when incurred in their service; and that the salary of Mr. Paradis be for one year from the date of his ordination at the rate of \$510 to be paid by the committee in addition to what may be contributed by the people among whom he may be appointed to labour."

3rd. "That the committee be empowered to take such additional steps as may be necessary to carry on in an efficient manner the work of evangelizing the French Acadians upon which the Church has already entered."

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order of Committee,

W. STUART, Convener.

The Report was approved. Rev. Thomas Cumming gave an encouraging account of work done among Alsatian Miners.

Recommendations.

The following recommendations were adopted:—

1. "That the Synod authorize the Presbytery of St. John, to ordain Mr. Paradis as a missionary to the French Acadians, when requested by the Acadian French Committee."