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COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By appointment of Synod, the collection for Foreign Missions falls to be taken up on the third Sabbath of March (15th inst.) We bespeak for this important collection, the intelligent and considerate liberality of the Church. The demands upon the treasury of the Foreign Mission Committee this year, render enlarged liberality more than ordinarily necessary.

The expenditure for the last few months has been very heavy. The large balance on hand of \$4,809.16 reported to the Synod in June, has already been spent in meeting liabilities incurred for the British Columbian, Red River, and Saskatchewan Missions.

The Synod, moreover, authorized the committee to send an additional labourer to the Red River. Another missionary is also urgently required to take the place left vacant by the return of Mr. Duff from British Columbia. Hopes are now entertained that suitable labourers will soon be found for these important fields. This increase in our missionary staff will necessarily involve the Committee in additional expenses which will have to be met by this collection.

The Church has also pledged itself to embark in a Mission to the heathen. To a certain extent this pledge has been redeemed by the Mission established among the Red Indians; but certainly not to the extent which was originally intended. It can scarcely be regarded as creditable to a denomination so large and prosperous as the Canada Presbyterian Church, that it is not doing its part in carrying the glad-tidings of salvation to the perishing millions of the heathen world. We are satisfied that, if the means are forthcoming, men can be found in our Church, who are prepared to undertake this work.

WILLIAM McLAREN, *Convener.*

Belleville, 17th February, 1868.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

We have reason to believe that both congregations and individuals are advancing in their views of the theory and practise of christian liberality. In a very large proportion of our congregations, missionary associations have been formed, or are in course of being formed; and there are, from time to time, encouraging indications of progress among the members of the church.

Since our last issue, we have received two letters, accompanying liberal contributions to the missionary schemes of the church, to which we cannot forbear making reference, indicating, as they do, a spirit which, were it generally prevalent, would soon lead to great results.