

time, &c." Will not very many of the Lord's children come at once to the help of the Board and enable them to admit as many pupils as the buildings can accommodate? Will not Ministers and Sabbath-school Superintendents at once take the matter up and notify the Board of their readiness to support one or more pupils?

We earnestly trust that many will do so without delay.

#### THANKSGIVING COLLECTION.

The Dominion Government has appointed Wednesday, 3rd November, as a Day of Thanksgiving. What more appropriate than that a special collection be made in all our churches that day for the Pointe aux-Trembles Schools. We trust that this suggestion will meet with favour and be adopted in very many of our churches. We trust that in all our Congregations and Sabbath-schools, special prayer will be offered on behalf of the Schools, that the work of the present session may be greatly blessed, and that many of the pupils may not only see the errors of Romanism but be led to give their hearts to the Saviour.

#### EX-PRIESTS.

A number of Priests of the Church of Rome are at present knocking for admission at the door of our Church. One of those appeared last week before the Presbytery of Montreal. After careful examination by a Committee, the Presbytery resolved to ask him to attend the Montreal Presbyterian College this session. He was willing, but had no money to enable him to do so. So favorably impressed were they with this gentleman that the members of Presbytery at once subscribed a sum sufficient to meet his expenses this Session. Three other applicants are anxious to attend College but have not the necessary funds to enable them to do so. Will not some generous friends of the work at once provide the requisite means? Contributions for this purpose will be received and duly acknowledged by the Treasurer of the Board, Rev. R. H. Warden, 260 St. James Street, Montreal.

#### THE LADIES' SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Ladies' French Evangelization Society last week, it was resolved to endeavour to establish branch Ladies' Societies throughout the Church with a view to meet in whole or in part the support of the Girls' School at Pointe-aux-Trembles. We shall refer more fully to this matter next month and present our readers with an engraving of the Girls' School Building. Meanwhile information as to the formation of Branch Ladies' Societies may be obtained on application to Mrs. Professor Campbell, 19

St. Luke Street, Montreal, or to Mr. Warden. The interest among the Montreal ladies is increasing in a very marked manner, fully 40 being present at the meeting last week, embracing all the congregations of our Church in the city. We trust that ere long there will be many similar societies throughout the Church to aid this increasingly important work.

### Foreign Mission Report.

#### (WESTERN SECTION.)

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Fourteen years ago, when Mis-tawa-sis and his band were wandering over the plains in a purely savage and heathen state, they visited Prince Albert, and were brought under the influence of the late Rev. James Nisbet and his interpreter, Mr. Mackay. They were the first missionaries with whom these Indians had come in contact. The impression made upon them appears to have been deeper than was supposed at the time. After white settlers came to the neighbourhood, they moved away, and are now settled upon a reserve north of Carlton, about seventy miles from Prince Albert, but they have not forgotten what they learned in by-gone years. Other denominations have sought to find entrance among them, but they evince a strong desire to obtain the means of grace from those who first brought them to the light. A year ago, the chief called together all his councillors and head men to decide what steps should be taken to secure a teacher from their own denomination. He then sent for Mr. Mackay, and asked him what prospect there was that they could obtain a minister for themselves. Mr. Mackay could not give them any definite assurance, but promised to let his brethren know, and to do what he could for them. Last winter, a second council was held, and the old chief Mis-tawa-sis himself was sent as a delegate to Mr. Mackay, to urge their request for a minister. In a lengthened conversation he referred to the time, fourteen years before, when Mr. Mackay began to teach them. He and his followers were then upon the war path. "He wondered," writes Mr. Mackay, "that I was not afraid to go among them, when danger impended. He said the Almighty had directed his footsteps toward the setting sun, where by the river he had learned to know Christ; and the object of his mission was to see if I could aid him to get a minister of his own. He wished me to tell the Committee that they wanted no other than the native who speaks their own language, and who first taught him to know God, meaning my-