

French Mission work of the Church. The minutes of the Assembly will be "out" immediately, and will embody doubtless, the Convener's report, to which the special attention of all the members of the Church ought to be directed either from the pulpits on the Sabbath day, or at a week-day meeting called for the purpose. Our American friend, Dr. Mutchmore, who listened to the report as read in the Assembly, came to the conclusion, that "this work among the Canadian Catholics is beyond anything he had been hitherto willing, from newspaper accounts, to believe. If half the number reported are coming out from the soul-slavery of Rome, it is the greatest movement in this direction of the age."

THE MEMORIAL FUND.—We are sorry to say that the contemplated "Memorial Fund" has "gone up." In their report, the Committee to whom the consideration of this matter was entrusted state that, "they do not recommend to the Assembly the prosecution of the object referred to, but rather that it should be urged upon all our congregations that the true memorial of the Union, in which we rejoice, would be in the quickening of the Church's life, and in the intensifying of its interest, and enlargement of its liberality, in regard to all the schemes of the Church." For ourselves, we always thought that *this* might be done, without leaving the other undone; but we must allow that the Committee are the best judges of the situation.

A THOUSAND DOLLARS BID.—An enthusiastic Elder who feels disappointed with the decision arrived at, authorizes us to say, that he is willing to be *one of ten*, to give one thousand dollars each, to the Home Mission Fund, on or before the 1st September next, as a private thank-offering for the consummation of the Union. We shall be very happy to be the medium of communication be-

tween parties disposed to negotiate on the terms specified. Here is a splendid opportunity of making a *profitable* investment!

THE LATE MR. JAMES BAIRD, OF CAMBUSDOON.

"The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all." A short time since a leading topic with American journalists was the death of Mr. A. T. Stewart, of New York, whose wealth was computed at something over one hundred millions of dollars. His income was probably between five and six millions annually. He was the architect of his own fortune; he amassed his enormous wealth by honest trading, and, humanly speaking, he had a right to do what he pleased with it. But it does not seem to have occurred to him, that he was under obligations to dedicate any considerable portion of his substance to the Lord. Excepting three or four mammoth white marble palaces, in one of which he lived while on the earth, he has left no monument to perpetuate his name.

Mr. James Baird, who died lately in Ayrshire, was believed to be one of the wealthiest Commoners in Britain. At the time of his death, by his prudence and success in business, he had come to occupy a prominent position in society, and passed away crowned by many works of philanthropy. Mr. Baird was for many years the head of the great Gartsherrie Iron Company, which extended its operations into various parts of the country, until they had some forty-two furnaces in full blast, giving employment to more than 10,000 men and boys, and producing a fabulous amount of pig iron. Mr. Baird sat for some years in Parliament, though he seldom spoke in the House. Of late years he gave most of his time and attention to the promotion of religious education. He was liberal in his contributions in aid of schools and churches. In 1871, he founded the Baird Lectureship in Glasgow University "for the defence of orthodox teaching, and the exposure and refutation of error and