

circumstances of the case, approve of the course now taken by the Synod so far as giving greater independence of action by having the support of the Pastors disbursed through the Treasurer or other agency appointed by the Synod. It being always provided that the adoption of this arrangement with the Synod in no wise affects the Committee's present relation to those Pastors who may not for any reason be able to become members of the Synod. Further that this Committee agree to pay over to the Treasurer of the Synod, for the year commencing 1st November next the sum of \$3,900 by monthly instalments of \$325 each, it being understood that the engagement to contribute such funds shall only extend from year to year, the amount granted to be annually fixed according to circumstances, the Committee viewing the present arrangement as temporary in character and as looking to the future independence of the Synod as to support from the Society.

It is further understood that ministers receiving any portion of the funds contributed by the Society, shall have signed the Constitution and become *bona fide* members of the Synod. The amount now named is contributed with the understanding that the Synod will as a body and the members of it respectively so far as is consistent with due regard to its special work, seek to obtain funds from sources not open to the Society, so as to reduce the amount granted to the Synod. It being further understood that all funds thus collected by the members of the Synod, and all contributions by the congregations over and above all ordinary contingent expenses, apart from the stipends of the ministers, shall be at the disposal of the Committee."

The Committee commend the Synod to the prayers and pecuniary liberality, of all who desire to advance the Gospel of the Lord Jesus among our benighted French Canadian population.

SAGUENAY. REPORT OF THE REV T. G. A. COTE—"The work entrusted to our charge furnishes much to encourage us and to be thankful for. I have recently met with most determined and bitter opposition from the Romish priests in this section, who have from the pulpit denounced me and warned their people not to admit me into their houses, or to hear me preach, and yet they cannot hinder their people from both receiving me kindly and often coming to hear me preach the Gospel. The people say that the bitterness of their priests only lessens their confidence in them.

I make Chicoutimi the centre of my field of labor. It has a church, a day-school, containing 20 scholars of whom six are Roman Catholics, also a Sunday school with about the same number of children. There are twelve Protestant families. About fifty persons attend preaching, twelve of whom are members of the church.

Grand Bay station contains twelve Protestant families, twenty people attend our preaching, eight of these are members of the church.

Lac St. Johns' station has eight Protestant families, thirty persons attend preaching, we have no church at this station. At present we are endeavouring to establish a Protestant school, and I hope during the coming year to be able to preach at that station twice a month. It is