

**LEAVE TO RETIRE.**—Permission was given to the following ministers to retire from the active duties of the ministry:—Rev. Joseph Elliot of Cannington, Matthew Wilson of Sidney Mines, C. B. John Morrison of Waddington, U. S., Walter Thorburn of Bermuda, William Stewart of Hornby, Dr. Neill of Seymour, William King of Maidstone and Alex. Grant of Ashfield, Ont.

**TEMPORALITIES EXPENSE FUND.**—Principal Grant reports that less than one half of the amount required to cover the whole outlay incurred by litigation and acquiring new legislation had been provided by about one-ninth of the congregations. It was agreed that a statement to that effect should be sent to the non-contributing congregations, and that they be invited to co-operate in this behalf.

**LADIES COLLEGE.** DR. COCHRANE presented a report of the Ladies' College at Brantford, and Dr. MOORE of that at Ottawa. Both institutions are in a highly satisfactory condition.

A congratulatory and fraternal message was presented from the Reformed Church in America, and the Moderator and Rev. Dr. Reid, clerk of the Assembly, were appointed to draft a reply.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the citizens of London for their hospitable entertainment of the delegates; to the trustees of St. Andrew's Church, to the railway and steamboat companies, and to the press.

The Moderator then briefly addressed the Assembly, acknowledging the excellent spirit manifested throughout the proceedings, and the increasingly large measure of prosperity characteristic of the work of the Church throughout all its branches.

The Assembly then adjourned.

## FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

### ANNUAL COLLECTION.

By appointment of the General Assembly, the annual collection for the French Evangelization Scheme takes place on Sabbath, 15th July.

Fifty-six missionaries were employed by the Board during the past year. Seventeen of these were colporteurs who distributed 2,598 copies of the Word of God, and about 26,000 French tracts. Thirteen schools, with 19 teachers and 533 pupils, are maintained by the Board. Seventy-six preaching stations are regularly supplied, and the prospects generally are most hopeful.

The estimated amount required for the current year is \$35,000.

This is the first of the Annual Collections for the Schemes of the Church, this ecclesiastical year, and it is a matter of great importance that it be taken up on the Sabbath appointed—15th July—in all Congregations and Mission Stations. In addition to the Sabbath Collection, families in every church, where there is no Missionary Association, should be personally canvassed for subscriptions on behalf of this important Scheme. Where there is no settled pastor the elders should attend to this, and in mission fields students and other missionaries should personally see to its being done.—A little effort in this direction will very materially swell the contributions, and instead of

only \$4 or \$5 from a whole congregation or mission field five or ten times the amount could easily be obtained.

Copies of the annual report may be had on application to Rev. R. H. Warden, 260 St. James St, Montreal, to whom all contributions should be forwarded.—R. H. W.

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PAYMENT IN ADVANCE.

**N**O two General Assemblies are just alike. They differ from each other in their *personnelle* as well as their environments. A number of the fathers and brethren who in past years have taken a prominent part in the proceedings of the Court, were this year conspicuous by their absence. But though Moses must be left in Moab, there is never wanting a Joshua to lead the Assembly on to new conquests. The Session that has just closed has been a very harmonious, quiet and orderly one. The reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Committees and of the Board of French Evangelization were encouraging. With one single exception, the treasuries of all of them were reported to be overflowing, and the work going on satisfactorily at every point. In the report on Statistics it is remarked that the total contributions for the "Schemes of the Church" show a falling off to the extent of \$55,085. The explanation is that one of the congregations in the Presbytery of Montreal returned under this heading last year the exceptionally large sum of \$75,061. The same congregation is this year credited with only \$1,711. The excess of the previous year was due to certain special donations to the Presbyterian College, Montreal, which are classed as contributions to the Schemes. With this explanation it will be seen that the missionary contributions of the past year are in reality very considerably in advance of last year. A new feature in this Assembly, and a most pleasing one, was the fraternal greetings that passed between us and the Synod of the Church of England sitting at the same time in London. This is probably the first