

We thankfully acknowledge a gift of \$500 from the late Rev. R Lewis, of Maitland, Ontario. This contribution to the funds came most opportunely, and enabled the Committee to close its accounts for the year with a slight improvement in the financial position. Mr. Lewis generously bequeathed a further sum of \$500 to the work on condition that the entire indebtedness be paid off within six months of his decease; this time will expire in September next.

At the last meeting of the Provincial Synod, held in Montreal in September, 1898, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Your Committee recognizing that the French Mission in the Province of Quebec, commonly called the Sabrevois Mission, is carried on, not in the spirit of proselytism, but rather to provide a spiritual home and preserve in the membership and faith of Christ's Church those amongst our French fellow citizens who, from various causes, are unsettled in their faith and inclined to drift away altogether from Christianity, recommend that Mission to the sympathy and support of the church in this ecclesiastical province."

In view of this resolution and of the great importance of the work among the masses of the French people of this Province, it is hoped that the day is not far distant when the Sabrevois Mission will be carried on, if possible even on a larger scale, as a department of the work controlled by the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of this ecclesiastical province.

We make grateful mention of the good work being done by the Ladies' Committee, of which Mrs. M. H. Gault continues to be the honoured and energetic President. Mrs. Gault and her Committee have toiled on, and still toil, with an enthusiasm that never weakens and a patience that never tires.

Before closing these remarks, we earnestly request all into whose hands a copy of this Report may come to read carefully the subjoined reports, etc., which are included for the information of the church at large. Enquiries are solicited, and further information will most gladly be given by any member of the Committee or by the undersigned.

In the meantime we may state that *our immediate wants are:*

- 1st. \$10,000 to pay off mortgage on the Mission schools:
- 2nd. \$10,000 as endowment for clerical stipend, clergyman to minister in the church and parish, thus freeing the Principal from all other duties except those connected with the schools.

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