

our operations, "to strengthen our stakes and lengthen our cords," we can do little for the evangelization of the heathen world, or for any other good cause.

The Statistical Report shows that more has been achieved during the past year than in any previous year. More souls have been added to the Lord, and more of the people's substance has been consecrated to the Lord's service.

The attendance on the Assembly was unusually large, but the hospitality of the people of Kingston was more than equal to the occasion. Much of the comfort and success of the Assembly was confessedly due to the admirable accommodation provided in the noble new Building of Queen's University.

It must be borne in mind that much of the Assembly's work must always be matured by Committees. Some Committees on the present occasion sat as early as 7 a.m., and as late as 11 p.m. in order to overtake the work assigned to them.

The presence of Rev. L. G. MACKAY, D.D., who has been so pre-eminently useful in Formosa, was a feature of special interest in the late Assembly. His earnest and pathetic missionary addresses will long be remembered by all who heard them.

"The best of all was, God is with us,"—with us to give peace and brotherly love,—to give light and wisdom,—to hear and answer prayer,—to remove stumbling-blocks,—to strengthen our faith and hope, and to disappoint our fears. The Seventh General Assembly was one of the shortest in our history; but it was not the least fruitful in work. It may indeed be called a working Assembly in contradistinction to a talking Assembly. The Prayer-meeting every morning was crowded. The evening meetings were very largely attended by the public. The attendance of members continued very considerable to the closing hour. Ministers and elders return to their respective spheres with renewed heart and hope, and a determination to work loyally for the cause of Christ in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

French Evangelization.

THE annual collection on behalf the French Evangelization scheme takes place, by appointment of the General Assembly, on Sabbath, 17th July.

The Board employed last year 14 colporteurs, maintained 12 mission schools, and supplied Gospel ordinances to the French-speaking people in 35 different fields. The total number of missionaries employed was 55.

So numerous are the openings at present that from 10 to 12 additional labourers would be at once added to the staff did the state of the fund

warrant it. The requirements of the Board for this year are \$34,000, an estimate based on the staff *at present* employed. To enable the Board to extend the work by opening up new fields and admitting as many pupils to the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools as the buildings will accommodate, the revenue should reach at least \$40,000. With the improvement in business generally, and the prospect of a good harvest, there should be no difficulty in raising this amount. Attention is specially called to the following points:—

(1) That the Collection be made on *the Sabbath named*, 17th of July.

(2) That it be taken up in *all Congregations*—settled and vacant;—in *all Mission Stations*; and in *each Preaching Station* connected with the several Congregations and Mission Stations of the Church.

(3) That in view of the increased expenditure of the current year consequent on the growth of the work, the need of increased liberality on the part of the friends of the Mission be prominently brought before the Congregations of the Church.

(4) That owing to the precariousness, from various causes, of a Sabbath Collection, an *additional* opportunity to contribute be given, where there are no Missionary Associations, by means of Subscription Sheets, copies of which may be obtained on application to Mr. Warden.

(5) That the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools be brought before Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools with a view to the support of a pupil, who will correspond directly with the Sabbath School from time to time. Should any Bible Class or Sabbath School be unable to provide the full amount required for the maintenance of a pupil, a liberal contribution towards this object is earnestly solicited.

(6) That by instructions of the General Assembly, all Collections and Contributions for French Evangelization (including Rev. C. Chiniquy's Mission) be forwarded *direct* to the Treasurer, addressed Rev. ROBT. H. WARDEN, 260 St. James St., Montreal, from whom extra copies of last year's Report may be obtained.

(7) That on the Sabbath appointed for the collection, the attention of Congregations be drawn to this Scheme of the Church, and special prayer be offered for its continued success and for the outpouring of the Spirit of God on all engaged in the work.

Knowing how dependent, under God, upon the ministers and missionaries of the Church for success is any appeal for increased interest and liberality the hearty co-operation of such is earnestly solicited on behalf of this important scheme. Students and other missionaries are requested to forward their addresses to the Secretary, who will supply them with copies of the Annual Report. Besides contributions from congregations and Sabbath Schools, the Board respectfully solicit donations from all the friends of the mission. As \$8,000 are required to meet the salaries of missionaries before the end of July, an *early* response is urgently requested.