



170 Queen Street,

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My dear Father,

I have just heard this morning that the Presbyterian Board of French Evangelization have decided their want of funds, to dispense with the services of their city colporteur here. The matter is complicated with some hitch that occurred lately, as to whether he should take up work in the surrounding country or continue exclusively in city work. It is possible he may have taken too much upon himself in deciding as he

thought best; but after 35
years of faithful work
this should not be con-
sidered an unpardonable
offence.

I have written to Dr
Warden about it; and
have suggested that he ar-
range for the ^{four or} five Presbyter-
ian Churches here to make
a special contribution to
enable the Board to continue
this missionary's salary.
The Churches here do furnish
too little for French work,
and this is just the
kind of request they need,
to interest them in it.
If he can arrange this
to take effect from the

1st May, I have undertaken to raise enough in the mean time to enable the man to pull thro' the month of April. His salary is \$50 a month; & he has a wife & three children; but \$30 will be enough in the mean time. I feel sure you will be good enough to help me to the extent of \$10⁰⁰; and if you will, I can manage the rest. I am going to ask Dr. Anni of the Geol. Survey for \$10⁰⁰; he was wicked enough to marry an English wife, and is accused of not taking as much interest as he shd in French work; so this will be an opportunity for him.

William
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Even if the ~~Trust Board~~
do not carry the matter
through, it is common charity
to help the family by giving
them time to look round
for something else to do,
for a living. I must say
it is rather hard to dis-
miss a man at a couple
of months notice, at the
age of 65 or so, when he
has practically given his
whole life to the work.
Could you not get them to
arrange some sort of "retiring
allowance," ^{for Colporteurs,} as they do for
Ministers?

Your affect.^d son

William -

(It is need like this that makes me fear
the music of the offered piano will
prate upon me!)