

cluded, and an influence is exerted on the public mind which must bring forth bitter fruit at no distant day. Take this in connection with the fact, that the reading provided for the young in our public libraries is, in a great measure, of a secular or irreligious character, and if we can see in it no cause of alarm, I think we can at least see in it an important reason why we should be actively engaged in putting the Bible and religious tracts and books into every family, as well as in furnishing our own families with salutary reading, and excluding from them everything of a pernicious tendency. Our roses have thorns; our blessings have dangers; while thankful for a free press, we have need to be vigilant and prayerful in regard to it.

Hard Lot Removed in Gray Hairs.

Mrs. F. was an aged woman living on her allowance from the parish. She was induced to attend cottage meetings held in her neighborhood, and thankfully received the visits of the missionaries.

During one of these visits the agent asked:—

“How old are you Mrs. F.?”

“I am seventy-nine, sir; and until the last four or five months, I have for many years looked upon mine as a hard lot.”

“Is it not so hard, Mrs. F., as it used to be?”

“It is not hard now, sir, for I have Christ in my heart, which makes everything sweet and pleasant to me. I can read my Bible; and when I have but a crust of bread, I can be thankful to God for His goodness to me.”

“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

The Standing Committee appointed to suggest topics and to make arrangements for Presbyterial Conference met, and was constituted by Rev. E. A. McCurdy, Chairman of the Committee, when the following topics and arrangements were agreed upon for the meeting of Presbytery to be held in Chalmers Church, on Tuesday, 12th April, at 2½ o'clock, P. M. :—

Topics for the afternoon sederunt; Divine appointment, and Duties of the Eldership.

Topics for the evening sedement; Responsibilities, and Rewards of the Eldership.

Each of these subjects to be opened by two addresses,—one by a Clergyman, the other by an Elder,—the addresses not to exceed fifteen minutes in length, and subsequent addresses not to exceed five minutes, the exercises to be interspersed with prayer and praise.

The following brethren were appointed to speak on the different subjects, viz.:

1. Rev. R. Sedgewick and Mr. D. Blackwood, on the Divine appointment of the Eldership.

2. Rev. A. Glendenning and G. A. Blanchard on the Duties of the Eldership.

3. Rev. J. McLeod and Robert Murray on the Responsibilities of the Eldership.

4. Rev. A. Falconer and M. H. Goudge on the Rewards of the Eldership.

The Committee would extend a cordial invitation to the Elders of the Church and to the public generally, to avail themselves of the privilege of attending this Conference.

J. M. McLEOD, Clerk.

The Treasurer acknowledges receipts for the month past as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Upper Musquodoboit (omitted in last Number).....	\$14 60
James McLean, Pictou.....	5 00
Middle Stewiacke, South side of river.....	12 00
Calvin Church, St. John.....	42 05
Nine Mile River.....	20 00
Sabbath School Missionary Society, St. John's Church, Halifax.....	20 00
Parrsboro' Congregation.....	4 00
Harbour Grace Sab. col.....	15 15
“ “ John Munn, Esq., ann.....	20 00
Robt. McNaughton, Fish Pools, Pictou	1 50
Earlton and West Branch, R. John, Pictou, per Rev. Wm. Grant.....	31 80
Samuel Archibald, Watervale, per Rev. J. Thompson.....	3 00
William McLeod, Watervale, per Rev. J. Thompson.....	1 00
Middle and North Harbour Cape North Sabbath Schools, per Angus McLean	5 00

“ DAYSPRING.”

Sab. School of Côté St. Ch. Montreal..	30 74
“ “ Erskine Ch. “ “	20 00
“ “ Cornwallis North:	
Richmond Barnaby.....	\$2 50
Annie J. Dickey.....	4 25
Harriet Irvine.....	1 00
Edwin Ells.....	2 13
Sarah Ells.....	2 20
John Tupper.....	2 81
Ann Macrae.....	4 00
Joseph Kerr.....	5 00
Sab. School Bass River, Londonderry..	9 20
“ “ Salem Church, Green Hill:	
Col. by Miss Janet McLeod....	\$3 50
“ “ Harriet Reid.....	4 10
“ “ Jessie Graham.....	6 27
“ “ Nancy McDonald.....	2 12
“ “ L. M. Patterson.....	4 82
“ “ Cassie McKenzie.....	6 15