

been accomplished, and is being still sustained with unabated vigor,—indeed, from the increased numbers attending both school and Sabbath evening services, the prospects are much brighter for the future than ever heretofore.

The following is the list of contributions:—Joseph McKay, \$50; David Morrice, \$25; Mrs. John Redpath, \$25; Alex. Walker, \$20; James Brown, \$20; Warden King, \$15; W. D. McLaren, \$15; L. Patton, \$15; George Rogers, \$15; Robert Anderson, \$10; John Campbell, \$10; M. McKenzie, \$10; George Browne, \$10; H. Morton, \$8; John Anderson, \$5; R. McCallum, \$5; R. Logie, \$5; Joseph Mewhort, \$5; Donald Campbell, \$5; M. Hutchison, \$5; A. Ritchie, \$5; John Moir, \$5; D. McFarland, \$5; James Williamson, \$5; James Ross, \$5; McLachlan Brothers & Co., \$5; Mrs. Holmes, \$5; C. Stilwell, \$3; Wm. McGibbon, \$3; W. B. H., \$2; Sabbath evening collections, \$39. Total, \$360.

P. S.—In addition to the above contributions, those who enjoyed Mr. Fraser's services, recently sent him \$50 as a token of their esteem and gratitude.

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### THE SASKATCHEWAN MISSION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RECORD:

DEAR SIR,—I perceive by the last number of the *Record* that Mr. Nisbett calls the attention of the friends of his Mission to the "Bell" that was spoken of by a few friends in Malton nearly two years ago. You will remember an appeal to the Sabbath Schools of this Church was made at that time, and I am exceedingly sorry to say only one school (Grimsby) responded. I sincerely hope the Sabbath School scholars and teachers in connection with our Church will make an effort and send a dollar or two from each school, and when the Spring opens, Mr. Nisbett will receive the "Bell." Subscriptions can be sent to the Agent of the Church, or to George Dawson, Esq., Malton.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours, respectfully,

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE BELL.

### STATE OF RELIGION.

CIRCULAR ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—The Committee on the State of Religion, appointed by the General Assembly, desire respectfully to submit the following questions for your consideration; and they request you to furnish your Presbytery with a report on the state of religion within your congregation not later than the 1st of February, that a full report may be prepared for the ensuing Assembly. The Committee are aware that some look disparagingly on such enquiries, as if the state of religion could not be made a matter of statistics. But, they would ask if that idea is correct, is not church history an impossibility, and a large portion of the Scriptures a mistake? What would be the value of the historical books—what even of the epistles or prophetic books—if the accounts which they give of the state of religion, at the period of which they treat, or to which they refer, were eliminated from them? And may we not attempt to gather up from year to year, such notices of its condition throughout our Church, as may call for either humiliation or thanksgiving.