

CHURCH IN CANADA.

BURSARIES OF THE LAY ASSOCIATION.

Since the publication of the Annual Report the distribution of these Bursaries has, on the recommendation of the authorities of Queen's College, been somewhat varied. The recipients are as follow:

Of the remaining two years of the three years' Bursary, Mr. Peter Lindsay.

Of the two years' Bursary, Mr. John McKerras.

Of the one year's Bursary, Mr. James Gordon.

These young men are all studying for the Ministry in connection with the Church of Scotland.

INDUCTION AT BELLEVILLE.

It will be gratifying to the friends of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, to learn that the Rev. W. McEwen, late of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation in Belleville on Wednesday, the 13th Nov. last. The Rev. Thomas Scott, who presided on the occasion, preached a suitable discourse from Mat. xxii ch. and 42nd verse, and the Minister and people were addressed in solemn terms by the Rev. Robert Neil, of Seymour.—We congratulate our Presbyterian friends in Belleville on the settlement of Mr. McEwen amongst them; and all the more because they have long been without a settled Minister, but have, nevertheless, resolutely maintained their identity and existence as a Congregation and proved themselves to be zealously attached to the Church of their fathers. We sincerely trust that the solemn connexion, so auspiciously formed between them and their Pastor, may be owned and blessed by God, and tend much to the prosperity of pure and undefiled Religion in Belleville and its vicinity.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

This Presbytery presents a very different aspect now from that which it exhibited for some time after the Disruption. It then consisted of only three Ministers capable of active service, the fourth whose name appeared on the roll being superannuated. It now contains eleven Ministers, three of whom have been inducted into their respective charges since May last. This increase however, though encouraging, is by no means adequate to the supply of the Spiritual destitution that prevails within our bounds. There are still vacancies in Williams, London, Woodstock, Brantford, Woolwich, &c., where our people are very anxious for the possession of ordinances in connection with our Church. And it grieves the Presbytery exceedingly that it is unable to meet, as effectually as is desirable, the urgent de-

mands that come from these places for preaching, and the performance of other ministerial duties. The Western country, which is embraced within our superintendence, is improving with extraordinary rapidity. It is generally acknowledged to be the most flourishing part of the Province. In a few years, where was formerly a forest, there are seen well cultivated farms, and the small village grows up into a thriving town. But the extension of Spiritual privileges often does not keep pace with the spread of temporal comforts. While nowhere in Canada is the Presbyterian population multiplying so rapidly, nowhere are so few, in proportion, of our Ministers to be found. And it is evident that, if our numerous adherents are much longer neglected, strong though their attachment has hitherto been, they will gradually lose their affection for the simple, but pure and Scriptural, form of Worship practised by their Fathers.

The Presbytery is fully alive to their wants. Some of the members have devoted to them more time and attention than is approved of by the inconsiderate of their own Congregations: and all are eager to obtain such accessions to the Ministerial agency as are likely to prove acceptable and useful.

At our last meeting we were peculiarly gratified with the signs which appeared of better days approaching. The Deputation which had been sent to the Presbytery of Toronto to endeavour to effect the transfer of Mr. Whyte to this Presbytery for a time, reported that they had secured that gentleman's services for February and March. Mr. Whyte is an attractive preacher, and an amiable, worthy, and zealous man, and is likely to do good to others, and gain favour for himself wherever he goes.

The Presbytery had also before it an application to be received as Missionary from the Reverend Alexander Shand, a Licentiate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and recently an ordained Minister in the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Washington. Favourable testimonials of Mr. Shand were given by the Rev. Dr. Sprague of Albany and others. He was appointed to labour three weeks out of four in Saltfleet and Dinbrook, where the people are very desirous for his settlement among them, and in the remaining week to be at the disposal of the Presbytery's Committee on Missions.

The Reverend John Robb, formerly of the Presbytery of Montreal, was directed to visit Amherstburg as soon as possible. From this place an earnest application for a Minister has been sent to the Presbytery, together with a bond for upwards of fifty pounds. Mr. Robb was also instructed to preach in London and its neighbourhood.

Measures were likewise taken for attending to the interest of our people in Brantford. In this rising town and the adjacent country there are many warmly at-

tached to the Church, of Scotland; and, if they only had an active Minister among them, they would soon become a large and influential Congregation.

It gave the Presbytery much satisfaction to be able to make these arrangements, although the sad deficiency of men to engage in Missionary work rendered it impossible for us to answer all the claims that have been made upon us. Surely the inadequate number of labourers in the vineyard of the Lord should induce every member of our Church to come forward with cheerful spirit and open hand to the support of Queen's College, in which youthful candidates for the Ministry in the Province are trained. The Mother Church has done much for us. She has laid us under a deep debt of gratitude, and she is still willing to do all she can for us. Yet it has now become manifest that our chief dependence for the supply of our Spiritual necessities must be placed on a native Ministry. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the collections which are in the course of being made in the various Congregations in behalf of Queen's College, in accordance with the injunction of Synod, will be on a liberal scale, so that that most valuable institution may be carried on in an efficient manner.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

This elegant structure was opened for the purposes of Divine worship on Sunday, the 12th ultimo. The services in the forenoon and evening were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and in the afternoon by the Rev. R. McGill, Minister of St. Paul's Church, whose congregation united in worship on that day with their brethren of St. Andrew's. Besides the members of these Churches many from other Churches were present, and hundreds went away, unable to obtain seats. The collection for the Building Fund on that and the preceding Sunday yielded the handsome sum of £165. The sale of seats realized, we believe, considerably over £1000. In the forenoon the Rev. Dr. Mathieson preached a very eloquent Sermon from Exodus xxxv. 22. "There will I meet thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy-seat."

CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

A General Meeting of the Lay Association was held on Monday Evening last at the Caledonia Academy, and was well attended by the Members. The Hon. Alexander Keith, President of the Society, was in the Chair. Mr. Archibald Scott, Secretary, read the following Report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO THE LAY ASSOCIATION OF HALIFAX.

The Committee for conducting the general business of the Association in now submitting the Annual Report are reminded that they were originally called into existence the better to support and strengthen by such organization the