

tion of the denomination is a matter of considerable anxiety to many of our leading men. It is certain we are making little, if any progress. True, this has been a year of unprecedented pecuniary difficulty. The drought and the political crisis have sadly affected the incomes of all voluntary societies. It is, however, a matter of regret, perhaps of reproach, that *not more than £300 to £400 can be obtained for the purpose of our mission in this land.* Had we money, we might spread and multiply indefinitely. Our principles are adapted to the country. We have plenty of agency, but are defeated for lack of means. At the same time our churches are raising large amounts for their internal working and paying off heavy debts. It may be that when this is accomplished, the outside objects of church action may receive more attention."

Official.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above Association will be held (D. V.) in Bond Street Church School Room, Toronto, on Wednesday, October 10th, 1866, to commence at 2 P.M.

Essays appointed to be read:—"Elements of a church's success," by the Rev. T. M. Reikie, of Bowmanville; "Why are not more of the children of believing parents in early life converted to God?" by Rev. R. Hay, of Pine Grove.

Sermon in the evening, by Rev. T. M. Reikie, primary, Rev. J. Sanderson, alternate.

A Ministerial Session will be held on the afternoon of the 9th, in the above place, commencing at 2 P. M. Also, the forenoon of the 10th, when Essays and Plans of Sermons are expected to be forthcoming from the brethren.

We earnestly trust the Churches will endeavour to send delegates, that life and character may be given to the meeting.

J. U., Sec.

Georgetown, August 14th, 1866.

P.S.—Ministers and Delegates expecting to be present, will please signify the fact to me, at least a week before the meeting

The Review Club will meet during the session.

F. H. M.

News of the Churches.

Rev. J. G. Manly.—The Editor of the *Irish Congregational Magazine*, (Rev. R. Sewell, of Londonderry,) in copying a paragraph from a Toronto newspaper, announcing the call of Mr. Manly to Zion Chapel, adds the following valedictory words, which the Canadian brotherhood will be pleased to read:—

"It is with regret, mingled with pleasure, we give the preceding extract. We are sorry to part with a man of Mr. Manly's character and ability. We have sometimes differed from Mr. Manly in opinion; but we have ever, from the time we first knew him, had the conviction that a more upright and conscientious man did not live; and, moreover, we believe that in point of mental ability and theological acquirements, he stands above the ordinary race of ministers. It was, therefore,