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**Bruce.**—Messrs. Jos. Builder, W. Gallagher (to Sault Ste. Marie).

Students will please at once correspond with the Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery to whose bounds they are allocated, from whom particulars will be obtained as to the fields to be supplied, etc.

The following are the names of the respective Conveners: Quebec, Rev. A. F. Tully, Sherbrooke (Q); Montreal, Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal (Q); Guelph, Rev. D. H. McLennan, Alexandria (O); Brockville, Rev. G. Burnfield, Brockville; Ottawa, Rev. F. W. Farries, Ottawa; Kingston, Rev. Thomas G. Smith, Kingston; Peterborough, Rev. J. Cleland, Port Hope; Whitby, Rev. A. A. Drummond, Newcastle; Lindsay, Rev. J. R. Scott, Cambray; Toronto, Rev. J. M. King, A.M., Toronto; Barrie, Rev. Robt. Moodie, Stayner; Owen Sound, Rev. J. Sommerville, Owen Sound; Saugeen, Rev. J. Campbell, Harriston; Guelph, Rev. R. Torrance, Guelph; Hamilton, Rev. George Bruce, St. Catharines; Paris, Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., Brantford; London, Rev. George Cuthbertson, Wyoming; Chatham, Rev. W. Walker, Chatham; Stratford, Rev. Robt. Hamilton, Motherwell; Bruce, Rev. Andrew Tolmie, Saugeen; Huron, Rev. A. Stewart, Clinton; Matland, Rev. R. Leask, St. Helen's.

N.B.—The attention of Presbyteries and students is directed to the regulation of the General Assembly fixing the salaries of missionaries as follows: *Students of Divinity*, during the summer, six dollars per Sabbath, with board and travelling expenses to the field of labour; *Catechists* (including students in the literary course), five dollars per Sabbath with board.

W. COCHRANE, D.D., Chairman.  
ROBT. H. WARDEN, Secretary.  
Montreal, 3rd April, 1880.

#### RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH SCHEMES UP TO FIFTH APRIL.

**Home Mission.**—Receipts from all sources, \$40,624.65; receipts to same date last year, \$22,965.07: increase, \$17,659.58

**Foreign Mission.**—Receipts from all sources, \$16,387.71; receipts to same date last year, \$16,435.11: decrease, \$47.40.

**College Fund.**—Receipts up to date from collections, \$7,807.43; receipts up to date last year, \$7,011.14: increase, \$796.29.

**Widows' Fund.**—No special collection this year. Amount of contributions, donations, etc., \$1,006.75; amount last year, \$2,922.05: decrease, \$1,915.30.

**Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.**—Amount received from collections and rates, \$4,357.55; amount received last year, \$4,016.20: increase, \$341.35. N.B.—In collections there is a decrease of \$16.30, but an increase in rates of \$356.85.

**French Evangelization.**—Amount received in Toronto to date, \$3,629.01; amount received in Toronto last year, \$5,422.57: increase, \$206.44.

**Assembly Fund.**—Amount from congregations to date, \$2,656.63; last year, \$2,879.90: decrease \$223.27.

Total increase, \$19,003.66; total decrease, \$2,186.97: net increase, \$16,816.69.

#### MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

Steps are being taken by the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland with a view to rendering its mission churches in Jamaica self-supporting. Assistance is gradually to be withdrawn so as to stimulate local effort, and it is expected that in a very few years the object aimed at will be fully secured. In connection with this we learn from the statements of the Foreign Mission Secretary of that Church, that in 1859 the number of congregations connected with the Mission was 25; the membership, 4,193; the attendance on public worship, 8,015; and 2,881 at the Lord's supper. In 1878, the number of churches was 31; the membership had risen to 6,691; the average attendance to

9,622; and at the Lord's supper 3,956. During these twenty years the Home Church expended on its Jamaica Missions \$107,674 9s. 2d., but the yearly outlay had been gradually diminishing. After the present year nothing is to be given for the support of schools, and it is hoped that, say in four or five years hence, the Jamaica Presbyterian Church will be self-supporting, with the prospect of having a full supply of native pastors and teachers and being able to establish and support preaching stations in destitute localities.

The Rev. T. R. Sampson, of the United States Presbyterian Church Mission to Greece, is devoting a portion of his busy Sabbath in Athens to supply the wants of a few of the British located at the Piræus. The following extracts from a recent letter from him will be read with interest:—"For more than two months the services have been regularly held, at first in one of the public schools, but recently in a large room in a central situation, easily accessible to the sailors also. The seamen who were in the port subscribed quite a little sum to help to purchase lamps, chairs, book-cases, etc., so that the room may be used during the week as a reading-room for them.—There are eleven Scotch and English families resident at the Piræus, with many children, who have no service to which they will go. There is a *very High Church* chaplain to the legation who has a service for two or three persons. Since these services of mine have been commenced, the residents come out regularly, and Mrs. Sampson has organized a Sabbath school for the children. Certainly this is a case which should appeal to your Committee. I feel certain that a good work could be done among these people and the sailors, while the same hall could be used for the Greeks once or twice a week. Last Sabbath twenty-six persons were present. It would need from you the rent of the hall, or about £50 per annum."

The members of the Victoria Nyanza Mission report from Uganda that friendly relations with King M'tesa have been re-established, and that the services at the palace have been resumed. The nervous jealousy entertained by the King regarding Egyptian intrigue, and his suspicion of our missionaries being concerned in it, had happily been allayed. The chief hindrance now arises from the Jesuit missionaries. They have arrived in great numbers, and, notwithstanding a promise made by a missionary belonging to the same Church, though not to the same order, have selected the headquarters of the Church of England Mission as the principal point of attack. They have attended the service at the Court, and, in a very marked manner, have shewn their disrespect by keeping their seats while others, that is, all the court, knelt. On being asked by M'tesa whether they did not worship our Lord, they replied with much vehemence and gesture, that they had no connection with Protestant "lies," and they denounced our missionaries as "liars." These slanderous words seem to have recurred frequently in their discourse. King M'tesa exclaimed in bewilderment, "What am I to believe? Who is right? First I was a heathen, then a Mohammedan, then a Christian; now some more white men come and tell me these English are liars. Perhaps, if I follow these new men, other white men will come and tell me these men also are liars." The English missionaries reply to all accusations of falsehood, as their Lord and Master has taught them to reply, by invariably referring to the Book. They inform M'tesa that he can exercise his own judgment by an appeal to those portions of the Bible which have been rendered into the Waganda language, and point to other passages which can be translated for him at any time. The "Weekly Bulletin of the Missions Catholiques," published at Lyons, gives an account of Père Lourdel's reception at Uganda. He acknowledges the hospitality shewn to those of his brethren who were advancing from the east coast, when, ill and weary, and travel-stained, they reached the Church mission station at Mpwapwa. "As regards food, it failed us entirely, and we should have died of hunger but for the generous and kind help of the Anglican Mission. Notwithstanding all that separates us, and the little gratification the arrival of Catholic missionaries must have caused them, they received us as real brothers." Mr. Pearson, one of the Church missionaries, in his last letter, writes: "You may rest assured that the work here shall not be given up while there is a plank to float on." Some of the Church missionaries have retired for a time, but three remain, and an appeal is made for more men.

#### BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

##### Cassell's Family Magazine for March.

Toronto: J. P. Colquhoun.

Excellent as usual, with something to suit almost everybody.

##### National Quarterly Review, January, 1880.

New York: American News Company.

We must apologize for being so long in noticing the last number of this excellent Review. It has recently been enlarged and greatly improved.

##### International Review for April.

New York: A. S. Barnes & Co.

This number is even more than usually good. Almost all the articles are of general interest and are of a vigorous and popular character.

##### The Foundations.

By John Monroe Gibson, D.D., Chicago. Chicago: Jansen, McLurg & Co. 1880.

This new work of Dr. Gibson's consists of twelve lectures on the evidences of Christianity, which were delivered during the past winter to large audiences in Chicago and have been given to the public at the urgent request of many who heard them. We cordially thank Dr. G. for acceding to this very reasonable and proper desire, for these lectures, both in manner and matter, will be found to be just the thing which many thoughtful yet perplexed persons need, to direct their inquiries and resolve their doubts. It is scarcely necessary to say to all who know Dr. Gibson that a fine, healthy, genial spirit is displayed throughout the whole discussion; that there are no harsh, sarcastic or denunciatory remarks indulged in; no insinuations of bad faith or conscious dishonesty against the opponents of Christianity; no contemptuous affectation of superior ability, more accurate scholarship, or more cogent reasoning; no clerical assumption; no weak pietistic grimace. The doctor addresses himself to his work with all the frank brotherly kindness which every man ought to cherish and exhibit towards his fellows, and with all the quiet, modest confidence of one who knows thoroughly the ground he occupies and the arguments he means to adduce. Whether or not in every case the argument may be recognized as satisfactory, we shall not say. Indeed, that would be too much either to expect or affirm. But we think we may assert with all confidence that the least sympathetic reader will be ready enough to acknowledge the transparent honesty of the writer, his manly candour, his vigorous thinking, and his attractive style. The work is popular, but not therefore superficial. It does not enter into those minute details which, however appropriate to the professor's chair, would have been quite out of place on the lecturer's platform. The style is fresh, vigorous and incisive. There are no involved and lengthy sentences, no latinized platitudes, no attempts at what some call fine, but most feel to be bombastic, writing. Dr. Gibson has something to say, and he says it and has done. We are far from affirming that he is equally successful in each of these lectures, but where all are so good in spirit and execution, it would be invidious to make distinctions or raise objections. Many of the author's old friends in Canada will welcome this short, handy, little book, it may be at first for his sake, but on further acquaintance we are sure that welcome will be continued for its own. In these days of bustle and business any work of the kind must be short, in order to reach those for whom it is specially intended. "The Foundations" has this recommendation. It consists of some 200 pages which are of that shape and size which Dr. Johnson said were most calculated to be useful, namely, such as a man can hold in his hand while he toasts his feet by the fireside. We anticipate for the work a large circulation in the States, and our satisfaction will be increased if it also become widely known throughout the Dominion.

WE call special attention to the advertisement in to-day's issue of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's annual meeting which is to be held in Hamilton on the 13th inst. The enlightened zeal and energy with which Christian women have entered into all religious and benevolent enterprises have always been among the great factors of success; and in the growing interest in missionary work, so increasingly manifest in the Canadian Presbyterian Church, we thankfully recognize the same fact and bless God for the same powerful and heaven-directed influence.