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CHURCH IN CANADA.

LAY ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Managers of this Association was held in this City on Tuesday the 9th of April last.

We now proceed to notice some of the most interesting features of the business transacted on that occasion:

A letter from the Trustees of the Church at Camden, C. W., was read, acknowledging the receipt of £10, which had been granted by the Association as an aid towards the relieving of the church in that place from the debt contracted in building it.

A letter was also read from Professor Romanes, of Queen's College, acknowledging the receipt of £50, which he had paid to the students whom the Professors had with the sanction of the Association nominated as the recipients of the three Bursaries, which the Association established last year with the view of assisting deserving young men to prosecute their studies preparatory to entrance to the ministry of our Church.

The successful candidates are as follows:

- For the three years' Bursary, Mr. David Watson, of Williams, C. W.
- For the two years' Bursary, Mr. Peter Lindsay, of Ormstown, C. E.
- For the one year's Bursary, Mr. James Gordon, of Nelson, C. W.

An interesting letter from the Secretary of the Lay Association at Halifax was also read. It conveyed to the Association a Resolution of the Halifax Association, reciprocating the feelings of fraternal sympathy which were expressed

in a Resolution of this Association, passed at the Annual Meeting in October last. The Resolution will be found at length in the Report of the proceedings of a recent Meeting of the Halifax Association, to which we invite the attention of our readers.

The proposed publication of a volume of Sermons and Devotional Exercises for every Sunday in the year came under consideration, and the Committee reported that Messrs. Armour and Ramsay had issued a Prospectus of the work, which had already appeared to have met with a favourable reception. The Association, having in view the importance of the step, which they, in concert with Mr. Ramsay, were about taking, unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

That the Lay Association, having seen the Prospectus of a book of Sermons and Devotional Exercises for every Sunday in the year, to be contributed by Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, cordially recommend the same to the support of the Presbyterian community, as they conceive it is likely to prove useful, not only in localities where stated services are unfortunately not to be procured, but also in families resident in more favoured parts of the country.

It was then on motion resolved,

That the Board of Officers of the Lay Association would invite the attention of the Lay Association of Halifax to the Prospectus, issued by Messrs. Armour & Ramsay of this city, of a volume of Sermons and Devotional Exercises for every Sunday in the year, and would respectfully request that, if the proposed work meets with their approval, they would give it their countenance and aid in promoting its circulation, as it is thought that such a work might prove eminently useful in destitute localities as well as in the Family Circle.

We believe that the response to the circular has already been most favourable, and we trust that a sufficient number of replies will soon be received to enable the publishers to commence the work.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

At Montreal, the 6th day of February, 1850, on which day the Presbytery of Montreal met, and was constituted, the Rev. James Anderson, Moderator.

The Minutes of former meeting were read and sustained.

The Rev. J. C. Muir read a memorial to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland from the Kirk-Session and Temporal Committee of the Congregation of South Georgetown, praying for aid to assist in building a new church. The Presbytery, being satisfied as to the sufficiency of the title-deeds, as also with the very laudable zeal manifested by the members of this Congregation in their liberal subscription towards the object desired, agree to recommend strongly, yet respectfully, the application of the memorialists, to the favourable consideration of the Colonial Committee.

The adoption of the following overture anent Sabbath observance was moved, by the Rev. Mr. Muir,—“Inasmuch as God hath in His Word commanded us to keep holy one day in seven by resting on it from all our ordinary employments and avocations, promising a blessing to those who keep His Sabbaths, and denouncing a curse against those who profane them;—And, whereas there is much sin committed and danger incurred by negligence in