

PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL HALL, BUILDING AND ENDOWMENT FUND, FARQUHAR FORREST & CO., TREASURERS, 173 HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N. S., TO JULY 30TH, 1881.	LAND AND EQUIPMENT FUND. Already acknowledged.....\$500.00 A Friend..... 200.00	J Russell..... 5.00 J Gillies..... 5.00 A H Tait..... 5.00
Already acknowledged.....\$627,66.55	ENDOWMENT FUND. Already acknowledged...\$65,018.15	<i>Port Hope.</i> Mrs Smart..... 2.00 Mrs Pakins..... 2.00 Mrs Burnham..... 10.00
Stewiacke Cong, N. S..... 65.00	<i>Bowenaville.</i> F Blakely..... 10.00 A Keith..... 10.00 J S McLaughlin..... 5.00 T Paterson..... 50.00	<i>Brockville.</i> W J Christie.....in full 100.00 W Cassiis.....in full 25.00
Simon McLaggan, Blackville, N B..... 5.00	<i>Orono.</i> Jas Colville.....in full 100.00	Total to 1st August, 1881 \$65,544.15
Mrs Andrew Craig, Blackville, N B..... 0.50	<i>Barrie.</i> Mrs Shortreed..... 3 on 100 20.00 J M Hunter..... 3 on 25 5.00 W B Harrey..... 3 on 25 5.00 J J Brown..... 1, 2 & 3 on 10 5.00 J Galbraith.....in full 25.00 D F McNab.....in full 2.00	<i>Widows' and Orphans Fund.</i>  <i>Late in connection with the Church of Scotland.</i> James Croil, Montreal, Treas.
Jn Stewart, Gabarus, C.B..... 1.00	<i>North Eusthope.</i> J Crerar.....3 on 50 10.00 W Ball.....2 on 25 5.00	St Gabriel's, Montreal..... \$ 80.00 Niagara, Rev Wm Cleland .. 16.50 Little Britain, Man. per Rev A Campbell..... 5.00
Ed Murray, Scotch Settlement, N B..... 2.00	<i>Pakenham.</i> J Francis..... 100.00 D Russell..... 20.00	
D G Sinclair, Mabou, C.B..... 7.00		
River Charles, N B..... 15.00		
Judge James, Dartmouth, NS..... 100.00		
W A Hisson, Halifax, in full..... 25.00		
\$62,987.05		
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE, KINGSTON. <i>C. F. Ireland, Treasurer.</i> BUILDING FUND, Already acknowledged...\$28,464.85		

SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY.—It is estimated that at the close of the first century of our era there were 500,000 christians in the world. At the end of the third century the number is supposed to have been a million and a half. At the end of the fourth century the number probably reached three millions. By the end of the tenth century there were say 50,000,000; and by the end of the twelfth century 80,000,000 would be reached. The growth for the next five hundred years was by no means rapid; but it may be safely estimated that in the year 1500 there were 100,000,000 Christians in the world. By the close of the eighteenth century this total was doubled; and now after eighty years of the nineteenth century have elapsed it is estimated that there are 440,000,000 Christians. The increase within the past eighty years, of Christians, has been very much greater than during the first fifteen centuries of our era! Surely this fact is full of hope.

THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY YEARS AGO, there were no Protestants in the world. There are now nearly 200,000,000; and over 400,000,000 of the human race are under Protestant rule. Both the Greek and the Protestant Churches have increased of late years much more rapidly than the Roman Catholic Church. The day is surely not far off when Evangelical Christianity—the Gospel of Christ—shall be known throughout the world, and all feel its beneficial power. Be it ours to hasten that day by aiding the evangelistic enterprises of our own Church. The Law of God is reaching the Isles of the Sea. It is not long since Aneityum rejoiced over

a completed translation of the Bible. Erromanga, and Efate are in possession of some portions of the Inspired Book.—The Ship 'Morning Star' in its last trip carried the New Testament to the Gilbert Islands, and the Gospels to Pomape.

ARE THERE "LAPSED CLASSES" IN THIS COUNTRY? There are. The late census will show that a very considerable number of our population set themselves down as belonging to no church. Many have a nominal connection with the church who know little or nothing of real religion.

A SOUTH SEA ISLANDER is said to have offered the following prayer, which might be appropriate on the lips of many who pride themselves on a high civilization:—"Oh God, we are about to go to our respective homes. Let not the words we have heard be like the fine clothes we wear, soon to be taken off and folded away in a box till another Sabbath comes round. Rather let thy truth be like the tattoo on our bodies, ineffaceable till death."

REV. ARTHUR T. PIERSON, D. D., of Detroit, Michigan, thinks that it is perfectly feasible, during the remaining years of the century, to put the Word of God into the hands of every living human being, in his own tongue, and to proclaim the good tidings to every creature.

At the great Mohammedan missionary university at Cairo, in Egypt, there are at this day ten thousand students under training, ready to go into any part of the world to teach the doctrines of Islam. Our missionaries meet these Moslem priests in Turkey, Persia, India, China, and in the heart of Africa.