

gress of our own Church, and of the cause of God generally in the world. The collection at the close of the meeting, was about three times the amount contributed on the former occasion. This meeting was rendered doubly interesting from the fact, that it was held on the evening of the Fast, previous to the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, for the first time at Trenton, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Trenton, situated on one of the finest rivers of Canada West, increases rapidly, will soon become a town, and ultimately, no doubt, be transformed into one of the large cities of this rising province. The preaching of the truth here by a faithful Presbyterian pastor will tend to leaven the masses, and bring them under the influence of that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation.

MURRAY.

The last place visited in this tour was opened as a preaching station, about the same time as Trenton. The number of adherents is small, but they will prove, we hope, the beginning of a great congregation. Though the night was wet, and as dark as the want of a moon could make it, still there was a considerable attendance. Those who would walk a mile or two on such a night, to hear of the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom, must have some love for his cause. The collection was fully as much as could be expected. This night, we hope, is the dawning of brighter days for this long-neglected and hitherto backward station.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met on Tuesday, 9th January, in St. Andrew's church. The attendance of ministers was good, but the only elders present were from Grafton and Cobourg. The amount of business transacted was less than usual. At the previous meeting Committees had been appointed to visit the congregations; these Committees were instructed to hold a conference with the congregations, and urge upon all the advantage of having deacons scripturally appointed, and of making regular quarterly payments of stipend, and the duty also of complying with the injunction of Synod regarding the support of the ministry. The reports from the congregations visited were very encouraging, and the Presbytery have good reason to expect that from such conferences conducted as becometh Christians, much good may result to the various congregations, and a uniform modes of action be established over the whole Presbytery. Reports were heard from ministers appointed to visit the various stations, and others were appointed to supply them until the next meeting of Presbytery. Twelve missionary meetings were appointed to be held during the next month. The meeting was closed with the benediction, after the next meeting had been appointed to be held in Peterboro', on Tuesday, 30th January, at half-past 9 o'clock, a. m.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

This Presbytery met in Perth, on the 9th and 10th of January; there were present nine ministers and three elders.

Mr. Fraser reported proceedings in North Gower in the organization of a church,—that 22 had been enrolled as church members, and two elders ordained. It was agreed that N. Gower should be received as a charge within the bounds, and Mr. Thomson the elder, was accordingly invited to sit as a member of the Presbytery.

Several accounts were ordered to be paid, and several sums acknowledged as contributions to the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund.

The following supplies were made for the next three months:—

BRISTOL.

- Feb. 18.....Mr. Melville.
- March 4.....Mr. Fraser.
- 18.....Mr. Gourley.

DARLENSHIRE

- Feb. 25.....Mr. Gray.
- March 11.....Mr. Duncan.
- " 25.....Mr. Smith.

NORTH GOWER.

- Jan. 21.....Mr. Corbett.
- Feb. 11.....Mr. Wardrope.
- March 4.....Mr. Lochead.

It was unanimously agreed to overture the Synod, to have the designation of the Presbytery changed into that of the "Presbytery of Ottawa."

Mr. Fraser was appointed to moderate in a call, in Bristol, on the 1st Tuesday of March.

Assessors were appointed to sit with the Kirk Session of Oshawa, in the adjustment of certain difficulties that have arisen from cases of discipline.

The collection for Synod Fund, and Buxton Mission, was reported from all the congregations.

No Wardrope was appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in N Gower, on Sabbath, the 11th February.

The Clerk was instructed to apply to the Home Mission Committee for two missionaries.

There was read a letter from Mr. Troup, giving reasons for not coming to the bounds, as had been arranged by the Committee.

The Presbytery had a long and deeply interesting conversation on the great destitution of the means of grace that prevails in the Province generally, and especially within the bounds; and the agencies that might profitably be employed in this destitution. Lay agency, colportage, and kindred instrumentality, were severally referred to. It is hoped that something may be done to furnish our people with good books, and to hold meetings in destitute localities.

The Presbytery meets in Ottawa city, on 2nd Tuesday in March.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

ANNIVERSARY MEETING—KNOX'S CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

It has been suggested by the teachers of Knox's Church Sabbath School, that a short account of the proceedings connected with the annual meeting held last evening, may not be uninteresting to the readers of the *Record*; especially to the thousands of young persons attending similar institutions throughout the Province, and thus be the means of Sabbath schools becoming better acquainted with each other's operations.

Our annual meeting has a two-fold object in view; the first has reference to the working of the school itself, as a means of communicating religious instruction, and the details connected with such an organization; the second is missionary in its character, and seeks to advance the cause of Christ, by sending the gospel to those who have it not.

The chair was occupied by the Vice-President, J. McMurrich, Esq.; after singing the second paraphrase, and prayer, the Chairman made a few pertinent and happy remarks, expressing his satisfaction to meet with so many of the young, and referring to the duty of each to contribute to the pleasure of the evening. After which, Mr. Pyper, Superintendent, was called upon to read the report for the past year, which is also enclosed for insertion in the *Record*.

The adoption of the report was moved by E. B. Gilbert, Esq., and seconded by Mr. McDermid, Student, and carried unanimously.

After singing a few verses of "Heber's Missionary Hymn," the Chairman called on Mr. McMullen, Student, to address the meeting on a subject previously selected, viz.—On the advantages arising from Sabbath school instruction. The speaker pleasingly illustrated his subject, and was listened to with marked attention.

The Chairman, at this stage of the proceedings, called on the Stewards to do their part in

dispensing the cakes and fruit, which, as usual on such occasions, gave unbounded satisfaction. After a brief interval, Mr. Forrest, Student, addressed the scholars, on the duty of attending the Sabbath school, and improving all the means placed within their reach, and their responsibility. His remarks were also listened to with deep attention, proving the pleasure derived from the speaker's simple, yet earnest style, of address.

The proceedings of the evening terminated by an address from Mr. Whyte, Student, on Sabbath school instruction fitted to foster a missionary spirit; numerous illustrations were presented by the speaker, all of a practical nature, and well fitted to advance the cause.

During the evening a collection was taken up, in aid of the Buxton Mission, amounting to £5 10s., making a sum total of £15 for the year.

It was gratifying to notice the greater number of the Students of Knox's College present, having been invited by the Teachers of the Sabbath school, to take a part in the proceedings of the evening. A considerable number of the parents and guardians of the children were also present, proving the deep interest taken in the religious improvement of the young.

I remain,

Yours, truly,

GEORGE A. PYPER, *Sup.*

Toronto, 22nd Dec., 1854.

REPORT OF KNOX'S CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, FOR THE PAST YEAR.

As a Sabbath School, we are spared to meet together, to celebrate our Annual Meeting, and to report its operations, as well as what has been done for the cause of Missions.

During the past year, we have had abundant proof of God's goodness, while the plague was raging in our midst, and cutting down the aged and the young, in many cases without one note of warning. As far as the teachers have been able to ascertain, the lambs of the flock have been spared, and their teachers are also the spared monuments of a Father's love, both having been protected by Him, who is a covert from the tempest, and the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. It is to be hoped that the striking events of the closing year may have left a deep impression on the minds of the young, as to the uncertain tenure by which life is held, and the necessity of being born from above, ere they can expect to be admitted into that land "where Saints immortal dwell," and where Jesus is seen by those who have been his disciples on earth. Whilst such an influence is needed on the part of the young, the teachers themselves are reminded to work while it is day, that they may be quickened to greater zeal and earnestness in the work committed to their care, remembering that time only is theirs, and that their instructions, sought to be lodged in the youthful mind, will be either the savour of life or death, when the Master cometh and calleth for one here and another there.

Since our last meeting, the Sabbath School has been deprived of the able and zealous services of Mr. McMurrich, as Superintendent, who resigned his office in the spring, from having removed to some distance from his former residence, but who, from time to time, still assists in the work.

The school has also been deprived of the services of Mr. William Thompson, as Librarian, who devoted much of his time to the efficient working of that department by his leaving Toronto, to visit Scotland, for a time. A farther loss has been sustained by the removal of the Misses Brown, to Galt, who also took a deep interest in its welfare, giving their services as teachers since its commencement, and whose zealous efforts for its success are known to many.

But whilst thus regretting the withdrawal of labourers from the field, the Great Shepherd is