

Provinces, owing to the exertions of a few zealous friends, a considerable increase to the list of subscribers is taking place. Still the paper is not yet self-supporting; and the Office-bearers would respectfully call upon the friends of the periodical to renewed exertions. 3000 subscribers would be sufficient to enable the PRESBYTERIAN to defray its own expenses; and surely that is small in comparison of the number of our adherents in these noble Provinces.

RELIEF FUND.

Few demands have of late years been made upon the Society. During the year one grant has been made, that of £10 towards securing a purchase of 5 acres, by the Melbourne Congregation, in addition and contiguous to the piece of ground held by them, and on which they had erected a manse for their Minister, the Rev. Thomas Morison. This grant enabled the parties to acquire the ground at a cost of £50, and will no doubt prove of much service to the congregation.

THE BURSARY SCHEME.

This Scheme, which is designed to aid young men studying for the Ministry, has continued to receive attention, and is eminently deserving of support. In the position of our country the native ministry is our hope; and every member of the Church should cheerfully contribute to any scheme that has in view the aiding the training-up of such a Ministry. Our Church has been advancing steadily during the past year; we have received several highly respectable additions to the number of our Ministers from Scotland; but our main dependence for the supplies of our pulpits must be upon our own youth.

We have much pleasure in recording that during the past year three young gentlemen, who had all been Bursars of this Association, completed their studies in the Theological Hall of Queen's College, were duly licensed, and have all been already settled in the pastoral relation to the several congregations following, viz:—

Rev. J. A. McKerras, B. A., Darlington; Rev. P. Lindsay, B. A., Richmond; and Rev. D. Watson, B. A., Thorah.

At present three Bursars are receiving each £10 annually.

This Scheme especially merits countenance and, we trust, will receive it liberally.

In conclusion, the Office-bearers regret that they have not larger results to record; but they conceive that the Society is even now, however limited its operations may seem, the means of doing good, and, if the members arouse themselves and in humble faith energetically co-operate with each other in the prosecution of its Schemes, they cannot doubt but that, if the blessing of the Great Head of the Church attend their labours, it will prove an instrument for good.

The whole respectfully submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Thos. Allan, and seconded by Mr. McNider,

“That the Report be adopted, and published in the ensuing number of the *Presbyterian*.”

It was then moved by Mr. MacDonald, and seconded by Mr. Morris.

“That the Lay Association, gratefully acknowledging the support of many zealous friends among the members of our churches, respectfully request the Ministers of our Church either to assume themselves the charge of furthering the interests of the *Presbyterian* in their respective congregations, or else to appoint some member or members of their churches to procure new subscribers and remit subscriptions generally.”

The Report of the Rev. Dr. Machar, Principal of Queen's College, as to the proficiency of the Bursars of the Association, accompanied by certificates from Professors Smith and Williamstown, was then read.

It was then moved by Mr. Gibson, and seconded by Mr. McKenzie,

“That the Lay Association commend to the support of the friends of the Church, to which its members belong, the *Bursary Scheme* of the Association, believing that it will prove, as it has already done, the instrument of much good.”

The Treasurer submitted the Annual Accounts, and also the following statement of the Assets: Balance in Treasurer's hands towards

the liabilities of the ensuing year, £29 0 11
City Bank Stock, 16 shares, . . . 300 0 0

£329 0 11

It was then moved by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and seconded by Mr. Morris,

“That the Rev. Dr. McGill be requested to deliver an Anniversary Address on the evening of the third Wednesday in December next before the Annual Meeting of the Association.”

The Election of Office-Bearers for the ensuing year took place with the following result.

President.

Hon. P. MCGILL.

Vice-Presidents.

JOHN SMITH, | HUGH ALLAN,
HEW RAMSAY, | JOHN GREENSHIELDS.

Treasurer.

ALEXANDER MORRIS.

Recording Secretary.

T. A. GIBSON.

Corresponding Secretary.

J. S. HUNTER.

Managers.

Wm. Edmonstone, Thomas Allan, J. M. Ross, George Templeton, D. D. MacKenzie, Wm. McNider, George MacDonald, J. Burns, Robert Adams, James Mitchell, David Shaw, A. MacLennan, and James Goudie.

Chaplains.

Rev. ALEX. MATHIESON, D. D.

Rev. ROBERT MCGILL, D. D.

The proceedings of the evening were closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson.

T. A. GIBSON,

Recording Secretary.

Montreal, Jan. 20th, 1854.

ARRIVAL OF ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

We have much pleasure in announcing the arrival in Canada, a few weeks ago, of the Rev. Mr. Walker from Renton, Dumbartonshire, Scotland. He has come to labour as a Missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston. It is refreshing and encouraging to hear, from time to time, of labourers entering upon the cultivation of the waste places of our Canadian Zion.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

We understand that Donald Ross, Esq, a member of the above church, presented in December last the sum of £10 to be expended, through the Superintendent of the Sabbath School in connection with the church, in the selection of books towards the replenishment of the Library. On Sabbath, the 1st of January, the 200 volumes, neatly bound in cloth and gold-lettered, were for the first time distributed amongst the scholars for their perusal. The donation comprises 100 volumes of the London Religious Tract Society, 2 Juvenile Libraries of the Massachusetts

Sabbath School Society (40 and 25 volumes respectively), and 35 selected from the excellent publications of the Messrs. Carter and Brothers, New-York. Thus about 100 scholars will, from Sabbath to Sabbath, be supplied for some years to come with reading of the most profitable kind, and adapted to every stage of progress—from those who are receiving the first elements of Christian knowledge to those who in the upper Bible classes may shortly join the communion of the Church or become themselves S. S. teachers. We have been induced to notice in these approving terms this instance of Christian generosity on behalf of the best interests of the young, in the hope that others may be induced to follow up so commendable an example.

CONGREGATION OF HAMILTON.

We have the utmost satisfaction in chronicling in our columns such instances of considerate liberality on the part of Christian congregations towards their pastors as that which the subjoined correspondence exhibits. Such liberality, while it, the Rev. Robert Burnet, betokens not only sympathy a pastor's personal and domestic interests, but appreciation of his ministerial services, seldom fails of its reward, as it tends to ensure, if possible, more earnest faithfulness on his part. Assuredly, such liberality partakes largely of the spirit which prompts Christians to the fulfilment of the apostolic exhortation; *Remember them who have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God.*

THE REV. ROBERT BURNET,

Robinson Street.

HAMILTON, 19th Dec., 1853.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in handing to you, on behalf of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, the enclosed Subscription List together with the sum of £121 14s. 6d. therein subscribed.

It is hoped that this amount will enable you to repair in some measure the loss of property sustained by you recently in consequence of the shipwreck of the vessel which was conveying it to this country.

With the best wishes for the happiness of Mrs. Burnet, yourself and family,

I remain

Yours very sincerely,

J. D. PRINGLE.

ROBINSON STREET, 19th Dec., 1853.

My dear Sir,

The munificent gift of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church has awakened feelings of unfeigned gratitude and attachment.

In my intercourse with the members of my flock, I thought the kindness and courtesy, which I have uniformly experienced, were to be properly attributed to the respect felt for an humble under-shepherd of