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We learn from the *Montreal Witness*, that the Anniversary meeting of the Montreal Sabbath Association was held on the 10th of February, in the Wesleyan Church. The Chair was occupied by John Redpath, Esq., and Rev. Messrs. McLoud, Jenkins, and Inglis, addressed the meeting. A. Morris, Esq., Junr., and G. Brown, Esq., M. P. P., also spoke on the occasion. Mr. Brown gave many cheering facts, showing the progress of the cause, the overwhelming amount of evidence against official labour, on the Sabbath, in the Post Office department, or on the canals, and the very strong tide of public opinion which was setting in against those abuses. Now is the time for city and country to petition! petition!! petition!!!

It is cheering to see in the Legislature, where a worldly expediency so largely influences the members, individuals coming forward boldly and advocating the claims of the Sabbath, on the high ground of a *divine* authority.

#### RED RIVER—LATEST INTELLIGENCE CHURCH-BUILDING FUND.

Letters from Mr. Black, at the Red River Settlement, have been received up till November. Matters are going on prosperously. The erection of the church at the chief point had been successfully begun, and in the course of the summer of 1853, it is expected to be completed. A smaller church, that will accommodate about 200, built of logs, and like the Bishop's palace, thatched with straw, has been put up at the other station, fourteen miles distant; and there Mr. Black preaches every third Sabbath afternoon. The Sabbath school is large—from 120 to 127 being the usual number of pupils. Mr. Black superintends it himself, between services, and teaches his Bible class at the same time. "I believe," says Mr. B., "we can say what few other congregations can, *one-third* of our whole population is under Sabbath school training. 'May we be faithful, and the Lord add his blessing.' We have been hitherto cramped in both schools for want of books, but now, by the return of the York boats, we have got a large supply, ordered last year; and our day school, as to maps, primers, books for geography, and for reading, will now be the best provided in the settlement."

Mr. Black still expects to return to Canada in the course of 1853; and he hopes to bring with him, two young men for Knox's College, and one for the Normal Seminary.

The destruction of property, by the flood of last spring, will render it very difficult for the people at the principal station to finish their contemplated stone church. As yet, but a small amount has been contributed to aid them. May we not hope that the sum to be transmitted in the spring, will at least, be increased by the donations of friends to £50? This would encourage the hearts of our brethren at Red River.

Donations for this object will be thankfully received by Rev. Dr. Bur., or at the Agency Office of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, Knox's College, Toronto.

#### GIBRALTAR—NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

In October last the foundation of a Free Church was laid upon the Rock. It will cost £1000. For this purpose over £200 were collected in Edinburgh in one day, and above £1000 in Glasgow in two days. Nearly £1000 were contributed by the congregation, soldiers, and friends on the spot.

The Israelites, who were in the last day of the feast of Tabernacles, were present at the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone. The Rev. Dr. Land-borough, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Philip, missionary to the Jews in Algeria, came to the spot and delivered a suitable discourse, amidst the profound silence of the assembled multitude.

A Spanish letter, written by a merchant to a friend in Scotland, says:—

"Solemn beyond description was the scene when the three following verses of the 132d Psalm were sung:—

For God of Zion hath made choice;  
There he desires to dwell.

This is my rest, here still I'll stay;  
For I do like it well.

Her food I'll greatly bless; her poor  
With bread will satisfy.

Her priests I'll clothe with health; her saints  
Shall shout forth joyfully.

And there will I make David's horn  
To bud forth pleasantly:

For him that mine anointed is  
A lamp ordained have I.

The effect of this sweet and solemn melody on the Israelites was particularly striking. They remembered that this hymn, sung in adoration of the God of Zion, was the production of their inspired ancestral king; and they showed themselves greatly gratified at seeing, at least one assembly, whose worship was free from those foreign elements which conflict with their religious convictions."

REV. MR. BOYD'S NEW CHURCH, PRESCOTT.—Just as the February number issued from the press, we received intelligence that the congregation under the pastoral care of the Rev. Robt. Boyd, had, a short time previously, taken possession of their new and elegant church. The private letter from which we derive the information, states, that it has a somewhat splendid appearance—is lighted with eleven lamps—the aisles are carpeted—the painting is very tastefully and elegantly done. The ladies furnished the carpet and six of the lamps, also the trimmings for the pulpit. The young men presented a splendid chandelier, and a curtain for the back of the pulpit; and Mr. Christie presented the lamps for the pulpit.

The people have taken a deep interest in the erection of their new place of worship, and have accomplished it by their own unaided efforts; and while erecting a costly fabric, they have not neglected the general claims of the Church, but have faithfully taken up the public collections appointed by the Synod.

CUMMINSVILLE AND WATERDOWN.—The Rev. Mr. McLean, pastor of the congregations at Wellington Square, Watertown, and Cumminsville, dispensed the Communion at the latter station

on the 30th January, when eleven members were added to the roll.

Mr. McLean and the congregation at Watertown, desire to express their gratitude to Mrs. Fergusson of Woodhull, for her very efficient aid to the schemes of the Church, and also for the gift of a silver communion service, lately presented for the use of the congregation.

#### DR. DUFF DESCRIBED BY KIRWAN.

When Dr. Murray of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, better known as Kirwan, was lately in Europe, he wrote a series of letters, on men and things, as he found them. In his *fourth* letter there is a graphic account of the Anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and of the speakers who took part in the proceedings. After describing the famous Exeter Hall, and noticing Lord Ashley, who presided at the meeting, and several of the distinguished noblemen who were upon the platform, he thus proceeds to speak of the Prince of Missionaries:—

"But, beyond all question, the man of the meeting was Dr. Duff, the great Scotch missionary at Calcutta. I had heard of him—I had read his powerful and moving addresses and communications; but now I saw and heard him. The day was chilly, and he sat near me, wrapped up in a cloak. He is quite tall, probably six feet two or three inches, when he takes the folds out of his body. He is a very slender man, with a small head, thick black hair combed back from his forehead and temples, deep sunken black eyes, hollow cheeks, and presenting on the whole a worn, sickly aspect. His accent is of the broadest Scotch, and his delivery most furious. When his name was announced, the hall rang again. He commenced like a race-horse, and kept in full gallop to the close of a very long speech. He twisted his body into all possible shapes—at one time, a part of the tail of his coat was over his shoulder; at another he had every available portion of it closely packed under one arm, so as to reveal his waistcoat midway to his shoulders. I never heard such a torrent of information, of history, of invective, of figure and illustration, of vigorous grappling with pantheism, infidelity and formalism, and of earnest exhortation to the whole host of God's elect, to a bold and united assault upon the army of the aliens. And as he traced the progress of the soul emerging from the darkness of nature into the light of revelation, and by the aid of that light ascending step by step, until introduced to the general assembly and church of the first-born in heaven, he held his audience in breathless silence. When he concluded his speech he was dripping with perspiration; and the moment his last words were uttered, he rolled his cloak around him, and amid the tumultuous applause of the house, darted out of the hall."

The Roman Catholic rate-payers of Three Rivers, opposed to the infamous Cathedral Bill, have requested Mr. Brown to present their petition, in opposition to that measure.

The Government intend to proceed with the University Bill.

FREE CHURCH COLLEGES.—The number of Divinity students in attendance at the New College, Edinburgh, is 216. At Aberdeen, 31. Total, 247.

The late Rev. Mr. McChoyne said, in respect of the disruption—not expecting that there would be work or room in Scotland for all the ejected ministers—"I'll go to the transported convicts. No man seems to care for their souls."