

but it came to hand too late for insertion in this number.

OUR JEWISH MISSIONARY.

By a letter received by the Corresponding Secretary from Dr. Epstein, and dated Liverpool, 23rd December, we learn that the destination of the "Melita," was changed from Salonica to Constantinople, in consequence of not having sufficient cargo, but that the passengers were transferred to the "Arcadia," a steamer belonging to the Greek Line, which was to sail from Liverpool on the 24th December. Professor Mitchell, the Convener of the Jewish Committee of the Church of Scotland, had met with our Missionary, and given him much information as to the character of the work at Salonica, which will be of service to him. We trust that, long ere this sheet is under the view of our readers, Dr. Epstein and family will have reached their destination. We will await with expectation his account of his arrival upon the scene of his future labours in that "Thessalonica" where the great apostle of the Gentiles once walked and preached.

THE MONTREAL ANNUAL SABBATH SCHOOL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Sabbath School children, attending the Sabbath Schools of St. Andrews and St. Paul's Churches, was held in the basement of St. Paul's Church on the 2nd of January. Owing to the severity of the weather the children were not brought in from the Mission School of St. Joseph Street or Point St. Charles. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. Snodgrass, and the teachers of both schools were present. The attendance of children was 200 or upwards. After praise and prayer the children were addressed by the Rev. W. Snodgrass, T. A. Gibson, Esq., Superintendent of St. Paul's Church School, then followed with a brief address, and in an interesting manner tested the Scriptural knowledge of the children by a short examination. Mr. Alexander Morris, Superintendent of St. Andrew's School, then addressed the children in appropriate terms. The children sang several hymns during the morning. They were also supplied with a few simple refreshments, and evidently enjoyed their meeting together on this New Year's season.

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STATISTICAL RETURNS FROM THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, FOR THE YEAR 1859:

1. Name and locality of School?
2. When established?
3. Name of Superintendent?
4. How many Male Teachers, and how many Female, are in your School?
5. Average attendance of Male Teachers? Female "
6. How many Scholars' names are on your Roll?
7. What is the average attendance of boys? " girls?

8. Compared with the previous year, what has been your increase or diminution.
 9. Have you observed any evidence of the commencement or progress of spiritual life among your Sabbath Scholars?
 10. Is your School suffering from any particular cause? If so, what?
 11. Are you aware whether it exercises a beneficial influence upon the families to which the children belong, or upon others?
 12. Have you a Library? If so, state the number of Volumes, whence obtained, and if they are all suitable for Sabbath Reading?
 13. To what extent do your Scholars take the "Juvenile Presbyterian"?
 14. Do you distribute any other publications among them?
 15. Have you used any published "Scheme of Lessons"?
 16. Give an outline of the exercises, as conducted in your School?
 17. Have you had quarterly or other periodical examinations of your Scholars?
 18. What has your School done for Missions?
 19. Have you regular Teachers' Meetings? If so, describe their nature, purpose and result?
- * The Committee recommend to your notice the "Scheme of Sabbath School Lessons for 1860," published for the Montreal Sabbath School Association.

THE FRENCH MISSION. FORMATION OF A CONGREGATION.

The Committee trust that the friends will not forget this effort, as their funds are beginning to get short. The Missionary, the Revd. Louis Baridon, continues to labour earnestly in their service.

The little congregation at Sciota, where there is a chapel, has been organised by him. It now embraces 11 members; but there are three times as many more French Canadians, who are Protestants, but have not yet been admitted into membership.

In Mr. Baridon's most recent Report, of date 6th January last, he says:—

The field is wide, your work is capable of extension among the 500 or 800 families on the borders of the Line, some of whom are ready to receive the message of the Gospel, while to all it ought to be announced. It is by no means the will of God, that we should only labour on the express condition of ourselves gathering the fruits of our labours. Such a principle would be to walk by sight and not by faith. If you intend to advance in your good work, it will be necessary for you not to leave me alone. Two could accomplish more than one. If you take up Sciota as your station, it will be necessary to establish a school, in order that we may exert an influence upon the rising generation. The old are hardened in sins, the young have more tender hearts, and there is reason to hope for them. Our American friends would see with great pleasure a school established at Sciota, and appear disposed to assist you in the work.

As to our other families out of Sciota, and too far distant to form part of it, they are visited and preached to in turn as formerly. After these I give the rest of my time to the Romanists. Sciota occupies me much of late."

This field is an interesting one, and from its proximity to Canada will exert an important influence upon the work in our Province, into which we hope to see it speedily extended. No missionary effort has a stronger claim upon our support than this, and we trust that the efforts of the Committee to re-establish the mission on a satisfactory footing will be crowned with abundant success. We believe that, had they funds to warrant it, they could secure the services of another missionary and of a female teacher also, for whose services there is ample room.

THE PRINCIPAL ELECT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

We cut from the letter of the Scotch Correspondent of the Halifax Record for December the following tribute to the fitness of the Principal Elect of Queen's College for that position. The writer of these letters, which have been an attractive feature of the "Record," is well competent to judge of the qualifications needed in a Principal, and will, we trust, soon be found adorning a pulpit in his native country, Nova Scotia. We have no right to unveil his incognito, but we are glad to know that the Divinity Students from Nova Scotia, now in Scotland, are a credit to British North America, and have distinguished themselves most honourably in the Old Father-land, where some of them have taken a first class position.

"Reverting to other subjects, I cannot help congratulating the Canadian Church on the Principal they have secured for Queen's College, the Rev. Mr. Leitch, of Monimail. They are certainly under a deep obligation to Mr. Morris and Dr. Barclay, who, as their representatives in Scotland, exerted themselves wisely and unweariedly to get "the right man for the right place." Mr. Leitch will be much missed by the Church and his friends here; but he will largely increase the efficiency and status of Queen's College. When at Glasgow University, nearly thirty years ago, he was one of our most distinguished students; so much so that, when the Professor of Astronomy was unable to attend to the duties of the class, Mr. Leitch was appointed to fill his place for the whole session. He has ever been one of the ablest contributors to MacPhail's Journal and other periodicals, and, whether on the evidences or on questions of statistics or church polity, his writings show a clearness, a readiness, and a grasp of argument that very few in Scotland can equal. Though a sound conservative, yet his liberality of tone and sentiment and his genial kindness of manner have made him most popular, even with his opponents. Altogether I do not know a fitter man that the Canadian church could have selected, and I only wonder that they were able to offer him sufficient inducements to leave Scotland."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

We have been favoured with the following abstract of the statement of the affairs of this Church, prepared from the Trustees' Report and other sources, which is of interest, as showing the receipts and expenditure of an important City congregation.

RECEIPTS.

	24th Dec., 1859.
Balance from last year.....	£ 12 1 0
From Pew Rents.....	822 9 0
Church collections for ordinary and extraordinary purposes.....	305 18 8
Raised by congregation for stipend and passage money of Assistant Minister.....	200 0 0
Special effort of Ladies for Jewish Mission.....	62 10 0
	£1402 18 8

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Rev. Dr. Mathieson.....	£500 0 0
" Interest.....	119 0 0
" Wood, Assessments, Insurance, &c., &c.....	108 15 0