

overthrown and destroyed, and on the contrary, that the kingdom of God may be established in his soul, he may rest assured that he will fail of his aimAnd although, at present, he may not believe me and others who are faithful to him, but suppose that he must now be diligent, and first of all seek to provide himself with a sufficient store of learning, and that the kingdom of God will follow as a matter of course; although he may think that he is not forgetful of the Lord his God and his religious duties, but that he continues to observe them, only he cannot manifest much earnestness in them because he might thus neglect his studies—yet he will at length find himself dreadfully deceived, and will then believe, to his loss, that which he now refuses to believe, though tending to his great advantage and profit”

MISSIONARY INGENUITY.

Extracted from the speech of the Rev. Mr Brock, at the late anniversary of the London Missionary Society.

“I know a farmer in Norfolk, a very small farmer, rather to be called a ploughman, but he had some mechanical ingenuity, and he invented a considerable improvement on the ordinary plough. Having done this, he thought he should like to get introduced to Prince Albert, that he might have permission to use his name. His landlord got him the necessary introduction, and he went to the palace with the model of the plough. The introduction being sent in, it was received, and he was told that he must wait a little. The good man, a deacon of a Baptist Church, thus found himself in the presence of the royal palace, and he knew how to behave himself, for the Christianity of which he was pre-eminently subject, taught him how to behave in the palace of princes. (Cheers.) Some two or three days intervened, and, at last, he was to see his Royal Highness with the plough. There were two or three models with which his Royal Highness was pleased, and it was called the Albert plough. After this was over, he drew out his pocket-book, and said— Please your Royal Highness, I sometimes write a little poetry. When her Majesty came of age, I wrote a little about that; when her Majesty was crowned, I wrote a little about that—(hear, hear)—when her Majesty was married I wrote a little about that. (Laughter and cheers.) I have had them all copied out, if you would please to give them to her Majesty.” With great kindness, characteristic of good nature, the poetry was accepted just in the same spirit in which it was presented. I will not answer for the versification, but I know that it was thoroughly steeped with evangelical sentiments—right evangelical loyalty. (Hear, hear.) The good man came home rather important, not improperly so, especially for the town where he lived. He had not been home more than a few days before there came by the old ‘Telegraph’ coach, a large parcel with the royal arms. (Hear, hear.) The porter wondered, and the landlord wondered that Mr. John Smith should have such a parcel as that; but there it was, and when it was opened, there was a copy of ‘Bagster’s Comprehensive Bible,’ sent down by her Majesty herself as a token of approval of the poetry of John Smith. (Loud cheers.) This set him up. He and his wife looked at, and they knew not how to contain themselves inferring that there was in that incident an intimation of what was going on in certain quarters, in which we may all rejoice. (Cheers.) In Cæsar’s household there were those who served the Lord; and I hope we have something like it in our own palace. That however, is not the end of the ingenuity. It occurred in the year of the Baptist Jubilee, and when they were about building a Sunday-school connected with the Church of which he was a deacon. They were musing upon it, and he said to his wife, ‘If we could but get Prince Albert’s name, we could show the B.B. for a shilling, and give something to the

Missionary Jubilee Fund, and we might give something to the Sunday-school.’ (Hear, hear.) He wrote a letter to ask, if his Royal Highness would please to put his name in the Bible, for it was the year of the missionary jubilee, and he should like it. There came back a letter to say that if he would send the Bible it should be done forthwith. (Cheers.) ‘No,’ he said, ‘I shall not send it, I will go.’ So to London he came, found that the royal family were at Windsor, whether he followed them, and the old porter bade him welcome. He could not see the Prince for a day or two, but more than once he bowed his knee in domestic worship under the roof of her Majesty. By-and-by he was told that the Prince would see him, and he went in with the Bible in his hand. The Prince put his name in it, and then he said, ‘Do you think her Majesty would put her name in it?’ (Laughter and cheers.) That is what I call downright ingenuity—that is a liberal mind devising liberal things—that is a heart in the right place, and having its eye upon the right object. With the most perfect readiness, for which I to my dying day shall honour him, his Royal Highness said, ‘I will ask.’ He took the Bible, brought it back with her Majesty’s signature and gave it to John Smith, who returned home and asked his neighbours to come and look at the Bible on one condition, namely, that they should pay a shilling each—(laughter and cheers)—and out of that he raised from £40 to £50—(cheers)—for the purpose to which I have referred. I say, God speed the ploughman, and God save the Queen! and let us ‘go and do likewise.’ (Continued cheering.)”

SCIENTIFIC PROPHECY.—About 19 years ago Mr. Hart, of Wilton, Conn., then a remarkably good student in his Collegiate course, was suddenly deprived of his reason and memory. In those circumstances, his father, Rev. Mr. Hart sent him to Hartford; but finding no relief, he sent him to Dr. Chapin, of Cambridge, Mass. The Dr. said that there was no relief for him at that time,—but at the age of 36 or 37, there would be a change; that the brain was too much expanded for the cranium, and there would at that age be a contraction, which would enable it to act healthfully. His anxious father and family saw their hopes peremptorily deferred for 19 years. That time has recently expired, and to their great joy the prophecy is fulfilled. The man began to inquire for his books, as if he had just laid them down, and resumed his mathematical studies where he left them. There was no trace in his mind of this long blank in his life, or of anything which occurred in it, and he did not know that he was almost forty years of age. The circumstance of greatest interest is, that whereas he went into this state of derangement in deep religious anxiety, he came out of it with a bright christian hope, which had been obtained without the knowledge of his friends a short time before.

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.—Dr. Sylvester, an Italian by birth, and an eminent chemist, has discovered a mode of hardening the human body to the consistency of stone or marble, which he is about to exhibit in London. His specimens have excited great astonishment. One was the head of a lady, with the hair parted and dressed, retaining its flexible properties and colours although the surface from which it grew resembles stone—something like a wax model; also a child’s head, plump and dimpled as in life, and a tongue petrified, as if it had never uttered a sound. The petrifying process is said to be simple and cheap. A bouquet of choice flowers—the juice first extracted by a pneumatic process—preserved their natural colours, but were as hard and rigid as if some cunning workman had carved them from Persian marble; for not only the leaves and petals were rendered stone-like, but the minute half-formed stems were rendered coralline.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF KNOX’S COLLEGE, TORONTO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1848.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

Received from Hamilton	£83 16 9
Galt	78 6 5
Zorra	22 18 0
St. Andrews	3 10 0
Woodstock	14 6 6
Port Sarua	22 10 0
Fergus	9 10 0
London	38 0 1
Dundas and Ancaster ..	14 2 6
Ancaster Settlement ...	6 9 6
West Flamboro’	6 13 9
Tucker-mith	4 10 0
North Easthope	6 10 0
Wellington Square	7 18 9
Budbrook and Salsfleet...	8 8 9
Williams	10 10 0
Caledonia	8 0 6
Dunville	5 0 0
Jarvis Station, Walpole	2 13 9
Scotch Settlement, Oneida	2 10 0
Harwich, Chatham, &c.	3 15 0
Ayr	6 2 6
Ekfrid and Mosa	20 0 0
Niagara	5 0 0
Walpole	2 13 9
St. Thomas	4 6 4
Howard	1 7 0
Tilbury	0 12 6
Port Dover	2 10 0
Aldboro, Dunwich, and Oxford	3 0 9
	£405 13 1

Presbytery of Brockville.

Prescott	£13 15 0
Spencerville	3 0 0
	16 15 0

Presbytery of Toronto.

Toronto	£75 15 3
Chingwacous East	7 10 0
Temple Church	9 0 6
Esquesing, Union Church	3 3 14
“ Norval	2 6 10 1/2
“ Boston Church	6 0 9 1/2
“ Acton	7 14 4 1/2
Caledon West	3 10 2
“ East	3 9 4
Erin	1 12 6
Markham	3 11 3
Streetsville	12 2 6
Oro	3 0 0
Toronto Township	7 5 0
King	3 4 6
Vaughan	3 16 9
Brock	1 7 6
Mara	0 12 3
Eldon and part of Mariposa	5 16 3
Beaverton	7 4 4
Burwick	3 13 3
York Mills	7 13 9
Mono	1 0 0
Bradford and W. Gwillimbury	10 5 0
	190 15 3

Presbytery of Cobourg.

Peterboro’	£16 11 9
Grafton	10 0 0
Cobourg	16 17 6
Darlington	4 5 0
Cavan	7 9 9
Otonabee	4 9 9
	59 13 9

Presbytery of Kingston.

Pictou	£14 16 3
Granby	16 0 0
Demoretville	2 1 3
	32 17 6