

Wishing our esteemed president a pleasant and prosperous trip to the Dominion of Canada, and a safe return to us when the business that calls him away shall have been transacted, and praying that the choicest blessings of the Omnipotent may rest upon him and his beloved wife and amiable family, as well as upon every member of the association, I beg to submit this brief and imperfect report.

ALEX. A. PARSONS, Secretary.

SYLLABUS FOR 1878-9.

- Nov. 5. Debate.—Which does the most to produce crime—Poverty, Wealth, or Ignorance?
 „ 12. Essays.—Money; Character. Readings and Recitations.
 „ 19. Debate.—Which was the greater man—Franklin or Washington?
 „ 26. Essays—Solitude; Honour. Readings and Recitations.
 Dec. 3. Debate.—From which does the mind gain the most knowledge?
 READING OR OBSERVATION.
 „ 10. Essays.—Contentment, Punctuality. Readings and Recitations.
 „ 17. Debate.—Which is to be preferred—A Town or a Country Life?
 „ 24. Essays.—Customs; Climate.
 „ 31. Debate.—Does Happiness or Misery Preponderate in Life.
 Jan. 7. Essays.—Value of Time; Power of Habit. Readings and Recitations.
 „ 14. Debate.—Which was the greater man—Bonaparte, Watt, or Howard?
 „ 21. Essays.—Self-culture; Ambition. Readings and Recitations.
 „ 28. Debate.—Is Universal Peace Probable?
 Feb. 4. Essays.—History and Character of Joseph; Adversity. Readings and Recitations.
 „ 11. Debate.—Has Novel-reading a Moral Tendency?
 „ 18. Essays.—Pleasures of Memory; Christianity. Readings and Recitations.
 „ 25. Debate.—Is the Character of Oliver Cromwell worthy of our Admiration?
 March 3. Essays.—Character of Paul; Company. Readings and Recitations.
 „ 10. Debate.—Has the Stage a Moral Tendency?
 „ 17. Essays.—Amusements; Wasted Lives. Readings and Recitations.
 „ 24. Debate.—Was the Execution of Mary Queen of Scots Justifiable?
 „ 31. Essays.—Character of Washington; Humbugs. Readings and Recitations.
 April 7. Debate.—Is the Character of Queen Elizabeth worthy of our Admiration?
 „ 14. Essays.—Patriotism; Books. Readings and Recitations.

April 21. Debate.—Has the Fear of Punishment or the Hope of Reward the Greater Influence on Human Conduct.

„ 28. Essays.—Patience; Charity; Friendship. Readings and Recitations.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In aid of the above two very successful concerts of sacred music were given in the lecture-room of Queen's-road Chapel by the children of the Sabbath-school, under the leadership of Miss M. K. Chaney. Crowded audiences testified their appreciation of the services of juveniles, and nearly £20 was the monetary result of Miss Chancey's laudable exertions on behalf of the Newfoundland Congregational Home Missionary Society.

THE EVANGELISTS.

Messrs. Hutchinson and Bromley have left for Nova Scotia, having spent about seven months in labour on this island. Carbonear was the scene of their most successful efforts, though in St. John's and Harbour-grace very blessed results are manifest. The only place where they received any opposition, or where any attempt at persecution was made, was in Heart's Content. Those who know this settlement say it is the Sodom of Newfoundland. We are, therefore, not surprised at the conduct of many; but our readers would be surprised if they were told who the leader of the persecution was, but we forbear.

Mr. Deakins is still evangelising in the north. Our last reports of the work are most encouraging. He was then in Bonavesta, and the Lord was blessing his labours very abundantly.

EDUCATION.

The Congregational Board of Education is erecting a new and commodious schoolroom in the west-end of the city, in the neighbourhood of Patrick-street, which will be opened by the 1st of this month. A second-grade teacher, who has been four years in the St. John's Training School, will be in charge, and everything will be done to render the school efficient and a blessing to the locality where it was so much needed.

BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY.

The British American Book and Tract Society seeks to send to the homes of our people a cheap and standard religious literature. Mr. Hugh Furneux has been chosen by the advising committee in this city to visit the western shore, commencing at Chunnel and coming north. We wish him much success, and we are confident that the committee has made a wise choice.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Queen's-road Sabbath-school has added £15 worth of books to the library, and would tender to the "Sunday-school Union sincere thanks for their generous terms."