

We take the liberty of inserting other two letters, which were not intended for publication; but the writers will excuse us, we believe, as the letters are fitted to give encouragement to the friends of the College. That from Montreal, whispers also instruction which the Directors of the College will not, we are sure, be unwilling to receive. The admission of members to the Church is a matter of solemn responsibility, and the admission of young men into the class even of candidates for the ministry, carries with it a responsibility still more solemn. We think we can say for our Professor of Theology, that, desiring as we believe him to be to realize his responsibility in this matter, he will not be offended to see in our columns the reference to him, by our esteemed Montreal correspondent.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM AN ELDER IN COLLEGE STREET CHURCH, MONTREAL, TO THE CONVENOR OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

MONTREAL, 4th March, 1848.

My Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure of enclosing you a draft on the Branch Bank of Montreal, for twenty pounds currency, and a two-dollar bill, making £20 10s., being the subscription of the Free Church Congregation, College-street, for Knox's College; and, considering that our congregation does not consist of the rich and the great, but generally of the poor, and with a heavy debt upon us, and being also without a stated pastor, the subscription is larger than we could have expected. The congregation have been thoroughly sifted, the office-bearers took each their several districts, and went to every member. May the Lord bless the offering, as well as every other that you may receive on account of the College. The hopes of the Church are now on the College alone for their future pastors: all other sources appear to be drying up. May the Lord make it a source from which living streams may flow throughout the land, making it like a well-watered garden, every plant therein being of the planting of the Lord.

Up to this time I have received payment for the Records to the amount of £23 10s. I hope the Lord is blessing your college labours. I would say again, be careful in your admissions into the Theological class. I hope Dr. Willis will help to guard this path to the sacred office of the ministry.

Very faithfully yours,

LETTER TO THE REV. ALEXANDER GALE, FROM MR. A. MACLEAN, WELLINGTON SQUARE, WELLINGTON SQUARE, March 8, 1847.

To the Rev. Alexander Gale:

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—Enclosed I send you £5 10s. currency, the subscriptions in part of my charge, viz.—From Wellington Square, £3 6s. 6d.; Waterdown, £1 6s. 3d.; Cummingsville, 11s. 6d.

I am happy to see a *reviving interest* manifested in our school of the prophets. "My this main reason of our Church have a hold on the hearts of all who love Zion! Dal all who belong to our Churches know the toils, trials, difficulties, and yet expect, in the way of such as send the Ministry before the opening of a Presbyterian College in Canada, they would hail as harbingers of good, the earnest of the success of that institution, and would give it their heart in prayer, and their hand in helping it with their means.

ALEXANDER MACLEAN.

P. S.—I hope to obtain something more to send you. Mr. Robb's visit was of great service; as soon as he was done speaking, I went through the congregation, and took names and subscriptions on a slip of paper, and in ten minutes I got from £5 to £6. We must aim at many little; they will accomplish more than a few great gifts. £1, our largest subscription (Mr. Bent's) is yet to be paid in.

REPORT

OF THE LADIES' ASSOCIATION, KNOX'S CHURCH, HAMILTON.

This association having completed the third year of its existence, has much pleasure in laying before the congregation an account of its workings for the year 1847.

During that period, the Association has carried on its operations regularly, but without effort. The attendance of ladies at the monthly meetings has been smaller than in former years, and consequently less work has been sold; this, however, has been more than made up by the unanimous efforts of the whole congregation, at the Annual Sale,—the amount of work given in, and the sum realized, being beyond the most sanguine expectations of the office-bearers; and so far as the financial part of it is concerned, the Association is in a flourishing state. A more general interest in the other objects of the Association is however desirable, and this can only be effected by a larger attendance of our members at the monthly meetings; the great object of the Association—the mutual benefit to each other—can only thus be promoted.

The ladies have to regret that the Bible Classes are not so flourishing as they would desire; throughout the past year, the junior class has been well attended, but the senior class is small; and again the ladies invite the attention of all concerned to this circumstance.

With regard to the visitation of the sick, there is little to report, one or two cases being all that have come under the ladies' notice.

The ladies have to record, with much gratitude to Almighty God, that their worthy pastor, the Rev. Mr. Robb, has accepted the office of President; and to his exertion much of the late success is owing, and to him they look for yet greater advantages, from the interest he takes in the business of every meeting.

It is a subject of deep regret, that a missionary has not yet been procured, to whom the funds should be entirely devoted, an interest in whose proceedings would serve to stimulate the ladies' exertions. Mr. Robb has undertaken to write to a student in Scotland, of whose piety he has the highest opinion, to request him to come to our assistance, depending on the congregation's continued generosity for the payment of his salary.

Trusting to the increased interest in the workings of the Association, to unequivocally displayed at the Annual Sale, the funds on hand have all been appropriated. The receipts for the last year, as will be seen by the Treasurer's account, have been in all, £131 2s. 10d.; the sum on hand from 1846, was £72 16s. 2½d. The Association, in March last, paid for burials to Knox's College, £10; in July, board for a Gaelic student in Mr. Gal's house, £11; to the General Funds of the Home Mission, £90; £75 were voted to pay the small debts due to tradesmen for the erection of the church; and £7 19s. 10d. for working materials. This, it will be seen, leaves a balance of £10 on hand, which is to be devoted to the usual burials. So, powerless, the Association has to trust to the christian benevolence of its members, and to the congregation generally, for the present year; and much exertion will be required to raise a salary for the missionary, whose coming we have every reason to expect, and to whose support the Association is pledged; but even if again disappointed in this expectation, there are at present many labours to be paid—much work to be done. Our fellow-subjects, the descendants of a common ancestry—to whose gospel privileges, and zeal in supporting them, we owe our present religious liberty and happy position as a church—furnishing for the word of life, call for bread, and shall we refuse our money or our efforts to supply them? No! there will not be wanting among us the expression of that love to Christ and His cause, which is a test of true faith and a flourishing church.

It is to be hoped that there will soon be a supply of young men from the College at Toronto, deeply imbued with piety and the responsibility of their office, ready to distribute the bread of life in the destitute places of the country. Let us not

leave them unprovided with the means of doing so,—for the "labourer is worthy of his reward;" and in "due season we shall reap if we faint not." Hamilton, March 1st, 1848.

Jan. 7, '47.—To balance in Treasury	£72 16 1½
Dec. 22. To monthly sales	31 19 11½
To annual sale	73 6 6
To subscriptions	11 19 6
To Bursary	10 0 0
Interest	4 2 1
	£203 17 2

By Bursary	£10 0 0
By Gaelic Student	11 0 0
By Materials	7 19 10½
By Home Mission	90 0 0
By Building Fund	75 0 0
By Bursary 1848	10 0 0
	£203 19 10½

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

ORDINATION.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met at Eckfrid, London District, on 16th February, for the ordination and induction of Mr. William K. Sutherland, a Licentiate of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to the pastoral charge of Eckfrid, Mowat and Zone. The Rev. Mr. Allan, of North Easthope, presided, and preached an impressive sermon, from 1 Cor., 1 c. 23 v.: "but we preach Christ crucified!"

After the usual questions were put and answered satisfactorily, Mr. Sutherland was solemnly ordained with prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Donald McKenzie afterwards addressed the Minister, and Rev. J. McKinnon the people.

In every way the ordination was a transaction of deep interest to all concerned; for the greater part of the congregation, which amounted at least to four hundred, had never witnessed a similar act before; and the Elders, and the more aged, many of whom resided in the place nearly twenty years, had their long cherished hopes, of having a stated ministry among them, at last realized.

Mr. Sutherland has a wide sphere of usefulness before him; already he is surrounded by a numerous body of Presbyterians, and they are fast increasing, as in many other parts in Canada; his congregation which, at present, forms only one, will ere long, make up three large congregations.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met at Chatham, on the 22nd February ultimo, for the ordination of Mr. Angus McColl, Preacher of the Gospel, and his induction as the Pastor of the congregation in Chatham, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Rev. Mr. McKinnon presided, and preached an appropriate sermon from 11 Cor., 5 c., 11 v.: "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."

The prescribed questions were put and answered; thereafter Mr. McColl was ordained in the usual manner.

The Rev. Mr. Donald McKenzie addressed the Minister; the Rev. Mr. Peck the people, in English; and the Rev. Mr. Sutherland the people, in Gaelic.

In the evening the Presbytery dined with about twenty of the members of the congregation.

Chatham, Tilbury, and the other surrounding townships, which now enjoy the pastoral services of Mr. McColl, form a wide and interesting field of labour; very probably, in the course of some years, each township will furnish ample work for one minister.

May the spirit be poured on us, both ministers and people, from on high, that sinners may be converted, and believers abundantly rejoice in the great salvation. The settlement of our young ministers, educated among ourselves, calls for our ardent thankfulness to God; and, at the same time, let us all unite in earnest prayer at a throne of