

A VERY PRECIOUS PROMISE.

To me it is one of the most precious in the precious word of God. It follows the assurance that we have a great High Priest, who is passed into the heavens: who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and then we are invited to "come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

MERCY is the boon we need. Sinners doomed to die; sinners richly deserving death; no righteousness of ours to plead; no merits to commend us to the king in whose hand the sword is, and on whose nod our life depends; sinners whose existence is the most stupendous wonder since the death of him who purchased mercy for us; sinners *such as we are*, may draw nigh to God and obtain mercy. O matchless, O amazing love! Mercy for sinners!

And GRACE to help in time of need. We are not SINNERS only, we are poor, weak, sickly, ignorant, tempted, dying sinners, and the time of need will come to us, one and all. It came to our master. Though he was rich, for our sakes he became poor: Though he knew no sin, he was made sin for us: and though he was the brightness of the Father's glory, there came a great, black cloud between his face and his Father's, and he cried out in agony that shook the earth to its centre, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

And we are to drink of his cup, and to be baptized with his baptism. Our times of need; many of them and sore will come; if we are his friends; if we watch with him in the garden, we shall wrestle, and sweat, and bleed and die. Even if the Spirit were always willing, the flesh is often weak. Disease and pain and danger may make children or cowards of us all, and when the flesh and the heart fail, God is the strength of our heart, and our portion forever.

We may lose our *property, or reputation, or friends*; and in that time of need we may be ready to say that there is no help for us. But then the promise comes, O how precious, and we plead it, till we obtain grace to help. Great riches are in Him. There is no honor like that of being kings and priests to the Most High. And Jesus is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

And when these dark hours come on, such as Jesus encountered in Gethsemane and on the tree, such as Brainerd knew in the wilderness, and Payson, almost even while he was yet in the flesh, and such as saints in all ages have experienced in sympathy with the pious bard of Israel, who cried in his time of need, "deep answereth unto deep at the noise of thy water-spouts. All thy waves and thy billows have gone over me"; then comes the blessed word of promise, that he who was in all points tempted like as we are, will strengthen us, and carry us out in the light of his countenance, and give us the joy of his salvation. "I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance and my God."

Even in the last great conflict, when death stands at our side, and with his icy fingers, feels for the heart-strings that he may snap them all; even then is the time of need, when he who once breathed out his soul in anguish, and was under the power of death for a time, will send grace to help the believer; nay, will come himself, and step down with him into the cold waters of the Jordan, lend his arm to lean on, his rod and staff to comfort him, and guide him safely through to Canaan's happy shore. It is a blessed promise: grace to help in time of need. IRENEUS.

THE LAND WITHOUT THE SABBATH.—Such may France be designated. A London Satirical Journal, speaking of French guests in that city, said that they would "observe many things new to them." Among the rest it was hoped they would "observe the Sabbath." Elections, reviews and general business go on. Lotteries are drawn, and theatres are open on the Lord's Day.

Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Dundas Ladies' Association in connection with Knox's Church.

1851. RECEIPTS.	
Dec. 29.—Cash in Bank.....	£20 0 0
Cash in Treasurer's hand.....	3 10 0
Realized at Sale.....	35 15 0
May 19.—Realized since Sale.....	10 0 0
	£69 5 0

1851. DISBURSEMENTS.	
Dec. 29.—Expenses.....	£19 5 0
Presbytery's Home Mission Fund.....	10 0 0
Bursary Fund.....	5 0 0
Widows' Fund.....	10 0 0
Payment on Church Lot.....	25 0 0
	£69 5 0

A. G. STARK, Sec'y.

The Presbytery of London Home Mission Fund in account current with JOHN FRASER, Treasurer.

1851. DR.	
Paid Rev. John Ross.....	£10 0 0
" Rev. James Cairncross.....	2 10 0
" Rev. John Ross.....	4 0 0
" ".....	20 0 0
" Rev. George Jamieson.....	10 0 0
" Rev. James Cairncross.....	3 0 0
" Rev. Duncan McRuar.....	20 15 0

1852.	
Paid Rev. George Jamieson.....	5 0 0
" Rev. Geo. Jamieson, Amherst- burgh.....	10 0 0
" Rev. David Greer.....	25 0 0
" Mr. Archibald Currie.....	10 10 0
Balance carried forward to the credit of new account.....	33 11 1
	£154 6 1

1851. CR.	
Balance brought forward.....	£12 9 11
Williams, per Rev. L. McPherson...	7 17 2
Chatham, per Rev. Mr. McColl.....	2 0 0
Ladies' Sewing Society, St. Andrew's Church, London.....	1 1 11
Zorra, per Rev. D. Mackenzie.....	5 0 0
St. Andrew's Church, London, com- collections.....	11 5 11
St. Thomas congregation, per Rev. J. Fraser.....	4 10 0
Zorra, per Rev. D. McKenzie.....	5 0 0
North Dorchester, per Rev Mr Greer	2 10 0
Ingersoll, per Rev. Mr Wallace.....	1 0 0
Aldboro', per Mr H Paterson.....	15 15 0
Ekfrid and Mosa, per Rev. Mr Su- therland.....	9 8 0
Woodstock, per Rev Mr Bail.....	3 0 0
Blandford.....	9 0 0
Blenheim.....	6 15 0
Paris.....	5 0 0
St. Andrew's Church Sabb. School, London.....	5 0 0
Woodstock Gaelic congregation.....	8 0 0
St. Andrew's congregation, per J. McKay.....	10 13 9
Female Association, Free St. An- drew's, London.....	1 10 0
St. Andrew's Church, London, com- munion collections.....	8 17 8
Aldboro', per Mr H Paterson.....	2 5 6
Egmondville congregation, per Rev. William Graham.....	1 10 0
North Dorchester.....	10 2 6
Kincardine.....	2 0 0
Ashfield.....	2 13 9
	£154 6 1

We, a Committee of the Presbytery of London, appointed by them to audit the Treasurer's account till 1st May, inst., having examined the same, with the vouchers, find the same correct, and that there is a balance of £33 11s. 1d. cur.

at the credit of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund, to be carried forward to new account.

LACHLAN McPHERSON.
DUNCAN McRUAR.London, C. W.,
May 12, 1852. }

The Presbytery of London, in account current with JOHN FRASER, Treasurer.

1852. DR.	
Paid Rev. Duncan McDairmid.....	£12 0 0
" Rev. John Ross.....	12 0 0
" ".....	6 5 0
	£33 11 1
1852. CR.	
Balance brought forward.....	£33 11 1
St. Andrew's, Nissouri.....	3 5 0
Blandford.....	1 10 0
Brucefield Congregation.....	6 5 0

Statement of Sums received by the Treasurer of the Home Mission of the Presbytery of Hamilton, from Jan. 8, 1851, to Jan. 29, 1852.

1851.	
Ladies' Association, Galt.....	£10 0 0
Woolwich.....	7 5 0
Ladies' Association, Ayr.....	15 0 0
Decoesville Station.....	5 15 0
Walpole Station.....	14 0 0
Mount H-lely Station.....	6 5 0
Ayr, per Mr. Lindsay.....	1 15 0
Oncida.....	6 12 6
Caledonia.....	5 7 6
Ladies' Association, Hamilton.....	10 0 0
Galt Congregation.....	15 6 1
Caledonia.....	6 0 0
Allan Settlement.....	2 10 0
Ancaster.....	2 0 0
Waterdown.....	0 15 6
1852.	
Ladies' Association, Hamilton.....	30 0 0
Caledonia, per Mr. Black.....	25 0 0
Ladies' Association, Dundas.....	10 0 0
Niagara Congregation.....	2 10 0
Ladies' Association, Galt.....	12 10 0

The Treasurer of the Presbytery of Cobourg acknowledges the receipt of £5 10s. from S. Cavan and Millbrook.

BURSARY FUND.

April 10.—Ladies' Association, Knox's Church, Hamilton, per Mr Walker.....£20 0 0

SAMUEL SPREULL, Treasurer.

KNOX'S COLLEGE FUND.

Free Temple Church, Chinguacousy, per Rev A T Holmes.....	£1 3 9
East Toronto Township.....	1 5 0
Knox's Church, Galt, per M C Lutz, Esq.....	50 0 0
Donald McKay, Corrunna.....	0 2 6
Brock and Reach, per Rev John Mit- chell.....	2 0 0
Streetsville, per A Simpson, Esq.....	7 3 0
Martintown, per Rev A Cameron ...	9 3 7½
Williamstown.....do.....	3 8 9
Lancaster Village.....do.....	2 16 3
Lancaster.....do.....	3 11 3
Roebuck's Mills.....do.....	9 11 3
Alexandria.....do.....	0 12 10½
Lochiel.....do.....	8 11 9
Vankleekhill.....do.....	9 2 3
Knox's Church, Hamilton, 1st instal- ment, per D McLellan.....	40 8 9
S. Cavan and Millbrook.....	1 17 7
Scarboro', per Wm Clark, Esq.....	2 6 7½
London, Road, per Rev. John Ross.	4 10 0
Wellington Square, per Rev A Mc- Lean.....	6 5 0
Cornwall, per Rev J C Quin.....	2 1 10½
Osnabruck, do.....	1 0 0
Indian Lands, Kenyon and Roxbor- ough, per Rev D Clarke.....	4 9 8
Knox's Church, Toronto, 1st pay't, per S. Spreull, Esq.....	67 12 6