

prayer, the report of the proceedings for the past year was read, and the officers were appointed for the present year, after which, interesting and appropriate addresses were delivered by several members of the Association. The meeting was altogether a most pleasing one. The efforts of the Association to advance the interests of religion in this community seem to have been blessed, to some extent, and it is to be hoped that, by the Divine blessing, still greater success may attend its labours.

Below, we publish the Report, from which an idea may be formed of the present position of the Association, the schemes in which it is engaged, and the prospects of the future. It is highly desirable that such Associations should become more general throughout the country towns and settlements, and, in publishing the Report of the Cape John Young Men's Christian Association, we are actuated by a hope that others, in different localities, may go and do likewise:—

REPORT.

Six years have now passed since the period when this Association was formed. A brief account of its state and operations, throughout the former five years, remain recorded in its annual reports and record book. The Roll of membership show the Association to consist of 28 members, 1 of whom has joined during the past year, but only 18 of whom are at present residing in this settlement; the others are scattered throughout the different parts of the world.

The Weekly Meetings for social worship and Bible study have been upheld throughout the year, without exception: the general attendance being about half the number within reach of attending; and the solemn pleasure and instruction derived from those meetings, appears rather to increase than abate, so that all feelings of discouragement give way to earnest hope and the motto—"Work while it is day, for the night comes, when no man can work." The public prayer-meetings have been kept up monthly throughout the year, and largely attended, particularly during the winter season.

The financial position of the Association shows that it is clear of debt, and has a balance in the treasury. No addition has been made to the library, so that it remains, as at the end of last year, viz.:—32 volumes on different subjects. On the 3rd of December last, the Association undertook to re-organize the Mutual Improvement Society; accordingly, a committee was appointed for drawing up a constitution and rules, after which a public meeting was called, where they were adopted, an efficient staff of officers appointed, and the society set in active operation. This society was always largely attended, and it afforded much edification to the community during the winter evenings. Several lectures were delivered before this society, on scientific and

literary subjects, debates on amusing and important questions were humorously discussed, and practical instructions in vocal music were given.

Testimonial to the Very Rev. Principal Snodgrass.

Last evening this interesting event took place in the Mechanic's Hall, the room being completely filled on the occasion, the bulk of those assembled doubtless belonging to the various Presbyterian Churches in the city. The gentlemen on the platform were, Reverend's Dr. Muir, Dr. Bancroft, Mr. Bonar, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Darrach, Moderator Presbytery of Montreal; Mr. Black, Mr. Sym, Mr. Muir, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Masson, Mr. W. Simpson, Lachine; Mr. Rose, Dr. Wilkes, Dr. Kemp, Dr. Mathieson, Mr. Paton; Hon. J. Rose, Alex. Morris, M. P. P.; T. A. Gibson, High School Montreal; Mr. W. Lunn, John Smith, J. M. Ross, Archibald Ferguson, William Ferguson and William Darling, Esquires.

In the centre at the front of the platform was displayed the very handsome testimonial to be presented to the Rev. gentleman, consisting of a silver tea, coffee, sugar and cream set of elegant pattern, bearing the following inscription:

"Presented to the Rev. William Snodgrass, by the Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, October, 1864."

Also a large silver salver of oval pattern, elegantly chased and engraved, bearing a crest consisting of an Eagle with wings extended, and the motto "I rise" beneath the centre portion, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to the Rev. William Snodgrass, by the Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on his leaving them to enter upon the duties of his appointment as Principal of Queen's University and College, Kingston, Upper Canada, as a grateful token of their deep sense of his faithful services as their Pastor during eight years.

"Montreal, October, 1864."

On the right of the room a long table was laid out with fruits and cake for the refreshment of the audience.

Mr. T. A. GIBSON, Principal of the High School, having taken the chair, made a few introductory remarks to the effect that since the Congregation of St. Paul's had been organized in 1834, they had had three pastors, the Rev. Dr. Black and the Rev. Dr. McGill being removed by death, and in regard to the third, the Very Rev. Principal Snodgrass, they were met that evening to testify their appreciation of his services and to bid him farewell on his departure to a more extended field of labour. In conclusion, he trusted the great head of the Church would answer the united prayers of the Congregation in his own good time and send them a worthy successor.