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## The Presbyterian.

The Publication Committee of the Lay Association of Montreal earnestly call the attention of the readers of the *Presbyterian* in Canada to the following Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Association held on the 25th January last.

"The want of *Local* news in the *Presbyterian*, and the advisability of circulating it in Scotland, then came under notice, when it was moved by A. D. Parker, Esq., seconded by W. Edmonstone, Esq., and Resolved

That, while the *Presbyterian* has afforded much useful and instructive information to those within the limits of its own immediate circulation, it is highly desirable that the interest of our countrymen at Home should be awakened towards it, and that with this view it be impressed upon the Ministers in Canada, and others competent to contribute interesting information of a *Local* character, that there exists an absolute necessity for the exhibition of more energy in this particular on their part than has hitherto been apparent."

MONTREAL LAY ASSOCIATION.—We have much pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the proceedings of the Anniversary Meeting of this flourishing Association in Montreal, which we have extracted from the *Pre byterian* of last month. This useful institution has grown up in the bosom of the Church, has been nursed and supported by her members, and has exerted a salutary influence upon her Educational and Missionary Schemes. The Association at Montreal embraces a wider field than the sister Association in this city, as it is sustained by the liberality of its members with ampler funds. * * * During the past year the sum of £30 has been expended in bursaries to three students of Queen's College, Kingston, a wise and judicious appropriation. Assistance has been given in the dissemination of information respecting the Parent Church and the Church in Canada, through the pages of the *Presbyterian*, and last, but not least, the Association has deliberately determined to enter the Home Mission field and employ a Visiting Missionary in the District of Montreal, where there is much room for his services. This is the course which has all along been recommended to the notice of the Association in Halifax, a course which has only been partially pursued. The services of the Rev. Mr. McNair, as a Travelling Missionary in this Province, have not been too highly appreciated. And, now that he has removed from a field, which he occupied only for too short a period with so much credit to himself and advantage to others, and when branch Associations are springing up in various parts of the country for the express purpose of aiding Home Missions, it will be impossible for the Lay Association of Nova Scotia to keep up a regular correspondence with their auxiliaries, and meet the expectations of the friends of the Church in the destitute settlements without the assistance and co-operation of one or more accredited agents in the capacity of Travelling Missionaries. The subject will no doubt be brought under the notice of the Association with as little delay as possible, and meet with that attention and favour to which it is so justly entitled.—*Halifax Guardian.*

## CHURCH IN CANADA.

PRESENTATION.—The Ladies of the Presbyterian Congregation of Markham Village, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, have kindly contributed to the ornaments of their Church, and the gratification of their highly esteemed Pastor, the Rev. James Stewart, by trimming out the pulpit in elegant style, and presenting a very large Pulpit Bible and Psalm Book for the use of the Minister. The other Congregation of the 6th Concession have also very largely and liberally contributed to the ornaments of their House of Worship in a similar style. It is pleasing to observe the display of taste and liberality evinced on both occasions, as evincing the rising prosperity of Presbyterianism and Christian feeling in that hitherto so long neglected district, now so fast progressing in Religious prosperity and usefulness under the pastoral care of their highly esteemed Minister.

### EXAMINATION AND SOIREE.

On the 25th December ulto. the Sabbath School at Three Rivers, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, was examined on the Scriptures, Sacred Geography, Catechisms, and in Recitation of Psalms, Hymns, and other pieces of Sacred Poetry. The number of children present was in all 38. On the 30th the Sabbath School at the Scotch Settlement on the St. Maurice was also examined in presence of their parents and friends, the number nearly the same. Some were examined in private families on account of sickness among the children. They were addressed by their Pastor, the Rev. James Thom, as follows :—