

the midst of a Christian world, about to receive the highest communion which man can be invested, and to depart in a way to furtherance of that communion to the distant shores of India, there to proclaim to the heathen the men the "man-redeemer" of Christ. "Smitten by the power of the Holy Spirit" for to this effect was the eloquent words of the preacher, "you forsake labor on earth for a better in Babylon, — you left country, friends, possessions, and the sake of Christ. Look around you, brother. Behold your mother and dear brethren. Is there one eye in this assembly that does not beam with kindness upon you? — is there a heart present that will not this night, — aye, every night, pour itself forth in your behalf at the throne of grace? Here have you not found a country and a home?"

This is the first fruits: future generations will gather in the harvest. Let what has taken place strengthen our faith, and excite us to redoubled exertions, and yet more earnest prayer. Baba speaks to us through this Parsee youth, now a minister of Jesus Christ. She has sent him hither as a pledge that she will yet dethrone her idols, and turn to the living God. We return him to her as an assurance that we will never cease to labour and pray till this glorious anticipation has been realized. He who has been rescued in so marvellous a manner from her idolatry will be successful, we have reason to think, in no ordinary degree, in shedding light upon her darkness. And now that he departs, we are well assured that the sympathy of Christians in Britain will accompany him, and that there will daily ascend in his behalf prayer that he may be steadfast in the faith, unwearied in labour, patient in suffering, undaunted in the midst of dangers, and be the honoured instrument, by the blessing of his Master, of turning many to righteousness. — *Witness.*

WHAT CAN BE DONE? — There is no true Christian who has not again and again repeated, in that form of prayer which our Lord taught his disciples, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." There are very few of his children who cannot do something to hasten the coming of that kingdom. Two cents will print the Gospel by Matthew in a foreign language, and twelve cents the entire New Testament. He who taught his disciples to pray, commanded them to make known to all nations his love and mercy. Prayer, and the use of the appointed means, were instituted by the Lord, and the Christian who in his practice separates them, puts asunder what God has joined together. It is the duty of our Christian, or of one Church, to sustain the Missionary cause, it is the duty of all. All, indeed, are not required to sustain it by an equal amount of means. That must be regulated by the providence of God, according to the ability of the church and the individual, and of this they are the judges. Many of the churches are weak, and it may be are destitute of stated preaching, or struggling to sustain, for but a part of their time, one of the Lord's ministers to break to them the bread of life, and save their families from growing up in infidelity and sin. But the poor heathen are more destitute than any vacant or feeble church amongst us. They never hear of the Saviour — they have no Sabbaths — they have no Bibles. Where is the vacant or feeble church that could not send to them at least one Bible? Is there in our whole bounds a single church that does not contain some of God's dear children? It is their privilege to pray; and is it not an equal privilege, whilst they pray for the coming of His kingdom, to do something to tell the benighted heathen of Jesus Christ? — *Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, 1842.*

The Contrast.

An exchange paper gives us facts like these: — *Saxony* at the period of the Reformation, and until she fell under the power of popery, occupied a lofty position among the States of Germany, and possessed the most important elements of national wealth and power; she has now sunk into insignificance, and has no weight in the balance of political power. On the other hand, Protestant Prussia has arisen from an obscure duchy into a mighty kingdom, is the leading power of the German Confederacy, and the very centre of the learning and civilization of the world,

though her soil is sandy and sterile, and nature has done for her but little. Again,

Ireland refused to bow her neck to the yoke of her Holiness. Pope Adrian stirred up Henry II. to subdue her, that he might wring from her "Pope's pence," and was the first instigator of that "curse" of which the Irish are now so loudly complain. Popery is the bane of her prosperity — the withering curse of her children: but,

Scotland, across the channel, is full of churches and schools, and colleges — the land of learning, liberty, exalted sentiments, and hallowed wealth — the glory of the British Isles. Again,

In *Protestant America* every man sits beneath his own vine and fig tree, having none to make him afraid: peace and happiness, knowledge and love, liberty and prosperity every where abound. But,

In *Catholic America*, in *Mexico*, and throughout all the Republics south of her, there are despotism and anarchy, desolation and misery in her proportion with the universal ignorance and selfishness of the people.

The fairest portions of the world, *Italy*, *Spain*, *Poland*, and *South America*, have, in the providence of God, been allotted to Popery, for its inheritance: these are the broad fields of the wealth it calls its own, and none dispute its claims; and yet all these rich and fertile countries have been impoverished, and made wretched by the mother of "abominations." No other countries of the world, ever enlightened by the gospel, have sunk so low in the same scale of intelligence, wealth, and moral worth.

NOTICE.

Toronto, February 17, 1847.

JAMES F. WESTLAND takes this opportunity of reminding all who wish to avail themselves of the Cheap Publications of the Free Church of Scotland, for the third year, that they must immediately send in their names and subscriptions, as it will be necessary to remit by the English Mail of next month, in order to secure the first two Volumes by the Spring vessels.

J. F. W. also begs to intimate to those who subscribed to him for the past year, that the two last Volumes have not been received: — from what cause he is unable to say, the whole of the money having been remitted early in the Spring. A letter, however, has been received from the Agent in Edinburgh, dated the 17th September, stating that the two last Volumes were then being sent off, so that they may be confidently looked for about the end of May, 1847.

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

Dr., the Treasurer of the Ladies' Association, Knox's Church:

	£	s.	d.
1847, Jan. 6, To amount of Sales	79	5	0
To Annual Contributions	6	10	0
Interest	0	16	11
	£85	15	0
To Cash in Treasury	72	16	1½
To Stock in hand	10	0	0

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1837, Jan. 6, By payment for Goods from Dundas Association, sold at annual sale	£	5	0	0
By sundry materials	7	18	10½	
By balance in Treasury	72	16	1½	
	£85	15	8	

ANN WALKER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

College Fund.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1, Knox's Church, Toronto	24	11	6			
Sabbath School and Bible Classes	6	1	0			
				30	12	6

8. Niagara, per Mr. R. Burns	£	s.	d.
9. Boston Church, Esquimaux, per Mr. Ross	2	15	0
11. St. John's Church, Quebec, per Rev. Mr. Clugston	16	12	0
Sabbath School, St. John's Church, Female Association, St. John's Church, King, per Mr. Swinton	0	15	0
13. Knox's Church, Hamilton, per Mr. Davidson	18	10	0
14. Streetsville, per Rev. Wm. Rintoul	5	7	6
Sabbath School Missionary Box, Streetsville	1	5	0
22. Port Sarnia, collection in Church, Donation of three members of the congregation	2	0	0
	17	0	0
	19	0	0
Grafton, per Rev. Wm. Reid	1	12	8
Colborne, per do	1	1	0
Baltimore New Ch., per do	1	4	0
Additional per do	0	2	4
	4	0	0
27. Rev. Mr. Clark per J. R. Orr, Esq., Bytown, per Rev. Mr. Wardrope, Fergus, per Rev. George Smellie	2	11	3
	8	4	2
	4	0	0

J. McMEIKEN,
Treasurer.

HOME MISSION FUND.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

To contribution from Toronto, per Mr. Alexander Laudlaw	£	10	18	9
To contribution from Female Association of Knox's Church, Toronto, per Mrs. Burns	10	0	0	
To contribution from Boston Church, Esquimaux, per Mr. John McColl	8	0	0	
To contribution from Caledon, per Rev. D. McMillan,	1	17	7	
To contribution from Niagara, per Dr. Burns	5	0	0	
To contribution from Nassagaweya, per Mr. S. Taylor and Mr. Agnew	1	13	2	

JAMES SHAW,
Treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1846.	Esfrid Home Mission Station, formerly omitted	£	4	10	0
Oct.	Sarnia and Plympton		2	15	0
"	Knox's Church, Toronto		26	9	6
"	Female Bible Class in do. 22., Sabbath School 22.		4	0	0
Nov.	East Chingawacousy		1	0	0
"	Saltfleet and Binbrooke		1	15	0
Dec.	Dundas and Ancaster		4	7	10
"	West Flamboro'		2	1	3
"	Aldborough		3	9	6
"			3	14	3
"	Port Sarnia Young Men at a weekly meeting		1	10	0
"	St. Andrew's Church, London		5	0	0
"	Ingersoll		0	11	10
1847, Jan.	Mites, Camden East		1	5	10
"	Gwillimbury		4	10	7
"	Do. M'Kay's Sabbath School		0	10	0
Feb.	Zorra—Rev Mr. McKenzie		8	0	0
"	Fergus—Rev. Mr. Smellie		3	0	0

JOHN REDPATH, Treasurer,
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