

we are to bear in mind the enormous influx of Roman Catholics from other countries, which can easily account for the increase without having to acknowledge that the Romish Church is making proselytes from Protestants. Instead of this, it is calculated that had all the Roman Catholic immigrants and their children remained in the Church of their fathers, there would have been upwards of ten millions instead of, as there now really are, little more than six of that Church in the United States.

There are, then, one hundred and sixty thousand missionaries preaching the Gospel and teaching the people. There are a million and a half of Christian men and women teaching twelve and a half millions of children and Sabbath schools. The word of God is being circulated as it never was before. Missionaries are labouring among almost all heathen peoples. And when, in addition, we think of benevolent societies by the thousand, all deriving their motive power from Christ and His cross, we may well thank God and take courage, for the field cannot be surveyed in all its details without its being manifest that progress is everywhere the order of the day, and that in spite of all the coldness and formality only too prevalent, there never were more of devout and earnest and genuine Christians than there are now. Much is still to be done, but there is great occasion for gratitude at the sight of what has already been accomplished.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY (Toronto: Canada Educational Monthly Publishing Company).—In the December number of the "Educational Monthly," a pretty long article on "The Dry Bones of Popular Education" is reprinted from the "Fortnightly Review." It is well worthy of an attentive perusal, for it gives the school book question such a tossing up as it has not received for some time; but the Editor comes along with four or five columns of—well, not infantry but—brevier, and tramples it all down again; nevertheless, even temporary ventilation is often beneficial. The rest of the matter in this number is also up to the mark.

KNOX COLLEGE LIBRARY FUND.

MR. EDITOR,—In THE PRESBYTERIAN, two weeks ago, Prof. McLaren reported the amounts so far received for the Library Fund. It appears that only a few of those who are pledged to this effort have yet taken action. It is not putting it too strongly to say that at least those who were present last spring at the inception of this movement, and endorsed it, are pledged to its support.

But that need not be insisted upon. There is a higher reason for which we are all interested. We are interested in Knox College, and everyone who knows anything about the College, knows that the Library is in a very neglected state, and a College without a good Library is greatly crippled in its work. Carlyle says the best College is the one that has the best Library.

But there is no use in supporting this movement by argument. All admit the need. What is wanted is that it be supported by action; and if every minister who loves the welfare of Knox College will act, the proposed \$12,000 will easily be raised before the College closes.

I simply write, as one of a Committee appointed to look after the matter in the Toronto Presbytery, to refresh the memory of anyone who may have forgotten duty.

It is hoped that this reminder is unnecessary. Let us not have the humiliation, at the next meeting of the association, of hearing the report that nothing has been done.

No doubt the smallness of the number of contributions so far sent in is owing to the fact that the most convenient season has not arrived. But now the time is at hand. Let us be up and doing. It can be done; there need not be failure. What joyous congratulations next April, if the treasurer can report the full amount.

R. P. MACKAY.

Agincourt, 16th January, 1882.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery met in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on the 10th inst., with an attendance of twenty-nine ministers and eight elders. The Rev. Chas. McKeracher was chosen Moderator

for the next six months, and took the chair, in the room of Daniel Paterson, M.A., the retiring Moderator. Elders' commissions were called for, and Session records submitted for examination. Rev. J. S. Black's motion anent more frequent meetings of Presbytery was taken up, and a committee appointed to consider the same and report at next meeting. Rev. Donald Ross, B.D., on behalf of the committee appointed for this purpose, submitted a minute relating to the resignation of John Jenkins, D.D., which was adopted, ordered to be engrossed in the minutes, and a copy sent to Dr. Jenkins and the congregation of St. Paul's, Montreal. The Rev. Jas. McCaul, having been appointed Lecturer on Classics in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, the name of Rev. W. R. Cruikshank was substituted for his on the Presbytery's examining committee. The Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, M.A., Charlottetown, P.E.I., was unanimously nominated by this Presbytery as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The Rev. Robert Campbell laid on the table a detailed statement of the amounts received for the Ormstown church property, sold after the union of the churches. Also of how the same had been spent—the last item being a balance of \$442 85 paid to Mr. Crichton, treasurer of the Valleyfield Church Building Committee. Auditors having been appointed, reported the same as correct. The report was received, and the thanks of the Presbytery voted to Mr. Campbell for his diligence. The Rev. R. H. Warden read report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. There was read a call from New Glasgow in favour of Rev. Mr. Boudreau, which was sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by him. The Presbytery resolved to meet in New Glasgow on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at ten o'clock a.m., to proceed with his induction—Rev. C. A. Doudiet to preach and preside, Mr. Cruchet to address the minister, and Mr. Heine the people. In addition to action already taken in regard to Taylor Church, Montreal, it was resolved to appoint a committee, consisting of Rev. J. Fleck (convener), J. Brodie, J. M. Smith, W. D. McLaren and H. Morton, to aid in obtaining a guarantee of \$350 from friends in the city. The Revs. R. H. Warden and W. R. Cruikshank were appointed to visit Avoca and Ponsonby, to find out how much could be raised by the people to support an ordained missionary. It was also resolved to ask a grant from the Home Mission Committee, so as to make the salary \$700 a year. The same committee was appointed to visit Arundel, to urge the people there to liberality, as a grant of \$4 50 per Sabbath had been obtained conditional on their raising at least a like amount. Deputations were also appointed to visit Rawdon, Sorel and Farnham West. Dr. P. S. Livingston, having been appointed to Manitoba, tendered his resignation of Russelltown. Rev. Jas. Patterson was appointed to cite the congregation to appear for their interests at a meeting of Presbytery to be held in Montreal on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at eleven o'clock a.m. Leave was granted to Rev. Mr. McKeracher to moderate in a call at Georgetown. Commissioners from Georgetown stated that a guarantee of at least \$800 a year and a manse and glebe would be produced on the day of moderation. There was read an interim report of the committee appointed to co-operate with the congregation of St. Mark's, Montreal, in paying the mortgage of \$4,000 on the church property there. The committee was continued, with the names of William Darling, jr., Mr. Davidson, William Linton, W. D. McLaren, Wm. Drysdale, and W. P. Rodger added thereto. A circular was read, signed by Dr. Reid, treasurer of the Assembly Fund, asking the Presbytery to see that contributions to this fund were remitted from all the congregations within the bounds. The Presbytery resolved to ask Rev. R. H. Warden to attend to this matter. The Presbytery also resolved to urge the congregations to liberality in supporting the Manitoba College. The Rev. Daniel Paterson was appointed to issue the circulars anent the state of religion, receive returns from congregations, and prepare a report therefrom. The Presbytery adjourned to the first Tuesday in April, to meet in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, at eleven o'clock a.m.—JAMES PATTERSON, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 10th inst., Rev. E. D. McLaren, Moderator. Application was made for a moderation by the congregations of Leslieville and York Town-line, with promise of \$700 as stipend, and Rev. J. M. Cameron was appointed to moderate. A like application was made on behalf of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, and St. John's, Markham; and

Rev. R. P. McKay was appointed to moderate. A letter was read from Rev. Wm. H. Jamieson, M.A., formerly a minister of the Methodist Church in Canada, applying to be received as a minister of our Church. Very satisfactory documents anent his character, standing, etc., were also read. His case was sent to a committee, and agreeably to their recommendation it was resolved to apply in his favour to the General Assembly, the clerk being also instructed to issue circular letters. Reports were received from three interested sessions, offering no objection to the formation of a separate congregation at Deer Park, as petitioned for at the previous meeting of Presbytery. A report was also read from a committee previously appointed to meet with the memorialists, recommending that the prayer of the memorialists should be granted. It was therefore moved and agreed to take steps to organize them as a new congregation, and Dr. Caven and Dr. Reid were appointed to perform said work. The remit to Presbyteries anent the Sustentation and Supplemental Schemes was brought up and discussed at considerable length. A motion was submitted by Rev. J. M. King, expressing a preference for the Supplemental Scheme. An amendment was submitted by Rev. P. McF. McLeod, expressing no preference in the meantime for either of the Schemes, but suggesting that the Assembly send down both of the Schemes to Sessions, to be reported on in 1883. On a vote being taken, the motion carried by a large majority. A circular (containing questions) from the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion was read, and Rev. R. D. Fraser, convener of the Presbytery's Committee on same matter, was appointed to receive answers from Sessions and prepare a report therefrom to be submitted to the Presbytery. A circular was also read from the Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Schools, and a committee, with Rev. W. Amos as convener, was appointed to receive answers thereanent, and to prepare a report therefrom for the Presbytery. After the reading of a circular anent Manitoba College, it was agreed to recommend to the congregations within the bounds the generous support of the claims of said college. A remit anent the standing orders for conducting the business of the General Assembly was duly considered and disposed of. Attention was called by Rev. J. Kirkpatrick to the recent death of Dr. Robb, his predecessor in Cooke's Church; and on motion made, a committee was appointed to draft a minute expressive of the Presbytery's mind anent the deceased, and especially expressive of sympathy with the widow and her children. The treasurer's accounts were submitted, examined, and reported on, shewing a deficit of \$16.04. The treasurer was thanked for his valuable services, and defaulting congregations were enjoined to "pay up" without delay. A motion of Rev. R. P. McKay was adopted for the appointment of a committee to consider a plan according to which Presbyterian supervision of congregations can be made more useful and effective. Much time was spent on a protest and appeal of Mr. Robert Smith against a decision against him by the Session of Brampton. Mr. S. had felt offended at the introduction there of a pulpit gown, and had ceased attending ordinances there; the Session had taken action on that account, and had dropped his name from the communion roll; hence his protest and appeal to the Presbytery. After hearing parties, a committee was appointed to confer with them, and if possible to bring up an amicable deliverance. The appointment thus made was successful. On recommendation of committee, adopted by the Presbytery, Mr. Smith agreed to withdraw his protest and appeal, as also his memorial to the Session; the Session (at any rate its representatives) agreed to restore him to membership; he also agreed to abstain from the active duties of the eldership unless called thereto by the vote of the congregation; and all the parties agreed that this deliverance should be read to the congregation on the 22nd inst. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on the 7th of March, at 11 a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

P. S.—The clerk is very sorry that, amid the pressure of work at the lengthy meeting reported above, he forgot a circular from the Foreign Mission Committee, which was handed in, but was not put on the docket. The circular will not be overlooked at next meeting, but as missionary meetings are rapidly approaching, the hope is expressed here that the claims of the Foreign Mission Fund will be liberally responded to by the Presbytery of Toronto.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.