

Bank Stock - - - -	£275 15 0
Mortgage - - - -	100 16 5
Cash in Savings Bank - - - -	10 15 2
Cash in my hands - - - -	17 17 8
	£405 4 3

For the receipts and disbursements of the past year I respectfully refer to the Cash Book, which at a glance shows all the transactions.

ANDREW H. ARMOUR,
Treasurer Lay Association.

26th September, 1848.

Moved by MR. ALEX. MORRIS, seconded by MR. JOHN MURRAY, That the Reports now read be approved, of, adopted and published in "The Presbyterian."

In moving this Resolution, Mr. Morris alluded to the fact, that this Association has since its organization virtually been a Provincial Association, while its funds are entirely raised by subscriptions in Montreal and its vicinity. It was at one time supposed that the example set in the formation of the Montreal Lay Association would have been generally followed throughout the country; but, as this has not been done, he would suggest that it might perhaps be found practicable to appoint Local Boards or Committees in every Congregation to co-operate with this Association, to assist in augmenting its funds, and in the selection of deserving young men desirous of studying for the Ministry, and, lastly, to extend the circulation of "The Presbyterian."

The Hon. MR. MCGILL said that, while he was desirous of seeing similar associations formed, he was sorry to observe that, although every effort had already been made to procure the establishment of branches, so many difficulties had interposed that unfortunately nothing had been effected.

DR. MATHIESON thought that the suggestion was a valuable one, and would be found to be practicable. In his opinion the appointment of the Committees would ultimately lead to the establishment of Local Associations. He knew in fact that in several Congregations the people were only waiting for the initiative to be taken. This plan would meet these cases, and would be found to work well.

After some farther remarks from others of the members present the discussion was dropped, and the motion was carried unanimously.

It was afterwards moved by MR. MONTGOMERIE, seconded by MR. A. H. ARMOUR.

That the following words be inserted in the preamble of the Constitution after the words "the erection of churches"—"of rendering assistance to young men studying for the Ministry."

MR. MONTGOMERIE introduced this motion at some length, observing that, as the meeting had approved of the Report, the members would probably be prepared to support this Resolution. The Managers of the Association were convinced that, in adopting this change, they were likely to benefit the Church in this Province, and greatly augment the Association's means of usefulness. This motion was carried unanimously.

Thereafter it was moved by MR. H. E. MONTGOMERIE, seconded by MR. A. H. ARMOUR,

That three Bursaries, of £10 per annum each, be established for the benefit of young men studying at Queen's College with the view of entering the Ministry of our Church, and that the Board of Officers be authorised and instructed to prepare Rules for the proper disposal of such Bursaries, and to have the same carried into effect.

This motion was carried unanimously.

It was then moved by MR. H. E. MONTGOMERIE, seconded by MR. JOHN MURRAY,

That Act XV. of the Constitution after the words "may direct" shall read as follows:—"There shall be three separate Funds of this Association; "The Relief Fund," "The Bursary Fund," and

"The Publication Fund." Should the available Funds from the "Bursary Fund" in any one year be less than Thirty Pounds, the deficiency shall be made up from the "Relief Fund;" but in no other case shall it be competent to apply any of these Funds, or any portion thereof, otherwise than for the purpose originally intended, without the consent of four-fifths of the Members of the Association present at any General Meeting.

This motion was carried unanimously.

MR. A. DAVIDSON PARKER then moved, seconded by MR. A. MORRIS,

"That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Office-Bearers for the zeal and assiduity with which they have discharged their duties during the past year."

Which was passed unanimously.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of Office-Bearers to serve for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were declared duly elected,

President,

Honble. Peter M'Gill.

Vice Presidents,

Robert Armour, John Fisher, Dugald Stewart, John Frothingham.

Treasurer,

Andrew H. Armour.

Recording Secretary,

Alexander Morris.

Corresponding Secretary,

John Greenshields.

Managers,

Hew Ramsay, John Smith, T. A. Gibson, Hugh Allan, A. Davidson Parker, Neil M'Intosh, John Birse, H. E. Montgomerie, John Armour, Henry Fowler, William Whiteford, Robert Esdaile, John Murray.

Chaplains,

Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Rev. Robert M'Gill.

A long conversation then took place regarding the state of the Finances of the Association, and several suggestions were thrown out on this subject by members on the subject, which was finally left to the decision of the new Office-Bearers. The Rev. DR. COOK, of Quebec, who was present at the meeting, suggested a plan in regard to the Collection of the Annual Subscriptions, which he had found to work very well in other Societies at Quebec. It was, for the Managers to divide the labour of collecting among themselves, each one taking those names that were best known to him. In this way the trouble would be little felt, and the money well collected.

The Rev. ROBERT M'GILL, having been called upon, closed the meeting with prayer.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS,
Recording Secretary.

REV. MR. HAIG, OF BROCKVILLE.

Still another instance of the assiduity with which the Church of Scotland is labouring to meet our wants, and to supply our vacant congregations, has been afforded by the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Haig, lately assistant-minister of the Parish of Kilsyth, near Glasgow. Mr. Haig arrived in this city on the 13th ultimo, preached in St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches on the following Sabbath, and on Monday left for Brockville, to which charge he has been

appointed by the Colonial Committee on an application from the Congregation, and where, we learn, he has been kindly received. We sincerely trust that Mr. Haig's residence in Brockville may prove satisfactory to himself and to the Congregation over which he has in the Providence of God been appointed to exercise the ministerial charge, and that his labours may be blessed to the conversion, and building-up in the Faith, of many souls.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.—The Session of Queen's College commenced on Wednesday, the 4th October. On Wednesday last the Rev. Dr. Machar, Principal of the College, delivered in presence of the assembled Students an eloquent and appropriate Address in reference to the diligent and successful prosecution of their studies, and the cultivation of religious and moral habits. We are happy to observe that the number of Students is materially increased, and that the Institution is evidently advancing steadily from year to year in public favour. The present Session appears to open under more favourable auspices than any preceding one; and we trust that this will only be the earnest of still increasing prosperity. We may also mention that the Preparatory Department, or College School, has received such an accession to the number of pupils that the present accommodation is found inadequate, and steps are now in progress for providing, before winter sets in, a larger and more commodious place of meeting. The Trustees have shown in this respect a laudable desire to advance the public convenience, and we trust that their exertions will be properly appreciated.—*Kingston Argus, Oct. 13.*

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

On the 13th ultimo the new Presbyterian Church belonging to the united Congregation of South Gover, Mountain and Oxford, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Anderson, was opened for Divine service by the Rev. John Dickey, of Williamsburgh. This place of worship is built on a site bestowed by Mr. Robert Hyndman in Mountain. The service of the day was commenced by the Rev. Mr. Anderson reading and explaining the 15th Psalm. After the Psalm was sung, Mr. Dickey offered up a solemn prayer, invoking the Divine blessing on the work in which they were engaged. He then chose for his text I Kings, VIII. 29, "That Thine eyes may be open toward this House night and day, even toward the place of which Thou hast said, My name shall be there; that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant shall make toward this place." The discourse, which Mr. Dickey delivered on this occasion, was truly appropriate and