

6. What is the amount of stipend paid to the several Ministers in your Presbytery for the last two half years respectively?

7. Have your Presbytery recently had under consideration the subject of the institution of the Ministry?

8. Have you any suggestions to offer as the result of their deliberations in regard to a new effort to establish a General Fund?

It is requested that answers to the foregoing queries be sent to the Agency Office, as soon as possible, for the information of the Committee.

A. GALE, *Chairman*.
J. BURNS, *Agent*.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF KNOX'S COLLEGE.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Divinity Hall of Knox's College, on Friday evening, 1st November. The Rev. Dr. Willis occupied the chair. There was a numerous attendance of members and other friends, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings of the evening. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, in which the Rev. Chairman led. After a few introductory remarks, Mr. Alexander, the Recording Secretary, was called upon to read the Report for the past year, which we give below. Rev. Professor Esson moved the adoption of the Report, and in a very eloquent speech, noticed the present condition and future prospects of the cause of Christ in this land. Mr. Crawford, student, seconded Professor Esson's motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

A statistical account of the summer labours of the students, was then read by Mr. Che-mut.

After refreshments were served up, interesting remarks on the state of the mission field in Canada, and the importance of a native ministry, were made by the Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Loggwick, C. E., Mr. Kennedy, student, Samuel Spruell, John Laillaw, and John Burns, Esquires, and also by the Rev. Dr. Burns. The meeting was then closed with praise and prayer.

At a subsequent meeting of the Society, the following office-bearers were elected:—

President—James W. Che-mut.

Vice President—John Smith.

Cor. Secretary—John Alexander.

Recording Secretary—Wm. McLaren.

Treasurer—John Laing.

Committee—George Warhops,
Robert Scott,
James Black.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY, OF KNOX'S COLLEGE.

In bringing before you the Fifth Annual Report of this Society, your Committee feel at the outset, like the Psalmist of old, that they are called "to sing of mercy and of judgment." Twelve months have now rolled over our heads since we took upon us the duties and responsibilities of the office, we are now about to resign. That short space of time has been fraught with lessons of a solemn and awakening nature. Those who at this time last year, occupied the position we now do, had to record the goodness of the Lord, in mercifully sparing the members of your Society, even while the deadly pestilence had been raging in the vicinity of the labours of some of them.—But though they had to record the death of none by the pestilence "that walketh at noon," they had, nevertheless, the painful duty of adverting to the demise of one beloved brother, who had been cut off by a lingering consumption. This was the first breach in our ranks as members of this Society. Little did we then think that one who was with us at that time—our apparent, of the

most healthy of our members—would also, ere our next annual meeting be numbered among the dead. That such has been the case, it is now our melancholy duty to announce. Immediately subsequent to the close of the last session, our now departed brother, while on his way to what was to have been the sphere of his last missionary labours, was suddenly seized with a severe fever, and in a short time called to pass that better where none can ever return. Thus while the Lord in the death of one and another of His faithful warriors, who were placed upon the watery towers of our beloved Zion, has been addressing our branch of His Church, in the language of solemn and awakening providences, we feel, also, that in a most unequivocal manner, has the call been addressed to us, as a Society, for renewed diligence and prayerfulness in the good work of the Lord. "Work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh, &c."—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor counsel, nor knowledge in the grave whither thou goest," are the warnings that echo from the graves of the departed. May we all have grace given to us, to discharge the duties of ourewardship, that when called to give an account we may do it with joy and not with grief.

In reference to our operations, as a Society, among the French Canadians of the Eastern Province, it is with pleasure that we state that the connection which was formed between your Missionary and the French Canal of a Missionary Society, has, we trust, been productive of good fruits. The various steps which led to such a connection, and the duties and responsibilities of your Missionary's new office, were so fully discussed in the last Annual Report, that it would be unnecessary to advert to them again. A large proportion of your Missionary's time, during the past year, has been employed in travelling from place to place, on behalf of the French Canadian Missionary Society, with which you now so far cooperate. Through his visits a deep interest has been awakened in the cause of missions among the French Canadians, in many localities which had never hitherto had the claims of this people brought before them, as objects of their sympathy, missionary effort and prayer; and from many such places comparatively large contributions have been received, where hitherto nothing had been done in this way for the cause of it.

In other localities your beloved and devoted missionary has been the means of reviving a declining, or increasing a feeble interest, and in this way also of swelling the contributions to the Society's Funds.

Thus, while your Missionary has not been so much directly engaged in the missionary work, yet, he has been rendering most effectual service to the cause of missions among our French Canadian countrymen, and in an indirect manner may have done more for the cause, than if he had been immediately engaged in the field of labour.

Your Committee cannot but here advert to the duty of increased devotedness, and renewed energy, in the cause we have espoused. No small measure of success has already crowned the labours of those who have been proclaiming the truth to our benighted countrymen. Their melancholy condition—the Macedonian cry for help heard from many parts of our land, urgently claim our exertions—while the promises of God, especially those which refer to the downfall of the mystical Babylon, drunk with the blood of the saints, the martyrs of Jesus should stimulate us with renewed hope, while through Divine grace we continue to abound in the good work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know, that our labour shall not be in vain. Soon, we trust, through the instrumentality of this and kindred Societies, under the blessing of our Divine Master, throughout the length and breadth of this land, the cry shall be heard, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen!" while from the lips of a despised people, as they

gaze upon the moral wreck of that once mighty city, and behold arise the smoke of her torment, shall burst the joyful response, "Hallelujah! the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!"

With regard to the state of matters among ourselves, your Committee have to state that a lively interest was taken in most of our meetings. The Sunday evening prayer-meeting, was, on the whole, well attended. Our missionary-meetings as usual, were held on the first Friday of each month. Five essays bearing on missionary subjects, were read during the session, which have not, we trust, been without some good results.

At each meeting missionary intelligence from every quarter of the globe, and that frequently of a most encouraging nature, was communicated by the News Committee. Thus our sympathies were enlarged, and our interest awakened in the efforts of the various evangelical bodies, to spread abroad the knowledge of a Saviour's name, and to unfold the banner of salvation among those who had been sitting in the shades of darkness. Often at such seasons, while some thrilling account was read to us of the state of those, who are worshipping dumb idols and following after divers lusts, have we felt our hearts burn within us, and in the arms of a comprehensive charity could we have embraced a lost and ruined world. May such impressions be salutary and lasting, and find their ultimate development in the work to which we have been called.

Your Committee have here the pleasure of stating that, after much deliberation, a new Constitution and set of By-Laws for your Society, were prepared, and with slight alterations adopted. These have since been printed, and our extra copies placed in the hands of each member. We trust the new Constitution will facilitate your work, while it will set before the public in a tangible form, the more immediate and definite objects you have in view, as a Missionary Association.

During the past year the reading room of your Society has been opened as usual, and frequented with pleasure and profit by many of your members. And here we are again called to record our grateful acknowledgments to the publishers of the following periodicals, who have gratuitously supplied us with their publications:—*The Scottish Canadian, The Missionary Record of the Free Church of Scotland, Missionary Chronicle of the Presbyterian Church of America, Missionary Record of the Presbyterian Church of Canada*. Besides the aforementioned, the following periodicals were regularly found upon the table of the news room: *Montreal Witness, Records of the United Presbyterian and Established Churches of Scotland, Baptist Missionary Herald, Missionary Herald of American Board of Foreign Missions, Evangelical Christendom, and through the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Gale, The Edinburgh Witness, also.*

Our correspondence with the brethren of various sister Institutions in different quarters of the world, has been regularly kept up. An encouraging letter was received from the Students of the New College, Edinburgh, and a communication from the brethren of the Irish Presbyterian Church prosecuting their studies at Belfast, with a copy of the Fourth Annual Report of their Missionary Society.

Turning to our city missionary operations, we have much pleasure in stating that these were prosecuted during the last session with vigour, and not, we hope, without success. Several seasons have passed away, during each of which the members of your Society have been instrumental in opening the way for this important branch of work. At our periodical returns to College, we generally found our former spheres of labour occupied by members of one or other of the evangelical churches. It was a source of joy to us to know, that we were in some measure permitted to occupy the humble position of sowers and miners in the army of the Great King. Our absence from the city, during the period of