

3d. That the present excessive devotion to forms of labour close at hand, is injuring the missionary spirit in its highest form and is cramping the efforts which are called for in foreign lands.

4th. That to restore that lofty spirit, larger efforts and a wider range of usefulness should be undertaken, and that a far larger consecration of men and means should be sought for without delay.

5th. That the time has arrived when the Christian Church, from its advanced position, from its vastly increased strength at home, and its resources in the native teachers gathered abroad, should systematically set itself to evangelize the *entire heathen world*, now open to its efforts as it never was before.

And we add, Were all the churches of Christ instead of playing at missions to use Dr. Duff's expressive language to unite in a grand assault on Satan's Heathen Kingdom, and to prosecute it with heroic ardour and constancy, all people, nations and languages would hear the glad tidings of salvation within the present century, and that is within the life time of the present generation, the children whom we are now teaching in our families and Sabbath schools. The Lord hasten it in his time.

Respectfully submitted

By direction of the Board,

P. G. MCGREGOR, Sec'y.

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News of the Church.

Presbytery of St. John.

This Reverend Court met on Tuesday, 15th July, at two o'clock, P. M., in the Presbyterian Church, Springfield. Present, Rev. J. D. Murray, moderator; Revs. Andrew Donald, Lewis Jack, and Samuel Houston, M. A. After sermon by Mr. Houston, the Presbytery was constituted by the Moderator. In the absence of the stated clerk, (Rev. N. McKay,) the Rev. Mr. Houston acted as clerk, pro tem.

The first business was the election of Moderator for the year, but as so few members were present, the election was postponed to next meeting.

The Demission of Rev. Mr. Jack was then taken up. The minutes relating to that motion being read, and it being found that due notice had been given to the two sections of the congregation to appear for their interests, the case was entered upon. There appeared as commissioners for the Springfield section, Messrs. Thos. Murray,

and Peter Ogilvie; and for the English Settlement section, Dugald Carmichael, David Murray, Edward Hamilton, and Dr. Murray. The representatives of Springfield stated that they had promised for Mr. Jack's support the sum of \$160 per annum, that they numbered only thirty families, that they had paid that amount, with the keep of a horse and cow, with the exception of an arrear of \$88 which they hoped to pay off immediately, and that they were unable to make any advance at present. The representatives of English Settlement were then heard. They stated that they numbered only twenty families, and that they had promised \$120. That owing to various causes they had fallen into arrears upwards of \$400, that they will endeavour to pay up as much as possible of this sum. They also handed in a subscription list of \$127 which they intend to pay in future, and more if possible. The representatives of both sections deprecated in the strongest terms the withdrawal of Mr. Jack's services.

Mr Jack was then heard at considerable length. He was fully prepared to follow the leadings of divine providence. He entered into the history of his pastorate, shewing that at first he had contrived to live, but as his family increased he found it more difficult, and now as they were coming to an age when higher educations were demanded, it was utterly impossible for him to give them that education on his present income. He had received last year only \$184 from both sections. He had encouragements too in the success which he had been privileged to witness, so far as the spiritual results of his ministry were concerned, and concluded by a most touching reference to the mutual love that existed between him and his flock.

The other members of Presbytery then addressed the people, (the church being well filled), urged upon them the paramount claims of the Gospel, and in plain and practical terms shewed them that if they gave according to their means, the pastor would not have the complaint to make which he had made that day. After some further consideration it was agreed that the decision be deferred until the next meeting of Presbytery which shall be held in St. John.

It was reported that Mr. McKay had attended at Salt Springs as directed and moderated in a call which came out cordially and unanimously in favor of Mr. J. K. Bearisto, preacher of the gospel. The call was now handed in signed largely by the people of Salt Springs, Hammond River, and Golden Grove, was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Bearisto. Mr. McCurdy, was ordered to continue his supply in these stations in the meantime.

It was reported that the Board of Home