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CHURCH IN CANADA.

LAY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Lay Association, in support of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, will be held in the Lecture-room of St. Paul's Church on Tuesday Evening, the 25th inst., at 8 o'clock.

By order,

ALEXANDER MORRIS,
Recording Secretary.

Montreal, 1st Nov., 1851.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

There were twelve members present at our last meeting, which was held on the 8th of October.

The Clerk stated that he had procured and transmitted memorials from Woodstock, London, and Williams, to the Colonial Committee for Ministers. Two of the Congregations guaranteed fifty pounds, and one sixty pounds, as an annual stipend. They all, however, confidently expect that in a short time after the settlement of a Minister among them they will have it in their power to increase considerably the stipend which they at present offer. They were cautioned not to promise a larger sum than they were quite sure of being able to pay punctually.

It was found that the collection for the College had been duly made, in compliance with the injunction of the Synod, by the Congregations of Fergus, Niagara, Hamilton and Clinton. The Presbytery directed that the other Congregations

should make the collections without delay.

Mr. T. P. Sim gave in a highly satisfactory report of his labours since his employment by the Presbytery.

The following are extracts from two Reports of Missionary services performed by command of Presbytery:—

"In pursuance of Presbyterian appointment I visited London, and preached on Sabbath, the 14th of September—twice in the Town during the day, to very considerable and attentive audiences, and in the evening gave an exhortation in my lodging-place to quite a goodly number of persons collected from the neighbourhood, who seemed likewise deeply impressed with the great truths of the Gospel, and the awful realities of eternity, which were brought before their view. During the week, at a school-house in the vicinity of Captain McKenzie's, some five miles on my way towards Williams, addressed about fifty souls on their great spiritual concerns, and the matters affecting their everlasting destinies. They appeared to be arrested, impressed, and benefited. May God's Spirit deepen all such apparent impressions, and make them tell unutterably on their present and eternal happiness. While in London, I was desired to baptize several children; but, ascertaining that the parents were not communicants, I of course could not, and did not administer the Ordinance.

In Williams I preached on the following Sabbath in a school-house, which, though comparatively small, was yet crowded, while some surrounded the doors, and all seemed attentive and interested in the subjects of discourse. The destitution in

this locality is mournful. May God arise and have mercy on those who are sunk in apathy about the concerns of their souls, and, ere it shall be for ever too late, may He arouse and alarm them, and thus excite them to flee from the wrath to come, and to mind the things that belong to their everlasting peace, ere they shall be hid from their eyes."

"Preached at Woolwich on August 24th, and September 7th, in the afternoon of both these Sabbaths. In this settlement there is a large and commodious place of worship, in which service is held about once every three weeks by the Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Galt, the average attendance being from two hundred to two hundred and fifty. Most of the Congregation are strongly attached to our Church, and anxiously desirous to have a Minister among them; and there is no doubt, if one should be permanently placed over them, that he would in a short time gather a very large and respectable Congregation."

ORDINATION AT BECKWITH.

The Presbytery of Bathurst met at Beckwith on the 22nd of October, pursuant to appointment, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Duncan Morrison to the pastoral charge of the Congregation there, the Rev. S. Mylne, Smith's Falls, Moderator.

The Rev. Mr. Spence, Bytown, commenced the solemn services of the day by delivering a very appropriate and practical sermon from Acts xiv. 3. "Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of His grace."