

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JUVENILE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

In connection with the Sabbath School of the United Presbyterian Church, Fakenham.

On the evening of Monday, the 12th ult., the Second Annual Meeting of the above-named Association was held in the United Presbyterian Church, Fakenham, in presence of a respectable and deeply-interested audience.

The children assembled at six o'clock, p. m., when they sat down and partook of a sumptuous repast of tea and cake, provided and arranged under the superintendence of ladies, members of the congregation, and teachers in the Sabbath School. On proceeding to business, the Rev. A. Henderson, Minister of the Congregation, was called to the Chair.—After praise and prayer, the Secretary reported that the funds of the Association, realised since the time of the last annual meeting, ten months ago, amounted to £6 19s. 6d.—it was instantly made £7. This sum was voted as follows:—

To the F. C. Institute at Pointe-au-Tremble,	£1 10 0
To the Fund for providing a Million New Testaments for the Chinese.....	1 10 0
To the U. P. Church Mission to Old Calabar.....	1 0 0
To the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews.....	1 0 0
To the Mission Fund of the U. P. Church in Canada	1 0 0
To aid of the Sabbath School Library Fund.....	1 0 0

The meeting was then addressed by five youths—the oldest, with one exception—being under fourteen years of age. The speakers, and the subjects of their addresses, were—

Master John Bayne—"Cafaria."

Master James Dunnet—"Crucifix, the characteristic of the impulses of the heathen mind."

Master John Davis—"Old Calabar."

Master Adam Young—"Christianity—the true cause of Civilisation."

Master Thomas Quigly—"Christianity—the means productive of Conversion and Salvation."

At the conclusion of the addresses the following persons were elected office-bearers for 1854:—

President—Master James Dunnet.

Secretary—Master Adam Young.

Joint Treasurers—Master John Davis, Miss Mary Baynes.

Committee of Management—Master John Bayne, Master Thomas Quigly, Miss Jane Dunnet, Miss Sarah Parker.

The whole of the proceedings of this meeting of the Juvenile Missionary Association, in connection with the Congregational Sabbath School, were in the highest degree refreshing and delightful. It could not be otherwise. The lambs of the flock are the hopes of the church. It is impossible to describe the emotions with which the aged looked on the enthusiasm with which these children conducted the business of the evening, and the deep interest which they evinced in the noble work of Missions, in which they were engaged. The young of our congregations are the type of the future men and women of our church. Knowing that the character of the church in the coming age, will harmonize with the training of the young in the various congregations that now exist, from many hearts among the onlookers the prayer arose, that He who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings perfecteth praise, would not only keep these young laborers in the vineyard from the evil that is in the world, but that He, by His spirit, would so train them as to cause them, if spared, to exert a salutary influence on the church visible, and the world, when their fathers shall have gone the way of all the earth.

Why should there not be similar Juvenile Missionary Societies in connection with all the Sabbath Schools in our congregations? The young are the stamina of congregations. If congregations wish to have at command an element of power for active, spiritual exertion—a congregational conservative energy—a centre, whence congregational and ministerial success may abundantly flow, let each see to it, that a Sabbath School, and an efficient Juvenile Missionary Society in connection with it, be instantly formed.

II.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—The children belonging to the U. P. Church, Hamilton, met on the 9th January, 1854, to distribute the money which they had collected for missions during the year. After a sermon

preached to them by the Rev. John Hogg, from John xii. 21—"Sir, we would see Jesus," the following appropriation of the money was made:—
For purchasing a Sabbath-school library to some destitute Congregation

£1 8 0

To the French Canadian Mission

The next P. P. Convention, on the evening of the 15th December, the Annual Session was held—the Rev. Mr. Jennings in the chair. Many ministers belonging to several denominations were present on the platform. The following ministers took part in the proceedings: Revs. Dr. Willis, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Ross, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Bain. Every available seat was occupied, and still a large number had to stand. The whole meeting was most cheering and edifying, and by far the most numerously attended that has been held in connection with the church.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation was held on the evening of January 2nd, for receiving the managers' report for the year ending 31st December, election of managers for the current year, &c., when it appeared from the Treasurer's statement, that the pecuniary interests were in a very satisfactory condition, and much more so than in any previous year; also the other interests of the congregation are equally prosperous, a larger number of new members having been added than the year before; and for the current quarter, there being a much larger number of new seat-holders than on any preceding one. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the managers, and an earnest response made to the concluding sentiment of the Treasurer's address, that as a congregation they had great cause to set up their "Ebenezer," saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

On the evening of the 10th, the annual meeting of the Missionary and Benevolent Society of the congregation was held. The Treasurer's report was read, when it appeared that the income for the year was £23 2s. 11d. The appropriation was as follows:—

To charitable purposes.....	£2 17 6
To Foreign Mission of Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, at Anticosti	10 0 0
A friend to Mission, to do	1 5 0
A friend to Missions, to do	1 5 0
French Canadian Missionary Society	5 0 0
City Mission.....	3 0 0
To U. P. Church, Huntingdon, C. E., in aid of debt on building	5 0 0

£28 7 6

Leaving an unappropriated balance of.....

£0 15 5

The Sabbath School Missionary Fund for last year, amounted to

£17 0 6

Already given to Jubilee Fund of British and Foreign Bible Society.....

£15 4 4

The balance of £1 12s. 2d. will probably, as on former years, be voted to the Mission at Anticosti.

1 12 2

17 0 6

Original Articles.

ECCESTASTICAL STATISTICS OF CANADA.

By as full an enquiry as we could make into the numerical strength of the several religious denominations in Canada, we have arrived at the following data, which, it is believed, without being strictly accurate, perhaps, to a very figure, is as near the truth as can be gathered, and so near that, we hope, no denomination will complain of injustice:—

CANADA EAST.

Roman Catholic Church—Three Dioceses, Quebec, Montreal, and St. Hyacinthe. Not including several orders of clergy in seminaries, colleges, &c., the officiating Priests in Churches are	420
Church of England—Two Dioceses, Quebec and Montreal. Officiating Clergy	98
Church of Scotland—One Presbytery, Montreal	16
Free Church—One Presbytery, Montreal.....	10
United Presbyterian Church—One Presbytery, Canada East.....	4
Wesleyan Methodists	20
Congregationalists	11
Baptists.....	12

Total..... 591