

THE TESTIMONIAL FUND.

In the last number of the MESSENGER reference was made to the "Witness Testimonial Fund." It is very gratifying indeed to be informed by the following letter and circular that the movement is fairly inaugurated under the supervision of so many well-known and influential citizens; and we hazard nothing when we say that the names of the Executive Committee and the Trustees afford the fullest guarantee for the satisfactory performance of the duties which devolve upon them. We most heartily concur in the Executive Committee's suggestion, that henceforward every communication relating in any way to the proposed Testimonial which may be received at our office, should immediately be handed to the Treasurer or Secretary—our columns, of course, being at their service, as a medium of occasional communication with their constituents, the contributors.

MONTREAL WITNESS TESTIMONIAL FUND.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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MONTREAL, 9th March, 1876.

MESSRS. JOHN DOUGALL & SON,
Publishers Montreal WITNESS.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have pleasure in informing you that the Executive Committee of the Testimonial Fund, held their first formal meeting Tuesday afternoon, and adopted such initiatory measures as seemed necessary, resolving to meet as frequently as might be required at the call of the Chairman, Hugh McLennan, Esq. I have handed to Mr. Beatty, for publication, a list of acknowledgments to date, which will occupy a good deal of your valuable space; but future acknowledgments will be frequent, and occupy greatly less room at any one time.

I am requested to open a most varied correspondence, spreading over the entire Dominion,—including Ministers, Y. M. C. Associations, the various Friendly and Benefit Orders and Lodges, Temperance Orders, members of Parliament, &c., which will be gradually accomplished.

I am also to say that the Executive Committee beg to suggest that, as they have now fairly in hand the matter entrusted to them by the General Committee, they desire to relieve the columns of the WITNESS of all correspondence and miscellaneous notices relating to the Testimonial,—requesting also, that in some way you intimate editorially, that, hereafter, letters containing subscriptions, suggestions, or remarks upon matters of detail that may be received by you, will be handed over to the Treasurer or Secretary.

I am, Gentlemen, very truly yours,
WM. J. PATTERSON, Secretary.

CIRCULAR TO THE FRIENDS OF THE MONTREAL WITNESS.

It having been suggested that a suitable Testimonial should be presented by the friends of the Montreal WITNESS to Messrs. John Dougall & Son, to mark the appreciation of their advocacy of civil and religious liberty, as well as of every cause connected with the highest interests of society,—a public meeting, numerously attended, was held in this city on Monday, 28th February, at which resolutions were unanimously adopted, as follows:—

I.—Moved by Principal MacVicar, seconded by Alderman Stephens, supported by James Court, Esq., and Resolved,—

"That in view of the important services which have been rendered by the Montreal WITNESS to the cause of civil and religious freedom during the past thirty years, and in testimony of the very high regard which is cherished for the esteemed proprietors of that journal, it is, in the opinion of this meeting, most desirable that a strenuous effort should be made by the readers of the WITNESS and the public generally to present a liberal and fitting testimonial to Messrs. John Dougall and his Sons.

II.—Moved by Rev. Dr. Wilkes, seconded by Alderman Clendinning, supported by Mr. Joshua Ward, and Resolved,—

"That the testimonial shall assume the form of a commodious and substantial building, to be used as the offices of the Montreal WITNESS, and to become the property of Mr. John Dougall and Mr. John Redpath Dougall."

III.—Moved by Alderman Nelson, seconded by Rev. Mr. Wells, supported by T. J. Claxton, Esq., and Resolved.

"That a Committee be formed consisting of the following gentlemen:—Sir A. T. Galt, Dr. Dawson, James Court, H. A. Nelson, C. J. Brydges, M. H. Gault, T. James Claxton, Chas. Alexander, Hugh McLennan, E. K. Greene, Geo. W. Stephens, W. Clendinning, J. McKay, Peter Redpath, John Stirling, James Moodie, A. A. Ayr, E. V. Moseley, R. W. Shepherd, A. F. Gault, Major Mills, Thomas Robertson, James

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IV.—Moved by Rev. Dr. Douglas, seconded by E. K. Greene, Esq., supported by Mr. Forbes, and Resolved,—

"That the General Committee be requested to elect a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, and be empowered to appoint all such sub-committees as they may consider desirable."

V.—Moved by Rev. Dean Bond, seconded by Mr. Patterson, supported by Rev. Leonard Gaetz, and Resolved,—

"That this meeting desires to give a hearty expression of its wishes that the Messrs. Dougall may long be spared to conduct the Montreal WITNESS, and that their journal may ever maintain a reputation worthy of the honor which the people of this Dominion now seek to confer upon it."

At a meeting of the General Committee, held on the 4th inst., an Executive Committee and Board of Trustees were appointed, consisting of the following persons:

Executive Committee.—Hugh McLennan, Chairman; Chas. Alexander, Treasurer; Wm. J. Patterson, Secretary; E. K. Greene, Richard Holland, T. J. Claxton, Warden King, Geo. W. Stephens.

Trustees.—Sir A. T. Galt, H. A. Nelson, Wm. Clendinning, Jas. Court, F. W. Thomas, Geo. Forbes.

The Executive Committee heartily concur in the belief, so well expressed, that to the "energetic Founder and Editor of the MONTREAL WITNESS (MR. JOHN DOUGALL) the people of this Dominion must ever feel greatly indebted, and their sense of obligation will be intensified by a careful consideration of the self-denial and the patient toil with which MR. DOUGALL, as well as his son MR. JOHN REDPATH DOUGALL, have discharged their arduous duties, and bravely confronted their many discouragements." And in accepting the responsibility of endeavoring to give effect to the wishes of those who so very unanimously adopted the foregoing resolutions they beg most respectfully to submit a few important practical considerations, as expressive of the manner in which they hope the project may be carried out successfully.

While cordially endorsing the second of the resolutions, the Executive Committee nevertheless entertain the opinion that the precise form of the Testimonial must, after all, be determined by the liberality of the subscriptions; it therefore becomes the duty of all to unite in making the aggregate contribution large enough to render the proposed Testimonial a fitting national one. The funds will, in the interim, be placed at interest in one of the chartered banks of the Dominion. If, within a reasonable period it appears that the subscription is not likely to be adequate to give effect to the precise terms of the resolution, the Executive Committee will adopt the best method of communicating with the subscribers, so that it may be decided what form the donation should then assume, in view of presenting it in the form of a gift not subject to attachment for debt. The foregoing suggestion, which the Executive Committee feel it their duty to make, is not one which arises from doubt as to what can be done with comparative ease, but simply as indicating a possible contingency,—for which the friends of the MONTREAL WITNESS throughout Canada will themselves be responsible, but which the Executive Committee, with the necessary co-operation will spare no effort to avert.

It may have been noticed that a number of subscriptions of from five to one hundred shares (\$5 to \$100) were given at the Montreal meeting of 28th ult. While all such are most thankfully acknowledged and encouraged, still the Executive Committee entertain the belief that the great bulk of subscriptions is likely to come from the masses of the population in small sums, probably of not more than one dollar; they desire to stimulate this effort strictly as an index of general appreciation, and thus bringing it within the reach of every reader of the WITNESS publications to aid in the movement which has been so auspiciously commenced.

As far as practicable, the Executive Committee favor the formation of Local Committees, and will endeavor to open correspondence with as many as possible of the cities and towns of the Dominion, to induce the formation of such auxiliaries,—as the work of collecting and transmitting subscriptions will, by that means, be most rapidly and effectively promoted. But in the meantime it is earnestly hoped that, without waiting to be officially communicated

with, the friends of the MONTREAL WITNESS will forthwith take steps to organize subscriptions in their several localities. Any person, however, who may not have a suitable opportunity for aiding a local subscription list, can send his contribution by mail (registered) to either CHARLES ALEXANDER, Esq., Treasurer, or to the Secretary.

The various Benefit and Friendly Organizations, Temperance Societies and Orders, Young Men's Christian Associations, Sunday-schools, &c., in sympathy with this movement, are expected to give immediate effect to their intentions, communicating with the Secretary, reporting progress from time to time. Subscriptions received from Societies, Corporate Bodies, or industrial Communities, will be acknowledged in the form in which they are sent.

The Executive Committee will endeavor to preserve throughout the spontaneous and voluntary character of the proposed Testimonial; and, while they hope to give every facility for receiving and applying contributions, they will not adopt any system of solicitation through agents. The opportunity to subscribe will, in all cases, be afforded by well-known residents of each locality, and such friends as are willing to act will be supplied with the requisite Subscription Books.

It is intended to officially acknowledge, from time to time, all subscriptions in the columns of the WITNESS publications, and subscribers are solicited to accept such notifications as a receipt.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,—
HUGH McLENNAN, Chairman.
CHAS. ALEXANDER, Treasurer.
WM. J. PATTERSON, Secretary.

Montreal, 8th March, 1876.

SUGGESTIONS.

It is very respectfully suggested by the Executive Committee that, for the purpose of enabling the Secretary to make full and systematic record of the contributions, all subscriptions by guarantee notes should be made payable uniformly upon the dates mentioned in the printed forms. It seems also imperative that, for the sake of saving expense, subscribers by guarantee notes should not require to be individually notified at the time when payments become due.

Subscription Books will be supplied by the Secretary if asked for, which will, of course, only be given in charge to the most suitable person by the local chairman.

Wherever an auxiliary committee is formed, it is expedient that all remittances to the Treasurer or Secretary here should be made, as far as possible, through the chairman of that auxiliary.

COMBINATION PRIZE COMPETITION.

We this week repeat the prize list. As yet there have been no responses to it, but perhaps before the end of the term some different statement will have to be made. In the last competition \$60 was the lowest amount that carried off a prize; the one before there were not sufficient competitors to take all the prizes. How will it be this time?

I. We offer the following prizes to the persons who mail us the largest amounts for all the publications on or before July 1st, 1876:

For largest amount,	1st prize,	\$20
For second largest amount,	2nd "	15
For third "	3rd "	12
For fourth "	4th "	10
For fifth "	5th "	8
For sixth "	6th "	7
For seventh "	7th "	6
For eighth "	8th "	5
For ninth "	9th "	4
For tenth "	10th "	3

II. We want this year to introduce the NEW DOMINION MONTHLY everywhere, and will give an additional prize of \$15 to the person who sends us the largest amount in subscriptions to this magazine during the time above stated, whether they compete for the other prizes or not. All the subscriptions for this prize count in the other as well.

III. To the one who sends in the largest number of subscriptions to the NEW DOMINION MONTHLY, either for three, six, or twelve months, we will give a prize of \$10.00. This prize is not open to the winner of No. 2. Three or six months will count as much as a whole year.

IV. To the person who sends us during this competition the largest amount in subscriptions to the NORTHERN MESSENGER we will give a prize of \$10.00. This is open to any competitor for the other prizes, and the amounts sent will count in for the first competition.

V. To the person who sends in the second largest amount in subscriptions to the NORTHERN MESSENGER we will give a prize of \$5.00. This is also open to all competitors, and the amounts will count in the first competition.

VI. A prize of \$5 will be given to the person sending us the largest amount for subscriptions from Newfoundland.

VII. A prize of \$5 will be given to the person sending us the largest amount for subscriptions from Manitoba.

VIII. A prize of \$5 will be given to the person sending us the largest amount for subscriptions from British Columbia.

The following are the prices for the publications included in the competition and the commissions allowed to competitors:

	Subscription post paid.	Deduction on Remittances for new subs.
DAILY WITNESS.....	\$3 00	50c
TRI-WEEKLY.....	2 00	35c
WEEKLY.....	1 10	25c
NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.....	1 50	30c
NORTHERN MESSENGER.....	30	5c
NORTHERN MESSENGER, Club of 10.....	2 50	30c
WEEKLY WITNESS with New Dominion Monthly.....	2 35	50c

It will be seen by the above table that every one working for a prize is sure of a full commission on new subscribers under any circumstances, and may obtain a prize as well. It should not be forgotten that no subscriber is allowed a commission on his own subscription; it is only given to canvassers who obtain subscriptions. All competitors should invariably collect the full subscription prices. Let the contest be a sharp one—one worth winning. All competition lists must be marked "In competition." Without this or similar notice the amounts sent cannot be recognized when our prize list is made up.

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