

shall be directed by the Committee of that Institution.

The first meeting of the Committee was directed to be held at Blenheim, the second Saturday in September.

The meeting then adjourned.

JUNE 29.

After the meeting of the Missionary Society had adjourned, the Covenant Meeting (of the Association) was convened. The Scriptures were read, and prayer offered by Elder Goble, and a short address delivered by Elder Walker; and the remainder of the day was spent in renewing covenant and mutual exhortation.

SABBATH, JUNE 30.

A public prayer-meeting was held at the chapel at nine o'clock.

At ten o'clock, Elder Landon preached from Luke xix. 42; after which a collection was taken up for the benefit of Missions, amounting to about £4.

After a short recess, Elder Goble preached from Ephesians ii. 17. The Holy Supper was then administered by Elders Landon and Smith. The meeting was then dismissed. Most, if not all who attended it, were highly gratified with the opportunity; and some, it is hoped, were permanently benefitted by it.

REPORT.

The Committee of the London District Baptist Missionary Society beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

In accordance with the third article of the Constitution of the Society, your Committee proceed to lay before the Society a statement of their proceedings for the past year.

The Committee held its first meeting, as directed by the Society, at Waterford, on the 13th of October following its organization, when several places within the boundaries of the Association were represented as being much in need of Missionary aid. The church in Southwold, it was thought, especially demanded our consideration, and Elder Goble was requested to visit that place. But the Committee afterwards learned with regret, that, in consequence of the alarm and excitement that prevailed during the autumn and a part of the winter, together with other causes, he was not able to comply with the request. More recently, however, we are glad to have it in our power to state, the brethren in Southwold have been visited by one of the Society's Agents, Elder E. Smith; which visit (the Committee flatter themselves) besides being attended with other good results, will be the cause of procuring for that much afflicted and long destitute church a regular periodical supply of pastoral labour.

Elders Walker and Steinhoff were appointed, at the same time, to visit the destitute settlements in the rear of Windham and Middleton. In these settlements there are several families of Baptists and others, widely separated from each other, as well as from any church. They have been greatly pleased with these opportunities, which your bounty has afforded them, of hearing God's word in the wilderness, and are very desirous that that bounty may be continued.

The above are the only labours accomplished by the Committee during the year. Should any be inclined to pronounce them trifling and unimportant, let it be remembered that we have had extraordinary difficulties to contend against, among which might be mentioned the low state of our finances, the scarcity of ministers to be employed, and the disturbed and unsettled state of our country; but these difficulties, we hope and trust, will gradually lessen, and finally disappear. When our objects are better understood, we have no doubt the public will be more liberal in their contributions. We believe that the cry is now constantly ascending from many in Upper Canada to the Great Lord of the harvest, and such cries will not long remain unanswered; and it is thought that there is now a brightening prospect, that peace, tranquillity, and a feeling of contentment and security, is soon to return to our unfortunate country, so that we venture to hope and pray, that your labours for the next and future years may be crowned with success, brighter and better than that which has been realized by your present Committee.

Before closing these remarks, your Committee beg leave to recommend to the consideration of the Society, the propriety of altering the fifth article of the Constitution, which, in its present form, limits the operations of the Committee to the employment of Missionaries in and near the London District!

We would also beg to call the attention of the Society to the subject of raising a fund in aid of Ministerial Education, at least in so far as to provide for the support of our student (Br. Topping), now in the Canada Baptist College.

W. H. LANDON, Sec.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT WITH THE LONDON DISTRICT BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following are the sums received by the Treasurer from the organization of the Society to this date, June 28, 1839:—

By Mrs. Forster, 2s 6d; Aaron Slaght, 5s; Mr. Grover, 2s 6d; Mrs. Slaght, 2s 6d; Mr. H. Goble, 2s 6d; Elder Landon, 5s; Mr. M. L.