

placit terms at present." On the vote being taken, sixteen voted for the motion and seven for the amendment. The yeas and nays being taken, fifteen voted yea and eleven nay. A unanimous call to the Rev. Mr. Myers to Norwich and Wyndham was sustained. Trial exercises were appointed him, and his ordination and induction appointed to take place on Thursday, Dec. 27th. Rev. Dr. Cochrane to preach and preside, Mr. McMullen to address the minister, and Mr. D. D. McLeod the congregation. Augmentation of Stipends.—The Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, addressed the Presbytery on the movement to raise the stipends in the Church to a minimum of \$750 and a manse. The Presbytery tendered Dr. Laing a vote of thanks for his address, and a committee was appointed to take the steps necessary for visiting congregations within the bounds. A petition and complaint occupied the court for a considerable time, after which the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, on Thursday, Jan. 3rd, 1884, at one o'clock, p.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following is a statement of the sums of money received by the Treasurer up to date :

I. Received from the fields occupied by the missionaries of the society.—Per James Hamilton, Cockburn Island, \$49.30. Per A. Beattie (St. Joseph Island): Coopers, \$7.57; Hilton, \$46.38; Mountain, \$12.36; Richards, \$43.37; Encampment, \$23.53; total \$133.21. Per J. Gilchrist, Spanish Mills, \$13.41; Cook's Camp, \$3.20; Bluid River Mills, \$27.50; Algoma, \$7.94; Railroad Camp, \$71.47; total \$123.52. Per G. Ballantine, (Manitoba): Wolseley, \$71.02; Grenfell, \$51.88; Manford Station, \$26.74; Friend, \$6.41; Lee Station, \$3.95; total, \$160. Per Thos. Wilson (Manitoba): Auburn, \$198.95; Oberon, \$96.05; Wellwood, \$58.35; McQuarrie, \$59.57; total, \$322.92. Per D. M. Ramsay, Manitoba, \$54.50. Per Thos. Thompson (Manitoulin Island): Gore Bay and Ice Lake, \$45; Slacks \$6; Billings, \$6.50; Little Current, \$43.12; Mudge Bay, \$15.25; total, \$115.87. Per A. Manson: Tobermory, \$19; Tobermory Harbour, \$24.52; McGriger's Mill, \$23; Dyer Bay (north), \$11.75; Dyer Bay (south) \$10.50; total, \$88.77. Per A. M. Haig (Muskoka): Nipissing, \$34.20; Powassan, \$28; Sturgeon Falls, \$27.82; Callender, \$13.75; total, \$103.77. Per D. Perrie (Muskoka): Strong, \$30.77; Sundridge, \$36.35; Eagle Lake, \$24.02; Gibbon, \$13; total, \$104.14. Per J. S. McKay (Manitoulin): McColemans', \$10. Per J. Mutch, Little Current, \$10. Per J. McGillivray, Byng Inlet, \$121. Per J. A. Ross (St. Joseph Island) Richard's Landing, \$11. II. Received from friends in other places: Per Dr. Caven, St. Andrew's Church school, Scarboro', \$11. Per Dr. Reid, Scarboro', \$11; Oshawa, \$10; total, \$21. York Town Line, \$12. Per A. H. Drumm, Beaverton and Mara congregations, \$15.87. Per J. Mutch, Miss Duncan, Mindemoza, \$6. Per D. Forrest, Dundalk, \$2; Fraser's Settlement, \$3.35; \$5.35. Per W. S. McTavish, Old St. Andrew's, East Oxford, \$4.10; Friend, Tilsonburg, \$5; \$9.10. Per J. A. Ross, Scotch Block (Ancaster East), \$36.90; Barton, \$15.25; \$52.15. Per J. M. Gardiner, Big Bay, \$4.75; Lake Charles, \$6.95; Kemble, \$6.80; total, \$18.50. Per J. A. Jaffary, Dixie congregation, \$7.33. Per A. E. Doherty, Knox Church congregation, Scarboro', \$6.50. Per J. Argo, Eden Mills, \$10. Per J. S. McKay, Friends in Thamesford, \$2.00. Per Miss Cunningham, Hayne's Avenue Mission Sunday school, St. Catharines, \$15. Per A. Urquhart, Listowel Sunday school, \$20.

The following students contributed \$1 each: J. S. McKay, Alex. Hamilton, W. S. McTavish, G. Freeman, J. M. Gardiner, W. A. Duncan, J. S. Hardie, Jas. Hamilton, J. Campbell, Robt. McNair, J. L. Campbell; smaller sums, \$11.29; total, \$22.29. J. M. Gardiner, Sarawak, \$6.95.

We take this opportunity of thanking the friends of the society, who, during the past year have helped us by their prayers and aided us by their contributions to carry the Gospel into the more destitute parts of our land. Without such assistance our usefulness would be much more limited, since the fields occupied by our missionaries are either in new or sparsely settled districts. And although the people give liberally of their means for the support of ordinances still few fields are able to meet the full expenses of the mis-

sionary at the end of the summer. That this work may be continued, yea, and our usefulness more extended, we earnestly ask your continued and hearty co-operation. The reports already read by our missionaries have been very encouraging. Truly, "The Lord hath done great things by us, whereof we are glad."

J. S. HARDIE, Treasurer.

Knox College, Dec., 1st, 1883.

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The third regular business meeting of Knox College Students' Missionary Society was held in the college on Wednesday evening, 12th December, the President Mr. W. S. McTavish in the chair. The attendance was not so large as usual. After devotional exercises the minutes of the last meeting were read and sustained, Mr. A. Hamilton, acting as *pro tem.* secretary in place of Mr. Jas. Hamilton, who through illness was unable to be present, Mr. J. Wilson, who laboured last summer in Manitoba, read a concise and very encouraging report regarding his work in the Big Plain district. In his absence the report of Mr. D. M. Ramsay, who also laboured for the society in Manitoba, was read by Mr. J. S. Hardy. The report gave a detailed account of Mr. Ramsay's work, and was in the highest degree satisfactory. Good work has evidently been accomplished by the zealous efforts of Messrs. Wilson and Ramsay.

The meeting then considered *seriatim* certain resolutions recommended by the committee in reference to the public meeting to be held in January, of which due notice will be given. Mr. D. Perry, student, was appointed to the Strong mission field for three Sabbaths during the Christmas vacation. Before singing the long-metre doxology, the President urged the members present to bring the claims of the society prominently before those ministers and congregations with whom they would meet during the next three weeks. It is earnestly desired that all the students and friends of the society will evince their interest in its success by handing in handsome contributions when they return in January.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Rev. Dr. Reid has received the following sums for schemes of the Church: viz.: A Friend of the Cause, for Home Mission, \$4, Foreign Mission, \$4, French Evangelization, \$4; M. O.B., Ottawa, for Foreign Mission, special for Formosa, \$75, also for Foreign Mission, Eromanga, salary of teacher for one year, \$25; Kirkwall, additional for French Evangelization, \$2.

THE missionaries of the American Board at Constantinople have issued a brief statement of Christian truth designed to arrest the attention of Moslem readers while exposing the gross historical errors of the recent Moslem attack on Christianity as condemned by its history. The statement is being published in the paper in which the attack originally appeared; and the statement of the Christians, with frantic efforts of the editor to cover up his blunders, is attracting wide attention in Moslem circles.

SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

LESSON LII.

Dec. 30.]

REVIEW.

[1883.]

GOLDEN TEXT.—"The Lord therefore be judge."
—I SAM. 24: 15.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—The Lord discerns between the righteous and the wicked.

LESSONS FROM THE FACTS OF SCRIPTURE STUDIED DURING THE QUARTER.

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF FIDELITY IN OFFICIAL POSITION.—I. In the parental relation; seen in the case of Eli the high priest. (a) The act of unfaithfulness; his indulgence toward his sons. (1 Sam. 2: 29 and 3: 13.) (b) The evils resulting therefrom; (1) others made to sin (1 Sam. 2: 17, 29); (2) defeat, slaughter, and the capture of the ark. (Sam. 4: 10-18.) 2. In the kingly office; illustrated in the career of Saul. (a) The unfaithfulness consists in his failure to carry out the commands of the Lord; (1) in his impatience at Gilgal (1 Sam. 13: 12, 13); (2) in not destroying the Amalekites completely (1 Sam. 15: 12-26). (b) The consequences are: (1) his own rejection (1 Sam. 15: 23-26); (2) the defeat at Gilboa (1 Sam. 31: 1, etc.).

3. In the prophetic and judicial office, as seen in the case of Samuel. (a) As prophet; (1) he rebukes sin fearlessly (See 1 Sam. 12: 16-20; 1 Sam. 15: 19, 22, 23); (2) exhorts to repentance (1 Sam. 7: 3). (b) As judge is impartial and upright. (1 Sam. 12: 5.) (c) The consequences are: (1) the esteem and fear of the people (1 Sam. 12: 4, 18); (2) the

turning of the people from idolatry, and their deliverance out of impending danger. (1 Sam. 7: 4, 10-15.)

II. GOD'S WAYS ARE BETTER THAN MAN'S OWN CHOOSING.—I. Man's choosing illustrated in the people's demand for a king (1 Sam. 8: 1-10). (a) The result shows the folly of pursuing a course that God does not approve; (1) Saul's conduct toward David and his son Jonathan altogether unbecoming a king; (2) his disobedience toward God and his folly toward David resulted in the catastrophe at Gilboa. (1 Sam. 31: 1-7.)

2. God's choosing as seen in the appointment of David. (a) David is God's choice, having been: (1) sought out by him (1 Sam. 13: 14); (2) pointed out (1 Sam. 16: 3, 12); (3) fitted out with the Spirit. (1 Sam. 16: 13.) (b) The wisdom of God evident from the whole history of David; for—(1) he saves Israel from reproach and defeat by slaying the champion of the Philistines (1 Sam. 17: 38-51); (2) conducts himself wisely everywhere. (1 Sam. 18: 1-16.)

III. THE NOBILITY OF LOVE AND THE MEANNESS OF HATRED.—I. The love of friendship—Jonathan's for David. (a) Loved the man whom his father hated. (1 Sam. 20: 32-42.) (b) Loved the man who would supplant him on the throne. (1 Sam. 23: 17; 20: 31.) (c) Loved him for his excellence of character and his brave and noble conduct. (1 Sam. 19: 4, 5.)

2. The love of disinterestedness; exemplified in the career of Samuel. (a) Does not consider himself or his family when the people ask for a king. (1 Sam. 8: 5, etc.) (b) Instructs the people how to secure prosperity, and promises to pray for them, etc. (1 Sam. 12: 14, 23.) (c) Grieves for Saul when rejected of the Lord. (1 Sam. 15: 11; 16: 1.)

3. The meanness of hatred, as seen in the course of Saul toward David. (a) Hates the man that saved him and his army from the taunts and power of the Philistines. (1 Sam. 17: 38-51.) (b) That ministers to him in his mental disorder. (1 Sam. 16: 23; 18: 10.) (c) That holds a relation to the king entitling him to his esteem and love. (1 Sam. 18: 27, 28.) (d) That possessed qualities of heart and performed deeds of heroism that endeared him to the whole nation. (1 Sam. 18: 5, 16.) (e) That spared the life of the man that hunted his soul to take it. (1 Sam. 24: 1-17.)

A LESSON ON MISSIONS.

[Optional lesson instead of a review.]

Read Matt. 10: 1-16; Luke 10: 1-12, 17-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil."—Acts 10: 38.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—Jesus our example in missionary work.

PLAN OF THE LESSON.—An interesting and profitable way of conducting a class exercise on the topic of missions is to adopt the conversational method. The teacher, however, should not do all the talking, and to help the scholars to say something which will aid in deepening their interest in missions, they may be divided into groups of two and two; each group of two being requested to come prepared to give information on some particular branch of mission duties and work.

The subject of missions may be treated under three heads:

- I. THE COMMAND FOR MISSIONS.
- II. THE FIELD OF MISSIONS.
- III. THE SUCCESS OF MISSIONS.

I. THE COMMAND FOR MISSIONS.—Scripture texts setting forth the biblical idea of mission work, and the duty of Christians to engage in it. In the younger classes this may be most effectively done by giving the names of those noticed in the Bible as engaged in missionary service, as Peter, Steven, Philip, Paul, Barnabas, Mark, Timothy, Apollos, and especially the Lord Jesus. Call on the class to recite the Golden Text, the Central Truth, and the great command of Christ. (Matt. 28: 19, 20.) Give a brief sketch of the missionary labours of any of the apostles or their co-labourers, noticing the encouragements and the great difficulties and discouragements they had as compared with modern missionary workers.

II. THE FIELD OF MISSIONS.—The scholars will be glad to look up and group the facts under this head. For example, one group of two scholars may be asked to ascertain the number of professing Christians in all the churches of America. From this it will be partially seen how large is the field of home missions.

But to complete the view, another group of two may be required to ascertain the probable number of scholars in the Sabbath schools of America, and how many are not yet gathered into them. This will show the extent of the Sunday school mission field at home. A third group of two may present facts to show the extent of the mission field in Europe, Asia, and Africa; another group the same facts in regard to North America and South America, and still another, the mission field of the islands of the sea.

III. THE SUCCESS OF MISSIONS.—The gleaming of facts respecting the success of missions will be a most interesting work for older scholars. One can gain the results of Home Mission work for the past year, or for ten years; another those of any one of the leading American foreign missionary societies, or all the principle ones; another those of the chief British missionary organizations; a fourth those of Continental societies; while a fifth may give some special facts as to the remarkable results of missions in the Sandwich Islands, or in Madagascar.

THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.

GOD pity the man of science who believes in nothing but what he can prove by scientific methods; for if ever a human being needed Divine pity he does.—Dr. J. G. Holland.