

MISSIONARY REGISTER.

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BAPTIST CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the February number of the *London Baptist Magazine*, is appended the Report read at the General Meeting of the Society, in Park Street Chapel, Southwark, on the 5th of December, 1838. Our readers have been already informed that on that occasion the sphere of the Society's operations was enlarged, and its title changed to "The Baptist Colonial Missionary Society." In the Report several extracts are given from communications made to the Society here, and from Mr. Gilmour's letters; and in conclusion the Report observes:

"In confirmation of these statements, your Committee refer with pleasure to the deputation recently arrived from the Upper Canada Missionary Society, the Rev. G. C. Somers, of New York, and the Rev. W. Rees, of Brantford. The former was sent by the American Home Missionary Society, to assist in representing, and urging on British liberality, the claims of Upper Canada. Our brother Gilmour had indeed mentioned the case before; but from this deputation your Committee ascertained more fully, that in Upper Canada there are, stretching over a distance of nearly 600 miles from east to west, five Baptist Associations, comprising fifty-seven churches, and about four thousand members. These churches generally are provided with pastors; almost all of whom, however, are, through the smallness and poverty of the churches, necessarily engaged in secular employment for their support. In supporting their missionary operations, they have been greatly dependent on gener-

ous aid from the American Home Mission; but this is altogether inadequate to their necessities. Mr. Jacob Beam, a deacon of the church in Beamsville, has offered them land, valued at more than £1000, for the erection of a Theological Institution; but they are unable to meet the offer, though strongly impressed with the importance of doing so. They request help, in sustaining and extending their missionary labours; as also in forming and supporting a Theological Institution. Your Committee have therefore encouraged Mr. Rees as their representative, to solicit subscriptions towards the former object; and though he has felt it his duty to return to Canada, on account of its present political aspect, yet his appeal has not been made in vain.

Your Committee have also received applications for aid, towards a Baptist Theological Institution, established at Fredericton, New Brunswick. £4000 have been expended on this undertaking; but its friends have met with severe opposition. They have raised £2000; but the same amount of debt threatens to crush the Institution, and its most ardent friends despair of its continued existence, unless prompt and generous assistance can be obtained. Its importance no one can deny; its prospective usefulness no one can calculate; your Committee, therefore, have no alternative, but to introduce it to your notice, and implore for it your liberality. Mr. Miles, who is its President, is in this country at his own expense, and will present its claims personally to the friends of the cause.

From this statement it will be seen that the facilities and demands for preaching the gospel in our North American Colonies, increase as they are explored; that the field of labour is as easy of access as it is full of promise; that the men who ask our help are not aliens to whom we must fight our way through all the barriers of language and custom, but our kinfolk and neighbours, &c.