

more in detail the Township of Hemmingford, and will take all pains, if it is possible, to establish a station there, dropping if need be some station across the line to occupy one in Canada."

The Treasurer's statement is appended, from which it will be seen that there is an increase of \$89 in the contributions to the Scheme during the past year, as compared with the receipts of the previous year. The sums total of both the congregational collections and the donations are larger. It is so far well that the interest felt in the Mission, as measured by the pecuniary support it receives, is manifesting a degree of upward tendency. But your Committee submit that there is still great room for improvement in this particular. Last year 40 congregations contributed \$523.16; this year 53 contribute \$575.60. If the other 40 on the Synod Roll, which have ministers, some of them being large city congregations, would give the average collection received from these, say \$19, your Committee would then be in a position to engage another Missionary.

All which is respectfully submitted in the name and behalf of the Committee.

Montreal, 24th May, 1860.

W. SNOGRASS, Concener.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Congregational Collections from 19th May, 1860, to 6th April, 1861.

King, Rev. J. Tawse	\$ 8 00	Huntly, Rev. J. Sinclair	\$ 4 00
Smith's Falls, Rev. S. Milne	4 00	Chatham & Grenville, Rev. W. Hair	4 00
Lancaster, Rev. T. Macpherson	8 00	Perth, Rev. W. Bain	10 00
Ottawa, Rev. R. Dobie	3 00	Georgetown, Rev. Dr. Muir	10 00
Kinston, Rev. Dr. Macfar.	40 00	Hono. Rev. A. Lewis	2 00
Bundas, Rev. J. Herald	1 50	Newmarket, Rev. J. Brown	2 00
Guelph, Rev. A. Walker	20 00	Stratford, R. v. W. Miller	4 00
Goderich, Rev. A. Mackid	3 83	Pickering, per Jas. Madill, Esq.	8 00
Matilda, Rev. T. Scott	2 00	Scott & Urbridge, Rev. W. Cleland	4 25
Orangeville, Rev. W. E. Mackay	2 00	Notawasaga, Rev. J. Campbell	8 00
Oxford Mills, Rev. J. Evans	3 00	Conwall, Rev. Dr. Urquhart	20 00
North Dorchester, Rev. W. McEwen	3 00	Beekwith, Rev. W. McIntichison	4 00
Hartington, Rev. J. MacKerras	4 00		
Chinguacousy, Rev. T. Johnson	2 00		\$185 00

From 6th April to 21st May, 1861.

Whitby, Rev. K. McLennan	\$ 5 00	Oranburg, Rev. R. Dobie	71 10
Milton, per J. McCallum, Esq.	4 00	Stratford, Rev. W. Millar	5 00
Guelph, Rev. J. Hogg	12 00	Beauharnois, Rev. F. P. Sym	7 00
West King, Rev. J. Carmichael	8 00	Chinguacousy, Rev. T. Johnson	2 00
King, Rev. J. Tawse	4 00	Hayfield & Varna, Rev. H. Gibson	5 00
Markham, Rev. J. Gordon	8 00	Woolwich, Rev. J. Thom	2 00
Martintown, Rev. J. Muir	5 00	Renfrew, Rev. J. Thomson	3 50
Ottawa, Rev. A. Spence	20 00	Stirling, Rev. A. Buchan	12 00
Wolfe Island, Rev. G. Porteous	3 00	Fort Hope, Rev. D. Camelon	10 00
Rock, Rev. J. Campbell	6 00	Peterboro, Rev. J. S. Douglas	5 00
N. Dorchester, Rev. W. McEwen	2 00	Woodstock, Rev. J. Stuart	2 00
Newmarket, Rev. J. Brown	4 00	Seymour, Rev. R. Neill	25 00
Goderich, Rev. A. Mackid	6 00	Orangeville, Rev. W. E. Mackay	2 00
Middleville, Rev. W. C. Clark	8 00	Kinston, Rev. Dr. Macfar.	52 00
Fergus, Rev. G. Macdonnell	10 00	Oranburg, per S. Hated, Esq.	8 00
Perth, Rev. W. Bain	24 75	Hemmingford, Rev. J. Patterson	6 05
Niagara, Rev. C. Campbell	9 00	Scarboro, Rev. J. Bain	12 00
Pickering, Rev. W. H. Ross	9 00		
Melbourne, Rev. J. Sievericht	16 00		
Montreal, St. Paul's, Rev. W. Snodgrass			\$357 10

DONATIONS.

A friend to the mission	\$ 2 00	male Association	12 00
Quebec Sabbath School	5 00	William Gourbe	0 50
Pointe St. Charles Sabbath School	4 00	Rev. J. Brandon	15 00
St. Joseph St., Montreal, do.	6 40		
Pickering do.	5 00		
Fergus, St. Andrew's Church Fe-			\$47 90

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$ 126 75
Congregational collections	272 60
Donations	47 20
	\$760 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. L. Davidson's Salary	200 00
Printing and Stationery	10 75
Postage	4 25
Balance in Treasurer's hands	215 25
	\$700 25

RESERVED BUILDING FUND.

To Balance due the Treasurer	\$ 0 60	By dividend on £50 Bank Stock at 4 per cent	50 00
Travelling expenses	3 00	Rent of Mission House in Dorchester Street, Montreal	80 00
Postage	0 75	Interest on do.	1 00
Assessment and Insurance	12 00		
Balance due the Fund	144 63		
	\$161 60		\$161 60

ARCHIBALD FERGUSON,

Treasurer.

Montreal, 21st May, 1861.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION.—1860-1861.

The Committee respectfully beg leave to report:—

1st. As to the operations of the Mission and the Missionary.

In last report it was stated, that the Missionary, the Rev. E. M. Epstein, M.D., with his wife and two children, had arrived at Salonica.

There he spent some months, labouring in concert with the Missionaries of the Church of Scotland, taking part in the maintenance of a service on the Sabbath, acquiring the languages, and maintaining a dispensary. In Salonica a heavy affliction befell the Missionary. His eldest daughter, Fanny, an intelligent girl, whose letters had begun to interest the readers of the *Jewish Presbyterian*, was carried off, after a brief illness by typhoid fever, on the 16th of August last.

As the Committee have always had in view the adoption of a field of labour, independent of those occupied by the Committee of the Church of Scotland, but yet so situated as to permit of cooperation with them, a mode of action, moreover, which the Church of Scotland Committee heartily concurred in, the Missionary was advised to visit Monastir, Berea, and Larissa. This he did, in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Crosby, Missionary at Salonica and Mr. Shillinger, since deceased. After visiting these places, Dr. Epstein proceeded with his family to Monastir, to enter upon the work of the Mission there.

THE FIELD.

2nd. Monastir is the principal city in Macedonia. Its population is about 45,000. It is distant from Salonica, the Thessalonica of the New Testament, about 90 miles. The Bulgarians and Turks compose the larger portion of the population, being respectively about 15,000 and 24,000. There are from 3 to 4000 Jews. There are many villages around, with populations of Bulgarians, varying from 5000 to 20,000, among whom the Gospel ought to be preached. There are numerous Mosques, 1 Greek, and 1 Romish Church in the city; but no Protestant Missionary had, ever before the arrival of Dr. Epstein, been stationed in Monastir. The Turks and Greeks maintain schools for boys and the Lazarists sustain a Roman Catholic School.

The field in which, in providence, the Synod has been called to labour is then a most important one. The Jewish population in Monastir is small, but yet means may be found to gain a footing among them. While the Missionary will be directed to make evangelization among them, his steady aim, the Committee yet think that much good may be accomplished among the Bulgarian population also. The population of Bulgaria Proper is about 5 millions, but Bulgarians are scattered all over European Turkey. They are industrious and intensely national. They are opposed to the rule of the Greek hierarchy, and in their present condition the claims of the Bible ought to be put before them and might be listened to. The Missionary thinks that a school would be a useful auxiliary to his work, and is of opinion that a suitable Bulgarian teacher could be obtained. The service of a colporteur would also be very useful in visiting the population of the city and of the many villages around and scattering there the Word of God. The Committee would rejoice to carry out both efforts if their funds permitted it, for no missionary can accomplish but little in so vast a field, and so new to missionary effort. "Few and far between," says Dr. Epstein, are the opportunities to preach the clear and plain Gospel of Christ and Him crucified for the sins of man. Still in some instances it has been done and left to God to dispose of according to his sovereign pleasure." In His own good time seed sown in faith will bring forth fruit.

Dr. Epstein maintains a Sabbath service in German for the benefit of the few Protestants in the city and preaches regularly, but at times the attendance is very small. He also maintains a Dispensary, open three days in the week during the forenoon, and he visits daily among the poor. Dr. Epstein desired a supply of Bibles and Testaments for distribution, and a communication has been opened with the British and Foreign Bible Society with a view to secure these for his distribution. Mrs. Epstein has opened a little female school.

The receipts by Dr. Epstein from paying patients during last year were £10 10s. sig which were applied to the purchase of medical requisites.

The missionary is doing what he can. Let him be sustained by the sympathy and the prayers of our people.

FUNDS.

3rd. The receipts indicate that the interest of the people in the Mission is still maintained, though it is matter of regret that some influential congregations have withheld a helping hand. The Treasurer's statement accompanies this report which shows that there is a balance on hand of \$2103.18; of this sum, however, \$1351.72 is at the credit of the Aiton Jerusalem Mission Fund and is not applicable to the general purposes of the mission. The Committee acknowledge the receipt from the Jewish Committee of the Church of Scotland of £50 for the support of the Missionary. The Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which adopted the Mission as one of their Schemes have also contributed to the funds of the Mission, though the contributions from the former province have been limited to two congregations whose collections were of the most liberal character, viz., Pictou and Gairloch, and Salt Springs. The Committee have prepared an abstract of the sources of the revenue of last year and are gratified to state that it exceeds that of the previous year. A legacy of \$100 was received from the estate of the late Miss Fleming of St. Athanase in Lower Canada.