

DEGREE OF D. D. FROM QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Senatus Academicus of Queen's College, at a meeting held on the 6th ult., conferred the degree of Doctor in Divinity on the Rev. James C. Muir, of Georgetown, C. E., and on the Rev. Alexander McGillivray, of McLennan's Mountain, Pictou, Nova Scotia. Although the Royal Charter of the University of Queen's College, granting power and authority to confer degrees in the several Arts and Faculties, is dated in the fifth year of Her Majesty's reign (1841), this, we believe, is the first occasion on which the Senatus have exercised the right of conferring a degree in Divinity. On this account the recipients and their friends may consider the honor as greatly exalted, and we trust that hereafter it will be dispensed with such chariness and discrimination that its value will be fully sustained. We hope those Reverend Gentlemen, whose names as yet are the only ones composing Queen's College list of Doctors in Divinity, and who, we believe, are highly deserving of the acknowledgement that has been made of their ability and attainments, will be long spared in their respective and important spheres of usefulness.

THE JUVENILE MISSION.

We are glad to be able to express our belief that this interesting effort bids fair to increase in usefulness. It has taken firm hold on the affections of our young people, and will yet bring forth good fruit in the after history of our Church. The Report of the Treasurer, submitted to the last meeting of our Synod, and which we insert in this number, was very interesting. From it we learn that in 1857-58 our children contributed as follows:—

For the support of Orphans in India,	\$400
To present Orphans with Bibles,	12
For the Canadian School, Calcutta,	128

\$540

The amounts remitted annually are steadily increasing. In the year ending April, 1856, the first year of the effort, there was contributed \$120; up to April in 1857 \$400, and in the third year, as above, \$540, an increase of more than four-fold. A pleasing feature of the scheme has been the adoption of the proposal to support the Canadian School at Calcutta. Miss Hebron applied for aid to establish it, and the amount sought has been raised, and that without interfering with the other branch of the Mission. We trust that it may soon be opened in the vicinity of the Orphanage, as is now proposed, and prove permanently useful. Besides the remittance for the support of the School of £25 stg., £5 stg. has been remitted for the purchase of books, &c., for the School. During the year our Schools have remitted for the support of 33 orphans; but there is difficulty in allotting children to them, owing

to the disturbed state of India, and the support of the Canadian School is now suggested to such Sabbath Schools in the meantime. The Schools in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are also entering upon this pleasing work. This effort is calculated to excite much interest in Missionary efforts in the minds of our young people. The Treasurer earnestly solicits contributions for the Canadian School, especially from Schools that may not be able to afford the sum required for the support of an orphan, (£4 cy.), or that may not wish to remain longer on the list of applicants, also from individuals. We shall from time to time have somewhat to say to our many friends as to that Mission. Meanwhile we cordially unite in the expression of the earnest aspiration with which the Report closes, "that the Great Shepherd may continue to watch over the youth of our Church, and may own and bless this humble effort to enlist their hearts in the work of extending His Kingdom."

PRACTICAL BENEFICENCE.—THE CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

We have perused with real pleasure the first Report of the Missionary Association of this Church, of which the Rev. J. Jenkins, late of Montreal, is pastor; and notice it in consequence of the incentive it holds out to like exertions in other quarters. The Association was formed in 1854 at the instance of the Sabbath School Teachers of the Church. A quarter of the city was selected for its operations,—a Sabbath School opened,—house to house visits were commenced,—and a Missionary engaged, who preached in a large room. A lot of land was then selected for a Mission Church, and two members of the congregation agreed to furnish the means to purchase the lot, and erect a building suitable for a lecture-room and Sabbath School. The building cost, with the ground, \$13,500. It has accommodation for a Sabbath School of 500, and an audience of 600 persons. It was named the Olivet Presbyterian Church, and has now a settled pastor with a membership of 133. The Olivet Church opened a Sabbath School, which is likely to become the nucleus of a colored church, and is attended by 75 scholars. The infant congregation contributed last year to benevolent and religious objects \$1500. The Sabbath School of Olivet Church was established in 1855 with 63 scholars and 16 teachers. It now numbers 588 scholars and 43 teachers. An Industrial School is also maintained in connection with it.

Having thus successfully planted this flourishing offshoot, the Association of Calvary Church did not flag in their operations, but turned their attention to other fields of usefulness. In 1857 they assumed the charge of the Carmel Sabbath School. On the first day of the opening 39 schol-

ars were in attendance, and the number of scholars has increased to 51. In March, 1857, also the Association opened a school in the southern quarter of the city, and a lot for a site, which cost \$1200, was given by one member of the Calvary congregation. The school opened with 23 scholars in two small rooms. On the site so given, meanwhile, a Mission Chapel was erected at a cost of \$4000; and in November the school was removed to the Tabor Mission Chapel, having increased to 255 scholars and 23 teachers.

Such, then, is the result of the Home Missionary efforts of a single church in a populous city; and at the end of the third year the Association is able to report, as the result of their labours and expenditure, 963 Sabbath scholars, taught by 89 teachers—a Church erected, regularly organized and attended by 135 members, besides hearers, and a Mission Chapel. But, not content with well-doing, they contemplate further progress, and propose to employ another Missionary to labour in the Carmel and Tabor Schools' Districts, and to purchase a lot and erect a building and chapel for the accommodation of the Carmel School.

In view of what has been thus accomplished, well may the Association say, "Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless His holy name"; and well may we in our several spheres strive to imitate this noble example, which presents a lively picture of what a living Christian effort, from which should radiate beams of light, illumining with Gospel truth the destitute places of the earth. Would that higher views of Christian duty were felt and acted on by all our people! Would that all but realized the duty of giving, "as God hath prospered them," to His service. In our large cities there is ample room for such efforts. There are Sabbath Schools to be planted, and little uncared-for children to be gathered in and fed. There are chapels to be erected, and the Gospel carried to the indifferent. There is work to be done in the city and in the clearing in the forest. The field is very white, the harvest is very plenteous, but the labourers are very few. Pray then the Lord of the Harvest that he would send forth labourers to the harvest, and do what in you lies to promote the spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

If Christian men and women but gave, laboured and prayed as they ought, how mightily would the Church advance to take possession of the World! Meanwhile we trust that this happy example of what has been done may lead some among us to try what *may and can be done*; and, in the concluding words of the Report before us, we would only add—

"When we remember how much we are expending every year for our own gratification as individuals, as families and