

### FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF ORPHANS IN INDIA.

Received from Rev. James Bain, Scarboro, on account of his Sabbath school, for the support of Mary Thomson Scarboro,.....	£4	0	0
Margaret Bain, .....	4	0	0
To purchase books for them,.....	1	0	0
Received from St. Andrew's Church Sabbath school Toronto, for the support of "Ruth Toronto,".....	4	0	0
To purchase a Bible for her,.....	0	10	0
Received from St. Andrew's Church Sabbath school Kingston, for the support of Esther Munno,.....	4	0	0
Hannah Tooney,.....	4	0	0
Received from school at Portsmouth, for Ruth Iona,.....	4	0	0
Received from St. John's Church Sabbath school at Brockville, for the support of an orphan,.....	4	0	0

£29 10 0

JOHN PATON,

Treasurer to the Synod, for the Scheme.  
Kingston, 16th Jan., 1857.

### THE CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY ORPHAN- AGE LIBRARY FUND.

Received by "the Editors of the Juvenile Presbyterian," from the L'Original Sabbath School, per Master Robert Bell, 18s. 1½d.

Montreal, 30th Jan., 1857.

N. B.—We hope in our next issue to be able to announce several remittances for this object. The School at L'Original has done well. We hope their example is being followed.

### ORPHANS IN INDIA.

In consequence of charges lately made at the Orphanage in Calcutta, the usual half-yearly reports have not been so regularly received as could have been wished. Steps are now being taken to remedy the omission, but in the meantime we now give a copy of the report, received some weeks since, as to Ruth Iona, whose interesting little letter appeared in our last number.

#### REPORT.

"Ruth Iona, aged 13; supported at the Calcutta Orphanage by St. Andrew's Church Sabbath school at Portsmouth near Kingston.

STUDIES.—Third Bengali classbook, Mother and Daughter's Catechism, Scripture texts, is also instructed in writing and sewing.

Ruth is backward in learning, but is hard-working, cheerful and willing."

We trust that Sabbath schools, that have not yet received their reports, will wait a little longer, bearing in mind that Calcutta is many thousand miles distant, and also that the orphanage is now under another superintendent.—From *Juvenile Presbyterian* for February.

### THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON

Met at Hamilton on the 26th of November, when the Rev. William Masson, a Missionary sent out by the Colonial Committee, presented his testimonials and was received and cordially welcomed. Mr. Masson is now occupied in supplying vacancies.

Mr. Johnson, of Saltfleet, tendered the demission of his pastoral charge, and his congregation were summoned to appear before the Presbytery at the ensuing regular meeting, should they wish to object to the demission.

The regular meeting took place at Hamilton on the 17th of December.

Session Records were revised and attested; and Reports were made of the fulfilment of missionary appointments. Mr. Masson was invited to sit with the Presbytery.

The case of Mr. Johnson's demission was taken up, and parties were heard. It appeared that the kind of physical labour required in the charge of Saltfleet and Binbrook was unsuitable to Mr. Johnson's constitution, and a medical certificate, which was produced, showed that his health would be likely to suffer severely by its continuance. The Presbytery then accepted of the demission, and ordered the Church to be declared vacant. Mr. Johnson proposing to remove to the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston for a few months, a Presbyterial certificate was granted him.

Mr. Gregor, being about to remove to the bounds of the Presbytery of Glengary, also received a Presbyterial certificate.

A memorial was received from the congregation of Clifton, praying the aid of the Presbytery in soliciting assistance from the Colonial Committee to liquidate the debt on their church. The Presbytery agreed cordially and strongly to recommend the application to the favourable consideration of the Colonial Committee.

There was received an application from the congregation of Clifton, praying for the moderation of a call to Mr. Bell, of Simcoe, to be their minister. The Presbytery appointed Mr. Maclellan to preach at Clifton, and moderate on the 6th of January.

The Moderator and Clerk were instructed to write to the Colonial Committee, setting forth the desire of the Presbytery for additional Missionaries.

Mr. Hugh Niven, formerly minister of Gartmore Chapel, parish of Port of Menteith, produced a number of highly favourable testimonials from Scotland, as also from Dr. Aiton, and Dr. Sprague of Albany. The Moderator testified from personal knowledge to the high standing and character of Mr. Niven. He was then received as a probationer in good standing, and employed as a missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery.

A number of appointments of supply were then made, and some other items of business transacted, and the Presbytery adjourned till the 14th of January.

### THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAY ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, IN CON- NECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

(Reported for the Presbyterian.)

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Thursday evening, the 15th of January, in St. Paul's Church, Montreal. The proceedings of the evening were opened

with an eloquent and appropriate discourse by the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, pastor of St. Paul's Church, who took as his text, Psalms cxxii., v. 6: "They shall prosper that love thee." After the usual service the business of the evening was proceeded with.

MR. HUGH ALLAN, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association, was called to the Chair. He said, in the absence of the President and first Vice-President of the Association, he was called upon to occupy the Chair during the transaction of the secular business of the evening. He had not anticipated this, and would not detain them with any remarks further than to say that this Association was founded for three objects: 1st. The education from their midst of young men for the Church. 2nd. The distribution of money for the purpose of erecting churches in destitute country places. 3d. The dissemination in the country parts of information as to the progress of the interests of the Church. These objects had not been fully carried out, owing to unfortunate circumstances; but two of them had been carried out to a considerable extent. He then called upon the Secretary to read the Report, which is as follows:—

"The Office-bearers beg leave respectfully to submit as their Report for the year 1856—

That at their first meeting they were called to discharge a melancholy duty, and to humble themselves under the painful dispensation, which deprived them of one of their chaplains and his congregation of a faithful pastor,—the lamented Rev. Dr. McGill, who for some years had taken a warm interest in the Association, and furthered its objects by his wise counsel.

An appropriate resolution, expressing the views of the Association in relation thereto, was adopted and transmitted to his family. Subsequently his successor in the pastoral charge of St. Paul's Church, the Rev. W. Snodgrass, was elected to the vacant office.

Proceeding to trace the operations of the Society for the past year, the officers are happy to report that some progress has been made in the work entrusted to them. More might have been accomplished, it is true; but still, considering the limited means at disposal, a considerable amount of good is being done.

#### PUBLICATION SCHEME.

They report that the *Presbyterian* has been issued monthly during the year, exclusively of a supplement containing a Report of the proceedings of Synod, and the 10th volume has been entered upon. The circulation is still 2200, a number of copies monthly by no means commensurate with the number of families adhering to our Church. If fresh efforts were made in the several congregations, its circulation might be widely extended, and we trust that this will be promptly and effectually done.

A new effort was commenced by the Association in April last after mature consideration and consultation with many friends of our Church, and a *Juvenile Presbyterian* issued. This has been a most successful step, and its progress has been encouraging to its projectors and conductor. It evidently met a want, and has been warmly taken up. It is issued monthly, illustrated with wood cuts, at 1s. each per annum when 25 copies are taken, and will at the end of the year (March) form a neat volume