

have never heard those soul-cheering words that Jesus came from Heaven to earth and died that sinners might be saved, and that whosoever cometh unto him shall have life everlasting, our convictions are deepened that while it is a great privilege, it is also an imperative duty, of the Christian Church to strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of those noble, and many of them self-sacrificing men, who have devoted their lives and their all, to the cause of the Redeemer.

"Your Committee would make the following suggestion to the congregation in reference to the allocation of the funds on hand:—

For the encouragement of some new and struggling congregation within the bounds of our own Church in Canada.....	£25	0	0
Home Mission Fund.....	10	0	0
Theological Institute.....	10	0	0
Theological Library.....	5	0	0
French Canadian Mission.....	5	12	0
	£55	12	0

"In making this suggestion, your Committee would remark, that, inasmuch as new congregations are being formed in different parts of the Province in connexion with our Church, and many of them in new settlements where, for the present, they cannot be expected to contribute much to the support of a settled Pastor, but who, with a little kindly sympathy and fostering care, would soon become self-sustaining, we have thought it advisable to recommend the sum of £25 to the support of some weak congregation, hoping to encourage them, and set an example to some of the wealthier and stronger congregations, which we hope they will be induced to follow.

"As to the suggestion of £10 to the Theological Institute, the congregation must be perfectly aware of the necessity of having a thoroughly trained native ministry, and your Committee are of opinion that until we get that, our Church in Canada will never take that prominent place in the Province which her warmest friends most fervently desire, and although the Church at home have generously proffered the support of our Professor, a due sense of duty, and self-respect would prompt the Church in Canada, herself to assume it; and as one of the means to obtain a thoroughly trained native ministry is a well stocked library, your Committee have also suggested that the sum of £5 be given for that purpose.

"Your Committee have recommended the sum of £5 12s. to the French Canadian Mission. Our congregation have frequently contributed to the funds of this mission. It is located in the very midst of Roman Catholics, and has been the means in the hand of God of doing much good, but the mission is in considerable pecuniary difficulties, and the sum suggested will no doubt be gratefully received.

"Your Committee have to inform the congregation that there is still a sum of £20 on hand from the funds of 1856, which was allocated to the Foreign Mission, this arises from the fact of our Synod not having yet finally resolved upon entering a Foreign Mission field, but as the subject is to be brought up at the next meeting of Synod, your Committee would recommend that this sum be retained until we see what decision our Synod arrives at.

"All of which is respectfully submitted."

CHURCH OPENING.—On Sabbath, the 14th March, the U. P. Church of Hamilton entered their new place of worship. It is a spacious and beautiful edifice of white pressed brick. The style of Architecture is the Norman Gothic. It is not only handsome but splendid; an ornament to the part of the city in which it stands, and in keeping with the palatial dwellings in its vicinity. It is situated at the corner of two streets, from one of which the entrance is by a large centre door and two side doors. A double flight of stairs leads up to the floor. Along the whole width stretches a lobby, from which three passages conduct nearly to the opposite end. There, in a circular recess, is a platform, carpeted and furnished with chairs, and a sofa in the middle. In the front of this platform is a Pulpit of pure white marble—a perfect model of chasteness and simplicity. The interior is fitted up in a very superior manner, combining, in a degree which we have