

ours, do all require that apartments different from those that are found in the house or houses of the Professors, should be provided.

Then it is a part of the original scheme of our College, which we see no reason to alter, that a Boarding House should be provided for as many at least of the students as should see fit to avail themselves of it, and this both on the ground of economy and on the higher ground of making the best practicable arrangement for the comfort and and religious superintendence of the students while attending College.

In the report of last year, it was stated that Mr. Eason, out of his own zeal in the cause of education, had, with the assistance of some of the students, opened a school for boys, in which the elements of classics and other branches were taught, combined with a scriptural training. This school Mr. Eason abandoned, because he could not conduct it and do any thing like justice to the department of his Professorship. But he conducted it long enough to prove that such an institution may be most fitly combined with the College, and most profitably worked in harmony with it. The committee see a great opening in Toronto for a school, which, conducted with the economy and vigour of a Scottish High School or Academy, shall at the same time, like the institution of the Free Church under Dr. Duff in Calcutta, be pervaded throughout with the influence of Bible truth. The committee believe that many parents throughout the country, as well as in Toronto, would rejoice to send their children to such an institution. We contemplate that it should stand prominently forward as a religious school, in the best sense of the phrase, and we do not doubt that, both directly and indirectly, it would confer important advantages on the church. Though in no sense formally designed to be a nursery to the Divinity Hall, it is not too much to expect, that, through the Divine blessing, some of its pupils might have their hearts touched with Divine grace, and so be led to consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry.

But, important as are these considerations, there are others which go more directly to recommend the connection of such a school with our College. These are—*first*, the assistance which it would give to our College in educating in the elements of classical learning those who, admissible to the College in so far as character and views to the ministry go, are yet, from the want of early training, unfit at first to enter into its classes; and, *secondly*, the assistance which such a school would receive from the College. It is evident, that, with one Head Master, who might himself have a seat in the College, the school might require, for a time at least, no other assistants than some two or three of the most advanced students. This is not the proper place to enter into the details of the arrangements proper for the Academy now recommended; we would only say that the employment in it of some of the more advanced students, so far from being injurious to their own studies and preparation for the ministry, might be made conducive to both, while it would be of the utmost importance to the Academy itself.

It might be well to institute among the students something like an order of merit, or class of scholarship, which should entitle those promoted to it to certain privileges and advantages—such as residence in the College for two or more years after the collegiate course was completed for the prosecution of the higher departments of Theological learning, and a small annual stipend, it being a condition that besides missionary labours on the Sabbath on the part of those promoted to this order—for we would allow them to receive in due course a license to preach—they should each employ some two or three hours a day as tutors in the College, or the Academy we are recommending.

We are not formally enumerating all the advantages which the Academy might be expected to realize, but we would not omit to notice, that it might be so conducted as to prove a good school of training for teachers. The elements of useful learning should be taught, and taught in the best way, and in suberviency to man's highest inter-

ests and pursuits, and thus our school would, in the best sense, be a Model or Normal School.

We will only farther remark, that we contemplate that the school should be open to all youths fit for entering its classes, who paid the prescribed terms, and were ready to comply with its regulations.

Your committee recorded in their Minutes an expression of the obligation under which the church was laid to the congregations of Knox's Church, Toronto, and Streetville, for the amount of service to the College obtained from their pastors; and a letter was written to the latter of these congregations, acknowledging the favour they were conferring in consenting to the temporary absence of their pastor. Your committee now suggest that in respect to the peculiar services enjoyed through the labours of Dr. Burns—the accommodation obtained for the Library and Divinity Hall in his house, and the virtual surrender, on the part of his congregation, of a portion of his valuable time, to the important work of educating the future ministry of the church, the Synod should make, in such way as may be deemed fit, an acknowledgment to Dr. Burns, and to this congregation, of the favours derived from them severally.

WILLIAM RINTOUL,

Convener.

Home Missions.

(For the Record.)

PREBTERY OF HAMILTON.—Extracts from Report of Rev. Alexander McLean, of Missionary labours from June to October last:—

I. GUELPH.—Preached here several times, always found a large, attentive and intelligent congregation of worshippers, often the large School-house was literally crammed; boys stowed on the desks—men in the window-seats—children on laps—aged men in the vacant seats of the pulpit; plank seats added and filled till ingress was impossible. Many standing without, and some going away for want of room; and yet their own church stood in sight, an empty monument of the generosity of a few who will neither fill it themselves, nor suffer others, who would do so, to occupy it, unless they will give up their principles for the key, and bind themselves not to speak of the sins of the erring Establishment. But thus crowded, we were happy in the promise of a "large place" in the love and affections of "Him who loved us, and gave himself for us," notwithstanding all our unorthodoxy.

Guelph is a neat picturesque village, surrounded by a rich and poor, antic farming country. There are but few poor farmers, and scarcely a poor family in the neighbourhood. It is a central place, yet to become of very great importance; it is the capital of a tract of rich country, as large as "broad Scotland;" it is on the direct road to Owen's Sound, 40 miles from Hamilton, and 25 from Galt. What a great change has lately passed upon the unbroken wilderness! Now, where a few years since the wandering savage pitched his wigwam-tent, neat, substantial, well built houses are seen, and along the late forest-path now hurry two daily lines of coaches filled with passengers.

II. WELLINGTON SQUARE AND WATERDOWNS.—These are two healthful, promising villages, 6 miles apart. The former is a neat, cleanly, airy place on the shore of Lake Ontario, near Burlington Beach, about 9 miles from Hamilton. Around, the scenery is picturesque, rich, and varied, the farms are good, and the people are thriving and comfortable. The village is a pleasant, healthful, quiet retreat, for those who wish to be away from the noise and dust and turmoil of a town, and yet conveniently near Hamilton, the great emporium of the West.

Waterdown is a thriving little place, in a romantic situation, having as its name indicates, water-falls or privileges; it is on Dundas Road, about 6 miles from Hamilton, at the head of a dark, deep, rough, forest-filled, rocky-sided glen.

These two places united embrace about 45 families adhering and attending, and about 50 com-

municants or members. Rarely do congregations so recent and so small, accomplish so much in church building, and in supporting the Mission Fund as these places. For besides aid to the Mission Fund, they have within a short time built Mission Fairs, they have within a year built and almost paid for a neat little church at Wellington Square, which was opened for Divine Service by that most laborious and untiring servant of our great Lord, the Rev. Dr. Burns; they need but to go forward as they have begun, in the strength of Him who makes the few united more mighty and successful than the many indifferent.

Preached in these places four Sabbaths—in the morning at the Square, and in the afternoon at Waterdown, and in Mr. Wilson's neighbourhood on the evening of a week day. The audiences were generally large, and the attention to the things spoken seemed growing more marked. There is here a goodly promise of a nucleus for a spiritual and useful church. Visited all the families attending, who reside in Wellington Square, Waterdown, the Beach, the Lake Shore, Port Nelson, Dundas Street, and Mr. Wilson's neighbourhood. In every instance kindness was shown, and in many the water was refreshed. Visited three Day Schools, and spoke a word to the scholars. They will remember a friendly visit, and a short advice, while they would forget a long lecture. I was happy to see the Bible in the hands of the scholars. O may its saving truths be sown and take root, and produce fruits of peace in their hearts! Was greatly pleased with the catechizing in two places—very small children appearing to know the things which are able to make them wise unto salvation. Why will not all parents rejoice in the pleasant work of inluring the minds and memories of their households, and refreshing their own with the sweet truth as it is in Jesus. Visited a family in a tavern—the master of the family took the Elder (Mr. Bastedo who accompanied me) and myself up into a quiet room, where we saw well-used Bibles. He gathered all his family and household that could assemble with us, and we had a refreshing hour in pleasant exercises with those who seemed to love our blessed Lord's worship. O that the Spirit of the Lord might displace the spirit of evil from all our houses of entertainment, and cause his mercy to abide in the homes of the wayfarer! How pleasant to see, as is the case in some few hotels, the Bible as the pilgrim's book of guidance by the way, and the source of his spiritual and mental refreshment! That day we visited 15 places—find in visiting many things to encourage us—the people's hearts are more open to the things of Christ than we at a distance imagine—it is at their homes that the minister can best know the mental and spiritual material with which he has to deal. It is only by knowing what is most needed in a given case, that we are fitted to bring the things new and old out of the treasury of truth, in such a manner as the Lord will own and bless. Let the messenger of reconciliation visit the people, and let him not be timid on the one hand, nor harsh and exacting on the other, and he will reach their hearts as a pastor, as well as picture them as a preacher from the pulpit.

We returned from this day's work, weary in body, but refreshed in spirit—and around the Elder's family at our with new delight, we joined in praise and prayer, that the Lord would revive his work, and refresh his heritage with the dew of his heavenly grace.

June 21st.—Preached in the School-house, Paisley Block, (Guelph)—about fifty attending. On Monday, at a private house, examined two candidates for admission to the Church, and had good reasons to hope that grace had begun a good work in their hearts;—preached to about 30, and baptized 4 children,—visited nearly all the families adherents, in Paisley Block, Eramosa Road, Scotch Block, and York Road,—was not able to visit in the direction of Paulinch,—visited, in all, about 40 families. It was cheering to meet the warm welcome, and the well-worn Bibles and Psalm-books brought out for the worship. All were kind—many ardently so; none were cold in their treatment, and all expressed gratitude for that which was a source of true joy to me—a visit to any of the people of God. May they soon have a pastor to lead them into the greca