

## BUXTON MISSION.

The following note shows that the debt of the mission would not long be an incubus, if a similar response were generally had to the appeal made at the last meeting of Synod. The special effort then recommended, was designed to extinguish the debt, and the ordinary collection to go for current expenses. Mr. Webster, and the congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, have set a noble example:—

HAMILTON, Oct. 21, 1852.

DEAR SIR,—

I have just finished my canvass on behalf of the Buxton Mission. My list shows £20 14s. 10½d. Of this I remitted previously £18, and I now enclose the balance, £2 14s. 10½d. We are taking a collection on Sabbath first for the same object, which you will receive soon. I should like you to notice it separately, as the result of our special effort. I hope the debt of the mission is, or will soon be entirely discharged, and a good balance in the Treasurer's hands. I shall be glad to hear what is done.

I am, Dear Sir, yours truly,

John Burns, Esq., } J. WEBSTER.  
Treas. Buxton Miss. }

## THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The *Journal of Education* announces that the new buildings are nearly completed. The winter session will be held in them, and will open on the 15th November, and close on the 15th April. All the necessary information as to the form of application, terms of admission, &c., can be had from the Chief Superintendent of Schools, or on application at the Education Office in this city.

On a recent visit which we paid to the new building, the Clerk of the works very politely showed the whole establishment, and gave the fullest information as to the uses to which the several apartments are to be appropriated. The accommodation will be of the best kind, and every facility afforded that can minister to the physical comfort of the student teachers. Should the mental training to be provided bear any tolerable proportion to the external arrangements in this capacious building, the Canadian school-masters and school-mistresses will be fitted for taking the place in society which has been so long denied to them, and to which their important office so justly entitles them.

The Model School, which is attached, is also well fitted up—provided with large and comfortable class-rooms, having every convenience, and suitable provision for the physical exercise of the pupils. The situation is good, and the extensive grounds surrounding the schools, are to be laid out with much taste.

No pains nor expense have been spared to make both Institutions what they ought to be—models worthy of imitation. We hope that ere long we shall reap the benefit—that some well-digested school law will be adopted, and suffered to remain long enough to be understood and tested—that such provision will be made for schools as to ensure the services of well-qualified teachers—and that the blessings of a solid education, based on the word of God, may be universally diffused.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

The country has been taken by surprise at the introduction into Parliament, by the Government, of a Bill for demolishing the University of Toronto, and dividing its funds among the various sectarian seminaries which are now in existence, that can accept of a share, and those that may hereafter arise. The measure, most unexpected—not noticed in the speech from the throne—meets with strong opposition. The close sectarian character of King's College rendered it too unpopular to be tolerated, hence the more liberal charter of the University of Toronto, to which it gave way. So far as it has been carried, the reform has been salutary; and the country has been looking for steps being taken to infuse new life into the Institution by the introduction of improvements in the mode of teaching, and the appointment of additional Professors of high standing and character. These changes could not be effected suddenly. Some of them, it is granted, have been too long delayed, but they were in progress when this sweeping measure was announced.

We know so little of the proposed Bill, that we must defer further remarks thereon, and have merely to say, that so far as we understand it, it will not be favourable to the interests either of literature or religion, and will give great dissatisfaction to those sects who cannot participate in the division of the funds. They will feel that their rights are not respected—that they are plundered to pension stronger or less scrupulous sects.

The magnificent endowment which belongs to the Province, ought to sustain a University of the first class, giving facilities not otherwise enjoyed, to all the inhabitants of the Province, of whatever creed, to acquire a thorough education. Their schools of Divinity should, of course, be under the sole control of the several denominations, and be supported by themselves; but the great Provincial Institution—open to all—should be on the broadest catholic basis consistent with its character, as the national University of a christian people.

MORRISONIANISM.—In reply to the query—"What short manual gives the best refutation of this erroneous doctrine," we would say, that Bonar's "Truth and Error," though not written expressly to expose the heresy, contains the truth of God in opposition to the dogmas of Morrison and his followers. There is also a work entitled "Antidote to Morrisonianism; or, the Way of Life, by the Rev. John Kirk, shown to be the Way of Death, by the Rev. John Tyndal," published at Edinburgh in 1851. Mr. Tyndal takes up and exposes the errors one by one, and adduces the scripture testimony in opposition to them. The latter work is well recommended by the Scottish Reviewers; the former has been pretty extensively circulated in Canada, and should be in every family library. We can commend it with great confidence, and the latter we believe to be worthy of the high character which it bears.

## ST. GABRIEL STREET CHURCH, MONTREAL.—

On the evening of the 6th October, the day of fasting and prayer appointed by the Synod, after divine service, a congregational meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Association, as recommended to all congregations by the Synod at its last meeting. The minister of the church, the Rev. David Inglis, presided, and explained the objects at present contemplated by the Association, viz.: the support of Knox's College, and of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund. By the constitution of the Society it was provided that all persons subscribing regularly to its funds should be members; that its office-bearers should be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, besides Collectors, whose duty should be to solicit subscriptions and collect the contributions monthly; and further, that the Society should meet once a month for prayer and the communication of missionary intelligence. This constitution was unanimously approved of, office-bearers elected, and persons willing to serve as collectors invited to come forward. A sufficient number have offered themselves, to make the labour of collecting fall very light upon each, and the congregation has been divided into a corresponding number of districts. It is hoped that by this systematic procedure not only may the contributions to the above all-important objects be materially increased, but that a greater interest in missionary enterprise may be awakened and kept alive.

THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD was appointed to meet in Toronto on the third Wednesday (20th) of October. Owing to the non-appearance of the members, no meeting was held. The time of meeting was fixed by the Synod. The opening of the College and the autumn meeting of the Home Mission Committee having been appointed for the previous week, the interest was thus divided, and some who would have come for all the meetings combined, on account of a week intervening between them, came to none. The Commission for the present year has thus fallen to the ground.

## "THE ECHO."

This excellent paper, a faithful exponent of the Evangelism of the Church of England, is published weekly at Port Hope. We always turn to it with pleasure. In the best of spirit the accomplished Editor upholds the Protestant character of his Church, in opposition to the High Church party, who have already gone more than half way to Rome—the more consistent, all the way. Fears have been entertained that, amid the Puseyism which pervades the Episcopal Church in Canada, such a paper could not be sustained. We are gratified to find that the *Echo*, which has almost reached the end of the first volume, and whose diminutive size was its principal defect, will come out on a larger sheet; but unless an effort be made by the friends of truth, in its behalf, it can only be upheld at a sacrifice, which neither the Editor nor his friends should be called to make. A little experience