

Miscellaneous RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

CANADA.

BECKWITH.—A communication from Messrs. Kennedy and Stewart, the Chairman and Secretary of the Building Committee, informs us that the foundation stone of Knox's Church, Beckwith, in connexion with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, was laid on the 5th ult. This building is to be of stone—its dimensions being 33 feet by 40.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met at Toronto on the 21 inst., the Rev. Dr. Burns, Moderator, in the Chair. The Presbytery was principally engaged in arranging the missionary field within territorial bounds, and providing for the organization of missionary stations and districts according to the suggestions issued by the Synod's H. M. Committee, and in providing supplies for vacant congregations. The stations as at present fixed were arranged in the districts, and were placed under the superintendence of Ministers, as follows, viz.:—1st District, comprising Oakville, Trafalgar Mills, Chugacooney, Esquesing, Niasagaweyn and Caledon, under the superintendance of the Rev. William Rintoul, of Streetsville. 2d District, comprising York Mills, Scarboro', Markham, Vaughan, King and West Gwillumbury, under the superintendence of Dr. Burns, of Toronto. —and 3d District, comprising Ors, Innisfil, Medonte, Thorah, Eldon, Marale, and Marpora, under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Harris. After making arrangements respecting missionaries and catechists, and the trials of the candidates for license, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the 5th September.

MISSIONARY SYNOD OF THE SEVENSTON CHURCH.—This Synod met at Hamilton in the second week of June, when the Rev. Mr. Kennedy of Leclaire, C. E., was chosen Moderator. We are unable to give any specific account of the proceedings of the Court, having been unable to attend its sittings. The attendance, however, of Ministers and Elders was numerous, and much harmony, we understand, prevailed throughout the meeting.—During their Session on Thursday, the 12th June, a deputation from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Gale and Smellie, Ministers, and Mr. William McMillan, Elder, was introduced and in fulfilment of their appointment, tendered to the Missionary Synod the Christian greetings of the Synod which they represented—expressing also according to their instructions the views of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church respecting the importance and practicability of union among the sound Presbyterians of Canada, and laying on the table an extract of their minutes to that effect.—The addresses of the deputation were responded to in very cordial and appropriate terms to the Rev. Professor Proudfoot, of London, the Rev. Mr. Christie, of Flamboro', and the Rev. Mr. Thomson, of Whitby, and several other members of the Court. The Moderator having then addressed the deputation, on the motion of Mr. Christie, the Synod and deputation united in praise and prayer. In the course of their subsequent deliberations, the Missionary Synod unanimously agreed to appoint a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church on the subject of more extended union among Presbyterians in Canada. Of the former Committee we understand Professor Proudfoot is Convener—of the latter, Dr. Burns.

HAMILTON—LADIES ASSOCIATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Among the contributions to the support of our Home Missions, this month, there appears a very handsome sum from this association, which, it ought to be observed, has only existed for six months, having been entered into at the suggestion of the Session in January

Last. It is specially noticed here simply with the view of encouraging the formation of similar associations in other localities, especially in town and village congregations. This we would venture to recommend, as being, in so far as our experience enables us to judge, a very happy and effectual means, not only of procuring a considerable amount of pecuniary aid for Home Mission purposes in the several Presbyteries, but also of promoting a very salutary Christian intercourse among the female members of our Church, and engaging their attention in behalf of a most important and beneficent enterprise. It may not be superfluous to mention that in the case of the Ladies Association of the Presbyterian Church at Hamilton, membership is constituted by the payment of a small sum annually—that the members meet once a month, the minister being president—and that three special objects are prosecuted by them.—1st. The visitation of families or individuals in distress, in such cases as render female aid (not pecuniary) peculiarly suitable. 2nd. The conducting of Bible classes for young women; and 3rd. The preparation of articles of plain and fancy work, for sale in aid of the funds of the association. At the monthly meetings, which are opened and closed with devotional exercises, Missionary intelligence is read, the visitors for the month appointed for the first object, the teachers of the Bible Classes, and the treasurer and depository, report what has been done in their several departments; a list of the articles sent in for sale during the month with the names of the parties from whom they came, being read by the last mentioned functionary; and a minute of the whole proceedings being kept by the Secretary. At the close of the meeting, the various articles sent in for sale are exhibited; and being principally of the useful class and sold at reasonable prices, they are generally bought up at once by members of the association. It ought also to be mentioned that each member is furnished with a contribution card, so that friends, not members of the Association, may be afforded opportunity of occasional donations to the funds. Another suggestion we would venture—with reference to such localities as may not admit of the formation of a separate association—viz: that ladies so circumstanced might send contributions in money or work to the nearest association. The Ladies Association in Hamilton have already received some valuable and gratifying contributions in this way from members of Mr. Cheyne's congregation in Saltfleet.

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

FOR THE SCHEMES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA—THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

J. McMurich, Esq., Treasurer.

A title offering by an officer of the Synod, towards a library, - - - £3 0 0

HOME MISSION FUND.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

James Shaw, Esq., Treasurer.

Table with columns for location, date, and amount. Includes entries for Streetsville, Burns, Norval, Caledon West, Erquesing, Oakville, Union Church, Free Temple Church, Trafalgar Mills, and Markham.

SYNOD FUND.

James Shaw, Esq., Toronto, Treasurer.

Table with columns for location and amount. Includes entries for Oakville, Knox's Church, Burns, Streetsville, and Hamilton.

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HOME MISSION FUND.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Daniel Macnab, Esq., Treasurer.

Table with columns for location and amount. Includes entries for Wellington Square, Flamboro', Caledonia, Kinnon, London, Williams, Fraser, Galt, Hamilton Ladies Association, and Hamilton collection.

HOME MISSION FUND.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Table with columns for location and amount. Includes entries for Belleville, Perth, Baiderson's Corner, Ramsay, Caulton Place, Goulbourne, Bytown, Clarendon, and Bristol.

THE REV. MR. McMILLAN, OF CARDROSS.—This deputy of the Free Church of Scotland, together with Mr. Miller, of Dundee, has devoted the greater part of his time to the service of the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia & New Brunswick, where the religious destitution seems to be still greater than in Canada. Mr. McMillan, however, spent a few weeks in this colony, visiting the bounds of the Presbytery of Glengary, the Bathurst District, and the London District. In Glengary Mr. McMillan seems to have met with a most cordial reception from our true hearted Highland countrymen, and he had apparently abundant evidence presented to him at the various stations he visited there, that the views and feelings of the great majority of the Presbyterians in that quarter are decidedly and warmly with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and that they are quite prepared to place themselves under her ministrations, and unite in her testimony for those great and precious principles, in the maintenance of which the church of our fathers has always been the foremost and most unflinching among the churches of the Reformation.

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