

the days of old. "In those days saw I in Judah, some bringing sheaves and loading asses on the Sabbath; then I contended with the nobles of Judah and said unto them, what evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the Sabbath day. Did not your Fathers thus and did not our God bring all this evil upon us? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the Sabbath.

"Then I testified against them and said unto them—"If ye do so again, I will lay hands on you."

But to the case in question. Jacob Hespeler, Esq., of Preston, Justice of the Peace, miller, distiller, vinegar manufacturer, merchant, &c., was a few weeks ago brought before certain Magistrates of the Township of Waterloo, at New Hope, on the information of Mr. James Shaw, charged with hauling in his hay on the Sabbath Day. This seems to have been a by no means uncommon practice of the worthy magistrate, which he was not ashamed to own. The charge on which he was tried had reference to the 28th July last, when he had some 20 men and 4 teams employed. Mr. Hespeler was convicted by the five magistrates before whom he was brought, and fined in the sum of *Ten Pounds*, a small sum certainly, considering his rank and resources, but we believe as much as the law would allow. From this decision, Mr. Hespeler appealed to the Quarter Sessions. The case accordingly came up before Judge Millar and a respectable jury at Berlin, on Tuesday the 8th September, and excited great interest. The court house was filled. Among others, the Rev. Dr. Bayne, and Rev. Messrs. Geikie, Hodgskin and Rogers were present. Mr. Hespeler in addition to the local counsel from Galt, had imported a lawyer from Toronto. No pains were spared to secure a reversal of the five magistrate's decision. Clap-trap appeals were indulged in on North British bigotry, Presbyterian intolerance, &c., calculated to tell on a jury supposed to be principally High Dutch, but in vain. The influential Preston Judge was a second time condemned. He has appealed again to the Court of Queen's Bench. We shall watch the case with special interest. With the ultimate decision is closely linked the real prosperity of the Province. We cannot for a moment suppose that a finding twice come to so unanimously, and which is so plainly in accordance with human as well as Divine law, will be reversed in the Superior Court. But worldly and interest prejudice and a host of other elements enter in, which tend to check our confidence, and to excite painful apprehensions.

We must cease from man—and trust in the Lord—for ever trust. Then, though an host may encamp against us, our heart shall not fear. Let our New Hope champions derive fresh courage,—"New Hope," from the thought that they are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, and that whatever obloquy and opposition they may have to encounter, they are performing a high and holy duty for which they may yet receive the thanks of a grateful

country, as they have now the testimony of a good conscience, and the smile of an approving Heaven.

R. F. B.

SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSONS.

The Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Schools requests us to state, that the third series of Lessons is expected to be ready for distribution in a few days, and may be had at the rate of a dollar for 16 copies, from Mr. J. C. Geikie, Toronto; Mr. D. McLellan, Hamilton, and Mr. J. Dougall, Montreal.

REV. DR. BURNS AND REV. DONALD FRASER.—We have had letters recently from both of these deputies. Mr. Fraser was to sail from Liverpool for Quebec on the 9th of September and will, if all is well, have arrived in the country before this meets the eyes of our readers. Dr. Burns purposes sailing about the 12th inst., and may be expected, if all is well, before the end of the month. Various circumstances, to which it is unnecessary here to refer, have tended to militate against their success in the mission to which they were appointed by the College Committee. They have obtained, however, about £1,700 currency. Even this amount will be of essential service, and will, we believe, be an encouragement and stimulus to our own congregations. Dr. Burns has been engaged in Ireland and Scotland, and Mr. Fraser in England. Mr. Fraser says, in the conclusion of his letter, "Let me add, that the thanks of the College Committee, as well as my own, are especially due to Mr. Alexander Gillespie of London, and Mr. William Forbes of Kenneth Dowie & Co., Liverpool, who have taken the warmest interest in my mission."

A detailed statement of the subscriptions received may be published in a future number. (We rejoice to state that Mr. Fraser and his family have arrived safely.)

RED RIVER.—We have lately had the pleasure of receiving letters from the Rev. John Black, and also from Mr. James Ross, student, who has been visiting his friends at Red River during the summer. Mr. Black gives some details with reference to his congregation. He is most anxious that some minister should be deputed by the Church to visit his congregation, to cheer and counsel them. Mr. Ross gives a brief but interesting account of his journey. As attention is now much directed to that point, we shall give his letter. Mr. Ross was accompanied by Mr. Fraser and Mr. Matheson.

COLONY GARDENS, RED RIVER,
August 10th, 1857.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

The August mail is to leave this to-day. I avail myself of the opportunity to give a brief sketch of our journey to this place.

We left Toronto on the 29th of June, and reached our native Colony on the 18th July.—We were thus about twenty days on the way, but we were only sixteen or seventeen actually travelling. We reached St. Paul on the fourth day, having travelled nearly eleven hundred miles. From St. Paul to this place we were

about two weeks. We might have come in two or three days less had we not so forced our horses at starting that they rather "gave way" when the journey was about half accomplished. We travelled by Railway continuously to Dunleith on the Mississippi, twenty-five miles above Galena in Illinois. From Dunleith we took the Steamboat to St. Paul, and thence to Sauk Rapids, (eighty miles farther up.) we travelled by Stage. At Sauk Rapids we got our horses and commenced the three hundred miles ride. The roads were much better than they were when I last passed over them. Only two rivers we could not ford and these we crossed ingeniously enough. We got a piece of ash and some large willow—the former to serve as spine, the latter as ribs of a skeleton canoe. These we fastened together by means of willow bark. Then we threw around it all a large oil-cloth. All this we did in fifteen minutes and it did admirably.

We purpose starting, D.V., in the first week of September. So you may expect us about the 25th. Mr. Fraser, I regret to say, will be unable to return owing to illness. My brother Alexander, (not yet 17,) will accompany Mr. Matheson and myself to Toronto.

The settlement is peaceable and flourishing. The feeling in favour of annexation to Canada continues strong. Good bye.

Believe me, my dear Sir,

Yours, &c.,

JAMES ROSS.

INGERSOLL.—We understand that the Rev. Robert Wallace on leaving home lately to take a short tour for the benefit of his health, was presented with the sum of fifty-one dollars, by a few friends and members of his congregation.

CORRECTION.—In our last number in the notice of the opening of the new Church at Beachville, it is stated that there were subscriptions of "from 20 to 40 dollars." It should have been "from 20 to 400 dollars."

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS AT MADRAS.—We have just received the *Home and Foreign Record* for September. It contains a letter from the Rev. Mr. Campbell at Madras, giving an interesting account of the evangelistic work going on at that station.

FENELON.—The adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in the Township of Fenelon have erected a place of worship for themselves, which was lately opened by the Rev. J. McTavish, their pastor. The building, which was calculated for 250 persons, was well filled, and the collection liberal. It was much to be desired that they could now have regular service in it, as some of them are fully twelve or thirteen miles from any other place of worship. To provide for such cases, the Church needs a central Home Mission Fund.—*Com.*

THE STIRLING PUBLICATIONS.—Mr. Drummond, who has with such zeal and christian spirit, originated and carried on "the Stirling Tract enterprise," in connection with which thousands of tracts have been circulated gratuitously, has at present an agent in this country, Mr. R. Thomson, whose object is to direct attention to these publications and promote their circulation in Canada. The publications referred to including tracts, "British