

position of the settlers financially is better than it has been for some time, owing to the plentiful crops of last season, and the good wages now being paid to those employed in the lumbering trade.

The following, in addition to those already acknowledged, is a list of subscribers for the building fund of the Maganetawan Presbyterian church.

Rev. A. McFaul, from his congregation, third concession East Caledon, \$42, per Rev. A. Findlay, from One Whom the Lord has Blessed in Scarborough, \$10, Rev. J. Geddes, \$16, Dr. Brodie, Edinburgh, \$5, Jas. Rayburn, \$5, Nathan Clark, \$4, Hon. O. Mowat, \$5, Hon. John McMurrich, \$5, Robert Kilgour, \$5, H. W. Darling, \$5, John Y. Reid, \$5, Donald McKay, \$5, G. Harrison, \$5, Jas. Michie, \$5, John Kay, \$5, Robert Hay, \$5, R. W. Prettle, \$5, John McArthur, Jr., \$5, Rev. D. J. Macdonell, \$4, R. J. Hunter, \$3, Rev. Dr. Reid, \$2, Rev. A. Cairay, \$2, cash, \$3, A. Friend, \$2, W. Thomson, \$2, David McGee, \$2, J. Edward, \$2, J. S. Playfair, \$2, Prof. Young, \$2, Aikenhead & Crombie, \$2, John Kerr, \$2, John Harvie, \$2, Jas. Matthews, \$1, A. Munro, \$1, Alex. Gemmel, \$1, J. W. Largmuir, \$1, D. Dove, \$1, R. Inglis, \$1, W. D. Beardmore, \$1, Mrs. J. Martin, \$1, Miss McLean, \$1, John Wanless, \$1, W. D. McIntosh, \$1, James Alison, \$1, John Hannah, \$1, Geo. J. Burns, \$1, Dr. Geikie, \$1, A. Dingwall Fordyce, \$1.

There is still a balance of debt on the building, amounting to about \$200. Any further subscriptions towards liquidating this debt will be thankfully received by S. G. Best, Esq., Maganetawan, or by Rev. J. Jamieson, missionary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN INDIA.

MR. EDITOR,—Three years ago yesterday I landed in Bombay, and when the time came round associations and thoughts of home came crowding back. I think, however, it is almost an invariable rule that missionaries never regret leaving home and going to a foreign land, and only with great reluctance return to the land of their friends and early home.

Somehow an impression has got abroad among friends in Canada that my new enterprise—High School work does not get the sympathy of either the Mission here or the Board in Boston. As mistakes of such a kind are likely to do harm to the mission cause, I desire to give it a quietus at once. The scheme had the sympathy of the Board long before it was thought practicable here, and was the only thing about which I received instructions before coming out, and ever since has been most heartily approved of in every letter which I have received.

Secondly, it was undertaken by me only after a unanimous vote of the mission, and after nearly every member had spoken heartily in its favour.

There are two reasons why it is not wholly supported by the Board. One is that I don't approve of making it a burden to the Board—would rather make it a means of increasing the constituency of the Board, and of creating a deeper interest in foreign mission work among friends in Canada. The other is that the Board has been extending its operations so fast by means of the great Otis legacy, now almost exhausted, that enlarged effort will have to be given up unless we endeavour to carry on our work here and elsewhere in the foreign field without drawing so heavily on the Board.

For the coming year \$200,000 additional are required to carry on merely what is now in progress. The supporters and friends of the Board saw a crisis before them at the last annual meeting, and unless the contributions are fifty per cent. ahead of last year we shall suffer great disappointment over the whole field.

Several new missionaries are urgently needed now for this mission. We have sent home an appeal for them, but none want to enter upon the work. The home work is more interesting, and the pay is better.

Our new building for the High School is finished, and our staff of teachers complete. We open next week with about forty—a number which will be increased to fifty or sixty in a few weeks, without doubt, as we have had to turn away boys for the past two months. We have very fine accommodations and excellent teachers now. Our building is nearly paid for by friends in India. In less than ten days £1000 were promised. In answer to dozens of letters to Canada I have not yet got half a hundred dollars. But the work is near to people here. They see the results of mission labour, and can appreciate the necessity of

any particular scheme. It is very encouraging, and ought to lead to more information being given on such things. We have our apparatus to provide for, and a balance of about \$100 on the building and furniture. No doubt we shall get it where the rest came from.

In the meantime, we have completed our first term and are having a week's holidays preparatory to beginning the second year's work. We have had but two classes up to the present, and in each class a Christian boy took the lead at the examination by the Government Inspector, who was a Brahmin. It will be a matter of encouragement to the supporters of missions to know that in the case of both these boys, the father was a convert from the lowest caste, down-trodden, despised, and degraded—worse than the negro in the palmy days of king cotton. Yet in the second generation we have one of this class coming forward and competing not only successfully with all castes, but leaving them all far behind, his average on all subjects being over 68 per cent, the next highest 37 1/2 a Brahmin. Government gives a grant in aid to such schools as ours on the basis of an annual examination. The results have been so very satisfactory that we shall pay the total cost of tuition this year by fees from pupils and government grant in aid, leaving all other contributions, from whatever source, to go to the building and apparatus accounts.

Our gratitude is due to a few kind friends who have written us encouraging words, and in some cases enclosing help. May God bless their prayers and gifts.

JAMES SMITH.

Ahmednuggur, India, December 14th, 1882.

HOME MISSION FUND.

As the time is drawing near when our churches make their annual appropriations for the various benevolent schemes, I ask your kind co-operation in presenting before your own congregation and elsewhere the pressing claims of the Home Mission Fund upon the generous support of our members and adherents.

The Report of last Assembly, and the statements of missionaries, published weekly and monthly in our religious periodicals, render it unnecessary that I should refer in detail to the rapidly extending territory opened up to our Church at the present date. Under the Western Committee, and within the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, the North-West Territories, and British Columbia, there were, according to the last Annual Report, 422 Mission Stations, and 116 Supplemented Congregations, representing 27,571 of a Sabbath attendance, 12,065 communicants and 9,278 families. These figures, I am satisfied, fall considerably below the actual numbers, as during the past nine months many new fields have been opened in the North-West, that cannot be reported until the end of the current ecclesiastical year. The Committee are putting forth the most strenuous effort to overtake the large exodus to the North-West, while, at the same time, not neglecting the great spiritual destitution of many portions of the Province of Quebec, the vast lumbering region of the Ottawa, the Muskoka District, the older settled counties, where missionary effort is still imperatively demanded in the interests of our Church.

At the lowest possible calculation, the Committee will require \$45,000 to meet the liabilities of the current year ending March 31st, 1883. The entire sum received by the Agent of the Church, up to 5th December, was only \$7,108 42, and of this amount \$726 came from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. In order to meet the Half-Yearly and Quarterly Claims of Missionaries, the Committee have been obliged to borrow largely, but they confidently hope, that before the Half-Yearly Meeting in March, a sufficient sum may be in the hands of the Treasurer to liquidate the entire indebtedness of the year. In a year marked by so much commercial and agricultural prosperity, our people will not, I am sure, fall short in their contributions to Home Missions, which are dear to every Christian, and necessary to our very existence as a Church of Christ.

The work of the Committee is increasing and widening year by year. Villages, towns and cities are springing up, as if by magic, along the river-banks and on the broad prairies and valleys of the great North-West. Let it be ours to give them the Gospel without delay; for without it all material prosperity is in vain.

In the name of the Home Mission Committee.

Brantford, January 1st, 1883. W.M. COCHRANE.
Convener.

GOSPEL WORK.

BY YOUNG MEN FOR YOUNG MEN.

A young man came to the secretary at his desk a few evenings ago, and said, "I am truly thankful for the Young Men's Christian Association. I came into your reading room three weeks ago to read, a young man came and spoke to me, and asked if I would not like to be shown around the rooms. He then invited me into the parlour, to the Young Men's Bible Class; there I heard God's word and became converted, and next week I unite with the church." *Association Bulletin, Oakland, Cal.*

The following incident, from one of our Monday night testimony meetings of recent date, comes with striking force as an illustration of the work of the Holy Spirit. A young man who has been in our city for some months, a part of the time being employed on various railroads censuring here, arose from his seat toward the close of the meeting and made the following remarks: "As requests for prayer have been called for, I want to ask, dear friends, that you pray for me, I want this saving faith, I want Christ for my Saviour. A few months ago I started out from home, not a Christian, but what people call a moral young man. Being thrown into bad company I soon acquired the habit of profanity, and other sins fastened themselves upon me. Only a few nights since my comrade and myself stood upon the door steps at our boarding house, each of us endeavouring to outswear the other. A night or two after this, that young man came home at a late hour, in good health and spirits, retired to rest, and before noon the next day he was dead. My dear friends, pray for me, for this warning weighs upon me so that I cannot rest." A stillness, as of death, settled upon all the hearers, and as the young man took his seat the audience knelt while several earnest prayers were offered, and after the meeting he determined to follow Christ as his example, and to lead a Christian life.—*St. Louis, Mo., Association Bulletin.*

A young man, a stranger, came into the six o'clock meeting, Wednesday evening, and was very much affected by the prayers and remarks. At the conclusion he remained, and after conversation and prayer, was led into the light, felt he had received pardon, and expressed a determination to live a Christian life.—*Washington, D.C., Bulletin.*

The last young men's meeting of the first of autumn's months, was not only well attended but a most favourable one in the way of results. Just twenty minutes before the opening, our yoke fellows united in short prayers, and then went out to invite young men to the rooms, and did the work thoroughly. The beauties of a Christian life, freedom from sin, the value of industry, and seizing the opportunity when offered to better man's condition, were placed before the young men by several speakers. The heart of each one yearning to lead some one to Christ, their efforts were crowned with success. Four asked for prayers and resolved to accept Christ, His teachings, and to act in accordance therewith. Four went forth, happy that they had changed, that they were to seek and receive strength and be saved from falling into the evil temptations placed before our young men on all sides, happy that they were warmly welcomed among Christian friends, happy that they had also become Christians. Praise to God, thanks to our noble yoke fellows, for those blessed results. Come to the young men's meeting—it will pay.—*Detroit, Mich., Association Bulletin.*

One of our members, prominent in business, was invited to talk with a young man who was anxious about his soul. No place of secrecy being convenient, they sought out an empty waggon standing in an adjacent lot, and there talked and prayed together. The young inquirer became convinced of the error of the way in which he was walking, gave up his will in obedience to the voice of Jesus, and is trusting now in a God who is able to save. He was invited by the member with whom he prayed to call upon him the next day at his place of business, that they might together talk more about the Christian way. He went and was greatly blessed in further conversation.—*St. Louis, Mo., Bulletin.*

THE Medical Mission in Smyrna, in connection with the Church of Scotland, which has been in operation only one year, has been very successful, more than three thousand patients having been treated in that time.