

duties of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and its Theological Seminary. At that meeting also, the church building committee presented their report, which was cordially sustained and due acknowledgment made of the obligations under which the congregation had been laid by the services of the committee generally, and especially by those of Daniel McComb, Esq., the chairman, James Walker, Esq., Treasurer and Secretary, and Mr. Albert Arms, who directed the very commodious interior arrangements of the church. From this report it appeared that the cost of this edifice would considerably exceed £20000. The church, without galleries, will accommodate about 600 sitters—by the erection of galleries, for which provision has been made, fully 900 sitters will find room in it. The large and commodious basement storey will afford ample and suitable accommodation for the Sabbath School, Library, Congregational and Seasonal Meetings.

CALEDONIA—**THE REV. DR. FERRIER'S INDICATIONS.**—At the *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton, intimated in our last number, a call from the Presbyterian congregation of Caledonia, and the adjoining settlements in Oneida, Seneca and Ancaster, was laid before the Presbytery, with the report of the minister who had moderated therein, to the effect that the call had been given with the utmost unanimity and cordiality. The Presbytery having sustained the call, it was put into the hands of Dr. Ferrier, and accepted by him, and arrangements were thereupon made for the induction, which took place on the 23rd ult., the Rev. Mr. Stark preaching on the occasion, and being assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gale, of Hamilton, in the other solemn duties of the day. It was a most important and auspicious day for this rapidly advancing village and the neighboring settlements, which have been long destitute of a stated ministry; but are so favored with a pastor of their own choice and of approved ability and faithfulness. We doubt not they will sustain, cherish and encourage him in his arduous work by every means in their power, and we pray that the Lord may give him souls for his hire—many from among them to be his joy and crown of rejoicing in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, at his coming. Dr. Ferrier entered on his pastoral labours on Sabbath, 26th ult.

MISSIONARY MEETING, GRAFTON.—The annual meeting of the Grafton Female Association for Missionary and Religious purposes, was held on Thursday the 12th March. A Report was read regarding the operations and prospects of the Association. During the year there was raised by subscriptions and donations, and the sale of ladies work, the sum of £170,85. This sum was given in various proportions for the following objects: 1st, the Missions of the Free Church of Scotland; 2nd, the Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; 3rd, the French Canadian Missionary Society; 4th, the Sabbath School at Grafton, and 5th, for general purposes connected with the Congregation. After the conclusion of the business part of the Meeting, an impressive address on the subject of Missions, was given by the Rev. W. McCulloch of the Methodist Church, who was followed by Rev. Mr. Reid, Minister of the Congregation. The weather was unfavourable and the attendance consequently not so great as otherwise it would have been. But the amount raised by the Ladies of the association in a comparatively small country congregation shows that there must be a considerable degree of interest felt in the advancement of christianity.

PROGRESS OF THE FREE CHURCH IN THE CANTON DE VAUD.—The third number of the *Avenir*, and private letters, have been received, which show that the Free Church is gaining ground in this Canton. The most important fact which they relate is, that the pastors who resigned, headed by the Central Commission of the Church, are signing a Confession of Faith. Ever since the year 1839, when the Helvetic Confession, which had been signed by the ministers of the Vaudois Church from the Reformation downwards, had been abolished by the Council of State, licentiates were allowed to enter the ministry without signing any Confession whatever. This was a great evil. It

had already been productive of injury to the Church, while it was likely, ultimately, to be productive of much more. By the new step, however, which has been taken, the dangers that awaited the Free Church in a that cause have been averted. We most cordially rejoice moreover, that it has been the Helvetic Confession, at least in its great doctrinal articles, that has been adopted. This revives old associations so deeply interesting to the Evangelical Swiss,—points the view to the days of the Reformation,—and forms a basis on which all the Evangelical Swiss Churches were wont to meet and acknowledge their agreement. To recall and revive it is like the unfurling of an old banner, around which, in former times, there often rallied the soldiers of the Cross, and under which they often marched forward to assail the enemies of the truth and the armies of the Pope. It does not appear that as yet either the pastors or the people have pledged themselves to any peculiar views of discipline. And perhaps for the present, and under existing circumstances, they have acted wisely in not attempting to do it. It is not all at once that the effects of a system of religious government, from which for centuries all ecclesiastical discipline had been banished, can be expected to be done away. Clearer and sounder views have yet to be adjoined from time to time, both from the pulpit and the press, before the minds of the people can be prepared for such important changes as the Word of God demands.

The following extract from a letter, dated the 4th of February, to the Secretary of the Continental Committee, from one of the most distinguished of the pastors who have resigned, will throw some light on the actual state of matters. "You will find," he says, "in our journal, the most recent facts relative to the Canton de Vaud. The persecution continues. It was said yesterday, that our Government was prepared to persecute on a larger scale. The question is regarding a law worse than that of the 29th of May 1824, which will secure the banishment of every one not connected with the National Church who preaches the gospel. M. Druey is capable of bringing in such a law. He has already shown that he has sufficient audacity. But the Lord reigns. The persecution consolidates the Free Church. The latter is continually gaining new ground. The parishioners are uniting and organizing themselves under the very fire of the enemy. The wicked one is always doing things which defeat his own expectations. At Lausanne, the Patochial Council of the Free Church held a meeting on Monday, and adopted resolutions calculated to establish the good cause. The same has been done in many other parts of the country. The same has been done in many other parts of the country. The most decisive point is the proclamation of our Confession of Faith which the pastors who have resigned are signing. The Central Committee of the Free Church has placed itself at the head of this work. It is also about to publish an address to the adherents in general, informing the religious public of the motives, every day becoming stronger, which call us finally to terminate our connection with the State. It signulates the alarming encroachments of the civil power in matters of ecclesiastical discipline, and declares that we ought to re-construct an Evangelical National Church not salaried by the State. Will all this open the eyes of the masses of the people? I do not believe that it will. The masses are not on our side. But it will confirm the weak and wavering,—it will rally our brethren,—and will demonstrate that we desire to exercise our rights, without being diverted from our purpose by the cries, or the strokes, or the menaces of our enemies, whether these enemies belong to the streets or to the Council of State."

COLLEGE FUND.

J. McLELLIN, ESQ., TREASURER, TORONTO.

Jan. 12. Dandas and Ancaster, per Rev. Mr. Stark	5	0	0
Jan. 17. Vaughan per Rev. Mr. Harris	2	5	4
21. Williams, per John Meine	2	12	6
21. London (additional) per do.	0	4	7
22. Ayr, per Rev. Mr. Landay	2	0	0
22. Fergus, per Rev. Mr. Smellie	3	0	0
34. Chinguacousy (East) per S. Wallace	1	6	0
Jan. 26. Norval, per Robert Burns	1	18	5

Eckfrid,	2	2	3
Aldborough,	5	10	0
Dunwich,	7	7	6
Jan. 30. Union Church, Esqueving, per Mr. Burns	3	5	0
Feb. 9. Bytown, per Rev. Thos. Wardrope	3	6	8
Feb. 10. Prescott, per Rev. Robt. Boyd	5	0	0
13. Oakville, per John Urquhart	3	15	0
15. Sabbath School, Cobourg, per Rev. Mr. Alexander	1	13	11
Feb. 16. Chinguacousy, per Rev. R. Wallace	2	5	0
Feb. 18. Darlington, per Rev. Mr. Steele	5	5	0
March 4. Acton, per John Burns, Esq.	0	15	0
9. Picton, per A. Maculister	3	10	0
9. Cobourg, per A. Milne	10	7	6
16. Saltfleet and Brook, per Rev. G. Chayne	2	0	0
March 16. King, per Wm. Ross Sutherland	5	5	0
March 21. 93rd Highlanders, Cote St. Church, Montreal, per Jas. R. Orr	1	17	1
April 2. Zorra, per Rev. Mr. McKenzie	10	10	0
20. Peterboro' per Rev. Wm. Reid	5	3	1
22. St. Gabriel St. Church, Montreal, per Wm. Leishman	10	5	4
Laclute, per Rev. Mr. Henry	2	10	0
April 23. Welland Port, per Mr. R. Anderson	1	0	0
St. Thomas, per Rev. Mr. McKinnon	4	15	4
Pushinch	4	6	4

HOME MISSION FUND.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

JAMES SHAW, ESQ., TREASURER.

To collection at Streetsville, per Rev. Wm. Rintoul	3	15	0
Ditto at Caledon, per Mr. John Creighton	5	0	0
Ditto at Union Church, Esqueving, per Mr. Peter Gray	9	1	2
Ditto at Vaughan, per Rev. Dr. Burns	2	5	0
Ditto at Reach do.	1	5	0
Ditto at Lidon (additional) do.	0	5	0
Ditto at Knox's Church, Toronto, per Rev. Dr. Burns	£25	0	
Ditto at Young Men's Bible Class per Rev. Dr. Burns	4	8	
Ditto at Sabbath School, per Rev. Dr. Burns	3	2	
Ditto at Female Bible Classes, per Mrs. Burns	2	0—34	10
To donation from Female Association, Knox's Church, Toronto, per Mrs. Burns	4	0	0
Ditto from Mr. David McCutcheon	0	15	0
To Collection at King, per Wm. Ross Sutherland	12	15	0
Ditto at Crosby Markham, per Rev. Jas. Harris	1	13	4
Ditto at East Chinguacousy, per Rev. R. Wallace	4	10	0
Ditto at Brown's Corner Markham, per Rev. Dr. Willis	2	15	0
Ditto at Berwick and Pine Grove Station, per Rev. James Harris	8	11	3

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

DANIEL MACNAM, ESQ., TREASURER.

March 28. From Port Sarnia	4	5	0
April 7. From Eckfrid and Moss congregations	12	10	0
April 8. From the Pushinch congregation	4	2	7
April 10. From the Fergus congregation	3	16	0
April 11. From the Township of Zorra congregation	3	10	0
April 16. From the St. Thomas congregation	2	10	2
April 28. From Wellington Square and Waterdown	4	2	6

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

JOHN REEDATH, ESQ., TREASURER, MONTREAL.

Congregation of Stratford, per Rev. Mr. Allan	4	5	0
Congregation of Zorra, per Rev. Mr. McKenzie	12	0	0
Ditto of Darlington, per Rev. Mr. Steele	2	5	0
Ditto of Port Sarnia, per Rev. Mr. Macalister	0	15	0
Ditto of Saltfleet, per Rev. Mr. Chayne	2	11	5
Ditto of Fergus, per Rev. Mr. Smellie	2	15	4

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