

had the mighty Governor called for our services, and made us co-workers with him in bringing back a chaotic universe to order, the honour had been less. For planets are but matter—man is the image of God.

And although difficulties attend our missionary efforts, let not these discourage us, when duty and privilege alike call us to them. Faith can look at all these objects without dismay, it can look beyond them, it can look beyond death and time, and in the hope of that glorious immortality which we tence, can take its stand before the great white throne, and with one glance at the past, and one glance at the future, it can see in a world of apostate sinners, a world bestrewn with diadems of glory for us to place upon our heads. "For they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

Your Committee now beg leave to resign into your hands the trust committed to them. They do so with many pleasing recollections of the past; and with the earnest prayer, that upon their successors in office there may be poured out a spirit of wisdom and love, and of a sound mind; that they may so conduct the affairs of our Society, that in some degree it may be made instrumental in "making God's way known upon earth, and his saving health among all nations."

Knox's College,
7th Nov., 1851.

KNOX'S COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Money received from April to Nov. 1851.

April 19.		
Cash on hand.....	£2 11	2
From John Burns, Esq.....	0 10	0
A few friends, per John Laing, stud't	1 7	6
Do. per Geo. Wardrope, student.....	1 0	0
Presbytery of Toronto, for A. Tolmie, student.....	4 10	0
W. McLaren, student, donation.....	0 17	6
John Smith, student.....	0 15	0
John Murray, student.....	1 10	0
Mrs. Cheyne, per Jas. Black, student	0 5	0
Juncan McDiarmid, student.....	2 8	3½
David Wardrope, student.....	2 1	0
John Burns, Esq. per J. Laing, studt	0 10	0
Per Rev. John Alexander—		
New Aberdeen and Doon		
Mills.....	£2 18	9
Woolwich.....	1 16	10½
Prescott, per Thos. Chambers, stud't	4 15	7½
Mr. Kennedy, student.....	1 13	1½
Per James Ferguson, student—	0 16	3
Indian Lands.....	£0 10	0
Kenyon.....	2 4	6
Bytown, per Arch. McDiarmid, studt	2 14	6
Point Fortune, St. Andrews, Nepean,	1 7	9½
Bytown, per J. Anderson, student,	13 13	7½
George Wardrope, student.....	2 10	1
Caledonia, per John Strath, student.	6 0	0
Per James Black, student—		
Caledonia, additional collected by		
Mrs. Wilson.....	£3 0	0
Allan Settlement, Ancaster	1 10	0
Oncida.....	1 12	6
	5 2	6
Napanee, per Arch. Crawford, stud't	1 0	0
Woodstock, per D. McPherson, stud't	0 15	0
Mr. Geo. Jamieson.....	5 0	0
Whitby, Front Station, per W. McLaren, student.....	2 12	6
Inverness, C. E., per W. Blain, studt	2 0	0
Per John Rennie, student—		
Brock, Sabbath School, Front Station.....	£1 2	10½
Brock, from a few friends	0 15	3
	1 18	1½
Vaughan and King, per A. Tolmie, student.....	5 8	9
Embro, per Wm Forrest, student ...	3 5	0
	478 18	5

Money received for Metis School.

Cash from Dr. Willis.....	£6 6	3
Kenyon Church Sabbath School, per		
Jas. Ferguson, student.....	0 11	0
Paid by Dr. Willis for a Map.....	1 5	0
John Burns, Esq.....	1 5	0
Miss Brown.....	0 10	0
Rev. H. Esson.....	0 10	0
Rev. A. Gale.....	0 10	0
Rev. Donald Fraser, Montreal.....	0 7	6
John Laing, student, donation.....	1 0	0
Rev. John Scott, London, C. W.....	1 0	0
James Landlaw, Sen., Esquing.....	0 5	0
James Landlaw, Jun.....	0 5	0
Walter Landlaw.....	0 5	0
Huntingdon, Sabbath School.....	0 5	7½
Total.....	£14 5	4½
Metis Congregation, for Samuel Kedey, Catechist.....	£15 5	0
Wm. McRae, Metis.....	0 5	0
	15 10	0

Total for Society.....	78 18	5
Total for Mission School.....	14 5	4½
Cash, additional, for Mr. Kedey	15 10	0

Total received..... 108 15 9½

Disbursements for Society, from April to Nov. 1851.

Cash paid to Mr. Kedey, to account		
of salary.....	£10 0	0
Rev. John Black, do. do.....	3 0	0
Mr. Kedey, for travelling and other		
expenses.....	10 9	5
Mr. Kedey, to acct. of salary.....	10 0	0
Mr. James Black, pro Rev. John		
Black, in full of salary.....	10 0	0
Tracts and Covers.....	3 3	3
Postage during the summer.....	0 5	10
Total.....	£46 18	6

Disbursements for Metis School.

Cash paid to Mr. Kedey.....	£5 0	0
Dr. Willis, for Map.....	1 5	0
Do. for Books.....	1 16	3
Mr. Kedey, for Books.....	2 1	4
Mr. Page, Teacher, to acct. of salary	5 0	0
Do. for a Desk and two Benches.....	0 9	6
For four Slates, Pencils and Primer..	0 3	5½
For Cotton Cloth for use of Scholars.	0 5	10½

Total for Miss. School.....	16 1	5
Total for Society.....	48 18	6

Total expended.....	62 19	11
Total received.....	108 13	9½

Cash on hand, Nov. 20th..... £45 13 10½

JOHN LAING,
Treasurer, S. M. S.

[FOR THE RECORD.]

FAMILY WORSHIP—is enjoined, as well as implied, in many passages of scripture; and the practice of pious families, in all ages, confirm its universality and adaptation to the growth of grace and the cravings of immortality in the human breast—these being admitted axioms, what are the main preventatives that keep it entirely away from the homes of many otherwise decent people in society, and in others allow it but rarely to hallow the family parlor, even where the parties would be shocked to have it said or supposed that they are not good Christians? These questions are well worthy of consideration, and of any suggestions that may obviate the necessity of them.

It has been much said of Presbyterians, that they are not a working body, and during the early half of this century, it may have been said truly, but it may be hoped that a better era has dawned upon us, and that fathers who now keenly feel the years that are for ever lost and gone by profitless, will take all due care that their children shall avoid the shoals and quicksands that may yet lie scattered among gospel opportunities.

To draw a man to the family altar, like all other duties, not wholly intuitive, requires a little schooling, a little profitable application to the Sabbath School and Bible Class, a gradual developing and bringing forward of the mind to practical results, which many men now at manhood have never enjoyed,—this then may be fairly held as one drawback on the neophyte. Another drawback may be the innate retiring disposition attributed to, and possessed by many good men, perhaps by none more so than by Scotchmen—the holy but mistaken dread that they have of obtruding themselves as it were upon the notice of the Almighty—a self-relying on his all protecting care, forgetting that all these are contrary to his own express injunctions.

Conversion, as in apostolical times, must, now-a-days, be held as a rare thing, a thing that the intelligence of the age receives with caution and examines with incredulity. We are to rest our hope of regeneration more upon the gradual development of the Holy Spirit's work, than upon any instantaneous exhibition of it. To this end the numerous ministrations of pious men are especially conducive, and should be exercised in the pulpit, in the public class, and even in the closet, into which the holy war should unhesitatingly be carried. Men brought to see their deficiency and their necessity, should be taught to pray—mercifully compelled to pray—their spiritual over-seers should give no quarter, give neither sleep to their eyes nor slumber to their eyelids, until the believer is savingly and usefully brought into the vineyard. These conditions may seem harsh, but are absolutely necessary, and the rigid enforcing of them is mercy.

Another auxiliary force, probably equal to all the other forces put together, is the aid of a christian wife—woman—man's ministering angel—is here peculiarly in her place. If she encourages her husband to pray—prompt him to pray—entreat him to pray—at the given hour have the family seated—the house clean and tidy—say unto him "come in unto the feast, for all things are ready"—will not the asperities of the world disappear, the odours of sanctity and love take their place, and man will fall upon his knees with a heart full to overflowing with gratitude for the gifts and goodness of his Maker, and feel in a fit state to praise him? Take heed to it, women! Ministers may be employed, elders may be employed, visitors may be employed, but the lever which ye poise may, if misdirected, upset them all. See that the grace of God reign in and possess your hearts; and learn, that of all your domestic duties, the care of the family altar should be among the chief.

Montreal, Nov., 1851.

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A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE RELATIVE DUTIES OF MINISTERS AND PEOPLE OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

The duties of our ministers, especially in the country parts of Canada, are, it must be allowed, of a very arduous nature, and require first-rate men to discharge them properly and successfully. To begin with pulpit duties, Presbyterians, generally speaking, are quite conversant with the doctrines and discipline of their churches, and are of