

may be necessary. It would only be expected that any expense incurred should be defrayed by those who enjoy the benefit of their services.

The Library has been enriched with some excellent works, chiefly presented by our friends in England, but still it is quite insufficient for the purposes of the Institution. We therefore stand in much need of some means for purchasing more books; as all the funds now at the disposal of the Committee are not sufficient to meet the current and unavoidable expenses of the Establishment.

The location of the Institution is, as yet, undetermined. At a meeting of the Committee appointed in conformity with a resolution passed by the Society in London, which met in Haldimand, on the 9th of July last, it was resolved, "As no preparation had been made in Upper Canada for immediately carrying forward the object of the Institution, and in the hope that during two years events may transpire, which will clearly show the place of permanent location, that the Institution remain in Montreal for two years."

Under these circumstances, the matter is still undecided; but should any event arise rendering an earlier decision expedient, the matter will at once receive a prompt attention.

We are happy to inform you that the publication of the *Magazine* has not been given up. Last year's report made you acquainted with the fact that it was attended with considerable loss;—this was found at the end of the year to be too true; so great, indeed, was the amount, that it was considered incompatible with the interests of the Society to attempt its continuance. In this state of things, Mr. Rollo Campbell, a member of the Committee, generously offered to publish it at his own risk, stating at the same time, that if any profit should be realized, he would readily give it to the general objects of the Society; and it gives us much pleasure to add, that its circulation has so far increased as to afford a prospect that some advantage will be realized from this liberal act.

We cannot conclude this Report without adverting to the state of our finances, which are quite unequal to our present expenditure. much less will they permit us to take any step in advance.

It was anticipated from the spirit displayed by our brethren from Upper Canada, at the meeting in Haldimand, already referred to, that some important assistance would be sent from that Province. As yet the expectation has not been realized, and we have only to rely upon the steady, liberal support received from the Ottawa Association, and the friends of the Society in Montreal. To them we earnestly appeal for continued and increased

assistance. A decided effort is required in order to sustain the College on its present footing, and support those now engaged in missionary operations: nor will this alone suffice—further applications for admission in the College are making, and a greater number yet will no doubt be made, while in every direction is heard the cry, "Come over and help us."

Your Committee having considered it a matter of the greatest importance, that adequate funds should be obtained, and finding that all which could be raised would be far less than the amount required, resolved in October last, after much consideration, to make another application to our brethren in England and Scotland. For this purpose, they therefore requested our highly esteemed brother, Mr. John Edwards, sen., to undertake this object, which he readily consented to, and sailed for Greenock in the month of November. We have not yet heard of his arrival, but are expecting to receive letters from him in the course of a very short time. Since his departure we have learned that the objects of our Society are producing a greater interest and receiving more attention from our friends in London than formerly; in this respect our prospects of his success are very encouraging; and we indulge the pleasing anticipation that he may be the honored instrument, through the blessing of God, of rendering this Society most essential service. We would commend him and his important object to the prayerful consideration of all those who desire to witness and enjoy the prosperity of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Thus, you will perceive, that while a good measure of success has characterised the exertions of the past year, much, very much, yet remains to be accomplished. The machinery of the Society has received its impetus, whether its future movements shall be at an accelerated rate or not, may be said, in some measure, to depend upon you. We would, therefore, indulge the hope, that each in their different sphere will attempt something for the benefit of the Society; and we rest assured, that a well concerted effort throughout the entire denomination will not fail to impart such an activity to its operations as will surmount every opposing difficulty, and remove all apprehensions of discouragement for the future.

The following Resolutions were then unanimously passed:—

Moved by Mr. JAMES MILLS, of Montreal, seconded by Mr. W. MUIR, of same place.

1. *Resolved*,—That the Report now read be adopted, and printed in the *Canada Baptist Magazine*.