

COLOURED MISSION, RALEIGH, C. W.

Chicago, Nov. 25th, 1851.

To Rev. Wm. KING,

Dear Sir—We have heard with deep interest your public statements concerning the present state of the coloured population in Canada. We rejoice to hear that they are endeavouring to support themselves by their own industry, while they enjoy the blessings of civil and religious liberty, both of which have been denied our race in this land. We trust they will show themselves worthy members of that government which has afforded them an asylum, and pray for its peace and prosperity. We wish them at the same time to remember, that the road to independence and respectability is by industry and education. We are pleased to hear what you are doing to educate the youth in your settlement. As a token of our regard, we the undersigned committee, on behalf of the coloured citizens of Chicago, have been requested to present you with a complete set of Mitchell's Outline Maps, together with a Map of Palestine, for the use of the Mission School at Baxton, C. West.

(Signed)

JOHN JONES,
E. WEAVER,
E. GORDON,
ALEX. SMITH,
J. H. BAYNET.

Committee.

Buxton, Canada West,
Dec. 11, 1851.

Gentlemen—On the 9th inst. I received your letter dated 25th Nov. together with Mitchell's Outline Maps and the Map of Palestine.

Your valuable present has supplied a want which I have long felt in the school, in teaching Physical Geography. The Map of Palestine will be a great acquisition to the Sabbath School and Bible Class. We hope it may be the means, with the blessing of God, of leading some of the youths who study it, to devote their lives to the missionary cause.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Wm. King.

To Messrs. JOHN JONES and others.

COBOURG MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Presbytery of Cobourg held the first of their Missionary Meetings for the present year, in St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, on the evening of the 10th Nov., A. Jeffrey, Esq., in the Chair. The Church was filled with a respectable audience, several of whom belonged to the other Churches in town. After singing and prayer by the pastor, the Mission Committee presented their Annual Report. The Report exhibited what they had done during the past year—how they had proceeded, and concluded with some suggestions for the future. At the last missionary meeting, the Committee recommended the adoption of monthly collections for the cause of Missions. This plan has been steadily followed during the year. On the first Sabbath of each month, the congregation cast into the Lord's treasury of their means as God hath prospered them. Each collection has averaged about £5, and the plan has wrought so well that the Committee unanimously recommended its continuance. The sum collected in this manner from the free-will offerings of the congregation, the Mission Committee distributed among the various mission schemes according to their urgency—the collection taken at the annual meeting being first added to it. This we expect would produce about £10, though the exact amount was not stated.

Besides the above, the report of the Female Association was read. This report was most encouraging, showing, if we mistake not, that the spare moments of the ladies spent at their needles had produced more for the Lord's work in the

mission field than the direct contributions of the whole congregation. Where there is a "will there is a way," and the females of Cobourg have learned this, for the fragments of time which are in some places spent in godless gossip are here cast as a free-will offering into the Lord's treasury. This is just as it should be. In this way the Marys can amount the Lord's feet without injury to the poor.

A third report was also read from the Juvenile Missionary Association, composed of the youth of the congregation. These are evidently walking in the steps of their mothers, for their book-marks and dolls and pin-boards—produced some £7, which is sufficient to send the word of God to at least one hundred heathen children. We do not flatter when we say, the whole missionary operations of this congregation do them great credit, and shew a marked progress within the last two years. The meeting seemed gratified by the reports and by the speeches, and an additional interest was imparted to the whole proceedings by the singing of an excellent choir.

The Presbytery proceeded the next day at 11 o'clock, A.M., to Grafton, and, though a missionary meeting in the morning is rather uncommon, still the attendance was good. The Church was almost quite full. Indeed, the experiment of a missionary meeting in the morning we thought worth trying, and we were not disappointed. For though there were some absent who would have been present at night, still the people who take an interest in the spread of the gospel, were mostly present, and contributed £4 4s. 6d. for the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund. The speakers were the same as at Cobourg, with the exception of Rev. Mr. Andrews, who was necessitated to return home. And the encouragements to missionary exertion, produced by the several speakers, especially in connection with the progress of our own Church at home and abroad, were listened to with marked attention. The Presbytery transferred their locality from Grafton to

CALHOUN,

at 6 o'clock, P.M., when they were joined by the Rev. Mr. Hughes, Wesleyan minister of the place.

After the report had been read and adopted, Mr. Hughes made a neat and appropriate speech, shewing the advantages of union in the cause of missions. The church was crowded with an attentive audience, composed of all the denominations of the place. This was the first missionary meeting ever held in Colborne, in connection with our Church, and a truly cheering one it was,—for the attendance was not only large and respectable, but the collection was liberal, and many not connected with our church contributed liberally. Parties contributing, were allowed either to give for the Presbytery Mission, the Synod Fund, or for the Foreign Mission of the Free Church. In that way much more was obtained, than had only one object been before the meeting.

Instead of the ministers being fatigued with continued labor, they seemed to have obtained new life, as this was certainly one of the most charming meetings held by the Presbytery. The whole collection will amount to near £10, when all that was contributed is collected. W.

ORILLIA SABBATH SCHOOLS.

On New Year's day, the children belonging to the Presbyterian Sabbath School of Orillia, joined by that taught by Miss Wilkins on the Coldwater Road, assembled to the number of between eighty and ninety, in the school-room under the church. Many of the parents were also present, as well as a few strangers. The business of the day commenced by the children singing a beautiful hymn for the season. This was succeeded by prayer, offered in a particular manner for the young people, by the Rev. John Gray, minister of the church. Mr. Gray then addressed his youthful auditory, in a manner most appropriate to the occasion, and concluded by a solemn ad-

monition to the parents and guardians of youths then present, on the deep responsibility under which they lay, in regard to the training in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, the little ones with whom he had entrusted them. At the conclusion of Mr. Gray's address, a longer anthem was sung by the children, a copy of which, on account of its beautiful simplicity, we subjoin.

A plentiful repast, consisting of sandwiches, confectionary, and fruit, and tea and coffee, supplied by the pastor and teachers, was then partaken of, and after a blessing pronounced by the minister, the different classes, in respective order, took their departure.

A scene like this could not be beheld without imparting feelings of the most delightful kind. The sun shone with that splendour which distinguishes the winter day of Canada; while the aspect of the many young persons full of interest and pleasure—their most orderly and proper conduct—and the interesting services of the day—imparted to every one present, feelings of unmingled satisfaction.—

Victoria! Victoria!

We hail thy gentle rule,

Victoria, the patroness

Of ev'ry Sabbath School.

'The king of old their people led

'To battles fierce and wild;

'Tis nobler far, with fostering care,

'To train each little child.

When Spring brings back the primrose gay,

And violets fill the green,—

We'll wreath these pretty flowers, to make

A chaplet for our Queen.

When Summer brings the lovely rose,

Agon to deck the bowers;

We'll think of thee, when we behold

The fairest queen of flowers.

In Autumn, when the yellow crops

Beneath the sickle lend,

We'll pray that peace and plenty may

Victoria's reign attend.

And when the Winter's snow falls fast,

And beats against the door,

We'll think of her whose laws protect

The fire-side of the poor.

We little children scarce can tell

What others mean by care,

But we are told 'tis sorely felt

By those a crown who wear.

Then when thy heart with sorrow swells,

And troubles round thee flow,

Cast all thy care on Him who wore

A thorny crown of woe.

May God our sovereign Lady grant,

Long o'er this land to rule,

And children's children bless her name

In every Sabbath School.

And as we ne'er may see her face,

May we hereafter meet

Where she will meekly cast her crown,

At our Redeemer's feet.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

TORONTO, Jan. 16, 1851.

To GEORGE ELSLIE, Esq., Secretary.

My Dear Sir,—You will rejoice when I tell you that the cash actually received by our Treasurer for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, is within a trifle of *thirteen hundred pounds*, and a *thousand* of that has been safely invested at a rate which will bring us in 8 per cent. The congregations of Montreal—Colé Street and St. Gabriel Street—have already paid up *one half* of their subscriptions, and others are ready to do the same.

Mr. Burns, our excellent Treasurer and Agent for the Church, is on a tour of inspection, movement, and appeal, to the west; and Mr. McLellan, of Hamilton, accompanies him. Whether