

January, and addressed to the Convener of the Jewish Scheme, that Dr. Epstein and family reached Salonica on Sabbath the 22nd of January last, and had been kindly welcomed by the Revd. P. Crosby, Missionary of the Church of Scotland there. We regret that a letter from Dr. Epstein, intended for publication in our columns, has not reached us, owing, as we believe, to the mournful loss of the *Hungarian*. He had begun the study of Spanish, and was finding already employment to some extent medically and even spiritually, as he had opportunities of conversing in Hebrew with some, and the Jews had begun to visit him. There is in Salonica a Jewish population of 35,000. When we receive from our Missionary his report, the Committee will be able to decide whether Salonica, Berea or Monastir is the most desirable station for us to occupy.

SOIRÉE AT BELLEVILLE.

On Wednesday night, the 1st February, a soiree was held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville. A. Thomson, Esq., Agent of the Commercial Bank, in the Chair. At an early hour the building was filled to overflowing with a very respectable and intelligent audience, the various Protestant denominations of the town being well and numerous represented. After a few well timed remarks by the Chairman the meeting was addressed by Professor Mowat, Kingston; Dr. Urquhart, Cornwall; Rev. Mr. Buchan, Surling; Rev. Mr. Lavell, Wesleyan Minister, Belleville, and Rev. Mr. Shepherd of the Seminary, and also by the following laymen belonging to the Congregation, viz., Messrs. Nelson, Bell and Burdon. The speeches, which were characterized by ability, and especially by the fraternal spirit now happily prevailing between the different churches, were attentively listened to and warmly applauded by the audience. An efficient choir was in attendance, and under the leadership of Mr. Orme executed very creditably several pieces of music, which contributed much to enliven the proceedings of the evening. The meeting, which had been opened with prayer by Dr. Urquhart, was dismissed with the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Niel, Seymour.

In a pecuniary point of view this social gathering was highly successful, the receipts having amounted to about £34, which sum it is proposed to apply to the liquidation of the debt on the Manse, a substantial and commodious brick building erected two or three years ago. It may also be mentioned here that, with the view of raising funds to defray the expense of lighting the Church with gas, the ladies of the Congregation held a Bazaar in December last, from which there was realized the liberal sum of nearly £70. persons of all denominations having given their aid on the occasion.

For the above results, as also the satisfactory condition of the Congregation at this time as compared with its state for some years after the Secession, we are largely indebted to our present Pastor, the Rev. Archibald Walker, who ever since his induction in 1854 has discharged his ministerial duties in a very able, zealous and efficient manner, and who would seem to have gained thereby the respect and good will, not only of his own people, but of the community generally.

DEATH OF JOHN MOWAT, ESQ.

We regret to have to announce the melancholy intelligence of the death of John Mowat, Esq., which took place on the 4th February at Kingston in his 69th year.

Mr. Mowat was one of the members of session who welcomed the Revd. Dr. Machar to Kingston 23 years ago, and has during that long period been a consistent and exemplary elder of our Church. Among the original names in the Royal Charter of Queen's College is that of Mr. Mowat who has ever been a faithful Trustee and a warm advocate of the College.

For some time past Mr. Mowat has not been actively engaged in business, but has lived happily and usefully amid a family circle to which he was warmly attached.

Mr. Mowat has placed upon record his interest in Queen's College by leaving the sum of eight hundred dollars for the purpose of endowing an annual bursary to be given by the Senatus to the best arithmetician in the Junior class.

We cannot better close this brief notice than by extracting the following tribute to Mr. Mowat's memory from the *Kingston News*.

The remains of John Mowat, Esq., were on Tuesday conveyed to the Cemetery at Waterloo: and the number that joined the funeral procession, as well as the sorrow that sat upon every countenance, bore striking testimony to the estimation in which he was so deservedly held. He was one of our oldest and most distinguished citizens, and his removal from us leaves a blank not so easy to be filled up. Long engaged in business, his whole dealings were marked by unbending integrity. Kindly in his nature, he was ever ready to reach forth a helping hand to struggling worth; and, though sometimes deceived in those whose cause he espoused, his benevolence continued unwearyed to the last. Few men have been larger-hearted, or more public-spirited. A member of our Religious Societies, a ruling Elder in the Church to which he belonged, and a Trustee of Queen's College, his loss will be severely felt by those who were associated with him: for, while sound in judgment, he possessed a fervency of spirit which made him willing to spend himself and be spent in all that he undertook. He was singularly happy in his domestic relations; and he has left behind him a family unbroken in number, and all of them in influential positions in life. He has passed away, but he lives enshrined in the memory of many friends—enshrined especially in the memory of an affectionate wife and family, who, while feeling their irreparable bereavement, will yet not mourn under it unconsolated, but who, calling to their remembrance his sincere though unpre-

tending piety, will say, "For him we sorrow not as those who have no hope; for, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

QUEEN'S COLLEGE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—CATECHIST'S REPORT.

KINGSTON, Jan 21st 1860.

To the Queen's College Missionary Association;

GENTLEMEN,—As the time has again arrived in which we, as members of this Association, are wont to meet together, to inform each other of what we have been doing during the past summer, and what the Lord has been doing for us, I, as one of your Catechists, would with much pleasure give you a short account of my labours.

And here your Catechist would acknowledge the good hand of God in upholding and blessing him in all his goings, and in granting him some degree of success in striving to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom among the people to whom he was sent.

When your Catechist arrived in Lanark about the last of April, he found that no arrangements had been made with the people of Darling for his coming, on which account he had to remain at the Lanark Manse for a few days, where he was very kindly entertained, until all necessary preparations were made.

Being now settled, he looked around him on the wide field over which his labours must extend, and pondered on the best plan to be taken by which he might more conveniently to himself, and more satisfactory to the people, be enabled to overtake the work now before him.

The field which he occupied was about 20 miles long; extending from the upper part of Dalhousie across through Darling, and terminating at the second line of Ramsay. He had one station in Polaud, which is in Dalhousie; three in Darling, and one in Ramsay. In three of these stations he was able to officiate fortnightly, and in the other two monthly. The meetings were exceedingly well attended in all these places; so much so that we had at two of the stations sometimes to hold our meetings in the groves which were close by. It was really encouraging to your Catechist to see so many, both young and old, crowding out on Sabbath, apparently anxious to hear the Word of life.

Your Catechist re-organized and organized in all four Sabbath schools, two of which were very flourishing during the summer, having each an average attendance of 40 children with 6 teachers and a superintendent. The average attendance of each of the other two was below 20.

Your Catechist supplied these schools with copies of the "Songs of Praise," published lately in Montreal, for the use of Sabbath schools, and also met occasionally with the children to teach them to sing these songs. He also held a Bible Class fortnightly, which was well attended. We made a collection in all these schools, together with the Bible Class, on behalf of the Canadian School at Calcutta, which amounted to \$7.

As it was the earnest wish of this Association that the Catechists, whom they sent out, should pay special attention to the cause of Sabbath schools in the districts in which they laboured, and even beyond their immediate sphere, your Catechist thinks that he did as much as lay in his power to conform to those wishes, and has reason to hope that his efforts were in a measure blessed.

He visited a great number of families, all of whom received him with a hearty welcome; many of these families he found living in a state of carelessness about the one thing need-