

THE ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY RECORD.



FOR

THE

Presbyterian Church of Canada.

"Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and the strength of salvation."

VOL. VI.

TORONTO, AUGUST, 1850.

NO. 10.

CONTENTS.

	Page
General Assembly, Free Church of Scotland	145
Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England	147
Reflections on Mission Field in Canada East.	147
Bayfield Church.....	148
Letter Rev. J. Macgregor, Sabbath Observance.....	148
Reign of Grace.....	148
Notes on the Psalms.—Rev. R. Peden.....	149
Extent of the Atonement.....	150
Finance Committee, Report of.....	151
Obituary.—Rev. R. Robb, Hamilton, C. W.	152
The Public Ac'ts of Synod.—Mr. Hepworth	154
Induction of Rev. W. Rintoul, A.M., Montreal	154
Protestant Support of Popery.....	155
Reasons for leaving the Baptist, and joining the Presbyterian Church.....	155
Collection for the French Canadian Mission,	156
The last shall be first and the first last.....	156
Miscellaneous.....	157

COLLECTION FOR THE FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

By appointment of Synod, the Collection for the French Canadian Mission, will be taken up in all the Congregations and Mission Stations of the Church, on the first Sabbath of September.

Ministers, Missionaries and Catechists, will see that the arrangements are made in good time, that the Synodical Collections may be taken up simultaneously throughout the Church.

MEETING OF CALEDONIA COMMISSION.

A meeting of the Commission of Synod, on the case of Dr. Ferrier, will be held (D. V.) in the Vestry of Knox's Church in Hamilton, on *Tuesday, August 13th, at 12 o'clock, noon*. The attendance of members is specially requested.

ROBT. BURNS, (for the Moderator,)
Convener.

Members of Commission.—The Moderator, Dr. Burns, Mr. Harris, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McLeod, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Ball, ministers. Mr. Osborne, Mr. McLellan, and Mr. Blain, elders.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet at Hamilton, on the second Wednesday (14th) of August, at 11 o'clock, A. M., when it is requested that all the members will make a point of being present, if practicable; and farther, that ministers take care to have their returns of stipend received during the last, or if not previously sent in during the previous quarter of this year, sent forward to the Clerk of the Presbytery.

M. Y. STARK, Pres. Clerk.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This venerable Court met in Edinburgh in the end of May. The meeting was most delightful and profitable. Important business was transacted with spirit, and harmony and good feeling universally prevailed. The presence of Dr. Duff, unquestionably the greatest of living missionaries, added much to the interest of the Assembly.

Mr. Jaffray, Secretary to all the Missionary Schemes, presented a very satisfactory statement of the various funds, showing an increase for missionary objects, of £15,000 over last year's contributions. The increase on all the funds is £31,154 2s. 3d., and the whole amount contributed since the Disruption, is £2,171,539 2s. 9d. The children have given £1500. The sums raised for the various objects during the year are as follows:

Sustentation Fund.....	£29,655	8	4
Building Fund.....	53,000	17	7½
Congregational Fund....	77,534	12	9½
Missions & Education....	41,482	11	7
Miscellaneous.....	45,170	11	5½
Total.....	£206,857	6	9½

After the adoption of the Report on Jewish Missions, Dr. Duff made a brilliant speech in which he alluded to the Disruption, as "the costliest sacrifice ever offered on the altar of high principle,—a sacrifice which, in magnitude, disinterestedness, and heroic grandeur, vastly transcended all Greek and Roman fame,—which astounded the scepticism of a cold, luxurious, and selfish age, and confounded the exultations of a carnal and grovelling expediency,—arousing at the same time the evangelical Churches of Christendom from their lethargy, and communicating an impulse which, in point of fact, vibrated across oceans, islands, and continents, to the uttermost ends of the earth. He also took occasion to refer to the singular urbanity which had hitherto characterized the councils of the Free Church,—not the kind of unanimity produced under the hoof of a crushing despotism, that reduced all things to a dead level, but the unanimity of freemen in the exercise of independent energy and will. The reverend Doctor also alluded to the remarkable combination of talent which it pleased God to bestow upon the Church, sketching in a lively and graphic manner the prominent characteristics by which her leading men were distinguished; and

expressed a strong hope, that the unanimity which, notwithstanding these varied natural talents and dispositions, had hitherto prevailed, would still be preserved in all the plenitude of Disruption times; so that they might at all times present a united front, which would not only protect the Church against hostile attacks, but would enable them to carry the war into the enemy's camp.—On this last point we cannot refrain from giving a specimen of the Doctor's over-powering bursts of eloquence.—

"Looking around us, have we it not still in our power—with joy and delight, and with gratitude to God—to point to the apostolic dignity and grandeur that invests as with a halo of glory, the character of Drs. Gordon, Grey, Keith, Mackellar, and many other venerable sainers of the Church—(applause)—and have we not the colossal strength, alike intellectual and bodily, of Principal Cunningham—(laughter and renewed applause); have we not also the wondrous versatility and all but ubiquity, both mental and personal, of Dr. Candlish—(continued laughter and applause)—have we not also the prodigious vigour and varied and intense popular sympathies of Dr. Begg—(applause)—have we not also the philosophic acumen of Dr. Hetherington, and the alternately gracefully sportive and thrilling tragic eloquence of Dr. Guthrie—(renewed applause)—and the same dignity and indefatigable perseverance of Dr. Buchanan of Glasgow—(continued applause)—and have we not the vital force and clear-sighted energy of Mr. Gray of Perth, and Nixon and Gibson—(renewed applause)—have we not also the power and indomitable persistency of our reverend father, Dr. Mackay of Dunoon—(lengthened applause)—whom I hail as a countryman, and who stands up so vigorously for the poor Highlanders, the inhabitants of the Islands, and those Grampian chains which bind this island, whose Celtic tongue, in the estimation of ignorant southrons, appears as uncouth and rugged as the dark frowning precipices of their own native hills, and have we not also the occasionally somewhat impetuous, but always tempered honesty of Mr. Mackill Crochton—(laughter and applause)—and have we not also the practised business talents of Mr. Jaffray and his coadjutors in conducting the secularities of the Church—(applause)—have we not also the masculine sense and the patient industry of Mr. Tweedie, Dr. Lorimer, Mr. Moody Stuart, Mr. Bonar, and the Conveners of our Committees—(applause)—and have we not also the varied and singular accomplishments and gifts of our Dunlops, Moncreiffs, Monteiths, Millars, Pauls, Thomsons, and other elders and office-bearers—(applause)—and have we not also the profound attainments, theological, scientific, and literary of Drs. Black, James Buchanan, Duff, &c.