

commending the work as exhibiting full and interesting details of Chinese manners and superstitions. He also referred to the subject of Romanism particularly, as showing in several points a striking identity with Chinese superstitions.

In the absence of the pastor, occasioned by the most afflictive death of his father, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, missionary, presided, and made some encouraging remarks. It is hoped, that besides being pleased, the young people went away with increased information, respecting the work they are engaged in, and with stimulated zeal for the cause of Missions. J. C.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION, KNOX'S CHURCH, HAMILTON.

HAMILTON, Jan. 22, 1853.

I have much pleasure in sending a copy of the Treasurer's Account of the Ladies' Association of Knox's Church, Hamilton, for 1852. I know that the readers of the Record take a deep interest in all that concerns the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, and especially in this the land of our adoption, and gladly welcome the co-operation of all in the good work. Our efforts as an Association have been more successful during the past year, than at any former period. This was to be expected, from the large addition to our number, as a congregation, and various other causes tending to make our present position one very favorable for increased exertion. But there are other causes, not local, which ought to stimulate us and others who are honored in being permitted to further the outward building of the house of the Lord. The present aspect of the times is a loud call. We have peace and outward prosperity, and it becometh us to embrace the opportunity granted us to arise and build. The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. The time is short in which we can work, even should no cloud of adversity dim our present bright and encouraging prospects, and we know not how soon we may be called upon to give in our account of the talents entrusted to us. Meanwhile, let us be up and doing, that, when called home, we may receive the commendation—"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We gratefully acknowledge a box of useful articles from friends in Scotland, per Mrs. Es-son, valued at £9 5s. 7½d. currency. Also, through the kindness of Mrs. Cheyno and Mrs. Gale, considerable assistance in work, from the ladies of Binbrook and Saltfleet.

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1852. Treasurer's Account.		
To balance.....	£6	15 9
Subscriptions.....	13	7 6
Monthly Salcs.....	5	12 6
Annual Sale.....	157	1 1
Interest.....	1	6 0
	£184	2 10

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Bible and Psalm Book for Pulpit of Buxton Mission Church.....	2 5 0
Sundry disbursements.....	14 8 9
Home Mission Fund, Hamilton Pres.	45 0 0
Barnary Fund, Knox's College.....	20 0 0
Debt of Knox's Church, Hamilton.....	50 0 0
Gas fittings in Knox's Church, Hamilton.....	50 0 0
Balance.....	2 9 1
	£184 2 10

[FOR THE RECORD.]
NIAGARA.

YOUNG MEN'S FESTIVAL.

The young men of the congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in this town, held a grand festival on the evening of Thursday, the 23rd December, in the

Temperance Hall, Queen Street, in aid of the building fund of the Church. The Hall was richly decorated with boughs of evergreen, most beautifully arranged, and interwoven with flowers of perennial bloom, for they were such as could not fade. The whole appearance of the large room was very imposing. Though the evening was wet, the Hall was crowded, about 300 persons being present. At half-past seven, Wm. Ball, Esq., was called to the Chair, the duties of which he discharged to the satisfaction of all present. The meeting having been opened by invoking the Divine blessing on the engagements of the evening, a suitable address was delivered by the Rev. John Alexander, the pastor, who concluded by saying,—"We think that such meetings as the present, when properly conducted, do much good. They promote that social feeling which should characterize every christian community. When we thus meet together, we mingle our hopes and our fears, the duties and responsibilities, the enthusiasm and the zeal.—We awaken a deeper interest in each other's welfare, because we thus become better acquainted with each other's characters and dispositions. Meeting within these walls—partaking together of the cup which cheers but not inebriates—we feel ourselves drawn closely together by the bonds of dearest brotherhood—we become members of one family. Under the genial influence of social intercourse in which the religious element preponderates, we thaw the icy selfishness of each other's hearts—open new avenues into each other's affections, and the development of our intellectual natures—and let me add, we advance, or should advance, each other's highest interests. Man was made for society, and the social principle of his nature seeks development. In such meetings as this, it can find that development without detriment to his intellect, his morals or his piety. May these high ends be gained by this meeting to night, while another and not unimportant end is also secured, the augmentation of the building fund of this congregation. May both those connected with the congregation and the friends who have honoured us with their presence on this occasion, be able to say in parting, in the truest sense of the word, that it was good to have been here. May the scene presented here to night glow with the expression of profoundest sympathy and kindest feeling that the human heart is capable of, and burn with a festal spirit, borrowed from the circles of a world of spotless holiness."

The audience were enlivened during the evening by other addresses, and appropriate music sung by the excellent choir, who kindly volunteered their services for the occasion, as well as by the band of the Rifle Regt. The refreshments, which were twice served, reflected much credit on the ladies of the congregation, who had charge of this department. In parting, we trust, all felt that they had an evening of enjoyment and profit.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, the first of January, the anniversary of the Sabbath Scholars was held. Besides the scholars there were present many parents and other friends. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer, after which the active superintendent, Peter Christie, Esq., gave a short address and read his annual report, some extracts from which we give below. Appropriate addresses were also delivered by Messrs. Munro and Adie. After refreshments had been served up, the pastor concluded with a few practical exhortations to the children. Joy and happiness were legible on each youthful countenance, in which also teachers and parents seemed to participate.

Besides the amount specified below as raised by the children for missionary purposes, it is proper to state that they have collected in penny subscriptions, for the building fund, the sum of £19 9s. 1d., making a total amount of £22 18s. 3d., exclusive of what they have added to their library fund. We would also here observe that,

in addition to the Sabbath School, a School is conducted by Mr. R. Ball, assisted by Mr. Adie, among the colored people, every Sabbath morning, and a female class of colored children by Miss Millard.

Extract of the Superintendent's Report.

The outward prosperity of the School is such as to call for lively gratitude. The past year has witnessed fresh accessions to our numbers. An increased and growing interest is manifested by the scholars in their exercises, and the attendance, with a few exceptions, has been such as to merit commendation. This state of things I attribute, under the blessing of God, to the lively interest which our beloved pastor, and the teachers generally, have taken in everything which tends to benefit the young of our congregation. Our pastor is ever ready, by his counsel and advice, to aid the teachers in their great work, and to encourage the scholars.

Last year, at this season, I had to report the number of scholars, 37 female, 35 male, in all 72. This year it is 54 female, and 40 male, in all 94, shewing an increase of 22, while the average attendance is 65-70. * * * The teachers, at the last report, were 5 female and 6 male, while this year we have 6 female and 7 male, besides the Superintendent and Librarian. * * * The teachers meet weekly at the house of the pastor, for the purpose of preparing the lessons for the Sabbath, and I have good reason to think that this meeting is one of profit to them, and through them to the scholars.

The Library is in a flourishing condition, and during the past year has been considerably enlarged. In my last report I acknowledged a new library for 1852. During the past summer we had the addition of a valuable library, published by the Tract Society of New York, the funds for which were received through our pastor, from a friend of his in Quebec. The children, during the past seven or eight months, have made a monthly collection which has been expended for the same object. The Sabbath School Record, published at Montreal, has been regularly received. In addition to this, we purpose this year furnishing each scholar with a valuable periodical called The Child's Paper. We cannot but regard these periodicals and the library, as great helps to the teachers in their work of instruction. It will give the liturgies a taste for reading, and furnish them with that quality of reading matter, which will prove both interesting and profitable. * * *

The Juvenile Missionary Association have no separate report to present. The meetings, which were for some time discontinued, have been resumed, and we believe the interest felt in the cause of missions, by the young, is on the increase. The Missionary Box is kept in the school which receives the little rills every week. The amounts contributed during the past year have been, for the French Canadian Mission, £1 14s. 7d.; for Foreign Missions, £1 3s. 11d. On hand up to the present time, 10s. 8d. Total amount, £3 9s. 2d.

The Report is closed by an earnest appeal to parents, and church-members generally, for an interest in their supplications at a throne of grace, in behalf of the lambs of the flock and those called to instruct them.

MANSES.

To the Editor of the Record.

GUELPH, Jan. 18, 1853.

DEAR SIR,—

As the Presbyterian Church of Canada now numbers between seventy and eighty ministers, with fixed charges, it becomes a matter of interest to establish her hold on the country, by giving some of those indications of permanency which mark all well regulated churches, and none more so than our beloved Free Church of Scotland, with which we are so closely connected