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Our Theological Colleges.

THIS subject has occupied a prominent place in the deliberations of the negotiating churches before union and in the councils of the now United Church. In the meetings of the union committees this topic absorbed all others and more than once darkened the prospect of union and nearly prevented its accomplishment. While many circumstances have combined to show that it is possible for the once divided sections of the Church to unite in their Schemes of Christian enterprise, there is but one topic remaining to engender suspicions and create alienations, and that is Theological Colleges. That this remains unsettled appears by the minutes of the last Assembly, in which the question of having a common Fund for the maintenance of the colleges of Toronto, Kingston and Montreal is remitted to Presbyteries for consideration.

Fortunately, the maintenance of the Theological Colleges in its more sensitive aspects is narrowed down to that of the maintenance of those of Toronto, Queen's and Montreal. The College in Manitoba, being a missionary College, situated in a thinly populated Province, must remain for a long time a charge upon the whole Church. Morris College enjoys an independent foundation, in which it asks for the prosecution of its work no direct aid from the General Assembly. The Halifax College belongs by history and situation to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and is left to the support of those who have hitherto sustained it. This position assigned it at union has proved to be a wise arrangement. The Churches of the Maritime Provinces have, by the success of their building and endowment funds, shown their ability and willingness to support their College. Their Board has purchased a building offering unrivalled accommodations for students and professors. The realised endowment of the Maritime Colleges amounts to \$100,000 in addition to their building. The subscriptions amount to \$70,000 more, while a fourth part of the congregations remains to be canvassed. The friends of theological education in the Maritime Provinces have no fear as to the result, and can afford to contemplate the

college question, as it affects the upper Provinces, with perfect impartiality.

Friends of the Church must view the matter, both as it concerns union and education. With them it is union *first* and education *afterwards*. It must be borne in mind that it is not sufficient to consummate a union. There is much to be done afterwards in making the union real and abiding, by removing stumbling blocks and closing up fountains whence waters of bitterness may flow. Any subject calculated to revive ancient disputes should be avoided, and every interest of that kind should be disposed of in such a way as to prevent malign influences. If an arrangement can be made that while just in itself would prevent discussion—an arrangement under which each College would claim what belongs to it and the matter end there, this would be an advantage to all parties. The existence of different colleges has generally drawn dividing lines even in churches where college support is not derived from the Church; because each College acquires a character of its own and is probably distinguished for some peculiarities of culture. Thus, colleges by their own character and by the attachment of their alumni scattered throughout the Church have often been the means of forming parties. This has been the case ever since the Reformation and in all the reformed churches. But whenever their support depends upon the church, these differences are necessarily brought to the surface and reveal themselves in a telling manner.

The arrangement hitherto existing, while perhaps the only one possible in the circumstances, cannot be considered as anything but temporary. Unfortunately, it is one of the worst possible, and calculated to produce and perpetrate the evils deprecated. This arrangement is: a territorial area of support and an apportionment of the Assembly's funds to each college in "a way just to the claims and necessities of each". Such a method cannot be just; for it punishes the liberality of particular sections of the church before union by giving them less after union than their neighbours who may have done little or less than they would have received but for union. It favours illiberality, because the vague expect-

tation that the General Assembly will make up all differences, may lead to indolence in their manner of support. It violates a law of nature and attempts to level up by making young and struggling institutions equal to the old that have borne the heat and burden of the day. It tends to divide the church into parties which rally round particular colleges; whereas all the members of the church should be taught to feel that all colleges are their own and to take pride in them as their common property and entitled, as their schools of the prophets, to their common sympathies, their contributions and their prayers. It leads to what may become an unseemly attempt at each meeting of Assembly on the part of the friends of each College to secure, by representations framed for that purpose as large an amount as possible from the common fund. And it is a *failure*; for at last Assembly the revenue of Montreal was supplemented from the territories assigned to Queen's and Knox Colleges.

The simplest, most just, and most obvious solution of this question seems to be an equal division of the general fund among the three colleges of Toronto, Kingston and Montreal. Upon the supposition that the union is a really accomplished fact these colleges belong to the whole church, and have no claim to be dealt with in any other way than any other interest of the Church. Whatever local liberality may be evoked by the energy of the boards of these colleges or by the efficiency of their teaching they may be left to enjoy. Nothing will be done to discourage or restrain special liberality. Those who have done much in the past will not be led to feel that what they have done has only served to deprive them of the beneficence and encouragement of the Church during the present. There will be no necessity of presenting special claims or making special representations. A feeling of the oneness of the Church in the hearts of the people will be cultivated and preserved by contributions flowing into a common fund and receiving an equal disbursement. The colleges will become a bond of union and not a wedge of separation. The friend of any particular college will be aware that the more he gives the more his favourite college will receive. The colleges, instead of being a stumbling block, will become a common interest and a source of unity and strength; while a healthy rivalry will be promoted in a way safe to the church; and if at any time in the future an amalgamation such as has been proposed should be desired, the way will have been paved for such a consummation.

A. P.

Our Home Missions.

THE Maritime Committee met in Halifax on the 24th ult. Letters were read from Rev. Messrs. Melville, of New Kincardine, Creelman, of Bay of Islands, and Cruickshank, of Bett's Cove, all presenting satisfactory evidences of progress. Resolutions of approval passed and were ordered to be transmitted to these brethren for their encouragement in holding the important posts which they occupy. The requests of Presbyteries for student-catechists having been submitted, were met by the appointment of 39 young men, chiefly theological students, from Halifax, Queen's College, Montreal, Princeton and New York, fully meeting all that Presbyteries had asked for. Of these young evangelists 12 were from the Halifax Theological Hall, 9 from Queen's College, 1 from Montreal, 5 from New York, 3 from Princeton, 4 chiefly Gaelic-speaking students from Dalhousie College, and 2 lay catechists. The account at date shows a balance on hand of \$352, which was quickly utilized—five hundred being voted for Manitoba College, the remainder to meet outstanding accounts.

BAY OF ISLANDS, Newfoundland. The Presbyterian congregation here is prospering. A small church has been completed and a manse is shortly to be commenced. Rev. D. F. Creelman, our minister there, is doing admirable pioneer work. Far away from Bay of Islands, but still in the bounds of Newfoundland, is Betts' Cove, famous for its mineral wealth. Rev. Mr. Cruickshank has been there during the winter, and has gathered around him a prosperous colony of Presbyterians. Both these brethren are likely to continue their labours in the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

LABRADOR has claims on our Church which have not yet been fully recognized. Occasionally, and rarely, missionaries for our Church have spent a few months among the fishermen, with good results; but it is felt more and more that regular and ample provision should be made for the spiritual necessities of the people.

OUR HOME MISSIONARY STAFF.—In addition to our 700 ministers in charges, we have at present very nearly 250 labourers in our vast Home Mission Field as follows:—100 appointed by the committee for the Western section, 39 by that for the Eastern section, 40 by the French Evangelization Board, and 70 on the Probationer's list.

The Sabbath School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

June 9.] B. C. 537. [Daniel vi., 14-23.
DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN.

GOLDEN TEXT.—“My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me.”—Verse 22.

HOME READINGS.—M. Heb. 11. 32-40; T. Acts 4, 13-31; W. Acts 12, 1-11; Th. Ac's 16, 25-40; E. Dan. 6, 1-14; S. Dan. 6, 15-28; S. Ps. 57, 1-11.

Verse 14—*The King*—DARIUS.—Opinion differs as to whether this Darius was actually King in his own right, or a vice-roy acting under CYRUS. It accords with Dan. 5:31 and 6:1, to regard him as King of Media, contemporary with Cyrus, King of Persia, and in such close alliance with him that he and Cyrus divided their vast empires into 120 provinces, with separate governors, over whom were appointed three Presidents—of whom Daniel was first. In verse 28 it is said that Daniel prospered in the reign of both.

The change in the dynasty of Chaldea did not exempt Daniel from molestation. He was now an old man—had been nearly 70 years in Babylon—full of honours, too; but his high rank at Court increased the jealousy of the native princes who concerted a plan for his overthrow. At their instigation a decree was issued—signed by Darius—that whosoever should ask a petition of any god or man, for 30 days, save of Darius, should be cast into the den of lions. They represented that “all the presidents,” &c., had agreed to this, which was obviously untrue, for Daniel, the chief president, had never consented to that. It was an impious decree, because its object was to prevent the worship of the true God. It was cruel and absurd—but it flattered Darius' vanity, and in a weak moment he yielded. Daniel, nothing daunted, prays as usual to “his God,” morning, noon and night, and at the open window looking towards Jerusalem. He remembered the prophetic prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the Temple, I. K. 8, 47-49. He followed the example of David, Ps. 55, 16-17. Verse 15, “these men assembled,”—literally, came together simultaneously, see Ps 2, 1-5. Darius repented of his rashness when it was too late. He would give anything now if he could deliver Daniel. Pilate acted in the same way when he delivered the just One to be crucified. Matt. 27:24. Yielding to the fear of man (Prov. 29:25) he sanctions the horrid deed. A stone is placed on the mouth of the den to prevent escape—sealed with the king's signet. When Christ was buried his enemies also “sealed the stone” at the door of the sepulchre. Matt. 27:66. Verse 22, “My God hath sent his angel—the instrument, but not the author of his deliverance. Ps. 91:11 and 34:7. “Shut the lions' mouths” Heb. 11:33—so in another sense will God silence the adversary. I. Pet. 5:8. Daniel was unhurt, “because he believed in his God.” v. 23. He was not certain of being delivered from the lions, but he was quite ready to die if his God so willed. He could say with Job, “though he slay me yet will I trust in him.” Job 13:15.

THE DEN OF LIONS.—In those days lions were plentiful, even in Palestine—though now extinct. They were taken alive in nets and kept in den—strong enclosures—at first as natural curiosities, but afterwards as instruments of royal cruelty. In Nero's time it was a common mode of execution to condemn criminals “to the lions,” and horrid sport for the populace to witness the dreadful scene in the Coliseum.

LEARN to have a habitual place for prayer, as well as stated times. It is a foolish and wicked thing “to do evil that good may come.” “Trust in God and do the right” at all hazards.

June 16.] B. C. 555. [Daniel vii., 9-14.
MESSIAH'S KINGDOM.

GOLDEN TEXT.—“Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; the sceptre of Thy Kingdom is a right sceptre.”—Psalm 45:6.

HOME READINGS.—M. Dan. 7, 1-14; T. Dan. 7, 15-23; W. Isa. 60, 1-22; Th. Ps. 45, 1-17; E. Ps. 72, 1-20; S. Micah 4, 1-7; S. Rev. 21, 1-27.

It accorded with the Divine method to make known future events through prophets, Heb. 1:1—ordinarily by dreams and visions, Num. 12:6—exceptions however to this rule, as in the case of Moses, to whom God spoke face to face, Num. 12:8. A dark and figurative method; but Daniel from his saintly character and discernment was peculiarly fitted to receive and discover the import of disclosures hard to be understood. He had been in a measure prepared for it by his interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Ch. 2. This vision refers to the same subject under different imagery,—namely, the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian and Roman empires, represented by (1) the Lion, (2) the Bear, (3) the Leopard, (4) an unnamed beast, “dreadful and terrible.” In the former case the outward aspect of these kingdoms was symbolized by inanimate substances, gold, silver, brass, iron; in this the reference is to their moral features. Daniel's familiarity with the colossal winged sculptures in Nineveh and Babylon would aid his interpretation of his vision. The scope and tenor of it was to announce the overthrow of the great powers then existing, as well as those which should succeed them, and to assure God's covenant people that, however severe the conflict, the rise and fall of these nations would certainly be succeeded by the permanent establishment of the KINGDOM OF THE MESSIAH, Verse 3. “The four beasts came up from the sea,” i. e. they all, at some time, extended their borders to the Mediterranean. The emphasis falls on the fourth beast—Rome—the most terrible and longest-lived of all—ever seeking universal empire. V. 8. *The little horn*—Popeery seems to fulfil this part of the prophecy in many respects, the Pope claiming infallibility and to be above all earthly dominions. V. 9. *I beheld till*—continued looking till—thrones were cast down; rather placed, for the saints and angels to whom judgment is given, v. 22, 1 Cor. 6:2. *The ancient of days*—the Everlasting Father. V. 10. *The judgment was set*—not the last great judgment, but that on Antichrist—the last development of the fourth Kingdom, which is not yet, but which must precede the millennium. There must be a “regeneration” of the world before Christ's Kingdom is fully developed. Matt. 19:28. V. 10. *Because of the voice of the great words*—bidding defiance to Heaven. Enoch prophesied that for this the Lord would come to judge the world, Jude 15. V. 13. *One like to the Son of Man*; Christ himself refers to this passage, John 5:27. V. 14. *He shall have UNIVERSAL dominion*, Phil 2, 9-11; also EVERLASTING. Those earthly kingdoms shall successively decay and fall, but MESSIAH'S KINGDOM shall not pass away, Ps. 145:13; 2 Peter 1:11.

LEARN that the promises of God are our encouragement to work and pray for, and to expect the coming of Christ's Kingdom—the kingdom of grace—and our chief concern should be that ourselves and others may be brought into it and kept in it. See Catechism, ques. 102.

June 23.] B.C. 536. [2 Chron. xxxvi., 22-23.

THE DECREE OF CYRUS.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.*—Isaiah 40:2.

HOME READINGS.—M. Jer. 25, 1-14; T. Jer. 30, 18-24; W. Isa. 45, 1-25; Th. Dan. 9, 1-25; F. Isa. 40, 1-31; S. Ezra, 1, 1-11; S. Ps. 126, 1-6.

CYRUS, surnamed the Great—the son of Cambyses, and Mandane, daughter of Astyages, King of the Medes—on the death of Darius became sole monarch of the Medo-Persian Empire. On account of his services to the Jews he is called "the Shepherd of Israel," and "God's anointed," Isa. 44:28 and 45-1. Though unconsciously, (Isa. 45:5) he was the chosen instrument of fulfilling the prophecies respecting the restoration of the Jews. V. 22. "That the word of the Lord, &c, might be fulfilled," see Jer. 25:12 and 21:10. Other prophets had foretold this. *Isaiah* distinctly named Cyrus in this connection, nearly 200 years before he was born in the passage already quoted, 44:28. "*The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus*"—probably through Daniel, who may have read this passage to the King. The proclamation, though made in the first year of Cyrus' reign at Babylon, did not take effect until the following year. It was published by word of mouth, and in writing, that it might reach the families of the ten tribes dwelling in the remotest parts of the kingdom. *All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord given me*—a figure of speech representing the vastness of his kingdom. *He hath charged me*—whether by a vision or the words of *Isaiah*, he had come to believe that he should restore Israel at this time. EZRA, the author of the Chronicles, commences the book bearing his name by repeating these two verses, and then details minutely the manner in which Cyrus accomplished his mission. (1) The return was made voluntary—none were compelled to go, and in fact many did not. (2) The offer was made to all, including the ten tribes, and some of these did avail themselves of it, 1 Chron. 9:3. (3) He appointed Zerubbabel their leader. (4) He ordered collections to be made for those who had not the means of outfit for the journey. (5) He gave back to the Jews the sacred vessels of the Temple; and he dismissed them with his blessing. Ezra 1:3 and 7-11. The number who took advantage of the edict was 4,336, see Ezra 2:61 and Neh. 7:16—besides their servants, 7,337, making nearly 50,000 in all. The time occupied in the journey was four months. In Acts 2:7 and James 1:1 the continued existence of the whole twelve tribes is alluded to; but these references apply to the few representatives of the tribes then existing.

LEARN that the decrees of God are more unchangeable than the laws of the Medes or Persians. *All its promises will surely be fulfilled.* 2 Cor. 1:20. The promises of the new Covenant are better than those of the old Heb 8:6. Believers have the promise of *eternal life*. 1 John. 7:25. The Gospel in *revelation* is like Cyrus' proclamation, "Whosoever will may come," John 3:16.

June 30.] B.C. 641-536 [Ezra iii., 1-13.

REVIEW.

HOME READINGS.

- M. 2 Chron. 34, 1-31 *Josiah's good reign.*
T. Jer. 52, 1-11 *The captivity of Judah.*
W. Dan. 3, 1-50 *The fiery furnace.*
Th. Dan. 5, 1-31 *The handwriting on the wall.*
F. Dan. 6, 1-28 *The lions' den.*
S. Dan. 7, 1-28 *Messiah's kingdom.*
S. Ezra 1, 1-11 *The decree of Cyrus.*

The lessons for the quarter cover rather more than a century of time. The occurrences of the period may either be reviewed in the order of the lessons, or they may be grouped into several headings. If the former plan is adopted, the lessons supply 12 distinct topics. By adopting the latter, the divisions may be reduced and find expression in five easily remembered words,—*Who, where, what, when, why.*

WHO.—The chief persons named in the history. These are 1st, the last five kings of Judah; 2nd, the contemporaneous reigning monarchs, especially Pharaoh Necho, of Egypt, Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar of Assyria and Babylon, Darius the Mede, and Cyrus the Great; and, thirdly, the prophets who flourished during this period, Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Habakkuk.

WHERE.—The geographical position and extent of the several kingdoms referred to will be best explained by reference to the map. It will impart interest to this part of the review to notice particularly the small extent of the kingdom of Judah, which so long withstood the attacks of vast empires.

WHEN.—Here the blackboard may be a useful assistant in fixing a few important dates in the mind. How long did the kingdoms of Israel and Judah respectively maintain a separate existence? Give the length of the reign of each of the last five kings of Judah. In what year did the dispersion of the ten tribes occur? And in what year was Jerusalem destroyed? From which year does the Babylonish captivity date, and how long did it continue? When was the decree of Cyrus issued? The answers to these and other questions that will occur to the teacher will be found in the notes upon the lessons.

WHAT.—The leading events will be ranged under this heading, and more or less fully recalled according to the time at the disposal of the reviewer—as for example the great Reformation under Josiah; the three deportations of the Jews to Babylon; the fall of Jerusalem; the obedience of the Rechabites; the faithfulness of the three Hebrew children; the bravery and piety of Daniel; the power, cruelty, and punishment of Nebuchadnezzar; the impious feast of Belshazzar; the prophecies respecting the Messiah's kingdom; and the restoration of the Jews.

WHY.—It will be shown here that God had a purpose in afflicting his chosen people; and on the one hand, the Jews were forever cured of their idolatry, and, on the other, the way was prepared for the advent of the Prince of Peace.

Our own Church.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, MEETS IN HAMILTON, ON THE 12TH INSTANT, within the Central Church there, at 7.30 p. m. We direct attention to Dr. Reid's notice in another column. We are glad to be able also to invite attention to the unprecedented space occupied with the ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS this month. We look upon these monthly exhibits as a pretty reliable barometer wherewith to gauge, if not "the Christian Life and Work of the Church," certainly the amount of life thrown into the work of the Church. Comparing the figures with those of same date last year, a very considerable increase is observable in almost every department, and this in spite of the "terribly hard times"!! The Colleges of the Western Section, appear to be, financially, the only weak spoke in the wheel. We hope that by this time next year they may be greatly strengthened.

COMMISSIONERS to the General Assembly from the Lower Provinces, travelling by the Intercolonial Railway, will get return tickets for a single fare. Ministers should ask for a Minister's ticket, which will secure free return without certificate. Elders will purchase ordinary tickets going, and on their return they must present certificate of attendance to the Ticket Agent, at Rivière du Loup, who will give them tickets home free of charge. These certificates will be good from the 20th June till the 6th July.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

ANNAN AND LEITH: *Owen Sound*:—The Rev. William Forrest, formerly of East Tilbury, was inducted 20th March.

MANCHESTER AND SMITH'S HILL: *Huron*:—The Rev. Mr. Pritchard formerly of Bluevale was inducted on the 17th April.

NORTH GOWER: *Ottawa Presbytery*:—The Rev. A. C. Morton was inducted on the 9th May.

SINGHAMPTON, MAPLE VALLEY, AND HONEYWOOD: *Barrie*:—Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. E. N. B. Millard, on 21st May.

CALEDON AND MONO: *Toronto*:—Arrangement were made for the ordination and induction of Rev. Alexander Tait, on the 28th May.

CALLS—Rev. Joseph Elliot has received a call to Buckingham in the Presbytery of Ottawa. The Rev. A. V. Millingen, formerly of Constantinople, has been called to St. John's Church, Yarmouth, N. S. The Rev. W. Donald, of Port Hope, has been called by the Prince Street Congregation, Pictou, N. S., stipend, \$1500. This is the second time of asking. The Rev. William Cleland has resigned the charge of Guilimbury and Innisfil.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS—We are favoured with copies of printed reports from the following congregations:—St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., St. Andrew's, Stratford, and Chateaufort, Ont. The first named is engaged in the erection of a new church edifice to cost about \$24,000. The second appears to have nearly doubled its membership during the past year. The third is evidently well organized. Its revenues are derived entirely from voluntary contributions.

Meetings of Presbyteries.

LUNENBURG AND YARMOUTH, April 9th and 30th.—The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected: Rev. D. MacMillan, W. Robertson, E. D. Millar, and Messrs. Esenhaur, John Douglass, and Dr. Calder. Rev. Dr. Jenkins was nominated Moderator of General Assembly. Application was made to the Supplementing Fund for \$200 each for Eversdale, New Dublin, and Carleton. Regarding the remits, the Presbytery disapproved of the proposal to appoint another Agent, and approved of nearly the whole of the "Rules." The Presbytery sustained a call to Rev. A. V. Millingen from the congregation of Yarmouth.

HALIFAX: April 23—Leave of absence for two months was granted to Rev. John B. Logan, Kentville. The Rules and Forms of Procedure were very carefully revised. Supplies were arranged for vacancies till after the General Assembly.

TRURO: 1st May.—After full enquiry into the state of the congregation the Presbytery saw no cause for despondency with regard to the interests of Presbyterianism there, and expressed deep sympathy with the people in being so long without a pastor, and encouraged them to persevere in dependence on God. Mr. James S. Caruthers was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. A suitable minute was adopted relative to Rev. J. M. McKay, late pastor of Economy.

PICTOU : May 7.—The Presbytery met at New Glasgow. The call of Prince street congregation, Pictou, to Rev. W. Donald, was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Peterboro. Rev. Dr. Grant, Kingston, was appointed to represent the Presbytery in the matter. Rev. George Roddick was appointed as a commissioner to the General Assembly in place of Rev. W. Maxwell, who is unable to attend. Remits of the General Assembly were considered. A special meeting was appointed for the 13th May at French River, for visitation of the congregation, further consideration of remits, and French missionary reports. Agreed that in choosing ministers by seniority as representatives to the General Assembly regard shall be had not to seniority by ordination, but to seniority as members of Presbytery.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND : May 1.—The Presbytery agreed to erect Bradalbane into a preaching station, and a Catechist was appointed to supply the place. There is a proposal to open the church on Prince street as a church extension effort, but the Presbytery took no action in the matter. With regard to remits of Assembly, the Presbytery approved of regulations for Widows' Fund,—disapproved of Mission agent,—would retain names of aged ministers on roll; also names of missionaries labouring for one year and upwards within one Presbytery's bounds, approved of questions and formula to be subscribed. The following commissioners were appointed:—Revds. K. MacLennan, A. Munro, H. Crawford, W. R. Frame, John Mackinnon, and A. F. Carr; and W. Mutch, Isaac Thompson, R. Munro, D. McLure, Jas. Nicholson, and Malcolm McDonald, elders. Dr. Jenkins, Montreal, was nominated for Moderator. A collection to meet travelling expenses was ordered to be taken in course of May.

WALLACE : May 7.—Revds. T. Tallach and T. Sedgwick, and Messrs. A. Redpath and D. McKenzie were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. Congregations were recommended to make collections to defray travelling expenses. Moderation in a call was granted to Knox Church, Wallace. Regulations for Widows' Fund were approved, also questions and formula with slight emendation.

MIRAMICHI : May 7.—The Presbytery met at Chatham. A full report of statistics of the congregations was submitted by Mr. Houston. Collections for Home and Foreign Missions were ordered to be made by congregations that had neglected hitherto. The following commissioners to the

Assembly were appointed:—Revds. Messrs. Nicholson, Anderson, Russell and McBain, and J. R. Nicholson, Dr. Benson, Dr. Duncan and Principal Dawson, Montreal. Rev. Thomas Duncan was nominated Moderator of the General Assembly. Favourable progress was reported regarding subscriptions for the College Building and Endowment Fund. Rev. W. Wilson, Chatham, tendered the demission of his charge, Mr. Wilson having resigned the Clerkship, Mr. Anderson was appointed Clerk. An overture on hymnology is sent up to the Assembly. The sudden death of Mr. Taylor was the subject of appropriate reference.

QUEBEC : 20.21 March.—Rev. W. Mathieson was appointed Moderator. Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly as follows:—Messrs. Lindsay, McConechy, McDonald, McCaul, and M. McKenzie, *Ministers*. Messrs. P. Peebles, J. C. Thomson, D. Stewart, G. B. Houliston and Aeneas McMaster, *Elders*. It was reported that missionary meetings had been held in nearly all the congregations and mission stations. The remits from the General Assembly were considered: No. 1 was approved with the addition that ministers who have contributed to the fund for twenty years shall be exempt from additional rates. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were negatived; Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were approved *simpliciter*.

CHATHAM : 10th March.—Rev. John Gray, Windsor, was appointed Moderator. The following commissioners were appointed:—Messrs. Waddell, McCall, Batisby, King, *Ministers*, and Messrs. Bartlett, Coltart, Webster and McVicar, *Elders*.

STRAFFORD : 9th April.—Measures were taken towards preparing the way for the visitation of the Sabbath Schools within the bounds by suitable persons presbyterially appointed. Rev. Dr. Cochrane was nominated for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly. Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Harrington, obtained leave of absence for six months on account of ill-health.

MANITOBA : 1st March.—A large amount of business was transacted both in connection with the Home and Foreign Missions of the Church. Attention was directed to the necessity of grants in aid for the erection of mission premises near Fort Ellice, and also to enable Mr. Flett to visit the Indians at distant points of the Swan River district. Arrangements were made for conducting the Rosseau school. The report of the Home Mission Committee, read by Professor Bryce, was replete with interesting details of the work undertaken

by the Presbytery. Mr McKellar had been sent to Portage Creek and High Bluff, Mr. Campbell to Contract 15 on the Canada Pacific R.R., and Mr. Ross to Springfield. Missionary meetings had been held at a great many stations, and, altogether, the good work was reported to be prospering under the direction of the Presbytery. The remits from the General Assembly were duly considered, the majority approving of a common fund for the theological halls in Ontario and Quebec. The remit on the Widows' Fund was approved *simpliciter*. A call was sustained in favour of Rev. Mr. McKellar from High Bluff and Portage Creek. Principal Grant, D.D., was nominated for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly, and the following commissioners appointed:—Messrs. Borthwick, Matheson, Robertson, Hart and Bell, *Ministers*; and Professor Bryce, Dr. Reid, Toronto, Messrs. Croil, Montreal, McLennan, Hamilton, and McMicken, Winnipeg, *Elders*. Rev. Mr. Donaldson obtained four months leave of absence.

WHITBY: 16th April.—The Presbytery resolved to hold a conference on the state of religion on the occasion of its next stated meeting and appointed Mr. Carmichael to open the conference with a suitable address. Mr. Douglas tendered his resignation of the charge of Port Perry and Prince Albert in consequence of his acceptance of an appointment from the Home Mission Committee to labour in Manitoba, and the Presbytery agreed accordingly to translate, commending Mr. Douglas to the guidance of the Master in the new part of the Vineyard to which the Providence of God seems to have directed his path. In regard to the remits, the Presbytery acquiesced in the main with that on the Widows' Fund, and agreed that it is not expedient at present to have a common fund for the Colleges, nor did they think it expedient to appoint a Home Mission Agent in the meantime.

SARGEON: 9th, 10th April.—Mr. Greig's resignation of the charge of Normanby was accepted, regretfully. A call was sustained from Knox Church, Harriston, in favour of Rev. J. Anderson, of Tiverton; stipend \$800 and manse. The remits from the General Assembly were discussed and approved with some slight exceptions, and Home Missionary matters were attended to. Rev. A. D. McDonald, of Elora, and Mr. Thomas McCrae, of Guelph, received the thanks of the Court for their advocacy of the claims of Foreign Missions in this Presbytery.

BARRIE: 30th April.—A call from Sing-

hampton, Maple Valley, and Honeywood, in favour of Rev. E. N. B. Millard, was sustained, and arrangements made for Mr. Millard's induction. The following Commissioners to the Assembly were appointed: Dr. Fraser, Messrs Gray, Leiper, McConnell, and Moodie, *Ministers*; and Messrs. T. Dallas, A. D. McNab, W. McWhinney, F. Rogerson, and P. McHaffie, *Elders*.

TORONTO: 6th May.—The Rev. Alex. Tait accepted the call addressed to him from Caledon and Mono, and arrangements were made for his ordination and induction. Leave was granted to Rev. J. Adams, of West King, to retire from the active duties of the ministry. Rev. J. M. King—the Moderator—submitted the annual report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, and it was agreed that an abstract of the same be printed and circulated among the congregations. Messrs. John Wilkie, Francis Ballantyne, Joseph McCoy, Francis R. Beatty, and John Johnson, passed satisfactory preliminary examinations with a view to their licensure and were certified accordingly.

The Rev. Alexander Topp, D. D., laid on the table his resignation of the charge of Knox Church, Toronto. Dr. Topp had been led to take this step from a desire to consult the best interests of his large and increasing congregation the duties of which he felt ought now to devolve upon younger shoulders. A Committee of Presbytery was appointed to confer with Dr. Topp, and the office-bearers of Knox Church in relation to this matter, which could not be entertained without serious regret on the part of the Presbytery and all concerned.

THE NEW KINGARDINE COLONY.

In response to a letter from Rev. P. Melville, the Colonial Committee of the Free Church has granted £50 sterling per annum for three years to aid the New Kingardine people in the work of the Gospel. The Secretary, writing to Mr. Melville, says:—"The Committee wish me to express their warm interest in your congregation from its peculiar history, and would like your people to know that they take such interest in them." The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland granted £100 towards the erection of the church. Rev. R. H. Muir, Convener of the Committee, writing to Mr. Melville, after announcing this grant, says:—"I do assure you we seldom have had more satisfaction than we felt to-day in granting this aid."

The Colleges.

THE thirty seventh session of QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE at Kingston was brought to a close on the 23th April with great *eclat*. There was a numerous attendance of the public, and the graduating class was the largest that has ever gone forth from this University. Twenty-one received the degree of B.A., four of M.A., two of B.Sc., and ten of M.D. In addition, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the following gentlemen:

Rev. John C. Baxier, Montreal.

Rev. William Fraser, Bondhead, Ont.

Rev. Robert Sedgwick, Musquodoboit, N.S.

Rev. Thomas Wardrope, Guelph, Ont.

The total number of graduates on this occasion being 41. The number of graduates in theology, and who are now applicants for licensure is five, namely,—Messrs. Thomas S. Glassford, Alexander McLean, John Mordy, A. H. Scott, and Hugh Taylor.

Principal Grant delivered the closing address. After some fitting words of congratulation and counsel to the graduates and students the learned principal directed his remarks to the general audience, reminding them of the claims of Queen's College for their continued support, and intimating his intention to ask from the friends of this institution throughout the country \$150,000, for additional buildings, endowment and equipment, which are judged necessary. We speak in the interest of all the colleges, when we say we hope, and confidently expect, that within a year's time this sum will be raised for Queen's College. We know of no good reason why a like sum should not be simultaneously provided for the Knox College, Toronto, and the Presbyterian College at Montreal. Certainly they both require it. We may say also, looking at the record of their work during past years, they both deserve it. To question the ability of the Church to do this would be little short of fastening a stigma upon the intelligence and liberality of its membership which the action of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces has proved to be unwarranted and unjust. That it would be productive of beneficial results to the whole Church is also undoubted. Only let there be enough enthusiasm in the col-

leges—a sufficient faith in themselves—and the thing will be done.

THE THEOLOGICAL HALL at HALIFAX closed its session 1877-78, on the 24th April, in Chalmer's Church, which was filled to overflowing on the occasion. Dr. Burns presided, and the Revs. Dr. Sedgwick, G. Houston, Dr. McKnight, Dr. Pollok, Professor Currie, Dr. Waters, A. T. Mowitt, J. McMillan, K. Laing and others took part in the proceedings. The Professors reported eighteen divinity students in attendance during the session, four of whom have completed their curriculum, and are candidates for licensure, viz, Messrs. Gunn, Carruthers, Gray and Stewart. The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland gave £20 towards the Bursary Fund, and the Free Church of Scotland, £30. The Senate gave \$360 in prizes. Dr. McKnight was presented by his students (past and present) with a gold watch and chain, and also his diploma as Doctor of Divinity from Glasgow University, free of expense.

THE NEW COLLEGE BUILDINGS.—The beautiful property at Pine Hill, on the North-West Arm, has been purchased for the Theological Hall, Halifax. The purchase includes ten acres of land in a high state of cultivation; fronting on what is now called "College street," and extending to the water-side. The building is new and in the best possible repair. It is large enough to accommodate the classes, one resident professor, and about twenty resident students. The terraces, groves, walks, and the grounds generally are very fine. There are several buildings on the lot that can with moderate expenditure be utilized for College purposes. The whole property was purchased at the extremely moderate price of \$25,000. Rev. Dr. MacKnight, we understand, is to reside on the premises, and accommodation will be provided in due time for students attending next session. A finer site for a college could not be selected. The Board appeal to subscribers to the Building and Endowment Fund to make their remittances with as little delay as possible.

REV. DOCTOR GRANT—We notice with much satisfaction that the new Principal of Queen's College, Kingston, has received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from his *Alma Mater*, the University of Glasgow, of which he was a distinguished student. We wish the learned Principal long life to wear his well-earned laurels.

The Coming of the Lord.

The Church has waited long
Her absent Lord to see;
And still in loneliness she waits,
A friendless stranger she,
Age after age has gone,
Sun after sun has set,
And still in weeds of widowhood
She weeps a mourner yet.
Come, then, Lord Jesus, come!

Saint after saint on earth
Has lived, and loved, and died;
And as they left us one by one,
We laid them side by side;
We laid them down to sleep,
But not in hope forlorn;
We laid them but to ripen there,
Till the last glorious morn.
Come, then, Lord Jesus, come!

We long to hear Thy voice,
To see Thee face to face,
To share Thy crown and glory then,
And now we share Thy grace.
Should not the loving bride
The absent bridegroom mourn?
Should she not wear the weeds of grief
Until the Lord return?
Come, then, Lord Jesus, come!

The whole creation groans,
And wants to hear that voice,
That shall restore her comeliness,
And make her wastes rejoice.
Come, Lord, and wipe away
The curse, the sin, the stain,
And make this blighted world of ours
Thine own fair world again.
Come, then, Lord Jesus, come!

Obituary.

REV. DAVID TAYLOR.—On the 28th of April, the Rev. David Taylor, pastor of Bass River, N.B., died suddenly as he was about to enter the hall in which he was about to preach. He had been in good health, and only a few moments before his death he stated to one of the elders that he felt even better than usual. His death was instantaneous. Mrs. Taylor, who was near by, came to find her husband lifeless who had parted from her a few minutes before in health and with every prospect of years of life and usefulness. The assembled congregation were, of course, profoundly affected by the sudden call of their pastor, who, had he been spared a little longer, would have preached to them from the text, "When the Son of

Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him," &c. Mr. Taylor came to Canada from Scotland some six years ago, and was settled first at Spencerville, Ont. He was settled at Bass River only about seven months. His death is deeply regretted by his co-Presbyters and by a much attached congregation. He was about fifty years of age.

REV. JOHN C. SINCLAIR.—A number of our older readers in the Maritime Provinces will remember Rev. John C. Sinclair who, years ago, laboured in Pictou and in P. E. Island. He came from Scotland to this Province in 1838, and left for the Southern States in 1852. He was an excellent Gaelic scholar and preacher. He was a hard worker, a faithful evangelical preacher, and a loyal Presbyterian. He died at Wheeling, Virginia, on the 23rd April, aged 78 years.

MR. DONALD MACKENZIE.—The Session of Knox's Church, Pictou, request the publication of the following minute respecting a venerable elder:—

"Since last meeting, the Session have been called to mourn the decease of their venerable father, Mr. Donald Mackenzie, who died on the 14th of April last, aged 82 years. Mr. Mackenzie emigrated from Golspie, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1822. He was ordained a ruling elder in this congregation (Knox's Church, Pictou) in the year 1855, and continued to officiate with faithfulness and acceptance until laid aside nearly two years ago by very severe illness. In his dealings with the people of his district he was patient and prudent, and ever mindful of the sick and afflicted among them. A prayer meeting was regularly held in his house during all those years. He was a pattern of steady, quiet, and strictly moral and religious habits. His piety was of that decided character ascribed in history to the Puritans and Covenanters; and his venerable aspect corresponded with his principles and practice. He was revered and loved by all who knew him. To his brethren in Session he was uniformly courteous and kind, and by them he was beloved and respected. "Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

MR. JOHN BELL, M.D., more touching than the most eloquent words ever uttered, over bier of the dead was the immense concourse of all classes who attended the funeral obsequies of this young Montreal physician who had already given promise of rising to the highest eminence in his profession, but whose philanthropic

labours were suddenly arrested in the 33rd year of his age. The deceased was a son of the late Rev. Andrew Bell—a minister of our Church, distinguished alike for his theological and scientific attainments. Dr. Bell was a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston. He was an enthusiast in his profession, a constant friend of the poor and needy, irrespective of creed or nationality: one who enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the profession to which he belonged, and of his fellow citizens generally, and who ever maintained a consistent Christian profession.

Ecclesiastical News.

DISTASTEFUL is it undoubtedly is to the great bulk of the people of Scotland, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has been duly proclaimed, and Archbishop Strain has been welcomed back to Scotland, after his successful visit to Rome, by his faithful clergy as the Archbishop of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh, and Metropolitan. A year ago he went to Rome to put this matter in train. When asked to restore the Scottish Hierarchy, the old Pope said he would pray to the Patron Saint of Scotland, and especially to St. Margaret for guidance and direction. It was discussed in January by the Cardinals who agreed to recommend it to the Pope's favourable consideration. He gave his consent and signed the decree, but later before it was published. The first act of Leo XIII was to proclaim the Hierarchy restored. Formerly, there were thirteen Episcopal sees in Scotland. It is thought that four may be enough for the present. The Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church have entered their protest against this innovation.

"THE MAY MEETINGS" held annually in London in the interests of the leading Missionary Societies of the Kingdom took place this year as usual and were largely attended. The receipts of the CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY were reported to exceed one million of dollars. One hundred and seventy-nine mission stations were sustained by its efforts, and 335 clergymen, with 57 European, and 2565 teachers of all classes. The communicants number 28,116. The Earl of Chichester strongly urged the desirability of mission work being conducted on as simple a method as possible; for, where it had been carried on with great ceremonial, there had been little but failure, and it had produced a very mongrel kind of Christianity or a total extinction of Christian Churches. The expenditure of the *Wesleyan Missionary Society* for the year has been \$735,000. From a general summary of the society's work it appeared that there were now 632 principal stations, called circuits, occupied by the society in various parts of the world; 6343 chapels and other preaching places; 873 ministers and assistant missionaries, including supernumeraries; 5965 other paid agents; 25,007 unpaid agents; 143,346 full and accredited

church members; 19,892 on trial for church membership; and 216,673 scholars. The *Baptist Missionary Society* had received \$250,000. The *seventy-fourth Annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society* placed its free income for the past year at \$336,500; the additional amount received for Scriptures sold was \$520,705—making together more than a million of dollars. The issues of the Society of Bibles and portions of the same, at home and abroad, were nearly 3,000,000 copies. The total issues of the Society from its commencement now amount to 82,047,062 copies.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England commenced its sittings in Manchester, on the 29th April. Professor Chalmers, D.D., was elected Moderator. The Home Mission collections and donations during the year were about \$20,000; and for Foreign Missions, about \$65,000. The sustentation fund yielded an equal annual dividend of £220. Dr. Dykes reported that twenty-five students had attended the Theological classes of whom nine were ready for licence. The annual expenditure in connection with the College was about \$17,000. Reference was made to the success of missionary efforts in *Formosa* where this church has a staff of missionaries, twenty-six churches, and a native church membership of 1,200 persons.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church of the UNITED STATES was held this year at Pittsburgh, Penn., commencing on the 16th May. The commissioners numbered 520, representing 37 Synods and 175 Presbyteries. The northern branch of the Presbyterian Church reported last year 37 Synods, 175 Presbyteries, 4,801 ministers, 5,153 churches, 557,574 communicants, 581,606 Sunday-school teachers and scholars, and \$3,495,361 in contributions for all purposes. The Southern body reported 12 Synods, 63 Presbyteries, 1,115 ministers and licentiates, 1,830 churches, 112,500 communicants, 66,634 Sunday-school scholars. The questions of DANCING and THE LIKE threaten embarrassment in the South. An earnest and numerous party urge that not only should the church disapprove of dancing, theatre-going, and card-playing in their mildest forms, but that transgressors should be cut off from the Church. And this party is likely to have a majority in the Church.

A REMARKABLE MOVEMENT has taken place at Tinnivelly in the South of India. Missionary efforts, it is well known, have in former years been very successful in this quarter, but nothing in the past has occurred to compare with recent results. In seven months, it is stated, more than 16,000 souls have voluntarily placed themselves under religious instruction, with a view to baptism, and the movement is still spreading. Village after village is laying aside its heathenism and seeking admission into the fold of Christ. It is the Church of England that has chiefly to do with this district. The total number of missionaries now labouring in India, under the auspices of thirty-five various societies, is about 600. The number of native communicants is about 190,000.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONS, although surrounded with most formidable difficulties, are being prosecuted with unshaken zeal and perseverance. At Livingstonia the prospects of the mission are as satisfactory as could be reasonably expected. One real disaster only has befallen the enterprise—the death of two of its most energetic workers. The natives appear to be friendly. The original site of the mission premises, however, has not been found satisfactory, chiefly on account of the presence of a very minute but invincible foe to the progress of civilization,—“the tsetse fly,” whose appearance meant that no domestic animal could live at that station. Blantyre, the site selected by the Church of Scotland, seems to have escaped this plague. The station has been laid out and most of the houses built, and several miles of road made, both in the direction of the coast and towards Livingstonia—the station of the Free Church. At the close of each day's work a short service is held, and an address given on the simplest truths of the Gospel. Schools have been commenced for the instruction of the children, both in secular and religious knowledge. The Rev. Duff McDonald, with an additional artisan missionary, has gone to take charge of the mission and a prosperous future is confidently expected.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN JAPAN.—The Presbyterian Church in Japan has sixteen foreign missionaries, three native pastors and twelve native elders. The missionaries are from different sections of the Presbyterian family, but in Japan all form one Presbytery. Progress is rapid and steady. Thank God for Gospel light in the far east. The union of Presbyterians in heathen lands is a sight full of promise for the future. It cannot be long until all who love and serve the Lord Jesus will work hand in hand in the face of the heathen and Mahomedan world.

India.

REPORT OF REV. J. FRASER CAMP-BELL FOR 1877.

(Continued.)

MISSION WORK.

My outside work may be said to have begun in October. In the beginning of that month I employed a native Christian lad, John Matthews (who had been brought up in a Methodist school in the North West, and had come in search of work) my intention being to set him at whatever I found him fit for, and at the same time to teach and train him for greater usefulness. Though he has faults, as we have who have less excuse for them, on the whole he seems a good lad. I trust he is a good Christian and desirous of being useful. At first he was sent to sell books and tracts, but this did not

succeed well. After the first few days people refused to buy “Christian books” though they were sold at a fraction of their real cost, which an American missionary advised me was found in their experience better than to give them for nothing. I then placed him in the little mission school I was starting, and there he continues still.

THE SCHOOL.

The School, though now for the first time a mission school, had previously existed in a small way, having been opened for children of poor employees of the Commissariat Department, by Col. Van Heythuysen. He kindly offered to hand it over to me as the nucleus of a mission school, and it thus came under my charge on the 1st of Sept., but during that month I attempted no more than an occasional visit. It met in a miserable little shed, which was bearable only while the strong winds of the Monsoon blew in at the open door. There was no furniture, but there were books—an advance on many native schools. Hindi and Marathi were taught, but there was no Christian instruction, the master being a young Brahmin priest whom we once caught preparing for the worship of Ganpati in the school. Some time afterwards I observed what proved to be as I suspected an illustration of Hab. 1: 16. the invocation of their slates by some of the boys; but a reproof mingled with reasoning and good humoured ridicule was tried, and it was only needed once. In October I was able to take more oversight of the school, placed John Matthew in it as assistant teacher, spent some time in myself in the early morning, introduced Christian books, hymns and scripture instruction, along with the study of English. Of course this was done gradually, and but few left the school, the attraction of having a *Sahib* teaching English probably overcoming the fears of his christianizing them. This was part, but only part of my object in myself teaching; it was also as a means of acquiring and practising the language, and in order personally to superintend the giving of religious instruction. At first an occasional easy question was the limit of my venture, but afterwards I divided the school into two classes for the scripture lesson, John taking one and I the other, with the Brahmin master to aid me, which he has done in a manner that astonishes me, correctly rendering the most pronounced Christian and anti-idolatrous teaching, and generally as if he believed it all, though in private conversation he confessed himself as before. Through the difficulty of getting a proper place we had to meet for some time in an open shed, where we had at least fresh air. In the beginning of De-

ember we moved temporarily into the building now occupied by the girl's school, and on New Year's Day into our present place, which was to have been ready two months before, and which is admirably situated on the main street of the bazaar, opposite one heathen temple and nearly opposite two others. Three months before, it was a ruinous looking place, filled with rubbish and dirt, but now a light, clean, airy school-house, with high ceiling and rooms partially divided, so as to suit different classes, and yet permit of its being filled with an audience, when we succeed in gaining one to listen to addresses within it. Who would not be delighted to step in and hear the fine, bright boys—Mohammedans, heathens, and one Jew—singing in Hindustani, but with familiar tunes, "Rock of Ages," "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," "I heard the Voice of Jesus say," "I Need Thee, Precious Saviour," etc., even if most sing with more sound than sweetness, (some sing very well, and as if they felt the meaning)—to question them and find how well they understand the meaning of the hymns, and then examine them on the first part of Luke's Gospel and find that some of them would pass a better examination than most boys in our Sunday schools at home! They are not taken over much ground, but are made to understand and remember what is gone over. How far it is taken to heart, who can tell? Much is undoubtedly mere memory. But it is difficult to believe that some of the answers I constantly receive come from no deeper, and that the earnest faces of some, when the vital truths of christianity are being set forth, express no corresponding earnestness within. Doubtless there is much to hinder the growth of the seed, but the word spoken with some measure of earnest prayer and faith will result in the salvation of some of those boys, sooner or later, and we may yet have preachers from among them. It has greatly benefited myself to spend so much time in speaking and hearing Urdu, whether in singing and explaining hymns and teaching scripture, or in the lower work of teaching the English primer, and (to one or two besides the christian teacher) the English fourth book, with preparation of the translation at home.

VISITORS.

Parents and other visitors frequently drop in and listen for a time to the hymns or scripture lesson, and a most interesting incident occurred a few days ago which, though not in 1877, I shall mention to illustrate what may result from this. I was ill, and Miss Rodger was kindly taking

some of my work for me, and was giving the Scripture Lesson (from Luke 12) when five Brahmins came in, sat down and listened attentively. They became deeply interested, and so delighted were they both with the answers of the boys and the teachings of the book, which, they said, was all new to them, that they remained some time to buy the book, no other satisfying them but the Gospel of Luke from which the lesson was given. They came from the State of Dewas, had come to Mhow to see the sights, and strolling along, had come to the school. God meant them to discover something better than they had come to see, and we hope to hear good news of the book they carried home.

EXAMINATION.

On Jan'y 14th, I had a little examination of the school for the purpose of stimulating the boys and interesting the "Sahibs" in it. Its success was so much greater than I had anticipated, that I regretted I had not invited more to be present. Prizes and presents of books and clothes were given at the close. These were bought with part of a donation of 10 Rupees, which had previously been sent, another donation of 10 Rupees was sent immediately afterward, and as these came unasked, more may be expected when our work becomes better known. The Brahmin continues to be paid partly by the commissariat department and partly by the fees. In the end of November I succeeded in getting a catechist, Wm. Salavi, at one time under Dr. Wilson, of the F. C. Mission, Bombay. Though he has more than once caused me considerable anxiety and pain, on the whole he seems a sincere christian, and he has already been useful in a very encouraging degree. He speaks and reads Marathi and Hindi, and (imperfectly) English.

MISSSES. FORRESTER AND RODGER.

On December 10th, Misses Rodger and Forrester came to Mhow. The idea of two of the ladies coming here to work had previously been mooted, but it was in November that the apparent impossibility of getting accommodation for them all in Indore led Mr. Douglas to write, asking if I could possibly get a bungalow in Mhow for two. While consulting about it, our good friend, Col. Van Hey-huyesen came to our aid by offering me for them the use of his house for some weeks during the absence of his family, and just as they were to return, a small bungalow was vacated, which I secured—with the condition, of course, that it should be given up when required for any officer of the garrison. In this, as in so many things, the favouring hand of God has been

recognised by us. Shortly after their arrival we began making occasional visits to villages in the neighbourhood. Having arrived in a village, we had no difficulty in gaining two or three but attentive audiences, one of women, to whom Miss Rodger, accompanied by Miss Forrester, read and spoke; and one of men, to which I would sing and perhaps speak a little by way of explaining the hymn, the catechist speaking at greater length. This will be continued, but I find that my Urdu even if it were better than it will be for some time to come, will be of little use in the villages. Even John Matthews whom I once took was but imperfectly understood, because he speaks Urdu rather than Hindi. These are considered dialects of the same language, but the difference is such that while Urdu is considered the proper language for Mohammedans or those who mingle much with them, like the people in Mhow and cities generally, Hindi is necessary for the villagers who live comparatively secluded from them, and it is therefore necessary for me to begin with it as soon as I can get suitable teachers. I hope to plant a school in every one of these villages.

ENCOURAGEMENTS.

It is not to be expected that we should have much to say about results when work was begun here, we may almost say in the beginning of October; but God has given much to encourage, and especially in January. In December, the catechist brought a Marathi widow who craved baptism. She said she had attended a school of the American Mission in Ahmed Nuggur, about ten years ago, and remembers much of christian truth; then, when she was married, her husband forbade her being a christian, but now having been a widow for four years, she wishes to become a christian, and is trusting in Christ for salvation. She said she was supporting herself by day labour. Great caution is required with all whose circumstances are likely to be benefited by baptism, and especially with widows, whose condition among Hindoos is so wretched. So I simply answered that we would instruct her further and observe her conduct. But on the arrival of the ladies, we agreed to start a girl's school and engage this woman as teacher. There is a double advantage in this, for, a woman, with even her education who can be secured as teacher, is not easily found, and, even were she an avowed heathen, if her conduct was good we might be glad to get her, and she will by this arrangement be more under the observation of the ladies, so that we can judge of her, and be more free to wait on them for instruction. We do not, so far, feel at all

satisfied of her fitness for baptism. What has occurred since the close of 1877 does not come properly in this Report perhaps, but, since then, three persons have applied for baptism, of one or two of whom I think very favourably. The most interesting is an old Guru or religious teacher. The Catechist seems to search out such and give them particular attention. Sometimes he has spent a good part of the night among them, and once he and John Matthews were in a gathering of them till 5 o'clock in the morning. The Gurus sang their heathen hymns, and allowed the Catechists and teacher to make remarks in the intervals. It appears that this old man was that night convinced and led to abandon idols. He says he had received some instruction years ago from Mr. Hubbard of the American mission, but had clung to his idolatry and had visited many shrines seeking salvation, but finding it not, though others were looking to him as a giver of it, till that night he was convinced that only a sinless one could save him a sinner, and began to trust in Christ. He brought us his idols, before which how many had bowed! his instruments for performing puja, shaskas, magic books, etc., and gave them all up to me. His beads he wished to retain till his baptism, lest his people should turn him out, but on his going home without his idols he was turned out supperless. I had warned him that he need not look to me for support, as a Guru he was supported by his disciples, but now I looked for work for him and God immediately put in my way a situation by which he is comfortably supported. He comes regularly for instruction and declares that he is now happy through faith in Christ. Four days after he came my Khansaman, a Mohammedan, asked to be baptised next month. He was first brought to me as an inquirer in November, and has evidenced a steady advance since then, but the day after his application for baptism he received news of the death of his mother and had to leave for some weeks, since which time I have had no opportunity to observe him. I think him sincere, but question whether his faith has yet become a matter of the spirit or only of the intellect. So also of my Chankedar, or night watchman, who has gradually moved from Mohammedanism to a decided profession of belief in the truth of Christianity, and indeed seems looking to Christ for salvation, though he has not yet applied for baptism. Both have been greatly helped by our nightly family worship in Hindustani, and the frequent conversations held on the passages read. The wife of a native Christian has also applied, and is under instruction.

On the whole, therefore, we have great cause to thank God and take courage, and much to stimulate us to go forward and possess the land. There is much to do; there are millions of precious souls around us in Central India without one herald of the glad tidings, and surely when God thus smiles on us we should make speed to convey to them all the word of salvation. The harvest is great; do not the fields seem white? God send us speedily more labourers! As in Formosa and Trinidad, so here, more are urgently needed. Oh! let us not slack our hand. If only we will live according to our professions, we can send more to every field we have been called to work in, and adequate money for all purposes. Houses must be built or bought, travelling and other expenses paid; much money is needed, and the Church has the money. The only question is whether Christians will spend it on this or on self-indulgence.

J. FRASER CAMPBELL.

Letter from Miss Rodger.

Mhow, Feb. 16th 1878

MY DEAR MRS. HARVIE.

BEING we are at last fairly settled in our own home, I must not let another mail leave without writing to you. Although Miss Forrester and myself came to Mhow early in December, we have been with Col. Van Heythusen's family, or in their house, until the beginning of this month. We have gotten a very comfortable place. It is situated in a very open part of the Camp, and it is also quite high. I hope it may be healthy. With regard to the work, I may say that I have been promised a few houses which I may visit. The Post Master who is a Maratha Brahmin has consented to my visiting his family. There are a number of Parsee families in the camp, but it is very difficult to reach them.

A girls' School has been opened, which is attended by Maratha girls. The attendance as yet has not been large, but I trust it will increase, as I expect the Children from the Cattle lines to come to this School. The majority of them at present are learning the alphabet. In both Hindi and Marathi there are a great many combined letters, it takes some of them quite a time to learn the combinations. Two of the larger girls can now read very fairly. One of these is the daughter of a Native Christ-

ian. The other is a Heathen girl, but she has had some previous instruction. In the reading book which she has just finished the Ten Commandments are given, and she can repeat several of them, as well as the Lord's Prayer. Another of the girls will in a few weeks be able to read, if she continues making progress as she has been doing. They are very interesting children although their faces are not very clean, nor their heads very smooth. According to their ideas a weekly arrangement of their hair is quite sufficient. The School-room is a bare locking place. In it are two chairs, and several mats spread on the ground on which the Children are seated.

They come out for a couple of hours in the morning, then they go home for their food, and gather again for three hours in the afternoon. These hours will have to be changed shortly, as the cold weather is over. It has been warm for the past week.

I mentioned that the children were all Maratha. I am able to teach them, although I could not speak much in that language to the women in the Zenanas, but I could read to them in it from the New Testament. Around the camp are numerous villages, some of them small and others quite large. In the evenings we sometimes go out into these villages, and have generally gathered together a crowd of women and children. We read and explain to them some portion of Scripture. One is often astonished to meet with so much intelligence in these village people. Last week we went to a large village, which is a short distance from our house, and spoke to a number of women and children gathered on the veranda of one of their houses. The men began to gather also, but I requested them to leave, for their presence, if it did not send the women away, had at least the effect of making them shy. I thought it time to speak when I saw the women draw their chaddars over their faces. I read to them a part of the fourth Chapter of St. John's Gospel, containing the account of the woman of Samaria. So far as the speaking was concerned I was able to get on very well, as they understood Hindi. I hope my work will be more fully opened before writing again. Miss McGregor, Miss Forrester and myself have agreed to write in turn, so that you may have a letter at each monthly meeting. This one is intended for April. I hope it may reach its destination in safety ere that time. Miss Forrester is busy studying the language.

Miss Van Heythusen has decided upon engaging in Zenana work, and they are studying together. There is to be a Temperance meeting held in this Camp on the

27th of this month. The Rev. Mr. Gregson of Agra is to address the meeting.

Miss Forrester unites with me in kindest love,

MAGGIE ROGER.

LETTER FROM MISS FAIRWEATHER

The following extract from a letter received by the President of the Hamilton Woman's Foreign Mission Society from Miss Fairweather, Indore, will be read with deep interest by those who read the account of the two converted Brahmins in last number :—

“Two Brahmins, one occupying a high position in the house of Appo Boho, son-in-law to Maharajah Holkar, have declared themselves followers of our blessed Lord, and were to have been baptized two weeks ago. The Rev. Narayan Sheshadri, so well known in Canada, came to be present with us, as we feared an uprising of the Brahmin population.

They were to have been baptized on Thursday, and were to come to spend most of the day with us, leaving the city immediately. On Wednesday we waited all day, on Thursday also, and still no news. By Friday noon I grew very impatient, and feared something had gone wrong. So Mr. Douglas, Narayan Sheshadri and I determined to make an effort to know what had happened. We just went to a photograph gallery to see if they had been there, as we had previously arranged, but they had not been there. We next repaired to the Holkar Cotton Mills in search of a young Brahmin boy who was a friend of theirs, and to whom they had been trying to impart what they themselves had learned of the Saviour. Almost at the outset we were joined by Kumar Bahshi Sahib, the chief of Holkar's army. He is a Brahmin also, and a Knight Companion of the Star of India. He followed with us, but at last Mr. Douglas caught sight of the lad, and we gradually worked our way towards him, and he, seeing this, came gradually working to the aisle that separated the long rows of rooms. He stood talking for some time, when suddenly Mr. Douglas turned and asked the lad, ‘Where is Sakenhanandan?’ ‘Gone to Bombay,’ was the reply, and before the words were well uttered, Bahshi had bent to listen. The boy hastened away immediately, and we soon left the factory. Hastening home we telegraphed to Bombay to receive them. Mr. Douglas took the train to Bombay,

and Narayan Sheshadri to Mhow, to Mr. Campbell. On Sunday the lad came to me at the mission office. He told me that, eight days before, Sakanandan and his father (who is one of the highest officers in the royal household) had had a violent quarrel. The son had declared himself a Christian, and refused to go to the temple to worship. His father had surrounded his house with mounted soldiers to take him prisoner by force to his own house, but he had escaped and gone to Bombay. I asked, ‘When did you see him?’ ‘As I returned from the factory on Wednesday evening,’ said the boy. ‘I met Shakanandan and asked him where he was going. He said, ‘Tell the Radre Sahib I must leave Indore to-morrow.’ That was the last seen of him. After a stay of some days at Bombay, Mr. Douglas returned to Indore to wait events. After a little delay a letter was received from Sakanandan, saying they had been taken prisoners by his father and brought before the Maharajah, who desired to force a recantation. But, says he, ‘We are of the same mind still.’ Mr. Douglas has gone to them at a station somewhere in the south, but as yet we have no tidings. This we may be sure of, no stone will be left unturned, fair or foul, to make them disavow their faith in the Gospel.

My own work is truly encouraging, but what effect this affair may have on it is still doubtful. It comes so near the Court and family of the Rajah, we cannot yet estimate the real value of the event, still we hope *much* and *pray*. I have just had a nice meeting of Maharata women in the city, eleven women, three men, eight boys, and eight girls at one sitting, where we told the “Old, old story,” and so good were they as to force upon my hands and those of my young assistants, some very pretty bracelets with garlands of white jessamine and rosebuds, in token of their regard. Since we have been shut up with small pox, the Rajah of Jhansi and two other native gentlemen have called very kindly as friends to enquire for us, and also to meet Narayan Sheshadri, but he had gone. The whole population seem friendly. Surely, as door after door has opened for the Gospel here, it has been to us a cause of humble thankfulness that we were so honoured. Much, however, depends on you at home, not on your money or exertion so much as on your prayers. The prayers of the faithful in Canada will raise to the ground the foundation of Hindoo temples. ‘For this thing I will be enquired of to do it for them.’”

MARION FAIRWEATHER.

Our New Hebrides Mission.

REPORT OF REV. H. A. ROBERTSON.
OF ERROMANGA.

MITTING for the present Mr. Robertson's Statistics, we proceed to make the following extract from his very interesting report.

"The most notable events of the year were, first, an admirably conducted cruise round Erromanga, by Captain Braithwaite and the other officers and crew of the "Dayspring," by which I was enabled to visit a great many districts and to take my teachers and their families to the communion at Dillon's Bay, without the least inconvenience. The vessel followed our boat quite close to each place of landing and stood in for us again when they saw us leave the shore. On shore, the teachers and chiefs had every thing ready, and a present of pigs, fowls and yams for the missionary, and a contribution of money, arrow root, clubs, bows and arrows, pigs, fowls, yams, and sandal wood, towards the cost of printing the *Acts of the Apostles* in Erromanga. I received during the year from the Christian natives of Erromanga for this object what will realize £23 *sig.* Very praiseworthy, I think.

The second important event was a long journey overland along the coast and inland to those districts we did not visit during the voyage in the *Dayspring*. I was accompanied by fifteen men, most of them between the ages of 15 and 25, including two high chiefs and a chief's son, and two women (one of whom went with the hope of inducing her father to receive a visit from the missionary. I sent her and her husband ahead when we neared the chief's harem, our party remaining about a quarter of a mile from the spot. Soon a man came running to say he would not see me. I sent word back to ask if I might come near and speak to him if we did not shake hands, this also he refused. I then sent to know if I might sit simply in sight of him? The same answer was brought back by my dear young friend, the husband of his excellent daughter. I then sent a present to him which, contrary to the firm opinion of all, he accepted and said he would like to see me, but was sure he would immediately die if he did, for he had never seen any missionary and was afraid now to risk his life. Unwilling to give in, I put off my shoes and following my guide I got within a few paces and got a fine view of the "White Elephant." After standing for about a half a minute, I

made a second start intending to grasp firmly his arms and hold him long enough to get him quietly to sit down alongside me without further fear of death, but the woman who stood before him moved, he saw me, and was off like a rocket. I examined his premises. His daughter and son-in-law called him and I left. Being assured by his daughter that I had gone, not to return until next year, he came out of the bush and sent me a present of a bow and arrows as an expression of good will. I hope yet to succeed, for he is not angry with the missionary, only frightened of him. He is also frightened of the Christian natives, but in a much less degree. Our journey otherwise was a very successful one.

The other events I would write of are the fearful hurricane and flood of the 4th of April, which destroyed our church at Dillon's Bay, and all the houses of our natives in that valley, and all their food, except a very few small yams. The hurricane destroyed the thatching on our dwelling house and the rain poured in for four hours, destroying furniture, beds, clothing, books, &c. All our native buildings except the cow and goat house were blown down and smashed, and the flat roof of our dining-room, pantry, and kitchen was blown off, and the doors and windows were blown in, and one half of the first broken down by the other buildings driving against it. Dishes, trunks and boxes, were smashed, and a portion of my stores were spoiled. We fled to the rocks, got into a cave, but the rain and cold soon drove us to a native house. By noon the storm was over, and waters of the flood greatly abated, but the state of our premises inside and out I cannot describe, suffice it to say that it gave us a whole six months hard work.

The last event I will mention is that a great change for the better seems to have come over the people of the Dillon's Bay side of the Island during the past year. The people are not nearly so opposed to the gospel as in former years. I forgot to mention that our excellent cottage at Coke's Bay was blown down and destroyed by the same hurricane which destroyed the buildings at Dillon's Bay. I beg to mention that all the visits we have had from H. M. Ships of War have been of a pleasing nature. The commanding officers have at all times sought to do what they considered best. The Mariners were civil and many of them Good Templars and what is better, good Christians. We have had a good many difficulties, and perhaps a few trials, but we have had also much to cheer and encourage us in our Master's work, and have hitherto been led by a way we knew not.

When exposed to danger of various kinds, the Lord has watched over us. We often experienced great ingratitude from many whom we have spent days and nights to relieve and benefit, and for whom we are spending the very vigour and prime of our lives, but though we cannot help feeling this, yet as we did not come for their gratitude but for their good, and for God's glory, we do not allow ourselves to be too much cast down. And yet we are not without frequent proofs of gratitude from some of the natives. With all their faults we shall not be sorry when the time comes round for us to go back to labour amongst them. The missionaries too have sought to encourage us by their kind letters and kind words, and their prayers. Rev. Mr. Paton at one time printed a Hymn Book for me, without charges. Rev. Mr. Watt printed a second edition of the same book and is now printing a third, also a free gift. Rev. Mr. Inglis supplied us with an excellent cook, and both he and Mr. Inglis aided us in a variety of ways, and it is pleasing to have co-workers from one's own Church like the missionaries and their wives of Erakor and Anelgaubath.

A HINDERANCE.

One of the most formidable difficulties I have to contend with is the Eromangan language, it certainly is a difficult language but we must resolve to master it, though never fully, no man has ever done that with any language in the Pacific Isles.

HELP WANTED.

But Dr. McGregor, how is it you in Canada and the Free Church in Scotland do not send us one or two more missionaries? It cannot be want of funds alone, for you send them to China, India and Trinidad, but none from Canada for the New Hebrides mission since Mr. Annand came out, and none from Scotland since Mr. Milne came out nine years ago.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan'y. 31st, '78.

MISSION GOODS TO THE NEW HEBRIDES AND TRINIDAD.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of Mission Goods which have been closed for shipment as follows:—

- 1st. For Rev. H. A. Robertson :
 1 large box from Bedeque, P. E. I., per Rev. R. S. Patterson. 1 package assorted goods from Truro ladies, per Rev. J. I. Baxter. 1 large package from members of United Ch., New Glasgow, per Mrs. Rod'k. Macgregor. 1 small package—Mrs. J. M. Gelder, Halifax.
- 2nd. For Rev. J. W. Mackenzie :
 2 yards light Flannel from ladies of Springside, per Hon. S. Creelman. 1 large package from members of United Ch., New Glasgow, per Mrs. Rod'k. Macgregor. 1 package assorted goods from Truro ladies, per Rev. J. I. Baxter. 1 package from Bass River Sewing

Circle. 1 package from Rookley ladies Missionary Sewing Circle, St. Matthew's Pugnash, per Rev. J. M. Sutherland. 1 package from ladies of Musquodoboit, per Mrs. R. Kaulback. Private parcel from Miss Bruce to Mrs. McKenzie.

3rd. Rev. Joseph Annand :

- 1 package from Truro ladies. 1 large package from members of United Ch., New Glasgow. 1 large package from Wallace, per Mrs. John Munro. 1 package from Windsor (assorted). 1 package from Eastville Sewing Circle. 1 box from Chalmers Ch., Halifax, per Mrs. C. B. Pitblado. 4 packages, 2 large and 2 small from St. John's Ch., Halifax. 1 pair socks for the missionaries from Mrs. Susan Creelman and Mrs. Sarah Creelman, Stewiacke.

Probable value of the whole.....\$380 00

In the short time given the offering is exceedingly gratifying, and with the accompanying letters sent will prove most cheering.

Bedeque congregation has surpassed all others in the regularity and frequency of their contributions in this way. The box from United Church, New Glasgow, is the most valuable sent since Mr. Geddie's time—well assorted and equally divided between the three missionaries.

P. G. MacGREGOR.

Friends in Halifax enabled Mrs. Morton to send to Trinidad for the benefit of the Savannah Grande District, quite a variety of articles of Clothing with School appliances of various kinds. -

Mrs. Morton also received a handsome contribution towards purchase of a Bell for the Savannah Grande Church from the young people of Wainland.

The Students of Theological Hall in response to a suggestion of Mr. John A. McDonald their fellow-student and formerly Superintendent of schools in San Fernando district and Teacher at Mission village contributed over \$20 which were expended for Sabbath School books and garments for the children at San Fernando School.

Formosa.

LETTER FROM REV. G. L. MACKAY.

Khoe chin, Formosa, 19th Feb., 1878.

YOU will, no doubt, be anxious about the Lord's work in Bang-kah. When I wrote last, the chapel building was levelled to the ground and the people were greatly excited. The cause was more a determination to keep foreigners out of the place than a direct attack on Christianity. The three head men who stirred up the people and defied the sub-prefect, did their utmost to keep the merchants out of the city a few years ago. As we have a right according to treaty to establish ourselves there, I am insisting on our rights. The English Consul here sent a despatch to the British Ambassador in Peking about the case. I have no tear as to the issue in the end, for the Lord of Hosts is with us and will triumph over all His foes. Despite this opposition, the work in North Formosa is spreading and prospering greatly. On the 10th inst. at Go-ko-khi, I admitted 3 by baptism, and last Sabbath, at An-po-a,

17 professed faith in the Lord Jesus and were baptized, thus making the number of communicants on the roll 182. At both places we commemorated the dying love of our Master and enjoyed sweet fellowship with Him. Have we not abundant reason to lift up our voices and shout Glory and Honour, Power and Dominion be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and to the Lamb for ever? This has been a most extraordinary wet season. I never witnessed the like either in the far west or in these ends of the earth, we have been many days without seeing the sun. From the beginning of Dec. last until now there have only been a few dry days. The roads are simply winding paths of mud. Last week, going to one of our chapels with the students, we walked barefooted through mud two feet deep. We are here now cold and wet every day, for there is no fire-place and the grass roof is leaking and the cold wind is blowing the cold rain over me as I am writing this letter to you. Still I teach every day and my students never complain. We must forget our little discomforts and think of the Lord of glory, bleeding on Calvary's cross for us poor hell-deserving sinners. Yes, we must be willing to die if need be in serving our Master. God help us to fight on in endeavouring to save perishing souls.

Sabbath evening there was a total eclipse of the moon, and thousands were out beating gongs, firing guns, &c., to save that luminary from the monster they supposed was about to destroy her. Pray for poor benighted China, that her sons may arise and cast off the superstitions which enslaved the millions for ages past.

You will be glad to know that an English Surgeon arrived and is to reside at Kelung and Coal Harbour, so that Dr. Ringer can now give all his time and energies to the Tamsui Hospital.

You will also be pleased to know that at no distant day there will be a native church, with a native pastor, supported by a native congregation here. Though I never wrote about this before, it has been my aim from the first day I landed until now. That's what I long to see, that's what I labour and pray for, and that's what our blessed Master will accomplish in His own time. Surely friends of the mission in Canada should be willing to help those who are willing to help themselves.

Juvenile Mission Scheme.

FROM Poona we have some little items of information about orphans. We learn that Dorothea, supported by St.

Andrew's S. School, Kingston, "has had an offer of marriage from a young man who bears a very good character, and will, I think, make her happy. She is not bright, but affectionate and hard-working, so that she will make this young man an excellent wife." We are told also that Venoo gets on well with her work at Indore, and takes great delight in it, and that Mr. Douglas has named her the "Mission mouse," because she is so very quiet. From Sealkote we hear that the children have received gifts, catechisms, &c., from Scotland, with which they have been much delighted, and one of them, Pharo, writes a very nice letter of acknowledgment. Louisa, one of the elder girls at Poona, has been removed by death, and, though young, seems to have been very useful, and to be much missed and lamented for her missionary efforts in the Zenanas, and her lovely Christian character.

The Chinese Famine.

WE speak of "hard times" and "dull times," and commercial disasters, and all the operations of our Church feel those things with greater or less severity. But all the while there is bread enough and to spare in all our borders. There is abundance of the necessaries of life for the poor as well as the rich. How awfully different with our fellow-men in northern China! For three long years no rain has fallen and no crops have grown, and this is the case all over vast provinces, containing a population of nearly seventy millions! The food of the people has been wholly devoured. Cattle have perished. Every effort has been made, of course, to obtain provisions of some sort, and dry grass, withered leaves, rotten wood, and even clay, have been used as food. Hideous reports come of children killed and eaten. Parents have sold their children, and husbands their wives for a little temporary relief. There is no prospect of immediate relief, and multitudes are perishing. We are glad to note that the Government of China is helping the sufferers, and that even private contributions are being raised among the Chinese in the provinces not affected by famine. England, that has done so nobly for sufferers, and our brethren in the United States, are contributing very liberally. Wherever missionaries are stationed the starving multitudes flock to them for relief, and thus many lives have been saved. Had Christian missions been planted all

over those starving provinces the famine would have been robbed of much of its terror. Christendom is at fault; how much of the blame rests upon us? The famine will have the effect of opening additional doors for the entering in of Gospel messengers. As we feel grateful for the bounties of Providence to ourselves, let us express our gratitude in tangible support to the evangelistic enterprises of our Church.

TO PRESBYTERIANS.

DR. CHALMERS has said that there are three small countries that have moulded the character of Christendom—Palestine, Greece, and Scotland. The thought is a weighty one and true, and makes us, as Edward Irving, the doctor's colleague used to say, "grateful for our ancestry." But are we worthy of that ancestry? What would Knox and Melville, and Henderson and other "Scots worthies" have done in in the present crisis? They would have cut down Ritualism with an unsparing stroke, and made it fall like Dagon before the Ark of God. They would have declared, as the noble Earl of Shaftesbury lately did, "Perish all Churches and systems so be that Christ be preserved!" They would have said, "No peace with Rome!—Christ's Crown and Covenant!"—"Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you, let him be accursed!" When John Knox was working at the galleys an image of the Virgin was presented to him for worship. With strong Presbyterian grasp he caught the doll and pitched it overboard. "Let your Ladye sweem there," he exclaimed, in broad Scotch; *she's light enuch!* Very unmannerly! Yes, but John never thought of good mauners when faith and duty were concerned and when the cause of Christ seemed to be imperilled.

Now, then, walk worthy of your forefathers. Gird on your old covenanting armour for the coming conflict, and let the country know—let all the world know—that a heritage like yours is not going to be surrendered without a struggle. Stand fast in the liberty with which Christ has made you free, and, grateful for the past, active in the present, and hopeful for the future, let your motto be that of our own Presbyterian William—"The Protestant Religion and the Liberties of England!" Amen. May God make us worthy of our Church's noble history, and help us to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.—*Rev. John Dodd in "Presbyterian Churchman."*

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We hoped to have been able to give at least a brief report of the INTERNATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION recently held at ATLANTA, but our information came too late for this number. We can only say that it was a great success and that Sabbath School work has received an impetus and Teachers an amount of encouragement that will tell upon Sabbath Schools all over the continent. There were over 500 Delegates in attendance. The following figures are worth remembering. There were reported to the Convention, Schools, 83,188; Teachers, 894,793; Scholars, 6,843,997. The Delegates from Canada were:—Principal MacVicar, of Montreal, Dr. George Bell, of Walkerton, Dr. Cochrane, Brantford; Rev. John McEwen, Ingersoll; Rev. John Potts, Toronto; Rev. W. Millard; Rev. A. H. Munro; and Messrs. Joseph MacKay, Montreal; W. Kennedy, Toronto, and A. McCallum, Hamilton. Dr. MacVicar was appointed a member of the Committee of ten to prepare the Scheme of Lessons for the next seven years. The Convention unanimously expressed approval of the institution of Normal Classes for the training of Teachers.—A subject which we deem of paramount importance and to which we shall take occasion to refer more particularly hereafter. One of our American exchanges says,—“The Canadians did nobly; and their invitation to hold the next International Convention at Toronto was gladly accepted.”

Literature.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY. *Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto* The May number does credit to the publishers, being extremely well brought out. Its contents are varied and interesting. Single numbers, 35c; yearly subscription, \$3 50.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN EVANGELICAL REVIEW. *Quarterly: James Bain & Son, Toronto*; \$2 per annum. The part for April has a very readable article on *The Roman Forum*, by Dr. McMillan. Professor McGregor discusses *The Church Membership of Children* in a way calculated to make some old-fashioned Presbyterians bethink themselves. *Tholuck*, by Rev. James Stalker, of Kilmacaly, is the subject of an excellent paper. Professor Croskerry, of Magee College, contributes a trenchant essay on *Romanism and National Prosperity*. The other theological articles are also good.

THE PRINCETON REVIEW for May, among other first rate articles, has one from Dr. Dawson, Montreal, on *Evolution and the Apparition of Animal Forms*. A thoughtful paper on *The Miracle of Creation*, by Dr. J. H. McIlvane, and a very useful and interesting one on *Disputed Scripture Localities*, by Dr. Philip Schaff. *England and her Colonies* is ably treated by J. A. Froude. The number contains 252 pages of vigorous reading matter. This review, published six times a year for \$2, bids fair to eclipse all its contemporaries for quantity, quality and cheapness.

THE COMPLETE PREACHER AND METROPOLITAN PULPIT are received. Among the May preachers are Morley Punshon and Dr. R. W. Dale. The Rev. J. G. Manly discusses *The Second Advent* from a new standpoint, taking the position that the Second Advent is already past. Then there is what we so much and so very often desiderate—a *Missionary Sermon*—by Rev. Dr. Ludlow. *The Religious Newspaper Agency, New York*, \$2 per annum, each.

CATHOLICITY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is the title of an excellent lecture by Rev. Professor Campbell, Montreal.

ANGLO-ISRAEL, by Mr. William Greig, Montreal, is the subject of a lecture in which arguments for the identification of the British people and the lost Ten Tribes of Israel are very forcibly put.

OUTSIDE THE GATE AND JENNIE FRIDDLE'S HOME, remind us of the large variety of valuable children's books published by the Presbyterian Board, Philadelphia.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Truro—Tuesday, 4th June, 11 a.m.
Wallace—Tuesday, 4th June,
P. E. Island—Wednesday, 7th August.
Quebec—Tuesday, 16th July, 10 a.m.
Montreal—Tuesday, 9th July, 11 a.m.
Glengarry—Tuesday, 9th July.
Kingston—Tuesday, 9th July, 10 a.m.
Peterborough—Tuesday, 2nd July, 11 a.m.
Whitby—Tuesday, 2nd July, 11 a.m.
Toronto—Tuesday, 2nd July, 11 a.m.
London—Tuesday, 9th July, 2 p.m.
Saugeen—Tuesday, 9th July, 2 p.m.
Bruce—Tuesday, 28th June, 2 p.m.
Huron—Tuesday, 9th July, 11 a.m.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

The fourth session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be opened in the City of Hamilton, and within the Central Church there, on Wednesday, 12th June next, at 7:30 p.m.

Pre-bytery Clerks will please forward rolls, so as to be in the hands of the Clerks of General Assembly at least eight days before the meeting.

Reports of ordinations, inductions, licences, deaths, demissions and depositions within the several Synods, should be sent by their respective Clerks, so as to be in the hands of Clerks of Assembly at least eight days before the meeting.

All papers for the Assembly should reach the hands of Clerks of Assembly at least eight days before the meeting.

The Conveners of Standing Committees should have their reports ready to hand to the Committee on Bills and Overtures at the second sederunt of the General Assembly.

Rolls and other documents should be addressed to Rev. Dr. Reid (Drawer 2567), Toronto.

WILLIAM REID, } Clerks of
J. H. MACKERRAS, } Gen. Assem.
W. FRASER, }

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements will be made with the leading lines of Railway, and with the Steamboat line, for return tickets at reduced rates. Certificates will be sent so as to reach members by the 25th May; should any not have received them by that date, they will please communicate with Dr. Reid, Toronto.

Presbytery Clerks are requested to send to Dr. Reid, as soon as possible, lists of ministers and elders entitled to receive certificates, with their POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES and the RAILWAY STATIONS from which they will begin their journey. Inattention to this will occasion great inconvenience and trouble.

A Page for the Young.

LITTLE THINGS.

ONE stop and then another,
And the longest walk is ended;
One stitch and then another,
And the largest rent is mended;
One brick upon another,
And the highest wall is made;
One flake upon another,
And the deepest snow is laid.
So the little coral-workers,
By their slow but constant motion,
Have built those pretty islands
In the distant dark-blue ocean;
And the noblest undertakings
Man's wisdom hath conceived,
Have been patiently achieved.

CAN'T RUB IT OUT.

'Don't write there,' said a father to his son, who was writing with a diamond on the window,

'Why not?'

'Because you can't rub it out.'

Did it ever occur to you, my child, that that you are daily writing that which you cannot rub out? You made a cruel speech to your mother the other day. It wrote itself upon her loving heart and gave her pain. It is there now and hurts her when she thinks of it.

You can't rub it out.

You wished a wicked thought one day in the ear of your playmate. It wrote itself on his mind, and led him to do a wicked act. It is there now; you can't rub it out.

All your thoughts, all your words, all your acts, are written on the book of memory. Be careful, the record is very lasting.

You can't rub it out.

HE SAVED THE CHILD.

Not long ago I visited Greenwood Cemetery, the well known burial ground of New York City and Brooklyn. It may well be called the city of the dead, for its deceased population is now one hundred and sixty thousand. It is, perhaps the most beautiful cemetery in the whole land. The grounds are attractive and well kept, and are nicely laid off into lots, drive-ways, and foot paths. It has several large fountains and lakes.

It has many costly monuments. But the one that most interested me, was that of a fireman. It was erected by the New York fire companies, in memory of a brave fireman who, many years ago, lost his life at a great fire in that city. A little child was in an upper apartment of a burning building. This heroic man rushed up into the flames and strove to save it. He secured the child, passed it through a window into the hands of others, and it was saved. But just then the fierce flames wrapped the brave man in, and the building fell, so that he lost his life.

The monument over his grave is beautiful in design. On top of the tall shaft stands the marble figure of a strong fireman. He has on full uniform. In one hand he holds a fire-trumpet, and in the other arm he proudly bears a sweet little child. He leans forward, and seems to be rushing from danger.

Though this occurred a long time since, people still love to think of that noble man, and to talk about him; and you see many persons stopping at this monument and fondly lingering around it. We always fall in love with the character that sacrifices himself to others. How much, then, we should love Jesus! How dearly he loved us! He gave his own body to die on the cross to save all children, yes, to save everybody. Do we not love to think of him? and to talk about him? And shall we not build a monument for him? Yes, but it need not be of marble. What he most delights in is a pure heart. But see how weak we are. We want pure hearts to please Jesus! and yet we must ask him to give us the clean heart. No one else can do it. He is willing to cleanse our hearts in his own blood, if we can only ask it. How precious a Saviour is ours.

"MIND THE BOW."

Away over in Scotland lived little Hannah, a child who had very early been taught the great truths of the Bible. One day this child and her mother stood in the door watching the rain that was pouring down, just as it does in our land sometimes, when it seems as if the windows of heaven are open. "Why, Hannie, I am almost afraid of a deluge," said the mother with a smile.

The eight-year-old child locked up, and earnestly replied, "Mind [i.e. remember] the bow, mother; mind the bow."

Well pleased was this mother with her little daughter's faith, and she assured her that she really had no fears of a deluge: Gen. ix. 8-17.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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ASSEMBLY FUND.

Received to 2nd May, '78.	\$2493.16
Markham, St. Andrew's,	6.00
Stouffville, &c.	4.00
Bethesda Church	2.00
Alnwick	3.70
Rodgersville	5.00
Carluka	2.90
New Annan	10.00
Halifax, St. John's Ch.	6.00
Brown's Creek and Valleyfield	3.00
Redbank	7.20
Oro Esson and Willis Ch.	6.94
Collingwood	12.27
Barrie	10.62
Tecumseth 1st, Clarks'ville and Adjala	4.00
Ashton	10.00
Brussels, Knox Ch.	2.40
Buxton	10.00
Dundas, Knox Ch.	4.70
Brussels, Melville Ch.	8.00
Wingham	15.00
McNab and Horton	2.00
Stirling	7.50
Vaughan, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's	3.00
Perrytown	2.60
Oakhills	1.40
Knoxville	4.00
Manotick and Gloucester	2.25
Nepean	2.00
Bell's Corners	4.00
Weston	20.00
Hamilton, Knox Ch.	8.00
McIntosh and Belmore	10.00
Chesterfield	3.30
Cambay	10.00
Fergus, St. Andrew's	5.00
Nisourti North	14.60
Clifford	5.00
Mount Forest	5.00
Watford	10.00
Caledonia, Argyle st., &c.	13.50
Stratford, Knox Ch.	3.00
Rothsay, Calvin Ch.	2.00
Glamis	3.72
Cartwright and Ballyduff	5.00
Caledonia, Sutherland st., Valleyfield	12.00
St. Catherine's, 1st	7.00
Moncton, St. John's Ch.	6.00
Tara	5.00
Harriston, Guthrie Ch.	12.00
Quebec, St. Andrew's	2.20
Warwick, Knox Ch.	2.00
Pakenham, Victoria st.	11.00
Ottawa, Knox Ch.	10.00
Oakville	25.00
Montreal, Knox Ch.	4.00
Tara	2.00
Under'w'd and C'tr Bruce	11.00
Woodstock, Chalmers' Ch	10.00
Fingal	10.00
Almonte, St. John's	10.00
St. Catherine's, Knox Ch.	13.00
Perry	6.00
Campbellford	6.60
Napier	2.00
Princeton	10.00
Oshawa	5.00
Mount Forest, St. Andrew's	4.00
Lachine, St. Andrew's	4.00
Proton	4.00

Queensville	1.10
Sarnia, St. Andrew's	15.00
Newcastle	2.00
Belleville, St. Andrew's	8.00
Richmond and Windsor Mills	5.00
Kinloss and Bervie	2.00
Thamesville	7.00
Burlington, Knox Ch.	5.00
Grimby	4.00
Muir's Settlement	1.60
Roslin and Thurlow	4.00
Paris, River st.	10.00
Rockey Saugeen Mission Station	1.50
Aylmer	1.00
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Lindsay, St. Andrew's	8.00
Windsor	2.00
Balsover	8.00
Harrowsmith	2.00
Kincardine, St. Andrew's	4.00
New Carlisle Hope Town and Port Daniel	3.00
New Kincardine	5.00
Little Harbor and Fishers Grant	4.00
Port Hastings	4.50
Millbank	5.00
Port Stanley	4.00
Bristol	3.00
Montreal, St. Gabriel st.	15.00
Eldon	6.00
South Kinloss and Lu'knw	4.75
McNab, om'ted in April	5.00
	\$3119.81

WIDOW'S FUND.

Rec'vd to 2nd April, '78.	\$1784.16
Bethesda Ch.	3.00
Alnwick	2.00
Carluka	5.00
Moore, Burn's Ch.	15.00
Essa Townline	5.60
Central Ch. and Lefroy	15.00
Teeswater, Zion Ch.	7.00
St. Louis de Gonzague	5.00
Port Hope, 1st	16.09
Ashton	5.80
Brussels, Knox Ch.	4.00
Mille Isles	5.00
Buxton	1.99
Dundas, Knox Ch.	10.00
Elma, Centre and West Moncton	10.00
Brussels, Melville Ch.	5.15
Wingham	10.00
Chatham, St. Andrew's	12.00
Floss and Medonte	10.00
North Brant	10.00
West Brant	4.25
Perrytown	2.00
Oakhills	1.00
Knoxville	2.60
Collingwood	5.00
Brooklin	8.00
Drumbo, Willis Ch.	6.00
Nepean	1.00
Bell's Corners	1.00
Hamilton, Knox Ch.	30.00
Kincardine, Chalmers' Ch	3.00
McIntosh and Belmore	7.00
Chesterfield	10.00
Norwich	8.00
Windham	6.00
Cambay	3.00
Brantford, Zion Ch.	21.00
Colborne	2.00
Mount Forest, Knox Ch.	10.00
Lachute, 1st Ch.	7.00
Waterdown	4.25
Stratford, Knox Ch.	13.00

Rothsay, Calvin Ch.	3.00
Glamis	5.00
Cartwright and Ballyduff	5.60
Caledonia, Sutherland st.	8.00
Ivy	2.00
North Augusta	4.00
Tara	12.00
Kirkfield and Victoriaville	3.00
Seaforth	10.00
Blyth	13.00
Pakenham, Victoria st.	6.00
Ottawa, Knox Ch.	30.00
Oakville	9.00
Woodville	15.50
Port Dover, Knox Ch.	5.00
Fitzroy Harbor and Tarbolton	10.00
Under'w'd and C'tr Bruce	3.00
Woodstock, Chalmers' Ch	10.00
Winnipeg, Knox Ch.	15.08
Fingal	30.00
Cookstown	1.86
Perry	14.30
Campbellford	20.22
Belmont	4.39
Bear Creek	9.50
Mitchell, Knox Ch.	10.00
Napier	10.00
Princeton	5.00
Sarnia, St. Andrew's	37.25
Angus	6.00
New Lowell	4.00
Bonnytown	2.00
Grimby	6.52
Muir's Settlement	3.58
Paris, River st.	10.90
Caledonia, Argyle st. and Allan Settlement	25.00
Aylmer	1.00
Kirkhill	6.00
Fergus, Melville Ch.	30.00
Millbank	6.00
	\$2511.20

With rates from Revds. H. J. McDiarmid, \$32; D. McKenzie, J. White, Jas. Black, T. Lowry, A. Young, P. Currie, S. J. Wilson, A. Henderson, J. J. Cochran, R. Scott, T. G. Thomson, P. Scott, D. L. McKechnie, J. McRobie, A. Grant, J. G. Murray, J. Carswell, J. M. King.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Rec'vd to 2nd April, '78.	\$1775.32
Cheltenham	5.00
Cayuga	7.00
Carluka	5.00
Central Ch. and Lefroy	15.00
Floss and Medonte	10.00
Manotick and Gloucester	4.00
Waterdown	5.25
Cambay	5.00
Rochesterville	2.00
Stratford, Knox Ch.	11.00
North Pelham and Port Robinson	3.00
Ivy	2.00
Ashfield	12.00
Kirkfield and Victoriaville	3.00
Mount Pleasant	5.25
Ottawa, Knox Ch.	13.81
Binbrook, Knox Ch.	7.00
Saltfleet, Cheyne Ch.	6.00
Almonte, St. John's	20.00
St. Catherine's, Knox Ch.	40.00
Meaford	3.00
Barrie	41.71

Proton.....	4.00
Queensville.....	2.00
Kinloss and Bervie.....	3.00
Toronto, Central Plyn Ch	5.70
Rocky Saugeen Mission	
Station.....	1.50
Lindsay, St. Andrew's....	5.50
Harrowsmith.....	3.00
Kingston, St. Andrew's..	9.00
Port Stanley.....	3.00
Oxford.....	4.00
Bristol.....	3.00
	\$2045.04

Rec'd to 2nd April, '78. \$	763.33
With rates from Revds.	
D. Fraser, \$6; D. H.	
Fletcher, \$10; J. White,	
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Smith, \$9; J. G. Murray,	
\$3; J. A. McConnell,	
\$3.75; W. McWilliam,	
\$3.50; J. M. King, \$10..	130.58
	\$ 893.91

MANITOBA COLLEGE, BUILDING FUND DEBT.

Rec'd to 2nd April, '78. \$	386.21
Stratford, Knox Ch.....	25.00
	\$ 391.21

MANITOBA COLLEGE, ORDINARY FUND.

Rec'd to 2nd April, '78. \$	314.49
Teeswater, Westm'ter Ch	5.00
Hamilton, Knox Ch.....	25.00
East'n Sect'n of Pyn Ch	
in Canada.....	500.00
	\$ 844.49

BURSARY FUND, KNOX COLLEGE

Rec'd to 2nd April, '78. \$	1020.00
Robt. Wilkes, Toronto..	100 00
	\$1120.00

KNOX COLLEGE, DEFICIENCY AND ORDINARY FUND.

Rec'd to 2nd April, '78. \$	3309.75
Barnia, Brucefield, Wing-	
ham, Blyth, Goderich,	
Seaforth, Ayr, London	
and Probationer, addl.,	
per Rev. M. King.....	78.00
Kingston, Belleville, Pet-	
erborough, Cobourg, Port	
Hope, 1st addl. per Rev.	
Dr. Robb.....	58.75
	\$3346.50

HOME MISSION.

Rec'd to 2nd April, '78. \$	19653.98
Brampton.....	60.00
Bethesda.....	26.00
Alnwick.....	17.00
Dunwich, Chalmers' Ch..	15.00
East Gloucester.....	20.00
Russell.....	16.00
South Gower.....	5.00
Carluke.....	16.00
Essa Townline.....	27.79
Central Ch and Lefroy...	55.00
Chesley.....	7.13
Vankleskill.....	10.00
Glenmorris.....	30.93
Fisherville.....	18.00
Cookstown.....	26.00
Caledon, East.....	2.50
Ashton addl.....	10.00
Mount Forest, St. Andw's	24.00
Westminster.....	30.00
Inverness.....	25.00
Bothwell.....	37.50
Richmondhill.....	38.31
Brussels, Knox Ch.....	24.00
Tiverton.....	36.00
Storrington.....	30.00
Pittsburgh.....	14.00
Pine River.....	2.00
Mille Isles.....	3.00
Buxton.....	6.50
Tilbury East.....	15.00
Stratford, St. Andrew's	
for Manitoba.....	5.00
Dundas, Knox Ch.....	27.21
Toronto, College st.....	30.00
Brucefield, Union Ch.....	40.00
Dungannon, addl.....	2.00
Wyebriidge.....	30.00
Elms, Centre and West	
Monoton.....	29.00
Brussels, Melville Ch.....	5.90
Wingham.....	27.00
Anonymous (Warton).....	6.00
Chatham, St. Andrew's..	50.00
Carlisle.....	20.00
Ailsa Craig.....	37.94
Acton, Knox Ch.....	17.00
Georgetown.....	16.70
McNab and Horton.....	75.00
Floss and Medonte.....	20.00
Peterborough, St. Andw's	
Scarborough, Ag'nert S.S	27.93
Melrose, Lonsdale and	
Shannonville.....	9.00
85.00	
Maidstone, St. Andrew's	6.00
Kenyon.....	8.00
Amherstburgh.....	17.55
Botany.....	10.00
Longwood, Guthrie Ch..	20.00
Carradoc, Cook's Ch.....	8.00
Strathroy.....	20.00
North Brant.....	20.00
Toronto, C'tl Plyn Ch S S	30.00
Vaughan, St. Andrew's	
and St. Paul's.....	13.00
18.00	
Stirling, St. Andrew's..	18.00
St. Catherines, 1st Plyn	
Ch S.....	15.00
West Brant, addl.....	14.60
Collingwood.....	30.00
Brooklin.....	18.00
Perrytown.....	13.00
Oakhills.....	5.00
Holstein.....	12.12
Amos.....	8.69
Fairbairn.....	6.69
Drumbo, Willis Ch.....	8.00
Kincardine, St. Andrew's	7.00
Waterdown.....	8.85
Noppen.....	4.00
Bell's Corners.....	5.00
Skead's Mills.....	1.60
Weston, addl.....	4.00

Hamilton, Knox Ch.....	20.00
McIntosh and Belmore..	34.25
Chesterfield.....	65.00
Norwich.....	15.00
Windham.....	15.00
Kincardine, Chalmers' Ch	8.00
Cambray.....	10.00
Quebec, Chalmers' Ch.....	100.00
Fergus, St. Andw's, addl.	15.65
Ottawa, Daly st.....	107.00
Nissouri, North.....	7.50
Colborne, addl.....	8.25
Brighton.....	7.75
Clifford.....	21.00
Rochesterville.....	9.09
do S Sch.....	5.00
Mount Forest, Knox Ch..	20.00
Lachute, 1st Ch.....	8.00
Stratford, Knox Ch.....	80.00
Rotnays, Calvin Ch.....	7.50
East Ashfield.....	10.00
Latona, addl.....	5.00
Glammis.....	11.00
Caledonia, Sutherland st.	24.00
Leamington.....	5.55
Plympton, Smith Ch.....	7.00
Wilton.....	10.00
Russeltown Flatts.....	20.00
Orangeville, Zion Ch.....	15.00
Ingersoll, Knox Ch S S..	15.00
North Pelham and Port	
Robinson.....	16.00
Nassazaweya.....	14.00
West Port and Newboro.	13.00
Ivy.....	8.00
Streetsville.....	93.00
Goderich, Knox Ch.....	58.84
Wellesby.....	9.00
Tara.....	12.00
Harrison, Guthrie Ch..	12.00
Goderich, Union Ch.....	7.00
Delaware, St. Andrew's..	3.60
do South.....	3.00
Warwick, Knox Ch.....	3.99
Seaforth.....	60.00
Blyth.....	41.00
Pakenham, Victoria st..	15.00
do Union Mis'y meeting	11.00
Ottawa, Knox Ch.....	100.00
do Union Mis'y meeting	13.50
Harrowsmith.....	15.00
Glensvale.....	5.00
Oakville.....	26.44
Woodville.....	64.95
Winnipeg, Knox Ch.....	160.00
Kildonan.....	12.11
do Thanksgiving Day..	11.05
Rockwood do do.....	15.00
Chatham, Adelaide st..	63.88
Port Dover, Knox Ch.....	15.00
Embro.....	43.07
Hull.....	5.00
Aylwin.....	10.00
Ritzroy Harbour.....	10.00
Hibbert.....	40.60
Underwood and Ctr Bruce	3.00
Woodstock, Chalmers' Ch	53.00
Binbrook, Knox Ch.....	19.00
Saltfleet, Cheyne Ch.....	17.00
Fingal, addl.....	15.00
Almonte, St John's.....	33.90
Montreal Erskine Ch S S.	30.00
St. Catherines, Knox Ch	100.00
do do do S S.....	40.00
Percy.....	24.97
Mitchell, Knox Ch.....	100.00
Stayner, S S.....	3.50
Meaford.....	5.00
Napier.....	4.00
Barrie.....	62.25
Princeton.....	12.00
Enniskillen.....	5.50
Norwich, addl.....	10.00
Normanby, Middle Stat'n	4.00
Proton.....	4.00

Oneida	4.00	Winslow	8.00	Melrose, Lonsdale and Shannonville	10.00
Queensville	22.89	Bowmanville, St. Andw's	6.20	Latona	25.00
Richmond	5.05	Richmondhill	10.00	Glamis	7.00
Sarnia, St. Andrew's	92.50	Brussels, Knox Ch.	8.00	Cartwright and Ballyduff	5.29
Brockton	5.11	Tiveiton	14.00	Williamstown, St. Adw's	25.00
Belleville, John st.	20.00	Storington	5.50	Caledonia, Sutherland st.	20.00
A gun	6.00	Pittsburgh	3.50	Leamington	5.00
New Lowell	4.00	Pine River	2.00	Wilton	10.00
Bonnystown	10.00	Mille Isles	3.00	Orangeville, Zion Ch	7.00
Belleville, St. Andrew's	50.00	Buxton	2.00	North Pelham and Port Robinson	10.00
Montreal, St. Paul's	400.00	Tilbury, East	14.00	West Port and Newboro	10.00
Scarborough, Knox Ch.	92.20	Stratford, St. Andrew's	5.00	Nassagaweya	10.00
Kiloss and Bervio	11.00	Juvenile, India	20.21	Ivy	7.00
Point Edward	6.00	Dundas, Knox Ch	7.15	Streetsville	26.52
Moorfield	2.00	do do Rosseau Indian Reserve	36.00	do S.S.	18.00
Dunbartan and Canton	50.00	Brucefield, Union Ch	8.00	Wellesley	7.00
Toronto Central Pbyn Ch	40.00	Wyebridge	22.00	Tara	12.00
Grimsby	40.00	Elna, Centre and West Moncton	9.85	A Well-wisher to Missions, India	5.00
Muir's Settlement	12.00	Brussels, Melville Ch	15.00	Harriston, Guthrie Ch.	10.00
West Ess., Burn's Ch.	4.25	Wincham	50.00	Elmira, Illinois	20.00
Arzyle Ch	13.00	Chatham, St. Andrew's	10.10	Drops of Rain, Toronto	7.45
West Lorne	239.50	Carlisle	18.90	Coulouge	5.00
Kineston, Chalmer's Ch.	40.00	Ailsa Craig	10.00	Warwick, Knox Ch	4.50
Paris, River st	23.87	Acton, Knox Ch, addl.	5.75	Seaforth	50.00
Florence and Dawn	28.50	Mount Pleasant	3.70	Blyth	25.50
English Settlement	4.00	Burf-rd	23.00	do S.S. Formosa	33.00
Rocky Saugene Mis. St'n	5.00	McNab and Horton	3.00	Pakenham, Victoria st.	15.00
Winterburne, Chlmr's Ch	25.00	do do Mis'y box of 2 children	12.00	do do S.S. Formosa	24.25
Aylmer	8.00	Floss and Medonte	27.82	Ottawa, Knox Ch.	75.00
Kirkhill	30.00	Peterborough, St. Andw's	8.00	Harrowsmilh	5.00
Lindsay, St. Andrew's	13.00	Scarborough, Acinc'rt S.S.	2.40	Oakville	19.00
Windsor	325.00	Maidstone, St. Andrew's	5.00	Woodville	75.95
Victoria	7.77	Amherstburgh	5.45	Innerkip S.S., Juvenile, India	6.00
Kingston, St. Andw's Ch	22.81	Robny	6.00	Prescott	20.95
Owen Sound, Division st, addl	7.25	Strathroy	6.00	Winnipeg, Knox Ch	60.00
Woodville, debt	16.92	do Formosa	10.00	Port Dover, Knox Ch	10.00
Danville	5.00	North Brant	17.00	Collingwood S.S.	10.00
Millbank	20.00	Toronto, Central Pbyn S.S.	30.00	Tara, addl.	4.00
Dover and Oliver	10.05	Vaughan, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's	19.00	Aylwin	3.50
Port Stanley	12.09	West Brant	6.00	Hanover	2.20
Oxford	40.00	Collingwood	11.00	Underwood and Ctr Bruce	3.00
Bristol	50.00	Brooklin	4.00	Woodstock, Chalmer's Ch	40.00
Montreal St. Gabriel st	12.00	Perrytown	4.00	Rinbrook, Knox Ch	13.63
A. Clark, Smith's Falls	12.00	Oakhills	11.43	Saltfleet, Cheyne Ch.	12.00
Kincardine, Knox Ch	\$2561.95	Carleton Place, Zion Ch.		Montreal, Erskine Ch, S.S. Formosa	50.00

FOREIGN MISSION.

Rec'd to 2nd April, '78.	\$15935.09	Hamilton Womens' Board of Foreign Missions for Miss McGregor's salary	150.00	do do do for Miss Fairweather, Juvenile Mis.	50.00
Markham, St. Andrew's, Stouffville, &c	25.00	Fergus, Member of Melville Ch. Formosa	5.00	Montreal, Erskine Ch S.S. for Roy at Saskatoon	30.00
Brampton	30.00	Hespeler	5.40	St. Catharines, Knox Ch.	50.00
Bothesda Church	18.00	Drumbo, Willis Ch	8.00	do do do S.S. India	30.00
Alnwick	11.00	Manotick and Gloucester	10.00	do do do Formosa	30.00
Cheltenham	12.30	Waterdown	3.75	Percy	19.15
Danwich, Chalmer's Ch.	10.00	Napan	4.00	Mitchell, Knox Ch, Formosa	2.00
Wroxter	43.10	Bell's Corners	4.00	do do do	30.00
Fordwich	4.57	Weston, addl	4.00	Belmont	17.50
East Gloucester	20.00	Hamilton, Knox Ch	120.00	Meaford	3.00
Russell	14.00	Kincardine, Chalmer's Ch	8.00	Napier	10.00
Carlisle	10.00	McIntosh and Belmore	36.00	Barrie	23.25
Quebec, St. Andrew's	100.00	Chesterfield	40.00	Pritceston	12.00
Montreal, Knox Ch S.S.	10.00	Skead's Mills	1.00	Enniskillen	5.50
Essa Townline	5.00	Norwich	3.00	Bothwell	17.00
New Carlisle	10.00	Windham	7.00	Harwich	10.00
Central Ch and Lefroy	35.00	Chippawa	5.50	Normanby, Middle Stat'n	3.00
Teewater, Zion Ch.	19.00	Cambray	6.00	Proton	6.00
Chesley	6.00	St. Vincent, Knox Ch	14.00	Port Hope, Mill st	10.00
Wakefield	12.23	Severham, St. Paul's	6.51	Oneida	40.00
Vankleekhill	13.00	Nissouri, North	7.50	do S.S.	6.00
Glenmorris	30.93	Colborne	5.60	Sarnia, St. Andrew's	24.25
Woodland	16.00	Clifford	9.00	Belleville, John st	60.00
Fisherville	9.00	Rechersterville S.S.	2.20	Angus	5.00
Cookstown	13.00	Mount Forest, Knox Ch.	15.00	New Lowell	3.00
Toronto, Woman's Forgn Missionary Association	1270.00	Lachute, first	6.00	Bonnystown	4.00
Kingson do do do do	100.00	Thames Road and Kirton	33.00	Belleville, St. Andrew's	30.00
do Juvenile Mis. Com.	30.00	Stratford, Knox Ch	92.00	Montreal, St. Paul's	200.00
Ashton, addl	5.00	Rothsay, Calvin Ch	7.00	Killoss and Bervio	5.00
Westminster	19.00	Prince Arthur's Landing	12.00	Moarfield	2.00
Inverness	8.00	Fort William	3.00	Toronto, Ctl Pbyn Ch	20.00
		Prince Art's L'ing S.S.	6.00	Grimsby	20.00

Muir's Settlement.....	7.50
West Esau, Burn's Ch.....	4.25
Argyle Ch.....	18.00
West Lorne.....	6.00
Paris, River st.....	15.00
Florence and Dawn.....	10.00
Rocky Saugeen, Mis St'n.....	4.00
Winterbourne, Chalm's Ch.....	10.00
Montreal, St Paul's S.S.....	106.00
Aylmer.....	3.00
Kirkhill.....	10.00
Lindsay, St Andrew's.....	8.00
Windsor.....	30.00
Fergus, Melville Ch.....	40.00
Kirkton.....	12.00
King-ton, St Andrew's.....	160.00
Owen Sound, Division st.....	35.00
Danville.....	4.00
Millbank.....	15.78
Port Stanley.....	8.00
Oxford.....	8.55
Bristol.....	4.00
Montreal, St Gabriel st.....	25.00
A Clark, Smith's Falls.....	50.00
Kincardine, Knox Ch.....	30.71

\$20610.00

COLLEGES.

Rec'd to 2nd April, '78.....	\$6749.36
Markham, St Andrew's.....	
Stouffville, &c.....	18.69
Bethesda.....	16.25
Alnwick.....	9.00
Carluke.....	10.00
Essa Townline.....	1.00
Central Ch and Lefroy.....	15.00
Fishville.....	7.00
Cookstown.....	3.60
Ashton.....	10.00
Bowmanville, St Andrew's.....	6.20
Richmondhill.....	10.00
Brus-els, Knox Ch.....	12.00
Tiverton.....	16.00
Sturtington.....	20.00
Pittsburgh.....	9.00
Buxton.....	3.60
Dundas, Knox Ch.....	38.00
Elma, Centre and West.....	
Moncton.....	14.00
Brussels, Melville Ch.....	5.90
Winkham.....	22.00
Chettenham.....	7.00
Chatham, St Andrew's.....	50.00
Georgetown.....	11.00
Fish and Medonto.....	13.00
Enniskillen.....	8.00
Longwood, Guthrie Ch.....	10.00
Carradoc, Cook's Ch.....	4.00
North Brant.....	14.00
Vaughan, St Andrew's.....	
and St. Paul's.....	15.00
West Brant.....	8.70
Collingwood.....	10.00
Perrytown, Oakhills and.....	
Knoxville.....	2.00
Drumbo, Willis Ch.....	8.00
Waterdown.....	5.84
Weston, addl.....	4.15
Hamilton, Knox Ch.....	80.00
Kincardine, Chalm's Ch.....	8.00
Nicholson and Belmore.....	13.00
Chesterfield.....	15.00
Norwich.....	4.00
Windham.....	5.00
Cambay.....	3.00
Brantford, Zion Ch, addl.....	21.50
Carlisle.....	6.00
All Craig.....	5.83
Missouri, North.....	7.00
Colborne.....	1.50
Clifford.....	19.00
Stirling, St Andrew's.....	5.00

Rochesterville.....	5.00
Mount Forest, Knox Ch.....	27.00
Stratford, Knox Ch.....	50.00
Rothesay, Calvin Ch.....	7.00
Latona.....	20.00
Gilmis.....	10.00
Clairwright and Ballyduff.....	4.00
Caledonia, Futherland st.....	16.00
Orangeville, Zion Ch.....	10.00
Nessaguweya.....	14.00
Ivy.....	8.00
Streetsville.....	40.70
Welliesley.....	7.00
Tara.....	12.00
Harriston, Guthrie Ch.....	8.63
Fourth Kinloss and Luck'w.....	34.40
Seafurth.....	30.00
Wyth.....	17.00
Ottawa, Knox Ch.....	75.00
Harcowsmith.....	10.00
Oakville.....	19.00
Woodville.....	61.15
Maidstone.....	3.50
Chatham, Adelaide st.....	12.76
Port Dover, Knox Ch.....	15.00
Embro.....	37.27
Underwood and Ctr Bruce.....	3.00
Woodstock, Chalm's Ch.....	2.00
Binbrook, Knox Ch.....	10.00
Saltfleet, Cheyne Ch.....	8.34
St Catherine's, Knox Ch.....	60.00
Percy.....	17.60
Belmont.....	5.52
Meaford.....	10.00
Barrie.....	19.46
Princeton.....	12.00
Normanby, Middle Stat'n.....	3.10
Proton.....	6.00
Port Hope, Mill st.....	3.46
Oneida.....	46.00
Sarnia, St Andrew's.....	60.27
Belleville.....	75.00
Angus.....	6.00
New Lowell.....	4.00
Bonnytown.....	2.00
Scarville, St Andrew's.....	24.00
Pearborough, Knox Ch.....	95.25
do Metville Ch.....	7.00
Kinloss and Bervie.....	13.65
Woodfield.....	2.00
Toronto, Ct'l Pbyn Ch.....	25.00
Grimsby.....	20.00
Muir's Settlement.....	7.50
Hollin and Thurlow.....	6.00
Paris, River st.....	25.00
Kingston, Chalm's Ch.....	160.00
Rocky Saugeen, Mis St'n.....	1.50
Lindsay, St Andrew's.....	8.00
Windsor.....	20.00
Fergus, Melville Ch.....	50.00
Kingston, St Andrew's.....	20.00
Millbank.....	5.25
Port Stanley.....	5.00
Oxford.....	5.00

\$8978.91

KNOX COLLEGE, BUILDING FUND.

Rec'd to 2nd April, '78.....	\$7245.61
Bethesda, per Rev W.....	
MacWilliam.....	66.75
Alnwick, per Rev W.....	
MacWilliam.....	24.00
Priceville, per John.....	
Campbell.....	5.20
Rlyth, per Andy McNa.....	3.00
Belmont and Yarmouth.....	18.00
per Rev N McKinnon.....	
Rev J W Mitchell, M A.....	140.00
Mitchell.....	18.00
Hollin, per W Patterson.....	18.00
Proton, per D Bell.....	16.00

West Brant, per John.....	
Eckford.....	6.00
Glenallan, per Rev J.....	
Bryant.....	15.00
Matthew Martin, Tilbury.....	
East.....	5.00
North Brant, per Joseph.....	
Lamont.....	11.00
North Easthope, per.....	
Duncan Stewart.....	25.00
James Campbell, Toronto.....	50.00
Rev Stephen Young, Hanc.....	
chester.....	10.00
Phv Jas Black Caledonia.....	20.00
Thames Road and Kirton.....	
per Rev H Gracey.....	38.67
Cubfors, per Rev P Currie.....	10.00
Wroxeter and Fordwich.....	
per J Cowan.....	18.00
North Pelham and Port.....	
Hobinson, per Rev W.....	
Hancock.....	11.50
Garafraxa, St John's, per.....	
Wm Clark.....	5.00
Andrew Semple, Garafraxa.....	4.00
Queensville, per P Cr.....	6.00
Rev J Baikie, Harriston.....	10.00
Essa Townline, per Jbos.....	
Scott.....	9.00
Stayner, per Rev R.....	
Modie.....	38.00
Rev Jno McCung, Mild.....	
way.....	7.00
D Arnot, Prodfine.....	5.00
William Hossie, Sarnia.....	2.00
Rockwood, per W Tor.....	
rance.....	44.00
Lindsay, per J McVellie.....	4.33
Frances Milne, Alnwick.....	1.00
Cayuga, per A D McLeod.....	35.00
Lucknow, per W Grassic.....	11.50

\$79.856

CORRECTIONS.

Moneys credited in last Record to Campbellford, viz: Colleges, \$200; Home Mission, \$16.14; Widows' Fund, \$10; French Evangelization, \$11.00 should have been credited to Royston and Matmor.

The amount credited to Utica for Manitoba College Ordinary Fund, \$5.00 should have been \$6.50.

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. McGRUBER, AGENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES, 70 MAY, 1878.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Acknowledged already.....	\$5303.08
Poplar Grove Ch, Halifax.....	55.00
Pr Meeting, West Truro.....	25.00
Bedeque.....	70.00
Princeton.....	142.00
Chalm's Ch, Hfx, addl.....	2.00
St Andrew's Ch, Halifax.....	60.00
Ladies Sewing Circle.....	
Halfway Brook, Middle.....	
Stewiacko.....	8.00
Mew Kincairdine.....	5.00
St Andrew's Ch, New Rich.....	
mond, Q.....	18.00
New London, P E I in.....	
Clifton.....	22.00
La Have.....	20.00
Boularderie.....	10.00
Bequest late Wm Fraser.....	
Cavendish, P E I.....	15.85

St Stephen's Ch, St John	33.58
St John's Ch, St John	15.25
Brookfield Sec of Rev E Smith	11.00
James Henry, Salisbury	1.50
Little Harbour & F Grant	12.66
Dalhousie & Maple Green	10.00
Blackriver, N B	4.50
Port Hastings	8.50
River Charlo, N B	14.00
Grand River, C B	12.39
Grove Ch, Richmond, Hfx quarterly	5.00
Cape North	4.00
Maitland, Youth's Miss'y Association	19.57
Mahone Bay	5.78
Bathurst, in part	8.00
Moncton	35.50
Mrs Brown, Moncton, for New Hebrides	1.00
Murray Harbour, P E I	25.28
A friend, Pictou, per Rev A McBean	1.00
St Andw's Free St John's, Nfd	70 64
Hopewell, Rev A McLean	50.88
A friend, Charlottetown, by J Scott, India	10.00
Bridgewater	20.00
St James Ch, Charlottetown	75.00
Lunenburg	25.00
Strathalbyn, P E I	15.44
Cove Head, P E I	23 10
North New London, P E I	20.00
Clifton, do do	2 40
Shemogue Sec of Sh and Port Elgin	4.22
A Lady in Port Elgin	0.50
Clifton, Colchester	15.40
Glonelg	13.30
E River, St Mary's	16.70
St Matthew's, Halifax	244.00
Eldon, Belfast, P E I	37.00
St Stephen's, N B	7.44
	\$5634.70

DAYERING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

Acknowledged already	\$2760.65
Jacob Frieze, of Truro	25.00
Children of W River Cong	20.00
Y M M S United Ch, N Y for support Sadaphel	182.50
Central Ch, West River	12.82
Mrs Johnson, Chipman, N B	6.00
Shelburne, N S	30.00
James Henry, Salisbury	0.50
Blackriver, N B	5.10
Port Hastings SS	5.00
St Croix & Ellershouse	12.65
St John's S S, Halifax	10.00
Bass River, S S Riversido	24.51
Merigomish	24.37
St Andrew's S S, Sydney	25.06
Erskine Ch, Juv Mis Soc Montreal	59.00
Lunenburg	8.00
Poplar Grove S S, Halifax	24.00
	\$3226.19

HOME MISSIONS.

Acknowledged already	\$4152.45
West Truro, Fr Meeting	25.00
St Andw Ch, Kingston, NB	23.00
Bodequo	20.00
Princeton	33.40
New Kincardine	10.00
St Andw's Ch, New Richmond, Q	10.00

Chipman, Queen Co, N B	16.00
New London, P E I, in Clifton	20.00
La Have	20.00
Bay of Islands, Nfd	4.00
Gays River and Milford	15.00
Bequest late Wm Fraser, Cavendish, P E I	15.84
St John's Ch, St John	20.00
Brookfield Sec of Rev E Smith	11.60
Amherst	5.81
Little Harbour & F Grant	8.00
Mrs Reid, for Bedford	16.00
Dalhousie & Maple Green	9.60
Port Hastings	7.50
Greenock Ch, St Andrew's	6.00
Grand River, C B	10.00
Grove Ch, Richmond, Halifax, quarterly	5.00
Cape North	5.00
Bathurst, in part	10.00
A friend, Pictou, per Rev A McBean	1.00
Murray Harbour, P E I	18.57
Hopewell, Rev A McLean	19.09
Bridgewater	25.10
St James Ch, Charlottetown, addl	50.00
Lunenburg	25.00
Cove Head, P E I	11.00
North New London, P E I	16.20
Halifax, St Matthew's Ch	91.60
	\$4728.96

SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

Acknowledged already	\$4785.82
Halifax, St Matthew's Ch	100.00
Bedequo	10.00
Mabou	20.31
Port Hood	56.69
Chipman, N B	13.00
Quoddy Sheet Harbour	6 85
Amherst	5.81
L Lomond and Framboise	2.40
Grand River, C B	16.60
Grove Ch, Richmond, Hfx Quarterly	5.00
Cape North	12.00
Maitland	47.60
Murray Har, P E I	12.00
Newport	7.70
Lunenburg	8.00
Cove Head, P E I	9.00
	\$5060.58

Omission in September Record.
1st Cong, Truro, addl.... \$2.82

COLLEGE FUND.

Acknowledged already	\$4882.35
Halifax, St Matthew's Ch	172.40
Bedequo	30.00
Princeton	27.60
Interest, mortgage	81.76
New Kincardine	5.00
Gays River and Milford	20.10
River Charlo, N B	5.00
Rev J McMillan, Truro	4.00
Shubenacadie and Steviacko	13.00
For Library at College closing	20.00
Murray Harbor, P E I	31.40
Newport	4.70
St James Ch, Charlottet'n	25.00
Little Narrows, C B	1.59
Int. on debt due by Dalhousie College	99.28
	\$5422.69

Errata in August Record.

For Friend, addl, Grand River, \$3.27, read Lawrence town, \$3.27, and Friend, &c, \$4.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Acknowledged already	\$ 990.73
Fort Massey, Missy, Aso'n	30.00
New Kincardine	2.50
Central Ch, W River	9.00
Port Hastings	4.75
River Charlo, N B	3.43
Grand River, C B	10.00
Bridgewater	5.00
St James Ch, Charlottet'n	20.00
Little Narrows, C B	2.04
Bequest, Mrs G McKenzie, Halifax	50.00
Friend, per Rev A Ross, Pictou	1.00

Minister's Percentage.

Rev D MacGregor	2.50
Rev P Melville	4.00
Rev D F Creeiman	4.00
	\$1138.95

THEOLOGICAL HALL BUILDING AND ENDOWMENT FUND, FARBURG FOREST & CO., TREASURERS, 173 HOLLIS ST., HALIFAX, TO APRIL 30th, 1878.

Previously acknowledged \$2452.79

John A Fraser, Boularderie	20.00
John P Haliburton, Boularderie	4.00
A Munro and others, Boularderie	9.60
Mrs Drummond	1.00
Congregation West Bay, C B	24.00
Rev M G Henry, Shubenacadie	15.00
S D Hogg, Clyde River	5.00
Geo Sinclair, Lachaber, Antigonish	20.00
Poplar Grove Ch, Halifax	46.67
Wm McIntosh, New Glasgow	25.00
United Congregations, Sutherland River	70.00
John Morrison, South Gut and Vale Colliery	11.00
Sharon Ch, Albion Mines	161.50
Whyccomah, C B	49.35
W F Knight, Halifax	33.00
Hon W McGill, Charl't'n	50.00
J D Cameron, Mabou, \$10 less 60c	9.40
	\$24506.71

MINISTERS, WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

LOWER PROVINCES.

Howard Primrose, Treasurer, Pictou, N. S.

Rev James Fowler	1.13
Rev Robt Edgewick, D D Falmouth Street Church, Sydney	1.13
	2.50
New Kincardine, N B	2.50

Baddeck, C.B., both sections.....	8.00
Thank offering for a Minister from a member of Congregation Bay of Islands	2.00
Amherst, N.S.	7.92
St Croix & Ellershouse ..	2.00
A friend, per Rev Alex Ross, Pictou	1.00
River Charlo, N.B.	3.44
Bridgewater, N.S.	5.00
Bank Dividends and Interest on Investments ..	192.75
	\$229.37

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS FUND.

Late Presbyterian Church in Lower Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Geo. Mitchell, Treas., Halifax.

Rev W Stewart, McLeannan's Mountn	12.00
Rev A W Herdman, Pictou	12.00
Rev Alex McLean, Hopewell	12.00
Rev Dr Brooke, Fredericton	12.00
McLeannan's Mountn Congregation	5.00
St James Ch, Newcastle, N.B.	9.50
St Andrew's Ch, Pictou ..	15.50
St James Ch, Charlottetown, P.E.I.	30.00

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS FUND

Late in connection with the Church of Scotland.

James Croil, Montreal, Treas.

Russelltown, Que.	12.00
Owen Sound	10.50
Beechridge (Ch of Scotland Mills	9.00
Oxford Mills	6.50
London, Ont, St And's Ch ..	25.00
Eldon, per Rev A Mackay ..	4.00
Pickering, St John's Ch ..	4.00
Beckwith	16.00
N Williamsburgh, Ch of Scotland	12.00
Chatham, Que, St, Grenville, \$2.50, Pt Fortune, \$1.50	12.00
Galt, St Andrew's Ch	15.00
St Andrew's, Montreal, (Ch of Scotland)	20.00
London, St James Ch	12.00
Clifton, Ont.	12.00

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Received by Rev. R. H. Warden, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of French Evangelization, 210 St. James Street, Montreal, to 5th May, 1878.

ORDINARY FUND.

Received to 10th April. \$19536.70

St Andrews, New Richmond	20.00
Aginocourt, Union SS	6.00
West Brant	15.00

Nepean	3.00
Bell's Corners	3.00
Collingwood	4.00
Vaughan, St Andrews and St Paul's	30.00
MacIntosh and Belmore ..	13.00
Kildonan	16.05
No 50, Kingston	3.00
Whitby	13.00
Oakville	9.00
Quebec, Chalmer's Ch	50.00
Mt Thom, Pictou	1.33
St Andrew's, Seymour	25.00
Dalhousie Mills	6.00
Zion Ch, Brantford	20.00
Columbus S.S.	20.00
St Andrew's, King	12.00
Trowbridge	3.10
Brighton	15.00
Colborne	2.25
Clifford	10.00
P A Landing, S.S.	3.60
St Stephens, Black River ..	3.40
H Munro, Montreal	10.00
Bethany	3.60
W Mowbray, Botany	15.00
W McKerracher do	4.60
Botany S.S.	4.65
Thamesville S.S.	3.21
Kilbride	5.50
Ottawa, Knox Ch	50.00
Leamington, Knox Ch	6.00
Floss and Medonte	12.00
Glamis	9.00
Centre Scotch Lite S.S.	4.06
Jas Fraser, Perth	2.40
Tara	5.00
Toronto, little boys' pocket money	1.00
Pakenham, Victoria st	12.40
do do Girls' S.S.	8.00
Camlachie, Knox Ch	9.60
Rochesterville	1.10
do Bible Class	5.50
Hull	3.25
Aylwin	3.50
St Andrew's, Blyth	14.00
P Young, Milby	1.50
Grand Bend and Drysdale ..	67.20
A Friend, Morpeth	10.10
Proton	6.10
Princeton, P.E.I., Ble Cl ..	7.30
Guthrie Ch, Oro.	4.00
Lunenburg	14.25
Percy	10.54
Campbellford	21.84
St Catherine's, Knox Ch ..	40.00
do do S.S.	30.00
Montreal, Erskine Ch	200.00
do do S.S.	40.00
Enniskillen Mission	8.00
Metcalf	7.00
do S.S.	4.00
Normanby, Middle Sta'tn ..	3.00
Collingwood, S.S.	10.00
Clinton, Willis Ch	17.60
Galt, St Andrew's Ch	1.30
Murray Harbor, P.E.I.	29.15
Mrs J Parker, Dunbarton ..	20.00
Per Rev T Stevenson	128.92
Montreal, St Paul's	100.00
Danville	4.00
Rocky Saugeen	3.00
Richmond, Que.	9.05
Lansdown	5.10
Kirkhill	10.00
Argyle Ch	15.00
W Lorne	6.00
Markdale	4.00
Pt Edward	2.00
Bristol, Que	4.00
Grenville, French Ch	14.45
Elmvale, S.S.	3.25
Bristol, S.S.	2.20

Friend to Missions, Princetown, P.E.I.	15.00
Lancaster, Knox Ch	24.12
Montreal, St Matthew's ..	7.00
Cote St Antoine S.S.	15.00
Montreal, Chalmer's S.S. ..	20.00
Pickering, St John's	3.60
Erin	5.00
do S.S.	2.50
Lequere, Calvin Ch	3.00
Eldon	11.00
Alex Campbell, Annapolis, N.S.	10.00
Grand Falls, N.B.	31.75
A Friend, Montreal, Ex-P ..	10.00
W A T.	5.00
Dun McGregor, Hfx do	2.00
Digby, Ont.	2.55
Princeton, P.E.I.	7.30
Keene	9.64
Aeneas McMaster, Scotstown	5.00
Jas Norval, Mont'l	3.00
Friend' Charlottetown, P.E.I.	5.00
Friend, Princeton do	5.00
<i>Per Rev Dr McGregor, Halifax:—</i>	
Chalmer's Ch, Halifax	24.17
New London and Clinton, P.E.I.	10.00
Jas Henry, Salisbury, N.B ..	1.50
Port Hastings	8.00
E River, St Mary's S.S.	2.29
St Andrew's, Greenock Ch, S.S.	10.00
Grand River, C.B.	12.39
Grove Ch, Richmond, Hfx ..	3.10
Shubencadie and L Steviacke	35.00
Rev A McLean's Ch, Hopewell	7.43
Newport	10.00
<i>Per Rev. Dr. Reid, Toronto:—</i>	
Markham, St Andrews's, Stouffville, &c.	20.00
Brampton	20.00
Bethesda Ch	7.00
Alnwick	3.00
Cheltenham	10.25
Carluke	6.00
Central Ch and Lefroy	30.00
Glenmorris	30.93
Fisherville	4.35
Richmondhill	10.00
Brussels, Knox Ch	13.00
Dundas, Knox Ch	16.21
Brucefield, Union Ch	43.00
Elma Centre and West Moncton	15.00
Brussels, Melville Ch	5.35
Wingham	7.00
Chatham, St Andrew's	27.70
Acton, Knox Ch	27.64
North Brant	10.00
Toronto, Ctl Phyn S.S.	17.00
Sydenham, Knox Ch	4.00
Drumbo, Willis Ch	6.00
Waterdown	9.75
Hamilton, Knox Ch	50.00
Kincardine, Chalmer's Ch ..	8.00
Chesterfield	10.00
Nerwich	8.60
Windham	7.00
Cambray	6.00
Nissouri, North	7.50
Mount Forest, Knox Ch	11.39
Thames Road, Kirkton	38.00
Stratford, Knox Ch	50.00
Rothsay, Calvin Ch	7.00
Teeswater, Zion Ch	2.50
Caledonia, Sutherland St ..	6.00

Orangeville, Zion Ch.....	1 00
Ivy.....	5.10
Harrison, Guthrie Ch....	5.00
Wurwiok, Knox Ch.....	3.45
Glenvale.....	7.00
Woodville.....	53.50
Winnepek, Knox Ch.....	25.10
Underwood and Centre	
Buice.....	2.70
Woodstock, Chalmer's Ch	20.03
Binbrook, Knox Ch.....	8.22
Salford, Cheyne Ch.....	8.39
Hillsburgh.....	8.00
Stayer Sab So.....	5.00
Bolmont.....	10.42
Belmont.....	5.09
Napier.....	10.00
Barrie.....	22.70
Princeton.....	7 00
Belloville, John Street..	30.00
Angus.....	4 00
Monkstown.....	2 00
Kinloss & Bervie.....	4 10
Moorfield.....	2 00
Toronto Central Pres Ch..	14.09
Paris, River Street.....	50.60
Molesworth.....	8.03
Toronto, Knox Ch S S....	20.00
Duchess St S S.....	20.00
Lindsay, St And.....	8 00
Fergus Melville Ch.....	40.10
Kirkton.....	12.50
Millbank.....	8 12
Port Stanley.....	5 00
Oxford.....	12.20
Kincardine, Knox.....	11.48
Wallacetown.....	10.60
Union th, Esquering.....	29.50
Beckwith.....	5.00
West King.....	14.14
Guelph, Knox.....	30.10
	\$234.0.63

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Hull.....	4 00
St Paul's, Montreal.....	250 00
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Chalmer's Ch, Quebec...	10 00
	\$3378.74

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Received to 14th April..	\$1164.59
Martintown and William-	
stown.....	49 05
Russell, addl.....	2 5
North Gover, addl.....	0 50
Alex andria.....	19 10
Indian Lands, addl.....	2 00
St Louis de Gonzague, addl	13 00
Orms town.....	34 25
	\$1281 89

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Widow McMullan, Lochiel	1 00
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	\$929.75

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Society, Sherbrooke....	20.00
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Sab So Prince Arthur's	
Landing.....	4.00
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Toronto.....	25.00
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Catherines.....	30.00
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	8.70
	\$22.20

A very little boy had one day done wrong, and he was sent, after parental correction, to ask in secret the forgiveness of his Heavenly Father. His offence was passion. Anxious to hear what he would say, his mother followed him to the door of his room. In lisping accents she heard him ask to be made better—never to be angry again; and then with child like simplicity he added, 'Lord, make ma's temper better too.'

An old man was on his knees at the road side breaking stones. The minister, who was considered not over-devout, addressed him: 'Ah John, I wish I could break the stony hearts of my hearers as easy as you break those stones!' 'Ye should try my plan, sir,' said John; 'gang to your knees.'

'When he was set, His disciples came unto him, and he opened his mouth and taught them.—While the pillar guide kept moving, the people followed at a distance in long procession; when the pillar rested, the people gathered and camped around it. There are special places, times, and ordinances for meeting with Christ. But now that he is set at the right hand of the Majesty on high, the believer should not

only always come unto Him, but always abide with Him.

The Rev. Mr. Young was one stormy day visiting one of his people, an old man, who lived in great poverty in a lonely cottage a few miles from Jedburgh. He found him sitting with the Bible open on his knees, but in outward circumstance of great discomfort, the snow drifting through the roof and under the door, and scarce any fire on the hearth. 'What are you about to-day, John?' asked Mr. Young on entering. 'Ah, sir,' said John, 'I am sitting under his shadow with great delight.'



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