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**HERE AND THERE.**—A certain transatlantic Presbytery has resolved this winter to send a deputation to all the congregations within its bounds for the purpose of reminding the people of the importance of the principles which have given rise to divisions in the Presbyterian family. We, too, are visiting all the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with this distinction, however; we go to tell our people that we have buried the hatchet, that we have agreed to let bygones be bygones, and, that, henceforth, we want no controversy but to provoke one another to love and good works. Let us be thankful for this distinction with such a difference. We wish the brethren much success in their winter campaign.

**THE POWER OF NUMBERS.**—A learned lecturer not long since astonished his audience by holding up before them a small piece of black shale, remarking,—“This pound of coal is capable of producing a force that can lift a weight of one hundred pounds to the height of one mile above the earth’s surface.” And from this he went on to calculate the latent power pent up in the undeveloped coal-fields of the world. In like manner we might find representative men in all the Churches who have shewn in a remarkable degree the capacity of “the one-man power.” Luther and Knox among the Reformers; Chalmers and Guthrie among the Preachers; John Williams and Bishop Pattison among the Missionary Martyrs; Wilberforce and Muller, the brothers Haldane and Crossly, among philanthropists; Wesley, Whitefield and Moody among evangelists, not to speak of honourable women, not a few. But who shall attempt to compute from such data the dormant power of the church, or the change that will come over the world when every nominal Christian shall be

found doing with their might, what they can for the good of their fellow-men? If the attempt to convert ornamental office bearers, and dead congregation, and lukewarm individuals, into ardent and useful associations be an arduous task, it is not a hopeless one: at all events it is the life’s work to which every faithful minister stands solemnly pledged, by the help of God, to accomplish.

**SYSTEMATIC GIVING.**—We cannot too soon yield to the conviction that “Systematic giving for Christ’s Kingdom is a necessity of that Kingdom.” The best practical treatise we know of on this subject is a compilation of five essays published some years ago, and since widely circulated, under the title of “Gold and the Gospel.” The writer of one of these essays, the Rev. John Ross of Hackney, London, recently deceased, did perhaps more in his life-time than any other man, by precept and his own example, to commend the gospel of giving, as a divine accessory of the gospel of salvation. But, without any such aid, there is nothing to prevent any minister instituting a system adapted to the circumstances of his congregation, by which every member of his church, rich and poor, may be educated in the duty and privilege of helping on the Lord’s work. The best example to which our short experience at present enables us to point, in illustration of the principle we contend for, is that referred to in another column, where we find one of our congregations, and that by no means the wealthiest, contributing for the Foreign Missions of the Church over \$1000, and for the different branches of its Home Missions not far from two thousand dollars. We recommend those who cannot procure a copy of “Gold and the Gospel,” to send for a copy of the last annual report of Erskine Church, Montreal.

**FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.**—As will be seen from our long list of acknowledgements, contributions have begun to come in liberally. Let the stream flow on. The work is a great one, and continues to prosper. Many are being brought to the knowledge of the truth, and are rejoicing in the liberty wherewith Christ makes His people free. So many, indeed, that there seems scarcely to be room enough to receive them in the places of worship provided for them.

**OUR HOME MISSIONS.**—Let the Churches throughout the Dominion gird up their loins and apply themselves with a will to the work given them to do in their Home Mission fields. No other work *can* have such claims upon them as that of giving the Bread of Life to their own children. There are few congregations that cannot recal the time—and that not so very far back—when they were in a position to accept aid to a greater or less extent from others. For this, if for no higher reason, they should be found willing to contribute to the necessities of their brethren. If we are laying the foundations of a great nationality, how can we better begin than by preaching the Gospel and planting churches in those remote settlements where the hardy back-woods-man has gone to subdue the wilderness and prepare the way for commerce and civilization? And, those of us who have been nourished from infancy by the beloved old church across the sea—the Mother of us all—will best evince our gratitude, and justify in her eyes the new relationships on which we have entered, by shewing that we are equal to the responsibilities we have assumed. And this by the blessing of God we will do.

There are many thousands of our countrymen, who, without our aid, must toil on for long years without hearing the sound of the preacher's voice. And there are devoted preachers who must either abandon fields already occupied, or be doomed to lives of drudgery, with the cheerless prospect of encountering

"age and want, Oh! ill-matched pair!" Let those who occupy the watch-towers, proclaim the intimation, with no uncertain sound. Let every man, woman and child be *invited* to share in the good work, and we have no fear for the result. If this is *not* done—"Sin lieth at the door."

**THE SCHEDULE SYSTEM.**—Without being accused of riding a hobby, may we be allowed to put in a word for the use of collecting cards, or *schedules*, as they are called,—one of the modern "improvements" which has been found advantageous wherever fairly tried. The schedule is a small slip of paper ruled into separate columns for each of the schemes of the Church, with this or similar superscription,— "The undersigned desires to contribute the sums herein specified, and authorizes the duly appointed collector to call monthly (or quarterly, as the case may be) for the amount mentioned in the last column." Say that the annual collections ordered by the Assembly, are for four distinct purposes, the amount that a party is willing to contribute for each is entered in its proper column, the sum of the four is carried into the fifth column, and, in the last column, the monthly or quarterly proportion thereof. No one is likely to put his name to a document of this kind without being led to ask himself in the first place, how much he *ought* to give. And, in the second place, having made up his mind intelligently and deliberately on this point, he is sure to be prepared to honour the obligation. The work of the collector becomes in this way a very easy one. The objection sometimes urged against this method, and "nailed with scripture," is in many cases a subterfuge, for, if the left hand of those who scruple did know "what the right hand doeth," sometimes at least it would know very little. We could instance many cases in which congregations have doubled and trebled their annual contributions by the use of the schedule system, and with a great saving of wear and tear to the machinery. Our

obliging Agent at Toronto, the Rev. William Reid, will be happy to furnish collecting cards, such as we refer to, gratis on application.

**A FRUITFUL HIVE.**—Last month, under this heading, we gave the names of fifteen ministers who emanated from a single congregation in Pictou County, N. S., in the course of 33 years. Taking us at our word, the Rev. W. P. Walker, of Ancaster, has since furnished us with the names of a much larger number of ministers, hailing from the small village of Lochwinnoch in Renfrewshire, Scotland, during less than 30 years, of whom 10 belong to the Established Church, 8 to the Free Church, besides a number of others not classified. We must admit that Lochwinnoch is a most fruitful hive.

**CORRECTION.**—When speaking of "the United Presbyterian Church in Canada," it was stated in the first number of the RECORD that, of "those who had to do with the formation of the Synod, the venerable Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, is now the sole survivor." It affords us pleasure to be informed that the Rev. William Fraser, of Bondhead, is also one of the surviving Fathers of that Church, and one, too, who, as Clerk of Synods and Assemblies since 1848, has shouldered a great deal of the hard work of the church.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Toronto, 10th February, 1876.

EDITOR RECORD.

As many congregations make their annual missionary appropriations about this season, we desire once more to call attention to the claims of Foreign Missions. An additional labourer for the Saskatchewan Mission has been secured in the person of Mr. Thompson who, in the spring, proceeds to that field, in the double capacity of a teacher and missionary Catechist. From the high character for ability, prudence and zeal which Mr. Thompson bears, there is the best ground for con-

fidence that he will prove a valuable accession to our mission Staff. In India and China, the Committee have decided to make a forward movement, trusting to the liberality of the Church to supply the funds. A third missionary must be sent to China, and we are glad to say there is a prospect that a labourer will be soon found for that exceedingly promising field. We also decided to send one or two missionaries to Central India. Two should, if possible, be sent to initiate the work there. The field is open and most inviting. India and China are both expensive mission fields. But when we remember that more than half of the human race is found in these two countries, surely the expense will not be allowed to deter us from going in and seeking to win their perishing millions for Christ.

We are happy to say that the appeal which we made in January has already met in various quarters with a very encouraging response. Erskine Church, Montreal, which has always taken a deep interest in the work, has sent \$1000.00 as its annual contribution to the Foreign Mission Fund. Several country congregations have also sent liberal contributions. Mr. Joseph McKay of your city, who last year made a tour round the world, and who inspected Foreign Mission work in many fields on his way, has sent us a donation of \$1000. to the Fund. His letter which I append, will I am sure be read with interest, and I trust many more will emulate his noble example.

WM. McLAREN,

Convener of Western Section.

Montreal, 26th Jan'y., 1876.

Rev. Professor McLaren,

My dear Sir.—I have read with much interest your letter in the RECORD on the Foreign Missions of our Church. My interest has naturally been much increased by what I saw recently in Japan, China and India, of the missionaries, their devoted zeal and degree of success which has attended their labours in their Master's work. I feel the necessity of the work and the great need of more labourers and of increased liberal support of the cause by our people. With the view of helping forward this good work, I enclose as a donation and thank-offering, one thousand dollars towards the Foreign Mission Fund of our Church. I like the idea of raising a thank-offering as a recognition of our

Gospel privileges, and a memorial of the Union of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada.

Yours sincerely,  
JOSEPH MacKAY.

## OUR OWN CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Cochrane has received a draft from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland for £250 sterling—£150 for the Western Division of our Home Mission Work, and £100 for the Lower Provinces. Mr. Hope, in transmitting it, says,—“it is a satisfaction to us to express in this way, as well as in others, our hearty good-will.” We may add, that to us it is most gratifying to find the parent Churches in Scotland so cordially rejoicing in the Union of our Churches in Canada.

### MANITOBA.

His Excellency, Lieut. Governor Morris, Rev. Professors Bryce and Hart, and Mr. McWilliam, have been inducted, and Messrs. D. N. Campbell and Walter Laidlaw, ordained to the office of Elders, in Knox Church, Winnipeg. The Union in the North West is, we are assured not merely in name. There appears to be a complete fusion of all parties, and this is what the mission work of the Church demands. We note this fact with sincere pleasure.

### ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

For local details connected with congregational work in these Provinces, our readers should consult the columns of our excellent contemporary, the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, published weekly in Toronto at \$2 per annum. We can only allude, in the briefest manner, to such matters as are specially brought under our notice.

The Rev. John M. McIntyre, formerly of Onnabruck, has been called to Knox Church, Harriston and Cotswold. Stipend one thousand dollars with a manse.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS.—*Primus inter pares*, must be ranked that of Erskine Church, Montreal. The contributions for all purposes during the year 1875, amount to \$17,342.82. The ordinary revenue of the Church from pew rents and Sabbath collections, was \$6167. For the building and other funds, there was raised \$2936; for the poor fund \$344. The congregational Missionary Society collected \$3189, and the *Juvenile Missionary Association*, \$459. Among the disbursements, we find for stipends of two ministers, \$4200; to the Assembly's Home Mission Fund, \$1475, and to the Foreign Mission Fund, \$1180; for French Mission Work, \$333, and for the College, about \$1000. These results are due to systematic agencies begun many years ago, and continued with exemplary perseverance, and by which every member of the congregation is afforded an opportunity, once a month, of contributing to the schemes of the Church. In future, it is intended to make *quarterly distributions* to the several funds. Were this plan generally adopted, we would be able to put a stop to the *expensive* habit of going to the Banks or “accommodation.”

Stanley St. Church, also in Montreal, is not far behind *alma mater*. Of course, it had to make “a spurt” in the erection of such a beautiful church as they have built. But \$3143 was paid for the support of ordinances, and the goodly sum of \$1982 was handed over to the College and Mission Funds of the Church. For the building fund there was contributed \$11,971. The whole amount for the year was \$17,386. A good illustration of what can be done by a willing people.

The thirty-first annual report of the Knox Church, Ottawa, is also before us in a neat pamphlet of 22 pages. It recites the history of the congregation, records affectionate remembrance of Rev. Thomas Wardrope's ministry, extending over a quarter of a century, and of that of his successor, Professor McLaren, under whose administration the present handsome Church edifice was begun. It also mentions how the congregation was

weakened by a considerable number of the people remaining behind to worship in the old Church, and how, again, it took heart of grace, and, after a vacancy of two years, rallied round its present energetic minister, Mr Farries who now reports a membership of 120 families and 195 communicants. The accompanying financial statements refer to a certain amount of debt on the property, but a determination is also indicated to be rid of it as soon as possible.

The report of St. John's, Almonte, notwithstanding the great financial pressure of last year, is far from discouraging. Measures for the extinction of a small amount of debt have only been delayed a little longer. They are not abandoned. In higher things, the year has been one of progress. An unusual number of young people have been added to the communion roll, which now numbers 191. No seat rents are taken—members being expected to contribute, according to their own sense of duty, to the maintenance of ordinances.

St. Andrew's Church at Huntingdon, Que., is reported to be in a prosperous condition—no less than 130 new members having been added to the communion roll since the induction of its present minister, in May 1874. Since July last, the congregation contributed \$120 for the schemes of the Church.

The manse at Martintown has been put in a thorough state of repair. Everything in the way of decoration being done in the best style, the Kirk and the Manse, together, are both a credit to the congregation, and ornament the beautiful site they occupy. Some \$800 have been expended on the improvements.

**NEW CHURCHES.**—The magnificent Tabernacle just completed for Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, in Toronto, will come up for notice next month along with the congregational report of St. Andrew's Church. Besides this, we have intimation of four "dedications" within a month. (1) St. John's Church, Walkerton, was opened by Professor McLaren, of Knox College. This is the third church built by the Con-

gregation and their minister, the Rev. R. C. Moffatt—Log—Frame—and now the handsome brick, costing \$9000. An apt illustration of how we "go ahead" in the West. Is there not room for another Church in the Capital? Come on St. Andrew's people! (2) At Meaford, Principal Caven, of Toronto, officiated at the opening of a handsome gothic structure, 40x65, with a tower and spire 120 feet in height, the whole costing nearly \$7000. From the glowing accounts given in the "Monitor," the whole city must have been moved to enthusiasm over this occasion, which others of us afar off also rejoice to hear of. (3) Wherever Mr. Sieveright is, there do churches and manses rise up as if by magic. He is now one of the ministers of Knox Church, Goderich, and officiated lately at the opening of "the Union Presbyterian Church," Goderich Township assisted by the Rev. J. C. Smith, of Hamilton. The collections at the services amounted to \$300—leaving only a balance of \$250 to be provided for. This is the fourth Presbyterian Church erected in this neighbourhood within the past five years! (4) Lyn is in a fair way of becoming famous. On the 6th instant, Principal MacVicar, of Montreal, preached "powerfully"—as he always does—at the opening of a beautiful new church in that rising village. Mr. Burton, of Belleville—formerly of Lyn—preached in the afternoon, and was followed by the venerable William Smart—next to Mr. Henderson, of St. Andrew's—the oldest Presbyterian minister in the country, whose ordination dates from 1811, and whose address upon this occasion was peculiarly touching and effective. Other members of Mr. Brown's congregation have caught the infection, and purpose building a new church at Cantown. "Already" adds our correspondent. "the Union has borne fruit, and an impetus has been given to the Church which will be most beneficially felt throughout the rural districts of Ontario."

**PRESENTATIONS.**—We heartily congratulate Dr. Muir, of S. Georgetown, on the receipt of a very handsome present

from his people on the occasion of his completing the 77th year of his age, and the 40th of his ministry in this place. We also congratulate the congregation on their increasing activities in the general interests of the Church. \$1000 they have lately spent in improvements upon their place of worship and its belongings. Their "Women's Board" reports \$117 gathered for missionary purposes. The congregation have given \$130 for French Evangelization—the Sabbath School, \$15 in addition for the same, and \$20 for India Missions during past year.

Another fur coat and cap, with an address, "from the ladies!" The happy young minister in this case is the Rev. James Fraser, of Litchfield. Last month, the managers of St Andrew's Congregation, Mountain and S. Gower, purchased a fine manse for their minister. Rev. A. H. Cameron, at a cost of \$1550—the whole amount is subscribed for, too. Along with this, mention is made of many seasonable gifts from a warm hearted congregation. The minister of St. John's Church, Cornwall, no longer resides in "his own hired house," having lately taken possession of one of the finest manses in the country, erected at a cost of some \$6000, and it, too, is in a fair way of being speedily paid for, if the action of the eleven disciples who met together the other day to talk the matter over, and who subscribed \$2500 before they parted, be a fair criterion to judge by. The members of Rev. James Cleland's Bible Class, Mill St. Church, Port Hope, have presented their teacher with a photographic likeness of the minister of Mill St. Church. Rev. John J. Cameron received a very sensible gift of a sleigh and robes from members of the congregation of N. Easthope and New Hamburgh. In equal good taste was the presentation of a horse "to the Rev. James Ferguson of Alvinston." Rev. Mr. Hislop, of Avonton, has also been "agreeably surprised" by receiving a complimentary address and a well-filled purse of money. Last of all, the venerable Thomas Alexander, of Mount

Pleasant, was waited upon "by the young people, and a few of the parents, at his boarding place, and presented with a pulpit gown." But why don't they build a manse? It would make it so much more Pleasant.

The Rev. F. McCuaig, of Clinton, has received an address and presentation from his Bible Class, which, we are glad to hear, numbers 100 scholars.

The ladies of St. Paul's Church, Middleville, presented the Rev. Wm. Cochrane, with a fine copy of Baxter's Polyglot Bible, and the members of the Dalhousie branch presented the minister's horse with a magnificent testimonial in the shape of 114 bushels of oats! Other farmers may take the hint.

SOIREEES.—Pray don't ask us to journalize soirees. They are most excellent institutions as every one knows. Just imagine one in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, with Rev. J. B. Mullan, presiding! or another in Fort Massey Church, Halifax, with Dr. Burns, swaying an audience at his will, and, from one, learn all!

INDUCTIONS AND CALLS.—Among the first of our ministers to resign his charge in the interests of the Union, was the Rev. J. A. Murray, of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay. We have now to congratulate our friend on his induction to the large and influential charge of St. Andrew's Church, London, Ont, which, by the latest statistics, embraces over four hundred families, and has about 600 communicants on the roll. The Rev. E. B. Panton, formerly of the C. P. Church at Lindsay, and who resigned at the same time and for the same reason as Mr. Murray, has received and accepted a call to Bradford. In like manner, the Rev. Elias Mullan and Rev. David Taylor, relinquished their charges at Spencerville, immediately after the Union, and we have now the satisfaction of stating that the congregations in that place are harmoniously united, and are also supplied with a pastor, the Rev. W. J. Dey, M.A., who was ordained and inducted on the 5th of January last, and has commenced his

labours with most encouraging prospects of success. The Rev. J. M. Gray, of Roslin and Thurlow, has accepted a call from the congregation of Stirling, and the Rev. H. D. Steele, a call from Amherst Island. The Rev. Thomas McKee has received a call from Alliston and Carlisle, and Mr. J. J. Cochrane, probationer, a call from Townline and Ivy.

**PERSONAL.**—The Rev. James Fraser Campbell, lately of Halifax, N. S., intends shortly proceeding to India as a missionary of our Church. Having visited a large number of the congregations in the Maritime Provinces, he has commenced a series of meetings in this Western Section, under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Committee. We bespeak for Mr. Campbell a hearty welcome wherever he goes, feeling sure that his visits will be appreciated, and that increasing interest in the great work to which he has devoted himself is sure to follow. Besides opening their houses, and their pulpits, the missionary's friends can, by a little fore-thought, do a great deal for him in facilitating his movements from place to place, and everywhere giving him to understand that we know the meaning of "*purse-and-all* consecration."

The Rev. Joseph Gandier of Fort Coulonge, is on a missionary tour to the Shanties on the Ottawa and Northern Branches.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, when last heard from, was in Scotland, where he preached to large congregations in Edinburgh and North Leith. Thence he intended proceeding *via* Paris and Leghorn to Rome. He will probably be present at the General Assemblies, in May, and, along with the Rev. George M. Grant, of Halifax, will have something to say about the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

#### MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

**GLENGARRY.** At last regular meeting held in Cornwall, on the 1st February, the names of Rev. Thomas McPherson of Lan-

caster, Rev. Peter Watson of Williamstown, and the Rev. Neil Brodie, were removed from the roll. The Presbytery having been satisfied that the congregation of Williamstown adheres to the Union, dissolved the tie between it and Mr. Watson, and appointed the clerk to declare the church vacant in the usual way. A committee was appointed to watch over the interests of the Church within the bounds, and to take all necessary legal steps for protecting the civil rights of all parties concerned.

**OTTAWA.** Twenty-four ministers and fifteen elders attended the last quarterly meeting of this Presbytery, when a large amount of business was transacted. The Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Pakenham, in deference to the expressed wishes of his congregation, declined to accept an urgent call from Pembroke. A committee was appointed to take a general oversight of all matters connected with the Sabbath Schools in the Presbytery, and to report at next meeting. The Home Mission Work of the Presbytery, extending over a very wide field, occupied much of the time and attention of the Court.

**KINGSTON.** At the January meeting, a suitable obituary minute was adopted in relation to the late Rev. James McIntosh, of Amherst Island. Arrangements were made for the opening up of new stations in the North eastern Section of the Presbytery; a gentleman from England having offered encouraging assistance. The services of *fourteen* missionaries are to be sought for the ensuing summer.

**TORONTO.** This Presbytery met on 1st February, *inter alia*.—An application was received from members and adherents of our Church at Cedar Grove, to be organized as a congregation, under the Rev. J. Carmichael, of Markham. A committee was appointed to visit the district and to report to next meeting. A petition was read from 69 members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, praying to be organized as a distinct congregation, when the majority shall remove to their new Church. Both parties concerned having been duly heard, the petition was unanimously acquiesced in, Professor McLaren and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell being appointed to organize the congregation in due form. It was also agreed that Messrs. Thomas Kirkland, George Wilson, and Archibald McMurchy, with Professor McLaren, as moderator, be an interim Kirk-Session. It was further resolved to sanction the application of Mr. Thomas T. Johnston—lately a minister of the American Presbyterian Church—to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian



Church in Canada, and that his case be recommended to the favourable consideration of the General Assembly.

**HAMILTON.** An important meeting of this Court was held at SIMCOE, on the 9th ultimo, for the purpose of disposing of certain overtures anent amalgamation. In this town there has hitherto existed two Presbyterian congregations. One has been without a stated pastor for several years, the other has enjoyed the faithful services, for many years, of the Rev. M. W. Livingstone. United, the two would constitute a strong and compact congregation. In order to facilitate this arrangement, Mr. Livingstone, whose eye is not yet dim, nor his natural force abated, has voluntarily, and amid many regrets, withdrawn from the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church. A similar arrangement has been completed at Lynedoch, hitherto associated with Simcoe, the Rev. George Crystal having also magnanimously resigned his charge.

The Presbytery appointed a Committee in each case to draft a minute of their appreciation of such devotion and sacrifice. The amalgamation was then officially sanctioned by the Presbytery.

A request for moderation in a call was then prepared by the united congregation, and granted.

The Rev. Mr. McNeil, formerly of Mount Forest, is likely, we understand, to be the first minister. It may be mentioned that the congregation under the pastorate of Mr. Livingstone have thoughtfully voted to him the use of the manse during life, as well as a small annuity.

A special meeting of the Presbytery was held at St. Ann's, County of Lincoln, for the ordination and induction of Mr. James Fraser into the charge of St. Ann's and Wellandport. The happiest results are expected from this settlement.

**WHITBY.** This Court held its regular meeting at Oshawa, on Tuesday, 11th January. There was a fair attendance of members. The Presbytery held a conference on the state of religion in the congregations within the bounds, and appointed a committee to draft a resolution embodying the result of the conference. The following was accepted by the Presbytery:

"The Presbytery expresses its conviction of the importance of frequent conference upon the state of religion, with the hope that, by the divine blessing, we may be directed to those means suited to raise the standard of spiritual life into closer conformity with that taught in the word of God, than ordinarily prevails. They further agree that at the next ordinary meeting, the first hour in the afternoon be set apart

for the consideration of special means for promoting a higher spirituality in our congregations."

Representatives from the Congregation at Newcastle appeared, praying to be disjoined from Newtonville. Documents produced showed that a sum of \$750 could be relied on for the support of ordinances. The Presbytery subsequently agreed to the proposal.

The question of Presbyterial visitation was introduced, and a committee appointed to draw up a series of questions to be put to congregations.

There was laid on the table a call from Bowmanville in favour of the Rev. James Little, Quincy, Florida, N. S. The call was sustained.

**BRUCE.** This Court held its quarterly meeting at Kincardine, in January, with a quorum of sixteen ministers and three elders. Appointments were made for the moderation of calls in Tara and Allanford, and also in Riversdale and Enniskillen. Mr. Gourlay read the report of the Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention, held at Paisley, on the 28th December last, which was received and adopted. The Rev. William Johnston, a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, applied to have his name placed on the roll, which was agreed to. In response to an application from the Presbytery of Huron, it was agreed to sanction the transference of East Ashfield, and to have it united with St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, within the bounds of this Presbytery, providing all parties concerned are agreed to the proposed union.

**HUROX.** The last meeting of this Presbytery was held at Clinton. There was a good attendance.

Mr. Siewright reported the organization of the Gaelic Mission Station, at Goderich, as directed by the Presbytery, and the Session of Knox Church was instructed to have the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed to the Gaelic Congregation. A Petition from 57 members and 55 adherents at Brucefield and vicinity was read, praying that they be recognized as a congregation, and a Committee was appointed to attend to the matter. The Presbytery then took up an application of Mr. Cameron, of Kippen, Moderator of the session of Bayfield, for advice as to what course he should pursue in the present circumstances of the congregation of Bayfield, when the following motion, moved by Mr. McCuaig, and duly seconded, was carried, respecting the matter, to wit: "The Presbytery having heard Mr. Cameron's statement, as also a lengthy

statement of Mr. Sieveright, accompanied by certain protests and appeals against a so called congregational meeting, held on Dec. 13, which this Presbytery hereby declares to be irregular and illegal. The Presbytery asserts its rightful claim to the Church property at Bayfield, appoints Messrs. Ur, Sieveright, McCuaig, ministers, and John Scott, J. Shaw and S. Carnochan, elders, as assessors, to co-operate with the session of Bayfield, instructing the said session to take such legal advice as may be necessary to prevent all future interference with the public worship of God in the Church, and should they see cause, to request the Moderator to call a special meeting on the matter."

#### DEATHS.

**WILLIAM ALEXANDER.** At the request of the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, we insert the substance of a minute adopted in reference to the death of a highly accomplished and much esteemed Elder of the Church:

"Mr. Alexander, a native of Morayshire, Scotland, emigrated to Canada in 1832, and settled in the county of Wellington. He was connected with this Church for the long period of 43 years, holding the position of Elder for 23 years. He was warmly attached to the Church of Scotland, and when many left her, he stood firm and immovable. He punctually attended the House of God on the first day of the week, and in this respect was pre-eminently an example to the flock. By a long life of constant conduct, he earned the respect of the community and of the Church; and has now we trust entered into the joy of his Lord."

**MRS. CAMERON, Saugeen.** This estimable lady passed away peacefully on the 17th January, in the 76th year of her age. She was a native of the Island of Mull, and coming to Canada with her family in 1853, was among the early settlers in this part of the country. For long years, Mrs. Cameron was in delicate health and unable to take part in the public worship of God; but a well-thumbed Bible bears testimony to the value which she set upon the word of Life. The minister or missionary was always welcome to her house, and more than one of that class who read this will remember her kind hospitality, her edifying conversation, and her meek and quiet spirit.

She died as she had lived, clinging to the Saviour. Her oft repeated words in prospect were, in her own expressive tongue, "Is laidir mo dhochnas nach treig e mi." "Strong is my confidence that He will not forsake me."

#### MARITIME PROVINCES.

We have to thank our obliging Church Agent at Halifax, Rev. P. G. McGregor, and also Dr. Patterson of Greenhill, for the valuable fund of missionary information they have enabled us to lay before our readers this month. The "Presbyterian Witness" published at Halifax, and the "Advocate" at St. John, N. B., have as usual kept us up in local matters to which we now refer briefly.

**CALLS, INDUCTIONS, &c.**—Rev. Alexander Russel has received a unanimous call to Dalhousie; stipend \$750, with a Manse and glebe. The Rev. Samuel Houston has accepted a unanimous call St. Luke's Church, Bathurst; stipend \$1000, with manse and glebe. The congregation of Parrsboro, N.S., is vacant by the resignation of Rev. Duncan McKinnon. The Rev. Isaac S. Simpson has resigned the charge of Neripis—inadequate support, we fear, has had something to do with this. Surely the faithful labourer is worthy of his hire! In compliance with a numerously signed requisition, the Rev. Peter Melville has agreed to continue his services at New Kincardine for another year. The Rev. John J. Cameron has resigned the charge of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., with the intention of returning to Scotland. In parting with him, the Presbytery feel "that they are losing one of their most useful members, an able and faithful preacher of the Word, and a brother exceedingly diligent, kind, and courteous in all his pastoral and social relations." A call has been moderated in at Chipman, Queen's County, in favour of Rev. Samuel Johnson. The Rev. William Caven of Ontario has, we understand, been elected assistant and successor to the venerable Dr. Brooke of Fredericton.

**PRESENTATIONS.**—On New Year's Day, Rev. Dr. Burns, of Fort Massey, Halifax, received a present of \$630 from his people. We are glad to hear that the Doctor's many sterling qualities are duly appreciated in these quarters, though we cannot say that we ourselves are yet quite reconciled to the loss we have sustained

by the abduction of one of our foremost ministers. The Haligonians had need to look well to their men, lest we turn the tables upon them and make reprisals. The Rev. Lewis Jack, of Springfield, has also received a handsome acknowledgment of his services from both branches of his congregation. The Rev. James Ross, of Grand River, C.B., and his wife, have also been kindly dealt with by the congregation in a similar way, as well as the Rev. J. C. Burgess of Carleton, Clerk of the Presbytery of St. John.

**MEETINGS.**—The Ministers and Elders of the eight Presbyterian congregations in Halifax and Dartmouth had a very delightful meeting in St. Andrew's Church, on a recent evening. After tea served in the most bountiful style by the ladies of St. Andrew's, two hours were passed, partly in devotional exercises, and partly in considering the interests of religion in the city. The next meeting of the same kind will be held in St. Matthew's Church on the first Thursday of March.

At the last dispensation of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in St. Andrew's Church, Sydney, C.B. the attendance was, as usual, very large, occupying two churches to the full. The ministers assisting on the occasion were the Rev. Dr McLeod and the Rev. Messrs. Wilton, Farquharson and Drummond. A very deep impression prevailed, and there is reason to believe that many were brought under serious concern. On the Monday evening following, the annual congregational missionary meeting was held, with more than wonted interest. Evidently, the good work begun here some years ago, is still progressing with great power. The prayer meeting, the Sabbath-School, the Bible Class, the communion roll, the weekly collections, and the subscriptions for the support of ordinances, all indicate life and progress. From such congregations we naturally expect to receive large orders for copies of the RECORD, but this one has exceeded our expectations. At the first communion at Gray's River, under Rev. E. Scott, twenty-one accessions were made to the Church. Upper Musquodohit congregation meets regularly every Sabbath for service, whether min-

isterial supply has been provided or not. Every vacant congregation should do the same. Chalmer's Church, Halifax, reports a satisfactory increase to its communion roll during the past year, and a prosperous condition of its finances. It has no "pew-rents," but depends for its income on the voluntary offerings of its members. The total amount of its contributions for the year is \$3496. Its missionary and benevolent contributions were \$793, a considerable increase compared with the previous year. The stipend is \$1600.

**PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.**—The Presbytery of Pictou met in New Glasgow on the 18th January. Rev. George Walker, Moderator. 13 ministers and 8 Elders were present. It was reported that a new congregation had been formed at the Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River, consisting of 109 members and 3 Elders, and that the communion had been dispensed there.

Mr. Pelletier, French Missionary, gave in the remainder of his trials for License, and, was licensed to preach the Everlasting Gospel. Mr. George, graduate of King's College, Aberdeen, and classical teacher for many years in the Province, was received by the Presbytery as a Student in Theology under their charge, to be employed in the meantime in religious work, and received subjects for exercises and examination.

**PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN** met in St. David's Church, St. John, on the 11th January, and, with an unusual large attendance of ministers and elders, remained in session two days. The delegation appointed to visit St. George was heard: also members of that congregation, and Mr. Wallace their minister; whereupon the Presbytery requested Mr. Wallace to withdraw the resignation he had tabled, coupled with certain arrangements for his better support. This Mr. W. agreed to do. A call from Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, in favour of Rev. William Richardson was sustained, and ordered to be forwarded to that gentleman. Dr. Waters reported on behalf of a Committee appointed to draw up a scheme for the visitation of the congregations within the bounds, which was adopted, and action taken in accordance therewith. The Rev. Elijah Roke, a minister of the Congregational Church, made application to be received as a minister of our Church, and it was agreed to report favourably in this behalf to next General Assembly.

**MIRAMICHI.**—This court met in St. James' Church, Newcastle, on 1st February. There were seven ministers present. After

sermon by the Rev. J. M. Allan, enquiry was made into the financial condition of the Newcastle congregation, which was found to be eminently satisfactory. The stipend is \$1000, with a manse and glebe, and paid with regularity. Addresses were given by Rev. William Wilson, on the Home work of the United Church, and by the Rev. John Robertson, on Foreign Missions. Arrangements were then made for the induction of Rev. S. Russel to Dalhousie and Rev. S. Houston to Bathurst. Rev. Wm. Scott tendered his resignation of the charge of New Carlisle, and parties were cited to appear at next meeting. This court is henceforth to meet quarterly on the first Tuesday of February, May, August, and November, alternating between Chatham and Newcastle.

#### IMMIGRANTS.

During the past year the Nova Scotia Government succeeded in settling several families of Icelanders in Musquodoboit. These families are now dwelling solitarily in the wood, and are busily engaged clearing the land. As immigrants they will form a valuable acquisition to the population of the Dominion in an intellectual, moral and religious point of view. According to their own statements, a high toned morality prevails in their native land. Not a single murder has occurred in Iceland for a period of 50 years. Steps are soon to be taken to provide a school for this little colony in Musquodoboit. They are also feeling the want of a pastor to go in and out and break to them the Bread of Life. As immigrants are thus attracted to our shores, our Mission Board will require an increase of funds to supply them with gospel ordinances.

The newly formed Presbytery of New Foundland is taking active steps to promote the growth of Presbyterianism on the Island. Stations will be opened up in the Spring, and the claims of the Church presented before the people. This is another of the fruits of Union.

**THAT HIVE.**—"An old man," hailing from Pictou, has also taken up the glove, and claims that Dr. Bayne's congregation there has been even more fruitful of ministers than that of New Glasgow. Be it

so: the more the better. Our friend begins presbyterially, by removing the names of three from the New Glasgow roll, to wit, Messrs. G. M. Grant, C. M. Grant and S McGregor, claiming them for Pictou, he then proceeds to give the following names given to the ministry during the pastorate of Dr. Baynes' predecessor from 1824 to 1850, a period of 26 years. Revs. R. S. Patterson of Summerside. P. E. I.: John S. Murdoch late of Windsor, Dr. Geddie of missionary fame, Dr. McCulloch of Truro, Dr. Patterson of Greenhill, George Roddiek of West River, K. J. Grant of Trinidad, Mr. Patterson in the United States, Dr. Dawson of Montreal, who is as good as a minister, besides quite a number of others, including Mr. Christie, and the brothers McCurdy, who received the greater part of their religious training in Pictou. In such matters, let brotherly love continue—*each esteeming others better than themselves.*

#### STATE OF THE FUNDS IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**—Receipts since the 20th May last, \$8081.81. Disbursements, \$8246.09. Deficit, \$164.28.

**DAY SPRING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.**—Receipts, including balance, \$1629.11. Disbursements, \$2185.55. Deficit, \$556.44.

**HOME MISSIONS.**—Receipts, including balance, \$2760.82. Disbursements, \$1648.50. Balance in hand, \$1112.32.

**SUPPLEMENTARY FUND.**—Receipts, including balance, \$2341.67. Disbursements, \$2840. Deficit, \$489.33.

**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.**—Receipts, \$4,913.50. Disbursements, including balance due Treasurer, \$5441.31. Deficit, \$527.81.

**FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.**—Receipts, including balance, \$1064.08. Disbursements, \$672.40. Balance in hand, \$391.68.

P. G. MCGREGOR, Treasurer.

Halifax, 1st Feb., 1876.

#### REMARKS ON THIS EXHIBIT.

The balance against the Foreign Mission Fund is much more serious than appears

on the surface. Nearly two thousand dollars received for India Mission, are included among the receipts, and should be in fund, whilst they have in fact been used, in the meantime, as ordinary revenue. This sum must be forth-coming by the time of the meeting of the General Assembly, or shortly after that date, and should be in fund by the time of closing the annual accounts, which will be May 20th, the same date as last year.

The Dayspring and Mission Schools Fund is indebted a trifle over five hundred dollars; but as this is the children's fund, there is no danger of it. The Balance will be on the other side before long, or past experience is a guide.

Viewing Home Missions and Supplementing as *one work*, there are over five hundred dollars in fund, but it must be remembered that a heavy draft will be made on that fund, at the time of the semi-annual payments, so that the balance on hand, at the closing of the accounts, should be greatly increased. In point of fact, the Supplementing Fund is *five hundred dollars in debt*, though it got all the benefit of the liberal grant from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

The contributions for Collegiate and Theological Education, have increased; five thousand dollars having been received in about five months. This, however, is income of *all sources*, and if our obligations are to be honourably and punctually met, it will be needful for all the congregations to respond with cordiality to the claims of this fund.

Our funds for French Evangelization have begun to feel the benefit of Dr. McVicar's manifestoes, and of Mr. Chiniquy's great work in Montreal; and though not feeling at liberty to re-nit at present in aid of that movement from our funds, anything specially contributed will be cheerfully forwarded.

The three funds claiming the special attention of the congregations in the Maritime Provinces are, *Foreign Missions, Supplementing and Theological Education*. The work of French Missions requires expansion, and consequently increasing support. Our Home Missions in the Lower Provinces require men more than money, and if Dr. Cochran and his Committee would send us two or three acceptable preachers, we might reciprocate by aiding with a few hundred dollars, more especially as the Western Congregations seem rather glow in relieving that Committee of its embarrassments.

## THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Several of the Western Presbyteries have been holding conferences for the furtherance of Sabbath School interests. A very interesting meeting was that held in Melville Church, Guelph, under the presidency of Dr. Hogg, when Mr. Swellie read a statistical report of the state of the schools in the bounds. Superintendents reported verbally as to the progress and management of their schools. Instructive addresses were delivered by ministers and others and discussions followed as to the best means of promoting the efficiency of teachers and of interesting scholars. A mass meeting of Sabbath School children formed a pleasing feature in the services, which were throughout deeply interesting.

A similar convention was held at Paisley, under the auspices of the Presbytery of Bruce. A number of important considerations were brought under notice, such as the election of teachers, and the relation of the Church to the School. A very proper principle was affirmed in this connection, namely, "that the *support* of the Sabbath School should be provided by the congregation to which it belongs, and its pecuniary wants made one of the first charges upon the ordinary revenue. It is high time this reformation were begun. It is a shame that teachers, who give so much of their time to the service of the Church in other ways, should also be placed in the position of beggars for money. Superintendents were admonished to be brief in their reviews of the lesson, and teachers, to give themselves much to prayer and the study of the Word of God. It was also recommended that great caution be exercised "in asking any strangers or visitors to take part in any of the exercises."

The two Sabbath School Associations of Montreal met in the Hall of St. Paul's Church, in this city, on the evening of the 15th ultimo, to inaugurate their union in the presence of a large audience. The nuptials were celebrated amid great

enthusiasm and unanimity. Judge Torrance was elected President of the New Association. After the delivery of suitable addresses, the proceedings terminated with a social entertainment.

#### CHILDREN OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL!

Listen to this proposal. While the older members of the Church are talking about raising a large sum of money as a thank-offering to God for the Union of the Churches, let the children shew them how to do it. There are nearly, if not quite, 75,000 of you. If each scholar will lay by in store *only three cents* a month, between the first of March and the 15th of June next, this would amount to \$7,500 to begin with. If each teacher will in like manner lay by *fifteen cents* per month, and each superintendent *thirty cents* per month, we should be able on the 15th of June, the first anniversary of the Union, to present the noble sum of *twelve thousand dollars* to the Mission Funds of the Church. Come on children! Those of you who will do this thing, send in the names of your schools, through your superintendents, to the office of THE RECORD, and we will gladly enter them in a book prepared for the purpose.

TRUE COURAGE.—Between twenty and thirty years ago, three little English boys were amusing themselves together in a wood-lodge one summer afternoon. Suddenly one of them looked grave, and left off playing. "I have forgotten something," he said. "I forgot to say my prayers this morning; you must wait for me." He went quietly into a corner of the place they were in, knelt down, and reverently repeated his morning prayer. Then he returned to the others, and was soon merrily engaged in play again. This brave boy grew up to be a brave man. He was the noted Captain Hammond. He was a faithful servant to his earthly sovereign, but, better still, a good soldier of Jesus Christ; never ashamed of His service.

STEPS TO HEAVEN.—There once was a man whose slender stock of wit scarce raised him above idiocy, but who had been taught by the Spirit a knowledge above all human wisdom. A friend, wishing to find out whether he had any ideas on the subject of religion, said to him one day, "It is

hard work, is it not, to get to heaven?" He was surprised to receive the answer, "No; it is easy. There are only three steps—*first*, out of self; *second*, into Christ; *third*, into heaven."—*Sunday Teacher's Treasury.*

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

#### EASTERN SECTION.

A meeting of the Eastern or Maritime Board of Foreign Missions was held in the Lecture Room of the United Church, New Glasgow, which had been opened for public worship on the previous Lord's Day, by services conducted by Rev. Dr. Burns and Rev. G. M. Grant, associated with Rev. Messrs. Walker and Stuart.

Were present, Rev. Dr. Bayne, Chairman, Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Walker, McCurdy, Thompson, Coull, McKinnon, McLean, Sinclair, McGregor, J. F. Campbell, and Drs. Patterson and Burns, with John Miller, Esq., of Westville.

The Secretary explained that he had communicated the thanks of the Board to the India Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland for the information furnished, and had opened correspondence with Rev. Professor McLaren, the Convener of the Committee of Foreign Missions of the General Assembly in the Western part of the Church, as directed by resolution of the Board, at its last meeting.

It was agreed unanimously "that it is the opinion of the Board, that, Mr. Campbell should proceed, as soon as possible, to visit congregations in the Upper Provinces; the Secretary to notify Professor McLaren, when Mr. Campbell will be at the disposal of the Western Committee, with request that he will make the necessary arrangements for his prosecuting the proposed visitation to the best advantage."

The Report of Rev. J. D. Murray of a year's labour in the New Hebrides, was submitted, approved, and authorized for publication.

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Secretary.*

Halifax, Feb. 4th, 1876.

#### NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF REV. J. D. MURRAY.

*Aneityum*: August 7th, 1875.

The following is a brief account of the work in which we have been engaged during the past year.

## THE MISSIONARY FROM HOME.

I have been away nine weeks in all from Anelgnhat. Of these three were spent in mission-work at the station of the Rev. Mr. Inglis, and six in deputation duty, when, by appointment of Synod, I was visiting the Northern Islands of the Group. During my absence from Aneityum, I entrusted the supervision of the work here to my native helpers, who, I am glad to say, discharged their respective duties, so far as I have been able to ascertain, to the best of their ability. It must be admitted, however, that even the best of these natives make, apart from the guiding hand of the missionary, but very inefficient Church officers, either in the capacity of rulers or teachers. Hence we have observed that, in our absence, while the premises were preserved intact, the more important interests of the station suffered. The social, moral and religious state of the people in general, is tending more or less backward. Those who are called the leading men, in church and state here, are able, after all, to exert but slight influence for good on the minds of their fellows; and they have so little strength of character that, when the vigilant oversight of the missionary is withdrawn for any considerable time, they are apt to succumb to evil influences. My experience thus far on Aneityum has convinced me of at least two things, viz,—that the time is not at hand, when these natives will be competent efficiently to manage the affairs which are essential to the continued development of Christianity and civilization among them, independently of the administration of a missionary; and secondly, that however far short of our ideal of success, our efforts to advance the cause of God here have hitherto been, their usefulness has been such as should encourage us to devote ourselves with fresh energy and perseverance to the work to which we have been called in this part of the Master's vineyard, inasmuch as we have evidently been instrumental by the force of precept and example, in restraining some from largely, if not entirely, yielding to their heathen proclivities, on the one hand, and of bestirring others, in a greater or less degree, to bethink themselves of the necessity of their seeking more earnestly than they have ever yet sought "the Pearl of great price," on the other hand. We are often saddened by the great indifference still manifested by many to spiritual things, and by the apparently doubtful conflict, which is being waged between the good and the evil; yet, we never despair of the ultimate success of God's work—of the victory, in due time, of the cause of truth

and righteousness. It does indeed seem to us, often, as if we were spending our strength for nought and in vain when trying to produce a change for the better, in beings so torpid and so frivolous as many of these are. Yet, we know that God's word is quick and powerful. "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Pray then that we may be always "steadfast, immovable and abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

## THE MISSIONARY AT HOME.

During the part of the year which we have spent here, we have been, as in previous years, variously engaged. Whatever missionary work may be elsewhere, we can testify that here it is of a decidedly unromantic, and exceedingly practical character. What Dr Livingstone affirms with reference to a missionary in Africa, applies, I should think, with equal force to one on Aneityum, viz, that he needs to be "jack of all trades, and his wife and aid of all works." My own duties may be distributed under a fourfold classification, thus: 1st, Evangelistic, strictly so called; 2ndly, Educational; 3rdly, Manual; and 4thly, Medical. Let not the mention of the last of these divisions provoke a smile. I confess that my attainments in the science and art of healing are of a most humble description, yet, as my attendance on the sick consumes such a large proportion of time, I deem it proper, in this connection, to mention it; and for want of a better term, I characterize this work as *medical*.

## EVANGELISTIC.

Under the first division are included the study of the native language, preaching, catechizing, visiting and such like. I preach every Sabbath, either at the central station, or at one of the out-stations. There are always two services during the day, besides the Sabbath-School. There are about a dozen men whom I employ as assistant preachers. Before sending them forth to preach, I usually meet with them for the purpose of expounding to them the passages of Scripture which they select as texts. I have had, during the greater part of the year a class of candidates for baptism. This class has numbered 20 during the last six months. Of these, the majority were young men, 13 of whom were recently received into the Church. There have been 14 in all suspended, on account of immoral conduct. Over against these 14 suspensions there has been an accession of 35 new members. The total number of members in full communion amounts now to 312, being an increase of 6

on the total number of the previous year. The total number received into the Church since our settlement here in 1872 has been 61. The number of baptisms during the year has been 47. Of these 33 adults, and 14 infants. The total number of baptisms since our settlement has been 106. Of these, 58 were adults, and 48 children. The average attendance on public worship at the five stations is now, on Sabbath, about five hundred, and, at the Wednesday prayer-meetings, about 250. Absent, as teachers and servants to the missionaries on Tana and Estate, 13: of these 6 have gone forth during the past year. Absent in N. Caledonia and Queensland, as servants to the traders, 17. There have been 37 deaths, 14 births and 12 marriages during the year.

#### NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.

The natives in general have shown us much more attention and kindness, in their own way, of late, than ever before, and we feel, on the other hand, that our interest in them is deepening. We have evidently won the good will and confidence of old and young. They have done a large amount of work for us gratuitously, during the year. Besides the usual fencing and thatching, they have had a good deal of extra labour to do in house-repairing, in consequence of the damages done by the severe earthquakes by which we were visited in March and May. In the course of about six weeks, more than 200 shocks had been counted; some of which were very terrific. I sent away a note to you a few days after the first great succession of shocks, in which I stated the principal damages done then to property and life. Since that time, however, we have had another succession of the terrific phenomena. The sharpest and heaviest shock of all occurred on the morning of May 5th, when the stone part of our house and the church were considerably shattered. But both have already been repaired. We have also erected a new and much-needed room, as an addition to the mission house. Its dimensions are 23 ft. by 19 ft. It is wattle and plastered with coral lime. The natives cheerfully assisted in this work, in acknowledgment of their obligations to aid in the support of the Gospel. They quarried and carried the stones for the foundation of the house and helped to lay it, cut the wood for the frame, carried it from the forest—a distance of about 4 or 5 miles—and put it up, made the pit of lime, wattle the house and plastered it, all gratis; except seven pounds which I distributed in presents among the principal workers. They have prepared 1024 lbs of arrowroot, which is now ready for shipment per "Day Spring." This, you are aware is their annual contribution towards the pay-

ment of their Bible. There would have been a larger crop but for the great wave caused by one of the earthquakes in March. The sea destroyed almost all that had been planted in the lowlands along the shore.

#### SCHOOLS.

Our afternoon school has been better attended during the past year than in the preceding one. But we must acknowledge that there is not by any means a strong love of learning manifested by the scholars. It is evidently not the desire to secure their own mental improvement which is the motive impelling them to place themselves under our instruction, but a disposition to gratify our wishes; we are thankful for even this much. By-and-by we hope they will be inspired with a real desire to learn. At present, very many of them seem to look upon all learning, beyond that of being able to read and write, as quite unnecessary. By dint of that perseverance which overcomes all obstacles, we hope to be able yet to create in them a sense of the real value and necessity of mental improvement, and so, to speak more favourably of their scholarship than we can at present.

#### NATIVE SCHOOLS.

The morning schools taught by the native teachers are, I am convinced, very useful institutions for such a people as this. They exercise a beneficial influence on the whole population. Old and young meet every day for the purpose of reading, spelling and repeating the catechism, as well as for social worship. I found the schools in a more satisfactory condition during my last examination of them than ever before. The school-houses had been kept in good order, the teachers had been attending more faithfully to their duties, and the people in general had given evidence of a more inquiring and teachable spirit. Two school-houses were destroyed by the tidal wave, but arrangements are being made for the erection of new ones. The people of the various districts have at length agreed to make plantations for the support of the teachers. This is, of course, the only payment they are able to give. They have no money. Hitherto the teachers have been receiving an annual present of clothes and other goods from us, for their services; but now that their own brethren have taken the initial step in the direction of self reliance in the support of their schools, we shall not henceforth be expected, I hope, to bear this expense.

#### PRINTING.

Among manual labours, I may mention my attempt at printing. I knew nothing of



this art till I got a few lessons, last year, from the Rev. Mr. Watt, of Tana. Now, however, I find no difficulty in setting type and working the press. I printed with my own hands lately, 1000 copies of 1 Sam. Chap. 1; which are to be distributed soon among the natives. My next effort in this department, will be the printing of a new and enlarged edition of the Hymn Book.

#### CHURCH BELL.

We have received the gift of a fine new church bell, from the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales, through the Rev. Dr. Steel of Sydney.

The affairs of the station are evidently assuming, as a whole, a more promising aspect; and, in reviewing the whole course of the year, we feel that gratitude to God is the sentiment which should be uppermost in our hearts.

Yours very faithfully,

JAMES D. MURRAY.

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR.

#### INTERESTING EXTRACTS.

We have been favoured with some extracts from private letters of the Rev. J. W. McKenzie, one of our missionaries in the New Hebrides. It may be proper to explain that the Island of Fate, or Efate, as it is called by the natives, formerly known as Sandwich Island, being so named by Capt. Cook, is situated about 34 miles to the North of Erromanga, and is about 75 miles in circumference. Mr. McKenzie is stationed on the West side of the island, where he has under his charge two small villages, named Erakor, and Pango or Espang. The Rev. Joseph Annand, also since the union, one of our missionaries, and the Rev. D. McDonald, a son-in-law of Dr. Geddie, and sent by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, are stationed on the same island; the former at a place called Efil, the latter at Havannah Harbour. Till recently they have laboured among unbroken heathenism, but recently, Mr. McDonald has been privileged to baptize his first converts from heathenism. Mr. McKenzie's letter exhibits in painful colours the darkness and degradation of the heathen, and at the same time, the lights and shadows of the missionaries' life. We need scarcely say that the details here present an urgent call and ample encouragement to earnest believing prayer on behalf of the work.

ERAKOR, EFATE,

27th March, 1875.

In the course of a month we expect the "Dayspring." How anxiously we are

looking forward to her arrival, for it seems such a long time since we heard from you! The last letters received from you were written eleven months ago, and what changes may have taken place since. I am thankful to say we are all spared, and since writing you, have enjoyed a good measure of health. Still, we have not been altogether free from sickness. Amanda (Mrs. McKenzie) has had fever at last, and so has little Joseph, but his attacks are light and are owing chiefly to his teething. There has been a great deal of sickness amongst the natives, and during the year, fifteen persons have died, nearly all of consumption. It seems to be the prevailing sickness on this island.

#### HEATHEN CRUELITIES.

This island is still "full of the habitations of horrid cruelty." The natives still kill and devour one another, and often the helpless, sick people and infants, are buried alive.

Last week, a powerful inland chief, whom I had visited a month or two ago, was killed, and now the people of one of the heathen villages nearest to us, friends to that chief, are away taking vengeance on the people who killed him. In addition to the eleven who died at Pango, we lost nine young men who went away in a trading vessel, to gather beche-de-mer, a sort of animal found in the sea, which the Chinese eat. We heard that the vessel was taken at some heathen island, and all on board murdered.

#### OUR BROTHER MISSIONARIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Annand are well at present, but have suffered a good deal from fever. They have it quite often. We spent nearly a week with them at their station lately. The Milne's and McDonald's are well. Mr. Milne was round here a few days ago to get a teacher. He remained with us one night. Mrs. McDonald was confined of a son sometime in January. Their oldest child, Daniel, is quite an interesting fellow. The Milnes have no family. It seems a long time since we left home, and yet the days glide as swiftly by as ever they did. We seldom feel lonely or have a longing for home, and yet a day never passes that we do not think about you all.

April 27th.

#### WORK AMONG THE HEATHEN.

During the past year we have had some encouragement in our work. But I am sorry to say that among the Heathen villages, our efforts have not been very

successful so far, and lately we have been almost entirely excluded from them. The nearest heathen village to us is Eratap. The natives of this village have always been opposed to the Gospel. When Mr. Morrison was here, he sent a teacher and they murdered him. I again sent them one this year, and they threatened to kill him, if he did not leave them. This he refused to do, as there were one or two in favour of the worship. So when he had been there about a month, one Sabbath morning, several of them came to his house, and threatened to kill him and the one or two who were worshipping with him. The latter advised him to leave, and he did so immediately. Next day I went to see him, intending to remain amongst them for a few days. They were angry, and sent word to me, that I was no more welcome than the teacher. So, thinking I might be exposing my life, I returned home the same night. I have not visited them since, but intend doing so as soon as their feast is over. Their feasts are a great hindrance to them in the way of receiving the Gospel. They know that if they embrace the worship, they must give up their feasting.

#### HEATHEN DOINGS.

The next nearest village is Ebuf. Their feast is just finished, and I am hoping to get an entrance there before long. Some time ago the people of an inland village sent word to the Ebuf people, that they would come and fight them, unless they sent something to appease their wrath. I don't know what the people of Ebuf had done to enrage them, but at all events they now killed one of their own men, and carried his body away to this inland village for the people there to eat. But he had several sores on his legs, so they did not eat him.

And now another inland tribe have threatened to come and fight them. I heard they intended killing another man of their own village, and sending his body to them to be eaten. So I took one of our old men "Isaiah" from this village, and went to see their chief, and spoke to him about it, telling him how bad it was, and that Jehovah would certainly punish them for their wickedness. This was three or four weeks ago, and as yet they have not killed him.

A teacher from Enang has been visiting this village, on Sabbath, for the last eight or nine months. I go along with him as often as convenient. Four or five months ago, I told him to remain amongst them, but they drove him away the same day. They, however, don't offer any opposition

to our visiting them if we don't remain long.

#### CONVERTS FROM HEATHENISM.

From this village (Ebuf) a young man and his wife have come to our village to live, in order to embrace the worship. This you may be sure is very encouraging to us. They are the first who have come out since we settled here. Oh! that God would use us as instruments to bring every village within our reach to the knowledge of the truth. From the same village a woman deserted by her husband, has come to live at Erakor and has embraced the worship. Besides these, two young men have come from a village farther inland. Their chief was the most notorious cannibal on the island. His name was *Temil*, which means to swallow. The natives gave him this name, because he devoured so much human flesh. I think I wrote in my last, about a visit I made to his village. He died a few months ago. Those two young men only intended to remain a short time, but having remained for some time, they are unwilling to return home. So they have remained, and they attend church regularly, and one of them is learning to read. I am very sorry to say, that they are at war inland, and so it is not safe to go amongst them.

This evening, I feel very much downcast. We have just heard that two of our most promising young men have gone away in a vessel. It is most disheartening to see our young men leaving us. About eight months ago, nine went away, and we heard that they were all murdered. We thought that this would frighten the rest from going, but it has not. A missionary's life is a chequered one. One day he is elated with hope, the next he is sadly disappointed, and almost disheartened. We find the native so changeable. One day they seem interested in the work, but the next, they seem to know nothing about it. We need patience. We have to treat them as children. I may say we have not found it difficult to acquire the language.

#### ANEITYUM, 3rd June.

I am happy to inform you that we are all well. We came here to attend the Mission Synod, and feeling at the same time that we would be benefited by a change of scene. With you the summer is just setting in, but it is our winter and the weather is very pleasant, delightfully cool in the mornings and evenings. The winter is the healthiest season and much more pleasant than the summer. It is during the summer that we have such heavy rains and severe hurricanes.

During the past summer the hurricanes were not very severe, but there was something in their placé more terrific and destructive, namely earthquakes and tidal waves. I am happy to say, that their effects were not experienced so far North as our island. But here on Aneityum they were terrific, especially at Mr. Inglis' side of the island. Mr. and Mrs. I. were in danger of losing their lives by the tidal wave, which swept over their premises. About a quarter of an hour before the tidal wave, there had been a severe earthquake, which destroyed several buildings, and injured the fine stone church built by Dr. Geddie. It was about two o'clock in the morning, that the tidal wave came. Mr. and Mrs. I. were in bed when they heard it coming, so they sprang up and ru-hed away back toward the bush. It overtook Mr. Inglis, and, when receding, nearly carried him out to sea. Had they gone to the front of the house, nearer the sea, they would have been carried away. It burst open their doors, and there were three or four feet of water in the house. No tidal wave and no earthquake, like that one, have ever been known to have visited these islands before.

#### MEETING OF MISSIONARIES.

We are now near the close of our meeting. It is a week to-day since we met. This evening an address was presented to Mr. Inglis who leaves the mission this year. His successor, Mr. McDougall, is now on his way from Scotland. Mr. I. will get the Old Testament in Aneityumese printed in London, and then the natives will have the whole of God's word in their own language. Mr. Paton is going up to the colonies this year and will be absent from his station for more than a year. Mr. Neilson is also going to take his child to Melbourne for her education. He will be absent about six months.

18th August.

We arrived home in the "Dayspring" on the 15th June. During our absence all things went on smoothly at our station, and since our return the work at the Christian villages is going on much as usual.

Yesterday five of our young men went away in a vessel. There was a lull in the slave trade for several months, but it seems to have begun again. One of these I was very sorry to lose. He had come from a heathen village away inland and had embraced the worship. He attended school and I took great pains in teaching him, and he was just about beginning to read.

#### ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS.

We have still encouragement at the two heathen villages, which our teachers are

visiting regularly. But Satan is not willing to give them up without a struggle, so we have to encounter a good deal of opposition in various ways. Some days we have difficulty in getting our teachers to go to these villages, fearing that they may be killed. If they are afraid I generally go along with them. The natives of Erakor and Pango are not so willing and anxious now to go and teach the heathen as they were when they came out from heathenism.

At Eratap, the nearest heathen village, we had some opposition to encounter from the chiefs. At this village there is a young man, who has been friendly to the worship for a long time, but his wife is very much opposed to it. One of the chiefs, in order to put an end to the worship, ran off with this young man's wife. Amongst the heathen this always causes war. I advised him to restrain his wrath and remain strong for the good word. So far as I can judge at present, God has overruled this for his own glory in a remarkable manner. The chief thought that by what he had done he would put an end to the worship at Eratap, as this young man was taking the lead in it, but nearly all the village have sided with the latter, and say they will now take the gospel. Last Sabbath nearly all the men in the village came to hear me preach. I don't know how it will end. They are not to be trusted yet. We may have opposition for some time, but God's word must eventually gain the victory for it is the "power of God." We have four or five at least who are in earnest. You may be sure we feel encouraged. This is the first heathen village, at which we have been blessed in introducing the Gospel.

#### A RETURNED MISSIONARY.

Rev. R. J. Grant, missionary of this Church in San Fernando, Trinidad, has arrived in Pictou, Nova Scotia, his native place, with his wife and family on furlough, after four years of devoted service among the Asiatics in the Island named, and especially in San Fernando and surrounding district. Mr. Grant's labours have been acknowledged and blessed by the Great Master, and we think that with two such men as Mr. Campbell and Mr. Grant, visiting our Churches, there should be a sensible increase of missionary zeal, effort, and liberality.

#### CHINA.

##### LETTER FROM DR. FRASER.

A letter from Dr. Fraser, of date 27th Nov., has just been received. The letter principally gives details as to the building

of the mission premises. These will cost with the necessary outbuildings, wall, &c., about \$10,000. Dr. Fraser says "this is a very large sum. There are, however, these considerations to be borne in mind. 1st The houses will last for generations, unless some severe earthquake overthrow them. 2nd They will secure the missionaries as much as possible from the trying effects of this most trying climate. 3rd They are the cheapest houses of the kind ever built here. 4th The two houses complete cost just what one which is being built for the English Presbyterian mission at Taiwantoo is to cost. 5th A Chinese house is no fit place to live in, while to build a house in European style with Chinese artisans is necessarily expensive.

#### PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

Dr. Fraser explains that the increasing expenditure of the mission is really in consequence of the expanding nature of the work. He says "the expense of the mission in addition to the building of the houses will be greater this year, as our work is increasing, and we might better go home than come to a stand-still. There will be this year the rent of the house here, the rent of the hospital at Ho-be, and the chapel at Chin-neh, some money well and economically given to help the people themselves to erect places to worship in, the salaries of two or three teachers that we employ for the benefit of the sons of worshippers at some of our stations, the salaries of nine helpers at \$72.00 each per annum, and smaller sums spent in maintaining others while preparing to preach, with some other items. ALL THIS EXPENDITURE IS OF COURSE THE RESULT OF THE PROSPERITY OF THE MISSION. With our work pushing us on, we must spend money.

Mr. McKay is away in the South for a few weeks, he will write as usual from time to time. His absence leaves me unusually busy, so that you will excuse my closing abruptly. We are all well."

## ECCLESIASTICAL NEWS.

### SCOTLAND.

THE REV. W. M. BLACK, late of St. Mark's Church, Montreal, was inducted to the parish of Anwoth by the Presbytery of Kirkcubright on the 25th January. There was a large attendance of the congregation and also of ministers, among whom we observe the names of Rev. Dr. Jenkins of Montreal and Rev. Andrew Paton of Penpont, and formerly of this city.

REV. S. S. STOBBS, has resigned the charge of Lugar, Ayrshire.

DR. ANDREW A. BONAR reports that seven thousand converts who were added to the churches as the result of Mr. Moody's services in Glasgow "hold out well." This is a good report.

CHAIR OF DIVINITY, EDINBURGH.—The name of Professor Flint of St. Andrew's is spoken of as the probable successor of the lamented Dr. Crawford.

REV. JOHN T. McLEAN, late of Campbelltown, has been inducted to the Free Church, Port Bannatyne, vacant by the death of the Rev. A. McBride. The Rev. James S. McNab of Cumbernae has been elected minister of St. David's Established Church, Edinburgh.

THE Scotsman says:—"The 'innovations' of kneeling at prayer, standing while singing, and instrumental music, have been introduced into Govan Parish church, by Rev. Mr. McLeod, late of Dunse.

ANOTHER secession has been made to the Established Church in Scotland. The Rev. Mr. Fergus, of the English Presbyterian Church, Cardiff, has been received by the Presbytery of Glasgow. In assigning reasons for this step, the reverend gentleman states that, in his opinion, recent legislation has secured the privileges contended for by the Free Church, and that, therefore, the existence of separate churches is no longer needed.

NEW DEER—DEATH OF THE REV. JOHN WALLACE.—It is with much regret that we announce the death of this esteemed and talented clergyman. A lingering illness, brought on by the accident of being thrown from his phaeton two years ago, terminated fatally. First as assistant, latterly as minister, this gentleman had completed exactly nine years of ministerial labour in the parish, during which period he endeared himself to all classes of the community, alike by the elegance and impressiveness of his pulpit ministrations, and by the assiduity, faithfulness, and kindness of his pastoral labours. He was a man of refined tastes, scholarly accomplishments, and most amiable character. His early decease, at the age of 40, has cast a gloom over the parish and neighbourhood. Much sympathy is expressed for his widow. Mr. Wallace leaves a brother in the Church, the Rev. Dr. Wallace, of Greyfriars, Professor of Church History in the University of Edinburgh.

CHURCHES TO BE ENDOWED.—We understand that at the present time there are no fewer than five Established churches, all in

the parish of Govan, in a position for endowment. They are as follows:—Whitefinch, Dean Park, St. Bernard's, Kingston, and Kinning Park.

**REFORMED PRESBYTERIANS AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.**—The Rev. Dr. Goold, Edinburgh, Reformed Presbyterian, preached in the Parish Church, Newton-Stewart, on Sunday evening, in connection with the thirty-third anniversary of the minister of the Reformed Presbyterian congregation in that town. The large church was filled, and instrumental music was used during the service.

**THE FREE CHURCH RECORD**, says, "it is matter for thankfulness and congratulation that in our Church, at least, there appears no lack of candidates for the ministry. In the New College this session there are 126 students in all. Of these, 100 are aiming at the ministry of the Free Church, but along with these are no less than 26 from other Churches. Four men came from the Dominion of Canada and five from the United States. In Glasgow there are 60 students in all, in Aberdeen, 24.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN.**—At last meeting of Synod, it was resolved to elect three additional Professors for the Divinity Hall in May next. Presbyteries are now occupied with the nomination of eligible ministers: and we are glad to see that they have so many men of mark on whom the choice may rest. Beyond dispute, the favourite for the chair of *Pastoral Theology* is Dr. John Ker. His call seems sure; and should he accept it, we anticipate immense good for the students. *Church History* would be well taught by Dr. Duff of Helensburg, or Mr. Graham of Liverpool, the two most distinguished of the list proposed for the post. For the *Hebrew Tutorship* there is quite a host of names. The younger pastors appear to prefer Mr. Paterson, whose career at Oxford University did him high credit, and who deserves double honour for remaining in the Presbyterian Church, notwithstanding tempting offers to join the Episcopal communion in England.

**REV. DAVID MACREA**, of Gourrock, has declined a call to the North Church, Perth. The Rev. Fergus Ferguson, of Dalkeith, has been invited to Queen's Park Church, Glasgow. The Rev. John Brown, of Dundee, has been unanimously chosen by the congregation of John Street in the Western Metropolis. Both gentlemen are able and popular preachers.

**DR. COLIN S. VALENTINE** has been ordained as a missionary. He has for years held the situation of Court Physician to the Maharajah of Irypore—one of the leading

native Princes of India. In returning to that State, after a brief furlough at home, the Doctor will not only resume his medical duties, but combine the work of a Gospel teacher. May the result of his labours be in harmony with his heroism. Mr. Shoolbred continues to work zealously in Rajpootana; and his graphic pictures of Hindoo life are touching and telling.

**FINANCES** in the denomination are promising, despite hard time.—contributions for all schemes increase steadily. The steady augmentation is a sample of what a willing people can do—thanks to the convener of the Committee.—Provost Morton, of Greenock, who, by head and hand and heart, has purchased for himself a good degree as a helper of hitherto inadequately remunerated brethren. Would that his example were copied by some elders in Canada.

**THE QUEEN AND DR CUMMING.**—The Rev. Dr. Cumming, Crown Court, London, stated to his congregation that he recently preached a sermon before the Queen at Balmoral on the doctrine of the communion of saints, and having stated that the souls of the blessed in heaven would recognise each other perfectly, and would speak to each other about the events of the past in this world, on the conclusion of the service, Her Majesty advanced to the steps of the pulpit and thanked him heartily for his sermon.

#### MISSIONARY ITEMS.

**MISS C. M. TUCKER**, better known as the authoress "A. L. O. E.," has gone to India, at her own expense to teach in the Female Normal School and Instruction Society

A converted Hindoo is evangelizing the city of Benares. Walking from bazaar to bazaar, he sings the gospel with the accompaniment of his violin, and speaks with a simplicity that wins the heart.

**MR. NARAYAN SHESHADRI** has succeeded in making his mission congregations at Ialna and Bethel among the most progressive in India. He not only works hard himself, but has the faculty of rousing those around him to do the same. Two bodies of workers are engaged in evangelistic labours. The one confines itself to Ialna and the neighbouring villages, going over the ground again and again. The other body of labourers carries the Gospel over a circuit of a hundred miles. Since his return from Europe upwards of fifty converts have been added to the Church. His people, formed into a home missionary society, support an evangelist of their own. The young converts, banded into a young

men's Christian association, also send out an evangelist among those of their own age.

A REVIVAL of religion is reported at Moonte Australia, which has resulted in the conversion of about one thousand two hundred persons. In Adelaide the different churches had been holding special services in the city and its suburbs with great success.

FORMOSA.—“When the news of the union of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada reached this I-land, there was a praise and thanksgiving service in North Formosa. The sight must have been a grand one. May the inspiration of that day and hour never die out !

There would be few opponents of union if all could look at denominational differences and sectarian strifes from our stand-point. The noble army of Jehovah wasting time and treasure and life in faction fights, and the opposing hosts of the evil one in undisturbed possession of the inheritance of the saints ! A week in Formosa would do more for the conversion of the opponents of union than ten years of argument.

Surely the United Church will give us at least two more men. We have a magnificent field here, and existing missions should be fully manned before others are undertaken. *Letter in B. A. Presbyterian.*

Three of the missionaries of the American Board in Northern China have recently made a three months' tour through the mountainous province of Sshensi, and the southern part of the province of Shensi, which lies still further west. The farthest point which they reached was the city of Hsi-au-fee, once the capital of China, and the centre of the Nestorian missions ages ago. They saw the famous Nestorian Tablet, erected almost one thousand one hundred years ago by a Chinese emperor, in commemoration of the success of this mission, and were able to get *fac-simile* copies of the Chinese and Syriac inscriptions upon it. In this city they spent five busy days. The whole city seemed to turn out to receive them, and the sale of Christian books was so large that they were obliged peremptorily to close it, in order to retain a small portion of their stock for the long journey home. The provinces which they traversed are unoccupied, and have scarcely been visited by modern missionaries.

ONE of the early converts under Dr. Judson's ministry is still living, in extreme old age, at Moulmein, Burmah. He is eighty two years old, and was baptized forty-seven years ago. The visitor, whose interview with this venerable disciple is recorded in

the *Baptist Missionary Magazine*, found him lying upon his bed, in an untidy, comfortless room. His body was reduced to a mere skeleton, and his mind had lost its power on all ordinary subjects. When, however, something was said about the Lord Jesus, he suddenly roused up. Seizing the hand of the lady who was speaking with him between his own withered hands, he exclaimed:—“I want to testify to every one that not one word of my Saviour has been left unfilled to me. He is with me, I am holding on to Him with both hands !” When, in another interview, he spoke of Christ and his trust in Him, the old dark face was lit up with joy, and the aged disciple, though surrounded by heathens, and deserted by his own wife, for his faith's sake, delighted in the Lord as his portion. *Phila. Presbyterian.*

*Nothing to give!* And the heathen are stretching out their hands in imploring petition for the bread of life; and warm-hearted Christian ministers, and even Christian women, are standing upon the shores of our own land, and looking across into the darkness, and weeping for the means to carry them there, that they may minister to the spiritual necessities of those perishing millions.

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## The Presbyterian Record.

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MONTREAL, 1st MARCH, 1876.

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Our circulation has run up swiftly to 34,000, and “many more are coming still !” We hope the mention of this fact will induce our numerous correspondents to be a little blind to errors of omission and commission in connection with the Dispatch list. The non-receipt of parcels, and any mistakes as to the number of copies should be intimated to us without unnecessary delay. Presbytery Clerks are respectfully requested to keep us informed of the time of holding their stated meetings. The supply of January and February numbers is exhausted, so we cannot now furnish back numbers to parties who have delayed sending in their orders.

All communications intended for insertion or for notice in the RECORD must be in our hands by the 10th of the month.

## MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

*For Clerks names see February.*

1	Sydney		
2	Victoria and Richmond.		
3	Pictou.		
4	Wallace, Tuesday 7 March,	6.30	p. m.
5	Truro. " 21 "	11	a. m.
6	Halifax, " 14 "	11	a. m.
7	Lunenburg and Yarmouth		
8	St. John, Tuesday, 14 March,	11	a. m.
9	Mirimichi, " 2 May,		
10	P. E. Island.		
11	Newfoundland.		
12	Quebec, Wednesday, 29 March,	10	a. m.
13	Montreal, Tuesday, 4 April,	11	a. m.
14	Glenarry, " 21 March,	12	noon.
15	Brockville, " " "	11	a. m.
16	Ottawa, " " "	3	p. m.
17	Kingston, " 11 April,	7	p. m.
18	Peterboro, " 28 March,	1	p. m.
19	Whitby.		
20	Lindsay.		
21	Toronto, Tuesday, 4 April,	11	a. m.
22	Barrie, " 7 March,	11	a. m.
23	Owen Sound, " 21 "	10	a. m.
24	Saugeen, " 14 "	1	p. m.
25	Guelph, " 14 "	10	a. m.
26	Hamilton.		
27	Paris.		
28	London, Tuesday, 14 March,	2	p. m.
29	Chatham, " 28 "	11	a. m.
30	Stratford, " 7 "	11	a. m.
31	Bruce, " 28 "	4	p. m.
32	Huron, " 11 "	11	a. m.
33	Manitoba, Wednesday, 8 March,	10	a. m.

## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

*Western Division.*

The Home Mission Committee of the Western Division, will meet in the Deacons Court Room of Knox's Church, Toronto, on Monday evening, 3rd April next, at 7 p. m.

Claims of Presbyteries for the current six months, and all documents intended for the Committee, should be sent to the Convener, not later than the 31st March.

A full and punctual attendance of members is earnestly requested.

WM. COCHRANE, D.D.

Convener.

## SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

The Synod of Hamilton and London will meet in Saint Paul's Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday the second day of May next, at half past seven o'clock evening.

Rolls of Presbyteries and all other papers intended for presentation to the Synod, should be sent to the clerk at least one week before the date of meeting.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures,

consisting of the Synod and Presbytery Clerks, with a representative Minister and Elder from each Presbytery will meet at 2 p. m. on the said day of Meeting, to arrange the business of the Synod.

WM. COCHRANE, D. D.

SYNOD CLERK.

## BLANK SCHEDULES FOR STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL RETURNS.

Blank Schedules have been sent to all ministers on the Roll. For vacant congregations, mission stations, as well as for ministers recently settled, blanks have been sent to the several Presbytery Clerks. Should any not have received their Schedules, they will please communicate with the Clerks of their respective Presbyteries or Rev. W. Reid, Toronto. Instructions for filling up, will be found in the schedules themselves.

## CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR.

It will be borne in mind that the Financial year, so far as congregations are concerned, closes on 31st March. The Books of the Agent of the Church will be kept open till 30th April to give full opportunity for all moneys being transmitted. It is hoped that there will be few or no blanks in the financial returns. The following are the schemes on behalf of which contributions from congregations are asked by the General Assembly.

1. French Evangelization.
2. Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and Fund for Aged and Infirm ministers.
3. Assembly Fund.
4. College Fund.
5. Home Mission Fund.
6. Foreign Mission Fund.

N. B.—Slips for subscriptions for the Schemes of the Church may be obtained from Rev. W. Reid, Toronto, or James Croil, Esq., Montreal.

## LITERARY NOTICES.

We had hoped to be able to devote a few paragraphs each month to this department, but have been "let" hitherto by the demands upon our time and space which follow of necessity from so large a circulation as we have attained to. Hoping for better times, we content ourselves at present with the following brief acknowledgements.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN EVANGELICAL REVIEW.—This popular quarterly which comes to us through Messrs. James Bain & Co., Toronto, is now under the able editorship of Dr. Candlish, of Edinburgh. The January part fully sustains its already well-earned reputation. Canadian sub-

scribers get it at *the reduced price* of \$2 per annum—*Verbum sat sapienti.*

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY AND PRINCETON REVIEW.—The best in America—may be ordered through Rev. Andrew Kennedy, of Lond n, Ont, price \$2.25, including postage. (It is sold for \$3.60 in the States.) Since the re-union of the Presbyterian Churches, four years ago, this excellent magazine has combined the literary talent of both "Schools." Without having any comparison, we can say of these two Quarterlies that the one is the complement of the other. Together, they reflect the mind and thought of the old world and the new, and no minister's sanctum is well furnished without having both of them on the table.

A VINDICATION OF THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Principal Caven must forgive our tardy acknowledgement of this logical and clearly reasoned pamphlet, which, to our mind, carries conviction with it in every sentence.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE ROCKS.—Wm. Drysdale & Co, Montreal, have our thanks for this handsome volume, the first of a new series of Hugh Miller's works—the gifted author's last legacy to literature, that will be read with as much interest to-day as when it was first published twenty years ago.

THE MONTHLY RECORD of the Church of Scotland, in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and adjoining Provinces, edited by Rev. R. McCunn, of River John. We are much pleased with the whole tone and spirit of the January number, which has just come to hand: Most heartily do we reciprocate the good wishes of the editor, and gladly we place it on the list of our exchanges. Until the "fulness of the time" come, we shall agree to differ as to outward organization—in all essentials we are already at one.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN CANADA, is the title of Professor Pollok's thoughtful and comprehensive inaugural address at the opening of Dalhousie College, Halifax. The lecturer shews that the rigidity that has been fastened on Presbyterianism does not really belong to it, though *ultra* Presbyterians may be justly blamed for keeping it up.

MONTHLIES RECEIVED. Dominion Monthly: Christian Monthly: Presbyterian Monthly Record, and Presbyterian at Work, Phil: Record Church of Scotland: Free Church Record. WEEKLIES. Scottish American Journal: Christian Union: Christian at Work: Presbyterian Phil.: Weekly Review, London: Patriot, Charlottetown, P. E. I.: Globe, Christian Guardian: Canadian Independent, Toronto: College Journals of QUEEN'S and DALHOUSIE.

## POETRY.

"I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK."

Behold a stranger at the door;  
He gently knocks; has knocked before;  
Has waited long, is waiting still;  
You use no other friend so ill.

O lovely attitude! He stands  
With melting heart and open hands;  
O matchless kindness! And He shows  
This matchless kindness to His foes.

Rise, touched with gratitude divine,  
Turn out His enemy and thine;  
Turn out that hateful monster sin,  
And let the heavenly stranger in.

Admit Him ere His anger burn,  
Lest He depart and ne'er return;  
Admit Him, or the hour's at hand  
When at His door, denied, you stand.

Admit Him, for the human breast  
Ne'er entertained so kind a guest;  
No mortal tongue their joys can tell,  
With whom He condescends to dwell.

Sovereign of souls, thou Prince of peace!  
O may Thy gentle reign increase!  
Throw wide the door each willing mind,  
And be His empire all mankind.

### COMFORT FOR THE TUNER-TUNED.

LORD, my voice by nature is harsh and untunable, and it is vain to lavish any art to better it. Can my singing of psalms be pleasing to Thy ears, which is unpleasant to my own? Yet, though I cannot chant with the nightingale, or chirp with the blackbird, I had rather chatter with the swallow, yea, rather croak with the raven, than be altogether silent. Hadst Thou given me a better voice, I would have praised Thee with a better voice. Now, what my music wants in sweetness, let it have in sense, singing praises with understanding. Yea, Lord, create in me a new heart (therein to make melody), and I will be contented with my old voice until, in due time, being admitted into the choir of heaven, I will have another more harmonious bestowed upon me. Fuller.

LOST.—Yesterday, between sunrise and sunset, two Golden Hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, as they are gone forever.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE 11TH DEC. TO THE 7TH FEBRUARY, BY A. B. STEWART, Treasurer, MONTREAL.

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Donald Lamont	2.00
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Mrs. Slack, Truro, N. S.	2.00
A little girl, a year's path'g	2.00
Knox Church, Guelph	100.00
An Elder	1.00
Geo. Allan	5.00
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Eaton & Brodie	32.35
per Wm. Reid, Toronto	327.85
Friends in Eganville	6.25
Holstein	13.08
Amos	5.02
Fairbairn	9.02
A friend	10.00
Woodville S. S.	30.00
D. McColl's S. S.	33.11
St. John's Ch. Newcastle	150.00

\$3056.29

BY THE AGENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES, FROM JAN'y 1st to 31st.

For Foreign Missions.

Acknowledged to Dec. 31, \$7266	65
Badecek, C. B. additional	6 05
Riverside, Bass River	8 31
" Portapique	4 84
" Castlercagh	3 03
St. John's, New London	25 00
St. John's Ch. St. John, N.B.	10 00
Mrs. S. Lawrence, Margaree, C. B.	1 00
Sussex and Union	5 00
St. Andrews Ch., N. Glasgow, India	75 35
Cavendish, P. E. I.	43 00
New Glasgow, P. E. I., India	10 00
Dr. Dawson, Montreal, and Truro West, i thanksg'g. Coldstream, per Rev. J. F. C. for India	5 55
Stellarton, per Rev. J. F. C. for India	15 30
Fisher's Grant, per Rev. J. F. C. for India	7 37
McLennan's Mountain, per Rev. J. F. C. for Ind.	10 80
Vale Colliery, per Rev. J. F. C. for India	9 14
Sutherland's River, per Rev. J. F. C. for India	18 55
West Branch, per Rev. J. F. C. for India	9 00
Brown's Creek, per Rev. J. F. C. for India	30 00
Brown's Creek, gen. fund.	90 00
Rev. Wm. McCullagh, proceeds Lecture, Sherb'ko	4 25
Juvenile Missionary Soc. James Ch., N. Glasgow	12 50
A friend, Aliberton	2 00
East River, Pictou	50 00
India	20 00
J. A. Fraser, New Glasgow	2 00

Isabella McRae, collected at N. Glasg. Road, P. E. I.	2 25
A friend, per Rev. S. Gunn	0 40
DeSable, for India	11 21
Murray Harbour Road, for India	8 40
Bridgewater	24 00
St. Croix	10 55
Woodville & Little Sands	4 00
Middle Musquodoboit	15 00
"    for India	5 00
Little Harbour & Fisher's Grant	20 00
Souris, P. E. I.	11 00
Now Mills, N. B.	2 00
Shubennadie, India	3 75
Brookfield, Colchester	11 00
Earltown	30 00
Fort Massey, Halifax, 1/2 year	125 00
Add. first item in last acknowledgement not included in summing up	7 70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$681 81</b>

*Dayepring and Trinidad Teachers and Evangelists.*

Already Acknowledged	\$484 91
Ida, Thomas and Harry Wilson, of St. John's Ch. S. S. Halifax, \$1 each	3 00
Portapique, S. S.	12 75
Cornwallis, South West	18 18
"    West	3 25
Kempt	7 60
Brown's Creek	16 97
St. George's Sab. Sch. N.B.	4 00
East River Pictou	16 00
Newport	21 06
Woodville & Little Sands	6 00
Middle Musquodoboit	3 51
Souris	11 33
New Mills	1 00
Springhill	11 85
Saltsprings, N. B.	4 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$619 51</b>

*For support of J. A. McDonald, Missionary Teacher.*

Already acknowledged	\$168 75
St. John's Ch., Windsor, Ladies	12 50
Hopewell, Pictou C. Ladies James Ch., New Glasgow, Missionary Association.	12 50
Andrew Gow, Bridgewater	12 50
Riverside, Ladies	12 50
United Ch., New Glasgow, Ladies	12 50
Economy, Ladies	12 50
Springville, Ladies	6 25
Truro, Dr. McCulloch's Bible Class	13 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$275 50</b>

*Home Missions.*

Already acknowledged	\$1430 39
Riverside, Bass River	14 30
"    Portapique	4 04
"    Castlereagh	3 03
St. John's, New London	10 00
Shelburne	17 00
St. John's Ch., St. John	17 00
Clyde River & Barrington	10 00
Sussex and Union	5 75
Cavendish, P. E. I.	25 85
New Glasgow, P. E. I.	10 00
Brown's Creek	5 00
East River, Pictou	16 00
Bridgewater	20 00
St. Croix	5 00

Woodville & Little Sands	6 00
Moser's River	3 73
Glussville	5 84
Souris	10 00
New Mills	2 00
Springfield	6 00
Truro West, 1 thanks giv.	14 46
Baddeck, C. B.	12 00
Earltown	7 00
Fort Massey, Hfx., 1/2 year	75 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1737 50</b>

*Supplementing Fund.*

Already acknowledged	\$1849 94
Riverside, Bass River	12 50
"    Portapique	8 81
James Ch., New Glasgow	20 00
St. John's, New London	10 00
Shelburne	23 00
St. John's Ch., St. John	17 00
Sussex and Union	19 00
Springfield	12 00
Truro West, 1/2 thanks giv.	29 60
Brown's Creek	5 00
East River, Pictou	28 00
Bridgewater	20 00
Woodville & Little Sands	6 00
Spry Bay	7 00
Souris	10 42
A Lady of St. Andrew's Ch., New Glasgow	4 00
Saltsprings	2 00
Hammond River	3 00
St. Matthew's, Halifax	100 00
Earltown	15 00
New Glasgow, P. E. I.	4 00
Buctouche, Scotch Settlement and Cognac	11 00
Fort Massey, Hfx., 1/2 year	125 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2341 67</b>

*Ministerial Education or College Fund.*

Errata. In last No. Buctouche should be	4 56
Shediac	6 85
The total should be	\$4170 28

Already acknowledged	\$4170 28
Noel	10 00
Dundas	4 00
Parrsboro	4 00
Riverside, Bass River	13 29
"    Portapique	7 40
James Ch., New Glasgow, M. Ass.	20 00
Kentville	10 00
New London, South	4 00
Framboise	4 50
Gabarus	2 00
Shelburne	24 00
Mabou	25 55
St. John's Ch., St. John	17 50
Clyde and Barrington	16 00
Sussex and Union	4 25
Rent. Room in Theological Hall	50 00
Cavendish	17 40
Whycomamah	14 00
Truro West, 1/2 thanks giv.	30 00
Middle River, C. B.	20 09
Brown's Creek, P. E. I.	20 00
Newport	7 06
Fredrickton	29 00
Brookfield	6 00
West River	3 27
Clyde River	2 00
Bridgewater	40 00
St. Croix	6 00
Lake Ainslie, C. B.	9 00
Woodville & Little Sands	6 00
Middle Musquodoboit	14 00

St. Matthew's, Pugwash	9 49
Glassville	3 16
Little Narrows, C. B.	9 00
Little Harbour & Fisher's Grant	15 25
Souris	7 00
New Mills	2 00
Earltown	15 00
Douglstown, Newcastle	5 00
Newcastle, add'l	1 00
Moncton	30 00
Bank Divid., 6 shares old	64 00
"    New stock	15 00
Kempt	4 00
Fort Massey, Hfx., 1/2 year	125 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4913 50</b>

**FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.**

*By Rev. P. G. McGregor, Halifax*

Amount acknowledged up to 31st Dec.	\$680 73
Erratum in last No., page 53, 2nd col., 7th line, Omit Poplar Grove, \$35.	
James Ch., New Glasgow	20 00
M. Ass.	1 50
Gabarus and Framboise	8 10
St. John's P. Ch., St. John	
Mrs. McDougall, Lower Kennetcoot	2 00
R. Fraser, Rocklin	2 00
An old member of Poplar Grove	4 50
Brown's Creek, P. E. I.	30 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, New Glasgow, \$2 each	4 00
Bridgewater	11 00
A friend, Sheet Harbour	4 00
Little Harbour & Fisher's Grant	18 01
New Mills	1 00
E. River, St. Mary's Sabbath School	1 69
A friend, Halifax	5 00
Earltown	7 56
Fort Massey, Hfx., 1/2 year	40 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$341 09</b>

*Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.*

St. John's Ch., St. John	6 00
Sussex and Union	10 00
Springfield	6 50
Brown's Creek	10 00
Woodville & Little Sands	4 00
A Lady of St. Andrew's Ch., New Glasgow	4 00
Moncton	10 00
Rev. K. McKay, Richmond, N. B.	20 00
J. Savage, Richmond, N. B.	4 00
Thos. Campbell	4 00
Wm. Forrest	2 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80 50</b>

**ZENANA MISSION.**

*Receipts.*

From R. H. Skimmings, Esq.	\$400 00
"    J. J. Bremner, Esq.	100 00
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>100 00</b>
Balance on hand	400 00
<b>MINISTERS, WIDOWS' AND ORPHAN FUND, (Church of Scotland.)</b>	
A. Ferguson, Montreal, Treasurer	5 00
St. John's Ch., Montreal	5 00
Renfrew	38 00
North Dorchester	12 00

King	15.00
Toronto, St. Andrew Ch	60.00
Chelsea	7.00
L'Original	\$7.10 } 17.50
Hawkesbury	10.40 }
Kincardine	10.83
Balsore	4.00
Scarboro & Markham	30.00
East Williams	10.00
Litchfield	12.00
Nelson & Waterdown	12.50
Georgetown	12.00
Packenham	12.00
Natawasaga West	15.00
Huntingdon	12.00
Smith Falls	12.00
Walkerton	12.00
Georgina	5.00
Horaby	4.00
	\$309.83

RECEIVED BY REV. W. REID, AGENT FOR THE CHURCH SCHEMES, AT TORONTO, UP TO THE 10TH FEBRUARY.

Assembly Fund of Canada Presbyterian Church.

Amount to 10th Jan., 1876.	\$1520.22
Napier	2.13
Westwood	2.85
Saint Vincent	4.36
Sydenham, Knox Ch	2.09
Euphrasia	2.60
Bayfield	5.33
Berne	3.77
North Gower	3.25
Dundas, Knox Church	12.50
Campbellville	3.50
Greenbank	3.50
Montreal Erskine Church	40.00
Stanley St Ch	8.00
Paris, Dumfries St Church	21.00
Erin	9.50
Flos and Medanto	2.00
Guelph, Chalmers Ch	19.00
Mosa	8.50
Nottawa, add	1.03
Chinguncoosey 1st	4.50
2nd	4.00
Aurora	2.50
Saint George	5.00
English Settlement	7.50
Perth, Knox Church	15.00
Alma	6.50
Ashfield	10.00

ASSEMBLY FUND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

Amount to 10th Jan., 1876.	\$413.07
Shelburne	1.00
Poplar Grove, Halifax	2.00
Gabarus & Frambois, N.S.	2.50
Saint Vincent	6.67
Sydenham, Knox Church	0.46
Euphrasia	0.40
Toronto, Saint Andrews	4.00
Bayfield	0.92
Berne	0.58
North Gower	0.50
Dundas, Knox Church	2.50
Campbellville	2.50
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	5.00
Greenbank	0.50
East Williams, St Andrew's	2.00
Montreal Erskine Church	11.18
Stanley St Ch	2.00
Paris, Dumfries Street	3.00
Erin	1.43
Guelph, Chalmers Ch	3.00
Mosa	2.00
Chinguncoosey 1st	1.00
2nd	0.50

Saint George	1.00
English Settlement	1.50
Sussex and Union, N.B.	1.00
Hopewell, N.S.	2.00
Prince St Ch, Picton, N.S.	1.50
Little Harbour & Fisher's Grant, N.S.	2.00
New Mills, N.B.	2.00
Perth, Knox Church	2.50
Alma	1.00
Ashfield	1.00

HOME MISSION.

Amount to 10th Jan. 1876.	\$4687.22
West Gwillimbury, 1st	53.31
Toronto, St Andrew's	72.17
James Crane, Stanley, B.C.	6.00
Lucknow, St Andrew's	6.00
Bayfield	23.20
Berne	15.00
Mountain	39.04
South Gower	30.64
Winnipeg, Knox Ch	43.70
Dundas, Knox Ch	10.00
Corwall, Knox Ch	40.00
Nassagaweya	12.00
Campbellville	12.00
Goderich	75.37
McKillop	27.80
Thamesford	35.00
Toronto West Ch. Sab So	40.00
Warwick, Knox Ch	6.65
Paisley	31.00
Tilbury East	20.00
Chippewa, add	4.00
Montreal Erskine Church	1400.00
Stanley St Ch	175.00
Robert Stewart, Toronto	4.00
St Louis de Gonzague and Valleyfield	20.03
Culross	22.50
Toronto West Church	67.25
Erin	15.00
Elora, Knox Church	43.00
Guelph, Chalmers Church	27.00
Chatham, Wellington St.	30.00
South Luther	4.00
Quebec, Chalmers Ch, add	50.00
Peterborough, St Paul's Sabbath School	35.00
Alton	3.45
Milton, Knox Church	18.00
Boston Church	14.00
Drummondville	25.00
Milverton & North Mornington	40.00
West Nottawasaga	10.00
Rockwood	2.50
Sydenham, St Pauls	3.32
Saint Vincent	2.75
Euphrasia	1.81
Hastings	7.00
Eastern Seneca	4.50
Smiths Falls	100.00
Dalhousie	11.53
Sherbrooke	6.72
South Plympton	14.69
Saint George	21.75
Caledonia & Allan Settlement	50.00
Alvinston, Brooke and Euphemia	7.87
Chesley	9.01
Salem	2.72
Lakefield Sab School	16.00
Walkerton, per Rev Dr Bell	4.00
Laohute, Henry's Church	23.18
Rockwood	4.00
Dumblano	6.00
Charles St Toronto Sab So	25.00
Rev S Fenton, Vittoria	10.00
Carlisle	20.00
Ailsa Craig	30.52

Nairn	2.81
Holstein	16.53
Amos	14.50
Fairbairn	70.00
Galt, Knox Ch Sab So	40.00
Perth, Knox Ch	100.00
Toronto, College St Ch S S	20.00
Alma	20.00
Toronto, Bay St Ch	41.20
Ayr, Knox Church	61.00
Montreal, St Joseph St Ch	60.00
Lake Shore Line	19.50
Toronto, Gould Street	731.46
Sab So	60.56
Shorbourne St S S	30.00
Caer Howell St S S	20.00
Elgin and Athelstan	25.00

FOREIGN MISSION.

Amount to 10th Jan. 1876.	\$1688.59
West Gwillimbury 1st	59.20
John McBean, Toronto	100.10
James Cran, Stanley, B.C.	6.00
Newmarket Sab So	25.00
Aurora	20.00
Dundas, Zion Ch	70.00
St Vincent Sab So, China	4.80
Lucknow, St Andrew's	5.00
Bayfield	7.22
Berne	5.00
Dundas, Knox Church	10.00
Corwall	15.00
Nassagaweya	12.00
Campbellville	6.00
Metis Sab So, China	2.00
Thamesford	20.00
Kildonan	10.00
Barrie	16.00
Montreal Erskine Ch	1000.00
Robert Stewart, Toronto	4.00
J Clarke, Athol, on behalf of daughter deceased	25.00
Montreal Stanley St Ch	125.00
Belleville, John St Sab So	10.00
China	10.00
Toronto West Church	25.00
Davenport Sab So	17.00
China	17.00
Toronto, Davenport Sab S	17.00
Saskatchewan	10.00
Erin	10.00
Elora, Knox Church	40.19
Chatham, Wellington St.	30.00
South Luther	6.00
Peterborough, St Pauls S S	25.00
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English Settlement	37.55
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Shakespeare and Hampstead S Se ..	8.00
Charles St, Toronto S Se ..	40.00
Carlisle ..	10.00
Ailsa Craig ..	15.00
Galt, Knox Ch S Se ..	50.00
Perth, Knox Ch ..	46.00
" S Se, China ..	15.00
Toronto, College St Ch S S ..	10.00
China ..	7.50
" Saskn ..	6.50
Lake Shore line ..	15.00
Alma ..	41.20
Toronto, Bay St. Ch ..	10.00
Montreal, St Joseph St ..	200.00
Toronto, Gould St Ch ..	50.00
" " Ladies ..	50.50
" " S Se ..	20.00
" Sherbourne St S S ..	10.00
" Caer Howel ..	10.00
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Gould St. Ch. Toronto ..	25.00
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Newmarket Sab Se ..	20.00
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Dundas, Knox Church ..	10.00
Campbellville ..	12.00
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Thamesford ..	14.00
Paisley, Knox Church ..	25.00
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Mrs Judge Gowan, Barrie ..	18.00
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Culross ..	7.75
Toronto, West Church ..	16.00
Oneida ..	20.00
Nairn Church ..	3.01
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Erin Sabbath School ..	3.60
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John Thom, Esq, Toronto ..	30.00
Scarboro, St Andrews Ch ..	30.00
Alton ..	3.00
Union Church ..	42.00
Drummondville ..	15.00
Saint George ..	7.35
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Galt, Knox Ch Sab Se ..	20.00
John Patterson, Galt, for Mr Chintiquy ..	5.00
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Toronto, Gould St Ch ..	35.00
" " S Se ..	25.00
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Received to 10th Jan. '76	\$10,262.62
James Cran, Stanley, B.C.	4.00
Widdow ..	6.30
Ayr, Knox Church ..	50.00
Saint Vincent ..	2.32
Sydenham, Knox Ch ..	2.87
Euphrasia ..	1.08
Bayfield ..	5.00
Berne ..	5.00
Brantford, Wellington St ..	5.00
Dundas, Knox Church ..	10.00
Nassagaweya ..	12.00
Campbellville ..	12.00
M P Woodstock ..	10.00
Smith Church ..	4.00
Thamesford ..	34.00
Greenbank ..	6.00
Longwood Guthrie Ch ..	10.00
Barrie ..	20.00
Robert Stewart, Toronto ..	4.00
Moore, Burns Church ..	15.00
Toronto West Church ..	52.00
Erin ..	12.00
Elora, Knox Church ..	43.25
Lake Road ..	5.48
Guelph, Chalmers Church ..	20.00
Chatham, Wellington St ..	15.00
Guelph, St Andrews ..	25.00
Alton ..	3.00
Drummondville ..	20.00
Egmondville ..	21.00
Saint George ..	10.75
Bear Creek ..	18.35
Alma ..	18.00
Toronto, Bay St Church ..	41.21
Gould St Church ..	340.00
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Galt, Knox Church, for Bayno Scholarship ..	50.00
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Berne ..	5.00
Thamesford ..	12.00
Barrie ..	27.00
Montreal, Erskine Church ..	31.77
Robert Stewart, Toronto ..	3.00
Culross ..	11.25
Erin ..	6.00
Elora, Knox Church ..	14.20
Guelph, Chalmers Church ..	10.00
Chatham, Wellington St C ..	40.00
Drummondville ..	9.00
Saint George ..	5.25
Alvinston, Brooke & Euphemia ..	4.93
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Montreal, St Joseph St ..	5.00

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Bayfield ..	7.21
Berne ..	5.00
Cornwall ..	15.00
Campbellsville ..	3.00
Paisley, Knox Church ..	20.00
Robert Stewart, Toronto ..	2.00
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