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MAY, 1877.

## The General Assembly.

THE Annual Meeting of the third General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is appointed to convene in the city of Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, on Wednesday the thirteenth of June next, at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

This Assembly will differ from its predecessors in that it will be a representative body, consisting of one-fourth of the whole number of ministers on the Rolls of the several Presbyteries, with an equal number of Elders. It follows that about three hundred and fifty Ministers and Elders, representing more than half a million of the people of this Dominion, may be expected to be in attendance. This is a large constituency for so young an Assembly—being not much less than that of the venerable General Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland. But it represents a territory vastly greater, one whose habitable area is stated to be larger than that of the United States, and within a fraction of the surface of the Continent of Europe.

Halifax may well be proud of the distinction that awaits her, and will, doubtless, throw open her doors to receive the strangers who shall come within her gates at that time, and will make them doubly welcome—for their work's sake, and their own. Some of these commissioners, in going and returning, will travel a distance of five thousand five hundred miles. The average mileage for each member will not be far short of fifteen hundred miles. Do we recognize as we should the logical inference

from these statements? Is it not just possible that there may come into our assembly brethren who will be more concerned about exhibiting their powers of debate, their knowledge of Church law, or their aptness for discussing the niceties of points of order, than in promoting the despatch of business? Is there not a tendency in all ecclesiastical courts to fritter away too much precious time in arguing technicalities? It will not pay to go so far and do nothing, or, what is worse, to indulge in much speaking, for mere speaking's-sake.

We do not need to specify what business lies before the Assembly. In connection with our Home and Foreign missions, our French Evangelization work, our Colleges, and our Widows' Fund—not to speak of the Rules and Forms of Church Polity that have to be adjusted and harmonized—there is more than enough to occupy the time at the Assembly's disposal. Our earnest hope is that nothing will prevent these subjects from receiving the consideration which their vast importance demands. In former times, in some of the Churches now united, if not in all of them, it was considered fitting to request the prayers of God's people for the Divine blessing on the deliberations of the Supreme Courts. It cannot be wrong now to suggest to all the congregations of the Church the propriety of united prayer to God that such a spirit shall pervade the coming Assembly as shall make it manifest that it is indeed an Assembly of ardent and hopeful Christian men, doing Christ's work, each esteeming other better than himself. Of this we are assured, that Christ Himself is present in all the assemblies of His people. Let us not doubt that He will be in the midst of our Assembly. This of itself is sufficient to make our meeting a glorious one.

## The Missionary World.

**I**N India there are spots bright with the sunshine of material prosperity, but there are extensive regions wrapt in the deepest gloom and distress,—regions where famine and disease are literally decimating the people. The great Presidency of Madras, all Southern India, and the Island of Ceylon may be looked upon as clad in mourning and woe. A very wide door is opened for missionary enterprise. The gigantic efforts of the Government to feed the starving myriads, the bounty of the missionaries and the benevolence of Christians in general, make a favourable impression on the native mind, and thus the way is paved for preaching the Gospel and for its kindly reception. We read of continued progress in Japan. The whole nation appears to be rapidly rising to the dignity of a Christian community. One of the latest items of news received by us is that all Presbyterian Missionaries in Japan were about to unite in one organization. China is so great an Empire that the impression made by our missionaries, thus far, appears slight indeed in comparison with the enormous totality of stolid heathenism remaining to be reached. Still, we rejoice to hear tidings of increasing success, new stations opened, new provinces explored, new churches organized. Our own Chinese Mission is one of the most successful of which we read. The Missionaries in Turkey—many of them Presbyterians—live in the midst of racking anxiety, peril and sad distress. Thus far they have been on the whole very kindly treated under the conviction that they are English, and that the English Government is the steadfast friend of Turkey. We read of progress in various districts of Turkey in Asia, but the agitation connected with the impending war has been a most serious obstruction. The fanaticism of Islam shows a most ominous and alarming spirit of revival.

In Africa the old and well established Missions on the West Coast are steadily increasing in power and in numbers. A few months ago, all the Protestant Missionaries

belonging to this region met in Conference in order to strengthen the hands and cheer the hearts of one another. It is hard to elevate the Negro to the standard of ordinary Christian morality, yet the improvement made within the past quarter of a century is not more gratifying in itself than encouraging as a pledge of future growth. The Central African Missions planted by our parent churches are just getting into working order; but they have already exercised a most salutary influence in checking the accursed and cruel trade in slaves which has so long desolated the fairest portions of the ill-fated African continent. In Madagascar there is no falling back, though, unfortunately, corrupt forms of Christianity are being introduced in sections of that noble Island. Nothing remarkable has of late been reported from the sunny isles of the Pacific. New Guinea, one of the largest islands on our globe, has been partially explored by agents of the London Missionary Society, and it is proved that there too a field exists ready for harvest,—a field with attractions all its own.

From all parts of the wide world-field comes the cry of “more Missionaries.” Alas that the response is so inadequate! Many Missionary Societies and Boards, we regret to say, are deeply in debt for last year’s operations. This should not be so; and surely it will not continue. Wherever retrenchment may be talked about, it is impossible in relation to Foreign Missions. We cannot, we dare not, sound a retreat from any section of the field wherein Christ has given us a banner to display for Himself: nor dare we allow our missionaries feel the pinch of hunger or groan under the cruel burden of debt.

The battle is the Lord’s. He has granted and is still granting success, all along the far-extending line. The call for reinforcements reaches us, loud and clear: and none whom it reaches can treat it with indifference. Whoever studies most closely the tidings with which our periodicals are freighted, will feel most strongly the conviction that the Lord is doing a work in our generation such as was never before witnessed on this earth. Well may we be ambitious of being fellow-workers with the Lord in this great work!

## The Sabbath School.

### INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

BY REV. GEO. M. GRANT, M. A.

#### JEHU THE KING.

MAY 13th.—2 Kings 10: 20-31.

Golden Text: 2 Kings 10: 31.

**J**EHU—the son of Jehoshaphat, and grand-son of Nimshi—founder of the fifth dynasty of the Kingdom of Israel—was the instrument raised up by God to punish the house of Omri (1 Kings 19: 17, 2 Kings 9: 7-10), and to abolish the impure nature—worship that had been imported from Phœnicia.

V. 20 28 *The artifice and the massacre.* The slaying of the Baalites—who according to the law of Moses were guilty of high treason—was legitimate; but Jehu's motives were selfish and his fraud inexcusable. An act of righteous punishment was thus reduced to the level of a St. Bartholemew's massacre.

“A solemn Assembly,” a fast day in honour of Baal, Lev. 23, 36. Jo. 1, 14. Amos 5, 21.

“Vestments”—sacred robes which the priests put on only when officiating, and which were kept in a wardrobe of the vast temple.

“Jehonadab,” descended from the Kenites, the Arabian tribe that entered Palestine with the Israelites. To keep his tribe from losing their wilderness habits, he bound them by strict vows which they with Bedouin tenacity observed even when forced to live in cities, Jer. 35, 6 8.

“The City of the house of Baal”—the inner sanctuary of the temple.

“Images”—wooden figures of the inferior divinities seated round the great stone statue of Baal. The images were burnt, and the stone statue broken.

V. 29 31. *Jehu's true character.*—Men zealous about one part of religion and indifferent about others are only zealous for self, Matt. 23, 23; yet even partial obedience may be useful, and rewarded with temporal blessings.

*Le-sons*—(1) Zeal for God should never tempt us to sacrifice truth. He does not need our lie, Deut. 32, 4. That “faith should not be kept with heretics” is a maxim worthy only of those who slew the Albigenes.

(2.) Men are apt to compound for sins they love by condemning sins that are against their own interests or inclinations.

(3.) Even partial reformers are used by God as instruments, and their work is owned by Him, Phil. 3, 16.

(4.) We must depart from every sin, and be wholly the Lord's. Jas. 2, 10. 2 Cor. 11, 2. A Greek said “he would like to be a philosopher in a few things.” So would many like to be religious.

#### HOME STUDIES.

M. 2 Kings 9: 13—*Jehu anointed king.*  
 T. 2 Kings 9: 3—*Jehoram slain.*  
 W. 2 Kings 9: 7—*Jezebel slain.*  
 Th. 2 Kings 10: 14—*Ahab's sons slain.*  
 F. 2 Kings 10: 31—*Idolaters slain.*  
 E. Ezek. 6: 1-10—*Warnings against idolatry.*  
 S. Jer. 10: 1-15—*False gods shall perish.*

#### JONAH AT NINEVEH.

MAY 20th. — Jonah 3, 1-10.

Golden Text: Matt. 12, 41.

*The Prophet.*—Jonah, the son of Amittai, born at Gath-hepher a small village of Zabulon; said to have been a disciple of Elisha; according to general opinion the first of the 16 canonical prophets. Having prophesied a restoration to Israel, probably in the days of Jehoahaz, (2 Kings 14, 25), he was sent to the East by God to warn Nineveh. Obeying the voice of nature, he flees to the West. As a patriot he shrank from being the instrument of saving the people Israel had most cause to dread, (4, 2.)

*The Message.*—“The second time.” Jonah had fled once from duty, but the duty remained. Had he fled again, he would—after more suffering—have been brought to it the third time, unless God cast him off. Obey God at first, no matter how hard it may seem.

The walls of Nineveh enclosed a great space for tillage, so that in case of a siege, it could supply itself with food. Like Babylon it had “the circumference of a nation rather than of a city.” “One day's journey” of 20 miles would enable Jonah to traverse it from end to end. How vivid the picture of his preaching! He walks from street to street in his rough garment of hair cloth, repeating the one cry God had commanded him to cry; and the result of that one day's simple preaching was the conversion of the whole people.

*The Repentance of the Ninevites.*—Our Lord says that Jonah was a sign to them, Luke 11, 30. They must then have heard of what befel him, and believed that God who avenged his disobedience would avenge theirs.

“A fast,” abstinence from all food till evening, 2 Sam. 1, 12; and that continued for 40 days. It seems to have been proclaimed by common impulse, even before

the King ordered. Compare this instantaneous universal penitence with the stubbornness of the Jews, Jer. 7, 25-28. Matt. 12, 41.

"Sack-cloth," hair-cloth—irritating to pampered bodies. The crying of the children, the lowing and bleating of herds and flocks would mark the sense of a great common danger. God's word to Jonah, 4, 11, proves that He heard those cries.

v. 8. This—a change of the whole life—is true penitence, Isa. 58, 5-7. Every one must do it for himself, for each has his own favourite sin. Violence—cruelty and rapacity—was the special sin of the Ninevites. See Nah. 3, 1; 2, 12.

v. 9. Same form of words as in Joel 2, 12-14. "The promises of God are certain; but well may the sinner be uncertain whether his is the true penitence that makes him the object of those promises."

*The repentance of God.*—"God saw their works," not their faith, their public confessions, and prayers. These without works are dead. They left off not this or that sin, but "their whole evil way."

"God repented." "Though God changeth the thing, He doth not change his counsel." When we change the outward act, it is because our inward thought has changed, and the word we use for man in such a case is applied to God. That it is only by accommodation to human forms may be seen from 1 Sam. xv, 11 and 29. God foretold to Hezekiah "thou shalt die." Death would have taken place as the result of causes then at work, but when a superior divine cause came in, Hezekiah lived. So here. The very purpose God had in sending Jonah was that Nineveh might be spared.

*Lessons.*—(1) Jonah a type of Christ. "He who had been the prophet of Israel only was after three days' burial restored to life, and then the heathen were converted through him." This fact was "a sacred enigma, a hidden prophecy," in the forefront of the great volume of written prophecy that testified of Him.

(2) "A greater than Jonah is here." How shall we escape if we hear not Him.

#### HOME STUDIES.

M. Jonah	1:	1-17— <i>Jonah's flight.</i>
T. Jonah	2:	8-10— <i>Jonah's prayer.</i>
W. Jonah	3:	1-10— <i>Jonah's preaching.</i>
Th. Jonah	4:	1-11— <i>Jonah's anger.</i>
F. 2 Kings	14:	23-29— <i>Jonah's prophecy.</i>
S. Matt	12:	38-45— <i>A greater than Jonah.</i>
S. Matt	11:	20-30— <i>The doomed cities.</i>

#### THE DEATH OF ELISHA.

MAY 27th.—2 Kings xiii., 14-21.

Golden Text: Heb. xi., 4.

*The death-bed of Elisha.*—He had outlived many kings, but now he must die. "God reveals Himself in many ways." Elijah was translated. Elisha lingers through illness, and dies in the ordinary manner. That the wicked king Joash should visit him, and show such emotion in the prospect of his death, is a wonderful tribute to his worth and national influence.

v. 15. See 2 12.—The expression may have become proverbial, on the death of a great man. The one thought in the mind of the dying prophet, is of his country then being wasted by the Syrians. He gives the king a symbolical promise of deliverance, and leaves it to his faith to appropriate much or little of the promise. Eastward, the direction of Gilead which the Syrians had conquered (10, 32). He puts his hand on the king's, to indicate that in the use of the warlike means that would deliver Israel, the power would be from God. Joash could not be ignorant of the meaning of the symbol; and had his faith been energetic, he would have shot every one of the arrows into the ground. The prophet is wroth at his coldness and indifference. Rev. 3. 16.

*Elisha after death.*—The spring following, there was a funeral procession. The corpse was not in a coffin, but simply wrapt in linen cloth. A band of marauding Moabites is seen approaching, and the mourners hurriedly open the nearest tomb. It happens to be Elisha's, and as they cast the corpse on the shelf, it touched the remains of the prophet, and the man "revived."

*Lessons.*—(1.) The bed-ridden christian may be as useful as the active worker or the triumphant martyr. From the sick-bed of Elisha went forth "the arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria."

(2.) Christ has promised us deliverance from sin. Let us then strike with determination against the sins that press and beset us most. Rom. vi., 6-13.

(3.) In life we may seem less honored of God than others are, but our influence after death may be greater. Elisha was not translated, but from the boxes of no other man did ever virtue come forth.

(4.) Elisha dead is a type of Him who "through death destroyed him that had the power of death," who spoiled the strong one in his own house.

HOME STUDIES.

- M. 2 Kings 13: 1-9—*Jehoaahaz.*  
 T. 2 Kings 13: 10-25—*Joash and Elisha.*  
 W. 2 Kings 14: 1-15—*Defeat of Amaziah.*  
 Th. 2 Kings 14: 23-29—*Jeroboam the second.*  
 F. Mark 5: 21-34—*The healing touch.*  
 S. Luke 6: 12-19—*Healing virtue.*  
 S. Acts 19: 1-12—*Healing power.*

THE LAMENTATION OF AMOS.

JUNE 3rd.—Amos v., 1-15.

Golden Text: 1 Chron. xxviii., 9.

*The Time.*—Our lessons follow the history of Israel. Elijah appeared in Ahab's day. Elisha anoints Jehu—the destroyer of the house of Ahab. Jonah's mission was probably in the reign of Jehu's son. Elisha dies when Jehu's grandson was king. And Amos prophecies in the last 25 years of the reign of Jeroboam II. the great-grandson of Jehu.

*The Prophet.*—Ch. i, 1: and vii, 10-15. As he followed his sheep, 12 miles to the S. E. of Jerusalem, in the "wilderness of Tekoa" (2 Chron. xx., 20), God revealed Himself to him as He had done to Moses, and said, "go, prophesy to my people Israel." He had not been previously trained in a "school of the prophets," yet, even as the fishermen and others obeyed the call of Jesus (Matt. iv. 18-22: ix, 9), so did Amos abandon his occupation, and appear in his shepherd's dress in the proud capital of Israel, to shake the land with his words of woe.

*The condition of Israel.*—To the outward eye, there was unclouded brilliant prosperity. Jeroboam II., the greatest of all the kings that reigned in Samaria, had victoriously driven away foreign enemies, and restored the coasts of Israel to the old boundaries, 2 Kings xiv., 23-28; Amos vi., 1-3. Only by inspiration from God could Amos possibly have foretold the destruction of his house, and the captivity of Israel.

v. 1-3. *A Funeral Dirge.*—To the prophet's eye, Israel is as good as dead, for God had pronounced sentence. Nineteenths of the people would be destroyed in a common doom. A "remnant" would be saved, v. 15.

v. 4-6. *How to avoid the doom.*—What they should do, and what not do. Two Hebrew words, both in the imperative, and repeated over and over again, tell their duty and the reward of duty. To seek God is to live. Rom. viii. 6.

There were seats of idol worship at Dan in the North, Bethel in the Centre, Gilgal in the East, and Beersheba in the extreme South. The Israelites had found it too far to go from Bethel 12 miles to God's temple in Jerusalem, but they willingly went 64

miles to an idol in Beersheba, (viii. 14). Gilgal, where God first rolled away the reproach of Egypt (Josh. v. 9), shall itself be rolled clear away. Beth-el or God's house shall become nought, Beth-aven or Vanity House, Ho. iv. 15. The play on the words would fix them in mens' minds.

v. 7-13. *The Character of God and of Israel contrasted.*—They were idolaters, and had cast righteousness down to the ground, Deut. xxix., 18-20. Worshipping nature, they had lost sight of God as distinct from the Creation. Amos reveals God as the self-existent, and the Creator and Disposer of all things. They hated the prophets who publicly reprovved them. They habitually trampled on the poor, so as to gratify their own luxurious tastes. Reproof only made them worse, so that prudence dictated silence, Luke xxii. 67: Prov. ix. 7: Matt. vii. 6. Amos reveals God as the Just One, who redresses all violence and injustice in His own time.

v. 14, 15. *A second exhortation to avoid doom.*—We do not really seek good unless we hate evil, Ps. xxxvi. 27: Isaiah i., 17: Matt. vi. 24. "As ye have spoken." Though idolaters, they prided themselves on being God's people, Matt. iii. 9. "It may be,"—see notes on Jonah—"the repentance of God." "The remnant of Joseph." Joseph, not Ephraim, is here named, because "Joseph in his deeds and sufferings was a type of Jesus Christ, in whom the remnant is saved."

HOME STUDIES.

- M. Amos 3: 1-15—*Judgment against Israel.*  
 T. Amos 4: 1-13—*Idolatry reprovved.*  
 W. Amos 5: 1-15—*Repentance enjoined.*  
 Th. Amos 7: 1-17—*The wall and plumb-line*  
 F. Amos 9: 1-15—*Israel's destruction.*  
 S. Micah 1: 1-16—*Samaria's utter ruin.*  
 S. Hosea 4: 1-13—*Glory changed to shame.*

Our Colleges.

THE Sessions of Knox College, Toronto, and the Presbyterian College, Montreal, were each brought to a close with the usual ceremonies, on the fourth of April. Judging from the statements made on these occasions, both Institutions appear to be in a very flourishing condition. In Knox, there had been forty students enrolled in the Theological course, and twenty-two in the Literary department. There were seventy-three resident students in the College—all with the ministry in view. Principal

Caven stated that there had been subscribed for the building fund, in round numbers, \$129,000. The ordinary revenue was a matter of some difficulty, and he could see little prospect of permanent relief till the Endowment should be considerably increased. There were *thirteen* students who now finished their curriculum, and were going forth to their great work. Professor McLaren delivered the closing lecture, taking for his subject: "Justification." There was a large number of interested spectators—the fine Hall being crowded to its full capacity.

The closing of the Montreal College took place in Erskine Church, in the presence of a large congregation. Principal MacVicar stated that the Session had been characterized by uniform success. The number of students attending upon the lectures of the various departments was sixty-one. Of these, *five* had completed their Theological course—when these shall have received license to preach the Gospel, this College will have already given to the Church thirty-six ministers. *Forty-five* students will be engaged in missionary work during the summer. At the close of the usual formalities, Dr. MacVicar delivered an able address to the graduating class, in a pointed and pithy style which he has almost made his own. His theme was "preaching," and the preaching of Christ Jesus and Him crucified as the Alpha and Omega of all preaching that is to become effectual for saving the souls of men.

### Home Mission Committee.

THE Western Committee met, April 2nd and 3rd, in the Deacon's Court Room of Knox Church, Toronto, the Con- vener, Dr. Cochrane in the Chair. A very large amount of business was transacted. Rev. Mr. McKellar was appointed to the Mission field in Manitoba.

Arrangements are in progress for the regular induction of Mr. D. McKeracher, at Prince Arthur's Landing and Fort William, the people engaging to contribute \$500 per annum towards his support. Mr. McKera-

cher has occupied this field as ordained Missionary for the past three years, and done much to consolidate and strengthen our cause. The construction of the Canada Pacific Railway, westward from Fort William, will necessitate the sending of additional Missionaries to this district, and that ere long.

Rev. W. Stuart has been appointed to Sault Ste. Marie, where he began work in the end of December last. Here a new church is being built, and the cause appears hopeful. The Committee agreed to invite Mr. Hugh McKay to go as an ordained missionary to Manitoulin Island for a term of two years. The Student's Missionary Society of Knox College employ two laborers in this field during the present summer.

In the Province of Quebec, new ground has been broken in the Eastern Townships at Massiwiippi, where the Montreal College Missionary Society has sent one of the most efficient of its members. A new Mission has been opened at the Tanneries in the West end of Montreal; and Hochelaga has been disjoined from the Station with which it was formerly worked, and is now to have two services each Sabbath.

A scheme for the more continuous supply of Mission Stations and their more efficient working, has been drawn up by the Committee, and is to be submitted to the several Synods, with a view to its recommendation to and adoption by the Assembly.

Encouraging reports were submitted from many of the Presbyteries as to the extension of the work. In several cases, congregations which have hitherto been on the Supplemental Fund, have reported their ability to maintain the ministrations of the Gospel without the aid of the Fund. The state of the Finances at date of meeting were reported somewhat as follows:

There has been received of the \$10,000 asked to pay off last year's indebtedness, \$8,000. In all there has been received since last May over \$25,000, and there has been expended over \$26,000. In addition to about \$1,000 of present indebtedness, new claims payable 1st May, were passed, amounting to \$7,500. To this is to be added payments to British Columbia, Manitoba, and the Lake Superior regions, and certain claims of Presbyteries delayed, amounting in all to about \$3,000. The sum of \$11,000 is therefore *urgently needed to pay off all indebtedness up to the 30th of April.* We hope that congregations who have not yet transmitted, will do so at once, and that individuals who can help this most important of our Missions, will not be slow to respond to the call now made.

Our Own Church.

AT the time of our going to press we cannot speak definitely as to the actual condition of our mission funds. But from what we do know, and the probability of the treasurers receiving a full average amount for April, we feel warranted in congratulating those who have been at the helm of management on the success which has attended their efforts during a year of exceptional difficulty. We believe that the Reports of our Home, and Foreign, and French Evangelization committees will be exceedingly satisfactory. We say this much for the encouragement of any who may be hanging back under the impression that "the little they can do will be of no avail." It is a great mistake to argue in that fashion. Rather, let each individual and congregation feel that *their* contribution, be it much or little, may be "the last straw," to turn the scale, trembling in the balance betwixt failure and success. There is perhaps reason for greater solicitude in respect of our College Funds in the Western Section. But the friends of Theological education there have it in their power, even yet, to come to the rescue. If present exigences cannot be fully met, we hope, at least, that many of our wealthy church members are making up their minds to the necessity of providing at an early day for the permanent *Endowment* of our Theological Halls.

We have already made reference to the generous donations for our Mission Funds received from the Free Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. In looking over the acknowledgements for the year we have been struck with the large amounts contributed by the Established Church of Scotland, through its Colonial Committee, towards the various schemes of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: £550 Sterling to Queen's College; £370 to the Theological Hall at Halifax; £787 for our Home missions—including aid to student catechists in both sections of the Church, and £200 for the work of French Evangelization. These together amount to \$9280

Canada money! in addition to which the sum of \$5000 was expended by the Church of Scotland last year in the interests of Presbyterianism in British Columbia. In this present issue there is acknowledged the further sum of \$1500 from friends in Ireland and Scotland—the first-fruits of Mr. Campbell's mission to the old country.

PROGRESS OF THE ENDOWMENT AND BUILDING FUND IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.—Rev. Dr. Burns and Rev. Geo. M. Grant recently visited St. John and Fredericton in the interests of the Theological Hall Fund of the Maritime Provinces. The brethren in both these cities responded cheerfully. Considerable sums were subscribed and arrangements were made for efficiently prosecuting the enterprise. At Moncton, where Presbyterianism is comparatively young and weak, a very liberal response was made to the appeal of the deputies. Ground has thus been hopefully broken in New Brunswick. One of the rural congregations in the Presbytery of Halifax,—a congregation hitherto unable to raise a sufficient salary for a pastor,—was visited by Rev. A. Simpson on behalf of the Fund, and the result was the handsome subscription of \$500, with the prospect of increase to \$700. New Glasgow, which was visited by Rev. C. B. Pitblado, gave a large cash subscription, and a permanent annual contribution of probably \$300. Windsor was visited on the 8th ult., by Dr. Burns, and Antigonish at the same time by Mr. Grant, with very gratifying results in both cases. Thus the good work is going on most hopefully.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS.—From the large number of reports received during the past month, we mention the following, as in some respects, model reports. We wish however, that by some means it might be possible to secure uniformity in *size* at least, if not also in the arrangement of matter. Owing to the diversity in the way of presenting these annual statements, it is impossible to institute any comparison that would escape challenge, we therefore content ourselves with giving the number of communicants and the aggregate of contributions for the year 1876 assigned to each of the undermentioned congregations:—

	Communi- cants.	Total Contributions.
1. Coté Street, Montreal,	250	\$18,412
2. St. Andrew's, Toronto,	409	17,249
3. Erskine, Montreal,	534	15,681
4. Knox Ch., Toronto,	731	14,720
5. St. Andrew's Ottawa,	414	10,406
6. St. Paul's, Peterboro,	398	6,405
7. St. Paul's, Hamilton,	288	4,843
	3004	87,696



The average contribution per communicant for all purposes is \$29.12. In regard to the modes of raising money for ordinary expenses, and also for the schemes of the Church, these reports contain some valuable hints. In numbers 1, 4 and 6 we find *The Deacons Court* taking a general oversight of the finances. In some, "the Schedule system" is regarded as the best means of collecting for the schemes, in others, the "envelope system." Nearly all of them have missionary Associations, and a system of from house-to-house visitation, for the purpose of receiving the contributions of the people. Several make mention of district prayer-meetings conducted regularly by the Elders and Deacons.

In all, the Sabbath Schools receive prominence and constitute an important auxiliary in missionary efforts. Five out of the seven Reports publish the names of each individual contributor to the schemes; the amounts opposite their names ranging from 25 cents to \$600 per annum.

THE MISSION STATIONS, and vacancies throughout the Church are likely to be amply supplied during the ensuing season. In the Maritime Provinces, forty-two probationers and Catechists have tendered their services and have been placed on the list. Mr. Gillies, a Gaelic catechist, sent out by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, arrived at Halifax on the 1st ult. He will labour specially in Cape Breton. We refer elsewhere to the Western Section.

#### ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

FLORENCE AND DAWN, *Chatham, Fres.* :—Mr. W. C. Armstrong ordained and inducted, 8th March.

TILSONBURGH AND CULLODEN, *Paris* :—Rev. G. G. McRobbie, formerly of Mandamin inducted 3rd April.

WYOMING AND S. PLYMTON, *London* :—Rev. George Cuthbertson, Presbytery clerk, inducted 18th April.

SCOTSBURN, *Quebec* :—Mr. M. McLeod ordained and inducted, 21st March.

ARTHUR, *Saugeen* :—Rev. Donald Stuart, formerly of Enniskillen and Cartwright, inducted 24th April.

SPRINGHILL, *Wallace, N.S.* :—Rev. Charles Gordon Glass of Montreal, formerly of Woodstock, N.B., inducted 27th March.

REV. RICHARD WATERSTON, of Glasgow, Scotland, has declined the call to Free Church, Coté Street, Montreal.

The congregation of Bridgewater, N. S., contributed during the past year; for stipend, \$800; Missions \$165; expenses and Church debt \$700. This is one of the congregations built up by the Supplementing Fund of the

Maritime Synod. Aid judiciously given often converts weak congregations into strong and helpful ones.

The Church at Springville, Ont., has undergone thorough repairs, and has been greatly improved.

A church in Carlow Township, of hewn timber, 48x30 feet, is just completed, costing \$1500; of which almost \$1000 has been paid. This is in the centre of a fine mission field for a devoted young servant of the Lord to go and oversee for the Master. Families 50, members 65; no tavern and little opposition.

#### Meetings of Presbyteries.

QUEBEC, 7th March: Rev. J. McConechy was elected Moderator. In regard to the remits, it was agreed to recommend that there be but one Home Mission Fund. With some slight amendments, the others were approved, excepting the fifth. It was reported that Mr. John McKenzie had been ordained and inducted to the charge of Hampden, on the 13th of February last, and that the Rev. John McDonald, of Winslow, had been inducted to Scotland on 1st March. It was agreed to proceed to the ordination and induction of Mr. McLeod, at Lingwick, on 31st March. Commissioners to the Assembly were appointed, one-half by rotation, beginning at the top of the roll, the other half by ballot, which resulted in the election of Rev. Dr. Cook, Messrs. W. B. Clark, James Wright, and M. McKenzie. It was agreed to leave the election of Elders in the hands of certain Kirk-Sessions then named. Messrs. Cattanach and Dewey made application to be taken on trial for license. Mr. Wright furnished a highly satisfactory report in regard to the Home Mission work within the bounds.

MONTREAL: 13th March.—An adjourned meeting was held in St. Matthews' Church, Montreal, for the induction of Rev. S. Sommerville Stobbs to the pastorate of this charge which, in the course of a few years, and by successive steps, has now reached the position of a large and prosperous congregation.

April 3rd.—At the regular meeting of the Presbytery, there was a large attendance. The following members were elected by open vote :—Dr. Jenkins, Dr. MacVicar, Professor Campbell, Messrs. Baxter, Warden, Watson, Muir, *Huntingdon*, D. Patterson, Scrimger, *Ministers*. Messrs. W. King, J. Stirling, J. Walker, D. Macfarlane, A.

Macpherson, Dr. Rodger, W. Drysdale, David Aikman, and Dr. Christie, *Elders*. Rev. J. S. Black obtained leave of absence for three months to visit Britain. Rev. J. Macfarlane resigned the charge of Farnham Centre. The Rev. R. Warden reported on behalf of the Presbytery's Home Mission, that arrangements have been made for supplying the various Stations during the summer, and that Cote des Neiges had now come to occupy the position of a self-sustaining congregation. Five students of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, passed satisfactory examinations for licensure, and were recommended to the General Assembly. Revs. Messrs. Duclos and Provost, the President and Secretary, respectively, of the French Protestant Synod, applied to be received as ministers of this Church, and the Presbytery took the usual steps to bring their application under the favorable notice of the General Assembly.

BROCKVILLE, 20th and 21st March.—A large amount of business was transacted. *inter alia*. Arrangements were made with a view to uniting Mainsville and Edwardsburgh, and Iroquois and Morrisburg, into pastoral charges. Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follows: Dr. Bain, Messrs. Canning, Crombie, Clark, McKibbin and Dey, *Ministers*—Messrs. Cassels, Gill, Frost, Kerr, Anderson and Carmichael, *Elders*. A motion approving of Presbyterial visitations was adopted, and a Committee appointed to prepare a form.

PETERBOROUGH, 27th March: Rev. James Ballantine, and Messrs. G. Gillespie, and W. E. Johnston, *Elders*, were appointed Commissioners to the Assembly in room of brethren previously elected, but who could not attend. The remit in reference to the Widows' and Orphan's Fund was considered. The provisions contained in the draft were agreed to with the exception of those contained in Section 7, for which the following was recommended to be substituted: "that one child, both parents being dead, shall receive \$150: two, \$200: three, \$240, and four, \$270."

LINDSAY, 15th March: The Presbytery met at Victoriaville for the induction of the Rev. D. MacLennan, of Luther, to the charge of Kirkfield and Victoriaville. Thereafter the Presbytery took up several items of business. The connection between N. Mara and Carden was dissolved. The Rev. J. McClung, of Wick, tendered the resignation of his charge.

At an adjourned meeting held on 29th March, the Presbytery very reluctantly agreed to accept Mr. McClung's resignation.

They also declined to receive Mr. Crabb's application to be admitted as a Catechist, on the ground that his doctrinal views are not fully in harmony with those entertained by the Church.

WHITBY, 13th March: The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly,—Messrs. Drummond, Roger, and Rose, *Ministers*; Messrs. Parker, Fairbairn and Ratchliffe, *Elders*. It was agreed to ask the congregations to take up collections to defray travelling expenses. A union of the two vacant congregations of Clarke having been mutually agreed upon, the Presbytery appointed the Moderator of the Kirk Session to preach and declare the union completed. Mr. Hogg reported that he had moderated in a call from Columbus and Brooklin in favor of Rev. J. Carmichael, of Manassas, Virginia. Stipend \$800. The call was sustained.

TORONTO, 6th and 7th March: Present, thirty-two Ministers and fourteen Elders. Dr. Topp submitted an overture, praying the General Assembly to consider the propriety of separating the two departments of the Home Mission Committee's work, viz: Home Missions proper, and the supplementing of weak congregations, so as to enable the Church to prosecute the former more efficiently, and, on the other hand, to endeavour by a distinct fund to raise the stipends of all ministers, whose congregations are unable to do so, to the minimum of \$800. The overture was adopted. Rev. J. M. King reported that he had organized a congregation at Brockton, in the suburbs of Toronto, which already numbered fifty-nine communicants. The Presbytery then proceeded to elect Commissioners to the General Assembly by open vote. On motion of Dr. Topp, the following members were elected: Principal Cavea, Professor McLaren, Revs. Dr. Robb, J. M. King, D. J. Macdonnell, John Smith, J. Alexander, J. Carmichael, of King, James Breckenridge, and Dr. Topp, *Ministers*. Honble. J. McMurrich, Jas. Campbell, John Harvie, Rev. Dr. Reid, M. Stanton, John Bain, Archd. McMurchy, John Bruce, Jas. McLeunan, and John McBean, *Elders*. The congregations of Mono East, Mono Mills, and St. Andrews' Church, Caledon, were united into one charge. It was reported on behalf of the congregation of old St. Andrews' Church, that an eligible site for their new church had been secured on Jarvis Street. Nineteen Kirk-Sessions reported that they had held missionary meetings with satisfactory results.

OWEN SOUND, 20th March: The following Commissioners were appointed to the

General Assembly by ballot: Messrs. D. Morrison, J. Cameron and J. Sommerville, *Ministers*. Messrs. McKnight, Creasor and Douglas, *Elders*. Mr. Whimster obtained leave of absence for three months to enable him to accept an appointment from the Managers of Knox College, to canvas for the Building Fund. The evening sederunt was devoted to a conference on Sabbath School work.

**SAUGEEN, 20th and 21st March:** Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. D. Stewart, of Enniskillen and Cartwright to the charge of Arthur, on the 24th April. A call was sustained from Clifford and Balaclava to Mr. A. M. Hamilton, probationer, with promise of \$800 stipend and a manse. The time of the Presbytery was largely occupied with Home Mission business.

**GUELPH, 15th March:** A suitable minute was adopted in reference to the death of the late Dr. Hogg. Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected by ballot, as follows:—Messrs. Bentley, Middlemiss, Macdonald, Davidson, Cameron, and Smellie, *Ministers*. Thomas McCrae, A. Campbell, C. Davidson, J. Ross, W. Kerr, and J. Massie, M.P.P., *Elders*. A conference was held on the state of religion. Dr. Barrie tendered resignation of his charge of Erasmora.

**PARIS, 13th March:** There was a full attendance. A call in favour of Rev. G. G. McRobbie, of Mandaumin, from Tilsonburgh and Culloden, was sustained, and arrangements made for his induction on the 6th April. A Committee appointed at a previous meeting reported in favour of transmitting an overture to the General Assembly on the subject of Theological Colleges, embracing the following recommendations:—

1. That immediate steps be taken to materially reduce the expenditure of Manitoba College.

2. That the members of the Theological Faculty of Queen's College be transferred to Knox and Montreal Colleges, as the Assembly may direct.

4. That Queen's University be brought into closer relations to the Church.

4. That the Theological Halls of the Church be affiliated with Queen's University.

5. That the territorial system for the support of the Colleges be discontinued.

6. That the lectureships be discontinued.

7. That no Church Lectureship be instituted without consent of Presbyteries.

8. That no appointment be made to any such without a reference to Presbytery.

Rev. John McTavish was granted leave of absence for three months to visit Britain.

**HAMILTON, 20th March:** Thirty ministers and fifteen Elders were present, and transacted a large amount of business. *inter alia*, a call from Beverley to Rev. B. Thynne, was sustained. The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected by ballot:—Messrs. Fletcher, Bruce, Black, Little, Smith, McBain, McGuire, Fisher, *Ministers*. Messrs. H. Young, Dr. McDonald, Dr. Aberdeen, W. Henderson, W. J. McCulla, B. McQueen, A. Kennedy, W. Buntin, J. Charlton, M.P., *Elders*. Rev. E. W. Waits, of Waterdown, signified his acceptance of a call from St. Andrews' Church, Stratford. An overture to the Synod anent the Bible in the Public Schools was received and ordered to be transmitted.

**LONDON, 20th and 21st March:** Rev. G. G. McRobbie, of Mandaumin, accepted a call from Tilsonburgh. Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson also intimated his acceptance of a call from Wyoming and South Plymton. The Presbytery also sustained a call from Melbourne and Caradoc, in favour of Rev. R. W. Leith, of Camden and Sheffield, and another from East Williams to Rev. Joseph Eakin, formerly of Parkhill. Commissioners to the Assembly were elected from the Roll in the order of ordination as follows:—Messrs. D. McKenzie, W. R. Sutherland, J. B. Duncan, Dr. Proudfoot, and James Ferguson; also, by ballot, Messrs. N. McKinnon, G. Munro, L. Cameron, and G. Sutherland, *Ministers*. The Elders elected, are as follows:—Messrs. T. Gordon, A. Murray, J. Cowan, R. Gowe, J. Allan, A. Steele, J. Brown, T. Patterson, and H. S. McKay.

**STRATFORD, 13th and 14th March:** The attendance was unusually large. A Conference on the state of religion occupied the first evening till ten o'clock, after which, business was resumed and continued till half past one o'clock next morning. Much of the time was occupied with discussing two cases of reference and complaint. A petition was presented by parties representing the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland at West Zorra, requesting to be recognized as a congregation of the United Church.—Revs. Messrs. Macpherson, Hall, Mitchell, and McAlpine, together with four Elders, were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly.

**BRUCE, 27th March:** Messrs. John Ewing, Robert Explin, and C. McRae, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly

as alternates. The remits of the General Assembly were considered *seriatim* and several amendments to the proposed regulations for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund were suggested. Mr. D. Fraser gave notice of an overture to the General Assembly *anent* the mode of appointing Commissioners.

**HURON, 20th and 21st March:** Mr. Scott, of Egmondville, adhered to his resignation, and his congregation was to be cited to appear in their interests at the next meeting. East Ashfield is to be supplied by a student during the summer. Moderations in calls were granted to the congregations of Duff's Church, McKillop and Winthrop, to Walton and to Belgrave, when they are prepared for it. Mr. Young was instructed to organize a congregation at Landesboro', and to give it supply every Lord's Day till next meeting. A report on the state of religion was read by Mr. Ferguson. The remits of Assembly were then considered. It was recommended that there should be two separate Home Mission Funds. The remit on the aged and infirm Ministers' Fund was not approved.

**PICOU, 27th March.**—After appointing Commissioners to the General Assembly, the remits from the last Assembly were dealt with. It was decided that there should be a Home Mission Fund, and a Supplementing Fund. Emendations were proposed in the Rules for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The Draft Act for the General Assembly was approved *simpliciter*. The Barrier Act also was approved. Rev. Jas. Quinn accepted the call to Sherbrooke, and arrangements were made for his induction. Rev. James Bennet was nominated for Moderator of the General Assembly.

**TRURO.**—This Presbytery met on the 13th March. Acadia congregation asked for Moderation in a call, promising \$600 stipend. Their petition was granted. Delegates from North River asked that that station be created into a separate charge. The matter was deferred for fuller information. Supplements of \$100 each were asked for Acadia, Coldstream, and Parrsboro.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.**—Rev. William Grant was inducted into the pastoral charge of West and Clyde Rivers, and Brookfield, on the 7th March. On the 8th, a meeting of Presbytery was held in Charlottetown, at which Rev. Allan Maclean tendered his demission of Dund s. Rev. J. Bennet was recommended as Moderator of the General Assembly. In reference to the Home Mission and Supplementing Funds, it was agreed to recommend the General Assembly to adopt the system now existing in the ma-

ritime province, viz., two separate funds administered by distinct Committees. With regard to the Widows' and Orphans' Funds it was agreed to recommend that there be but one fund for the whole church.

Applications were made for Supplements as follows:—Covehead, \$80; Bay Fortune, \$100; Tryon and Boushaw, \$200; West Point, \$200. Steps were taken to evoke the liberality of the congregations towards the Supplementing Fund. The Presbytery expressed cordial approval of the movement for raising \$100,000 for the Theological Hall, and asked for a delegation, consisting of Dr. Burns and Rev. G. M. Grant, to visit the Island in the interests of the enterprise. The congregation of New London asked moderation in a call to Rev. Isaac Murray, D.D., which was granted. The Presbytery met at Dundas on the 20th March, to deal with Mr. Maclean's demission. He had laboured diligently amid many difficulties, for fifteen years, and the congregation had risen from a preaching station to be what it is to day. Still, arrears of salary had accumulated, and difficulties had arisen which induced Mr. M. to tender his demission. After hearing Commissioners, who testified to the continued affection of the congregation for their pastor, the Presbytery appointed a Committee to visit the congregation and report. A handsome new church was opened for public worship at Lot 16, on the 11th Feb.

**St. JOHN.**—This Presbytery met on the 13th March, and continued in Session two days. Rev. K. McKay, Richmond, declined a call from Coldstream, Truro. Rev. James Gray withdrew his demission of Sussex.

Rev. Dr. Burns and Rev. G. M. Grant, Halifax, appeared as a deputation from the Theological Hall and delivered stirring addresses on the advisability and best methods for carrying out the Synod's instructions regarding the raising of the \$100,000 fund.

The Presbytery having expressed their great gratification with the speeches delivered, appointed the Rev. Messrs. Macrae, Dr. Waters, Bennet, Mitchell, Hogg; and Messrs. Cruikshank, Hon. J. J. Fraser, Judge Stevens, J. Logan, Matthew Lindsay and J. L. Dunn, a Committee to aid in carrying out the scheme.

**MANITOBA:** The Presbytery met in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the 14th March. A request for moderation in a call from High Bluff and Portage Creek was considered and sustained, and Mr. Bell was appointed to attend to the matter. A similar petition from Little Britain, accompanied with a guarantee for \$319 towards stipend was also agreed to, and Dr. Black was appointed

to give it effect. A third application, of a like kind, came from the congregations of Springfield and Sunnyside, promising, with Caledonia and Clear Springs, \$450 towards stipend. This was also agreed to, and Professor Hart was appointed to preach and mod-rate in a call at the house of Mr. Jas. Smith, Sunnydale. Mr. Mathewson, the missionary in charge at Little Britain, was granted leave of absence for three months. Revs. Dr. Black and Mr. J. Scott were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly by rotation, Mr. Robertson and Professor Bryce by ballot. Duncan MacVicar, *Winnipeg*, James Campbell, *Toronto*, and Messrs. James Court and James Croil, *Montreal*, were elected as Elders. The Presbytery expressed itself in favour of only one fund for Home Missions, and Supplemented Congregations and agreed to all the other remits with only one slight amendment. The Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee reported that the Rosseau Indian School was in a flourishing state, with an attendance of 36, and that the salary of the teacher had been provided for.

It was announced that Mr. McKellar had retired from the service of the Foreign Mission Committee. Mr. Flett, missionary at Okanase was present, and gave much interesting information in reference to the progress of the work in that district. He wished to establish another station about fifty miles to the Northwest. There are eight members of the Church in communion at the Little Saskatchewan, ten at Okanase, and ten at Fort Pelly. Professor Bryce read the report on Home Missions, which was adopted. It recommended that Mr. Stewart be relieved on the 1st July next, and that the offer of Rev. Hugh J. Borthwick to proceed West to Battleford be accepted, provided that another missionary can be secured for the Boyae and Pembina districts.

### A Voice from Heaven.

A venerable lady residing in Scotland, having noticed in the March number of the RECORD, the anecdote related of an aged invalid who could not discover in any of the beautiful hymns of earth one "that will do to sing in Heaven," has kindly sent us the following, in the hope that, if the said old woman is still to the fore, it may suit her.

We are informed that a copy of this hymn has been presented to Her Majesty the

Queen, but we have no clue to its authorship.

SHINE in the light of GOD,  
His likeness stamps my brow;  
Thro' the shadows of death my feet have trod,  
But I reign in glory now!  
Rev. xxi. 23; 1 John iii. 2; 1 Cor. xv. 55.

No fainting heart is here,  
No keen or throbbing pain,  
No wasted cheek, where the frequent tear  
Hath roll'd and left its stain.  
Matt. xxvi. 38; Job xxxii; Rev. xxi. 4.

I have found the joys of Heaven,  
I am one of the sainted band:  
To my head a crown of gold is given,  
And a harp is in my hand!  
Isa. xxxv. 10; Heb. xii. 22; 1 Peter v. 4

I have learn'd the song they sing  
Whom JESUS hath set free;  
And the glorious hills of Heaven resound  
With my new-born melody!  
Isa. xxxviii. 20; John viii. 36; Isa. lx. 18.

No sin—no grief—no pain,  
Safe in my happy home!  
My fears all fled—my doubts all slain,  
My hour of triumph come!  
Isa. xxv. 8; John xiv. 2; Acts vii. 55.

Oh! friends of mortal years,  
The trusted and the true,  
Ye are walking still in the vale of tears,  
But I wait to welcome you.  
Prov. xvii. 17; 1 John i. 7; Heb. x. 36.

Do I forget?—Oh no!  
For memory's golden chain  
Still binds my heart to yours below,  
Till we meet and touch again.  
Mal. iii. 16; 2 Peter i. 15; 1 John iv. 7.

Each link is strong and bright,  
And love's electric flame  
Flows freely down like a river of light  
To the home from whence I came.  
John i. 51; Daniel ix. 21; Rev. xxii. 1.

Do ye mourn when another star  
Shines out from the glittering sky?  
Do ye weep when the raging voice of war  
And the storm of conflict die?  
1 Cor. xv. 41; Daniel xii. 3; Deut. xxxii. 1.

Then why should your tears run down?  
And your hearts be sorely riven?  
For another gem in the SAVIOUR'S CROWN,  
And another star in Heaven?  
Luko viii. 52; Prov. xiv. 10; Isa. lxiii. 3.

## Ecclesiastical News.

THE EARL OF GALLOWAY will be Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner at the ensuing General Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland which meets on the 24th instant. It is understood that Rev. Dr. Phin will be the Moderator, and that the Rev. Dr. Gould will be Moderator of the Free Church. The United Presbyterian Synod meets in the John St. U. P. Church Glasgow, on the 5th May.

The Presbyterian Church of the United States meets at Chicago on the third Thursday of May, the 17th instant.

As the time approaches for the assembling of the PAN-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL in Edinburgh, the public interest in its success increases on both sides of the Atlantic. From our side, there will be the inducement afforded by reduced rates of travel: on the other side, nothing will be left undone by the good people of Edinburgh to secure the comfort of the delegates who shall come from all parts of the world. As to the Council itself, it is sure to afford material for a grand chapter in the history of Presbyterianism. Those who are indulging the idea that it will be a suitable arena for discussing the revision or the modification of creeds and confessions, will probably be disappointed. It is more likely that attention will be chiefly directed to those points on which Presbyterians, the world over, are most nearly agreed. The provisional programme that has already been sketched contemplates an eight days' Session. The public reception of delegates will take place on the evening of Monday, the 2nd July, and the opening Sermon will be preached by Professor Flint, on the forenoon of the following day.

The United Presbyterian Presbytery of Paisley and Greenock, while recognizing the competency of a motion for the revision of the Standards, have felt themselves constrained "to record their deep regret and pain at the many unguarded utterances of Mr. McRae in support of his overture in which he appears to charge with hypocrisy and dishonesty the profession of public teaching of his Church, as well as the terms in which he characterizes the general sense of the Confession." At the same time, they deem it sufficient, meanwhile, to admonish their brother "to study more closely both the Scripture and the Confession, and to refrain in future from using language calculated to reflect injuriously on the Honour of brethren, or to subvert the design of the Standards. Dr. Walter C. Smith, of Edinburgh, speaking at a public meeting in Glasgow, said he did not intend to take part in the present agitation for a new Confession of faith: that important document had its faults, but he would leave it alone in the meantime, or at least would leave it in the hands of the "young gentlemen" who were taking it up. At the same time he expressed the hope that subscription to it on the part of the laity might not be made compulsory, as many

of the most active and useful men in the Church could not conscientiously accept office in consequence of subscription to everything contained in this elaborate symbol being required of them equally with candidates for the Ministry.

[One of the Churches now constituting the Presbyterian Church in Canada, prior to the Union, so far met the difficulty complained of by Dr. Smith, in demanding from its Elders at ordination only a declaration of their adherence to the doctrine contained in the Shorter Catechism.]

If we are to believe all that appears in the public prints, "unrest" is too mild a word to describe the present state of religious feeling in Scotland. "The battle for the Standards" and "the Crusade against Establishments," are revolutionary terms, and Professor Flint sees even worse troubles than these impending—"storm and conflict are looming in the distance," he says, "The armies of faith and the armies of unbelief, the forces of God and the forces of evil, are converging towards Armageddon. The struggle into which the Church is entering is one as to the very foundations of its faith. 'Is there a God? is there a revealed Word of God? has any Saviour ever been sent into the world?' Those are the questions which the world would soon be putting to the Church with an openness of which they had as yet no experience in this country."

The proposal to appoint Professor Christlieb to a Theological Chair in the English Presbyterian College, has given rise to a good deal of excited correspondence, in the middle of which the eminent German has requested his name to be withdrawn, and the eyes of the leaders of the Church are now directed towards Dr. J. Oswald Dykes, of London, as the coming man.

An old Ecclesiastical controversy has been revived among the Episcopalians in Scotland, by the appointment of Bishop Beckles, formerly of Sierra Leone, and now Vicar of St. Peter's, Bethnal Green, London, to fill the office of Bishop of the English Episcopalians in Scotland. Various attempts have been made to secure an amalgamation of the English and Scotch Episcopal bodies, but hitherto without effect. Their differences in doctrine and practice appear to be irreconcilable, and this act on the part of the English party seems like the abandonment of all hope of reconciliation. It is questioned by many whether the movement is a wise one. At best the Episcopalians of Scotland are not a strong body.

## The Presbyterian Council.

THE following are the Delegates appointed to represent the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Owing to the meeting of our General Assembly in the middle of June, it may be impossible for some of these to go to Edinburgh, hence the list may yet be changed somewhat:—Rev Dr.

Cook, *Quebec*, Principals Snodgrass, Cavenaud MacVicar: Professor McLaren, *Toronto*: Drs. Will's, *London*, (Eng.), and Robb, *Toronto*; Revs. Geo. Smellie, *Fergus*, John Burton, *Belleville*, K. MacLennan, *Charlottetown*, Thos. Sedgwick, *Tatamagouche*, N. S., Robt. Campbell, and Jas. S. Black, *Montreal*, Ministers, and Jas. Croil, *Montreal*, Henry B. Webster, *Kentville*, N. S., George Hay, *Ottawa*, ELDERs: with Revd. John Munro, *Wallace*, N. S., John Kerr, *Toronto*, and Professor J. C. Murray, L. L. D., *Montreal*, as alternates.

Arrangements have been made with the Agents of the ALLAN LINE of Steamships—sailing from Quebec every Saturday—by which Delegates going via the *St. Lawrence*, will receive return tickets at a reduced price. For further information in this regard, application may be made to the Editor of the RECORD, 210 St James Street, Montreal.

The following have been appointed as Delegates from the United States:—

Drs. William Adams, Howard Crosby, S. I. Prime, Philip Schaff, William M. Paxton, Cyrus Dickson, John Hall, Jas. McCosh, Lyman H. Atwater, Henry J. Van Dyke, Elias R. Beadle, William Blackwood, William M. Thomson, C. C. Beatty, William E. Moore, A. A. Hodge, David C. Marquis, William C. Roberts, R. W. Patterson, S. J. Nicholls, S. M. Campbell, Francis L. Patton, James Eels.

## Our Trinidad Mission.

LETTERS written at the end of the first week in January have been received from our three Missionaries in Trinidad. They are all well, and have had a busy time, meeting with the Coolie School children, examining and entertaining them at the various stations. We present brief notices from Missionaries' letters, chiefly in their own words:—

Mr. Morton in his report of progress at *Mission Village*, says:

"The services here have been well attended, the teacher and a number of children from Jordan Hill coming very regularly, and forming our choir.

"I baptized three in my own field during the year, and six (6) are to be baptized here to-morrow. They were to have been bap-

tized Dec. 31st, but the service was postponed on account of Annagee and Tejah being absent in Cedros.

"One of our members, Ann Jalabeate Kantoo, was removed by death on the 27th of November. She was wife of the Jordan Hill teacher, and but 20 years of age. She read both English and Hindostani, and from her quiet exemplary conduct, was a favorite on the estate. At times she suffered much, and any relief she got was through the deadening influence of narcotics. In these trying circumstances, her hope in Christ was steadily sustained and quietly expressed.

"She left a babe three weeks old, which was baptized by the side of her mother's corpse. The name chosen by the grandmother and approved by the father, was Dukbani—the sorrowful; but we did not like to perpetuate in the child's name the sorrows of its birth. As a babe, she is to be called Dukbani, but if spared to grow up, the name of sorrow will no doubt be dropped, and her christian name Jalabeate be taken up. Jalabeate is the name of a delicate kind of sweet meat. How often do our Dukbani's of sorrow become Jalabeates of delight. 1 Chron. iv., 9th: "And Jabez was more honorable than his brethren; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow."

## SAN FERNANDO.

Mr. Grant reports decided progress in the San Fernando School, under charge of Miss Blackadder, since the opening of the new School premises there.

He also states that the new School room on *La Fortune* Estate, had been opened. Under date of January 8th, he says: "Yesterday we opened the little Church, 40 by 21. Mr. and Mrs. Frost drove down to the service. Ten other Scottish friends from San Fernando accompanied us. The house was filled with Coolies and Creoles. Dr. Anderson spoke in English, and I. in the Hindustani, and no section of our field appears more hopeful.

## COUVA.

Mr. Christie writes:—"We have had very busy times for some weeks, but we finished up with the Schools yesterday, with a gathering of over a hundred children: They seemed to enjoy themselves very much playing; then we had some singing, and then distributed clothes, books, cakes, &c, &c. We are glad Christmas doesn't come oftener than once a year. Mrs. Christie, with a little outside help, on the sewing machine, made nearly one hundred garments. These, with the clothes she received from Nova Scotia, went as rewards to the

children who had attended best. We also gave them some books and cakes.

Mr. Grant also had a grand gathering yesterday; and to-day Miss Blackadder came over here to spend her holidays.

The above extract gives a glimpse of what has proved a draft on the salaries of the Missionaries in Trinidad, the cost of little entertainments and rewards, found to be necessary, to encourage the regular attendance of the School children. These burthens must, in great measure, at least, be placed on other shoulders, as they are rather heavy to be borne by Mission families. We are happy to notice that some of the Ladies' Societies have begun already to help by sending contributions in material for clothing.

**A** LETTER from Rev. John Morton, dated Feb. 7, reports the severe illness and slow convalescence of Mrs. Morton. Otherwise the missionaries were well.

A letter from Mr. John A. MacDonald, of the same date, reports progress regarding the Savannah Grandé school. Measles prevailed among the children, still the attendance was up to 70. The children are making good progress. Six boys are reading the New Testament. A little girl is reading the Second Book. When any of the parents visit the school, and they do so frequently, Mr. MacDonald shows them the cleverness of this little girl in reading and arithmetic as a proof that their doctrine of female stupidity is false. There are five other girls in attendance; parents cannot believe in the disinterestedness of the teachers and missionaries. "They frequently tell us that we are paid by the Queen, and that every scholar we have counts so much in our favour." The schools at Picton and Wellington, taught by one teacher, are attended by an average of 61 pupils,—an increase of 22 on last year. Eleven boys are reading the First Book. At Cedar Grove School a class of five are reading the First Book. They read the New Testament daily and can repeat portions of it by heart. All this is regarded as very satisfactory. Two of the scholars had been baptised before the close of the year.

Mr. MacDonald conducted three Sabbath Schools during the past year. The average attendance at Marabella and Union was 63; and at Les Efforts 24. Soudeen assisted at all these schools. Lal Bahari held meetings with Mr. MacDonald as often as possible at the San Fernando Hospital, the attendance varying from twenty to thirty.

Later despatches from Mr. Morton and

Mr. Grant are to hand and will appear next month. Mr. Morton announces the baptism of six persons on the 7th January

**NEW HEBRIDES.**—REV. JOHN INGLIS and his wife have arrived safely in New Zealand on their way from the New Hebrides. They are expected in Scotland in May. Mr. Inglis arrived in Aneityum four years later than Dr. Geddie, and he was a true fellow-labourer with that devoted servant of Christ. He leaves the field after witnessing much precious fruit.

## India.

LETTER FROM REV. J. M. DOUGLAS.

**T**HE following letter from Mr. Douglas, dated at Indore, 23rd February, continues the narrative commenced in his letter which appeared in the Record last month, and gives us a graphic account of the impressions made on his own mind by his first Indian experiences.

"On the morning of the 19th Jan., we set out for Central India, a part of the Empire concerning which very little is known either in Bombay or Allahabad by Mission circles. It was a time of most serious thought to me in view of all that was depending upon the result. Our prayer was 'If Thy presence go not with us carry us not up hence.' We were much strengthened by the assurance that many of God's dear children in Canada, Edinburgh, Liverpool, and London were exercised in prayer to the Living God on our behalf.

On our way down the valley of the Nerbadda we visited several towns of considerable size and importance, such as Hoshungabad, Hurdah and Khanduah, in which places services were held as we had opportunity, and, generally, we got a patient hearing. These places however interesting and necessitous were not suitable for a mission centre such as we desired to occupy. This valley is one of the finest wheat growing districts in the whole Empire. Beautiful wheat crops now can be seen, far as the eye can reach, to the base of the Vindhya Mountains on the one hand and to the Sautpoona on the other. Immense quantities of excellent wheat were piled up in bags at every Railway station. From 9,000 to 30,000 bags at each place waiting to be conveyed to the famine districts in the south-west.

On the morning of the 22rd Jan., we were on our way for Mhow by Holkar's Narrow Gauge Railway, running up a heavy grade



to Choral Chowke at the base of the Vindhya Mountains. Here is the terminus at present. The tunnelling of the Ghauts though nearly completed will not be formally opened till June next. Then there will be Railway communication from Bombay to Rajputana. When completed to Jeypoor we will have direct communication to Cashmere. This will then become the great highway of travel for the north-east to the sea-shore. The opening of this line will greatly enhance the value of Holkar's State, and open up the whole interior. The mode of conveyance from Ehoral to Mhow is by bullock tonga—a distance of 20 miles. The mountain scenery was very interesting and the Government road excellent. So we passed through the home of the tiger, without alarm or danger, and reached Mhow the same night. Here my letters of introduction did us good service; Major Van Heytheyson warmly received us in the name of the Lord, declaring that we were the answer to his many prayers. He was brought to a knowledge of the truth during Moody's visit to London. Himself, his lady and daughter are eminently devoted Christians full of love and zeal.

On the evening of the 25th we entered the city of Indore. The dream vanished in the presence of stern reality, and it was an evening of deep emotion to me. It was a solemn thought: a lone missionary in a heathen city of 70,000 inhabitants! but when God holds us by the right hand, *His own right hand of power* is free to execute his will, and minister unto us. How precious the truth becomes in such circumstances. We soon made the acquaintance of the European banker, a native of Dundee, Scotland, and a Presbyterian, through him we effected an arrangement with the civil engineer for rooms in the "Public Works Department." It was to us a striking providence that the very day we entered, the "Executive Engineer" should be packing up for a two years leave of absence in Europe. Thus the Lord, thanks be to His name, had prepared the way before us and appointed the place of our habitation. Here we have secured accommodation also for the ladies; the rooms are small but comfortable.

Our catechist preaches every day in the city and frequently standing in the *shade of Holkar's palace* with a crowd of patient hearers around, listening, most of them for the first time, to the everlasting gospel of the Blessed Lord. The people buy our books and tracts most willingly. We have disposed of one box already and have got in a fresh supply. Several of the Babus in good employ have called on me and expressed their good wishes. Prince Wahiduddur, at

present resident here, has sent me word that he intends to call, and express his good wishes. We have many matters of interesting detail which we reserve for a future communication. Our ideas of the climate are fully realized. Every Sabbath we are preaching in Mhow to the Presbyterians of the 17th Regiment who were long stationed in Toronto. They give a good report of our land to the people here. Misses Rodger and Fairweather I expect here next week. The prospect for their work is also encouraging.

Let the Christians of the Dominion daily commit this infant mission to the Lord in believing prayer and He will assuredly magnify His great name in the sight of the heathen.

#### THE FAMINE.

Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, in a recent letter to Dr. MacGregor, writes of the frightful famine prevailing throughout the Presidency of Madras. He expects that through the effects, direct or indirect, of the famine, many children will be left orphans or abandoned. "The various Missions will have to exert themselves especially on behalf of the children thus left helpless and desolate. It is most distressing to see the poor villagers huddled about the streets, or sweeping up and sifting the sand about the pier for the sake of the grains of rice that may have fallen in it." Mr. Campbell reports very favourably of the weather, and expresses much delight in his own work.

#### Woman's Work.

LETTER FROM MRS. MURRAY MITCHELL.

BY her writings and her missionary labours in India, the name of Mrs. Murray, Mitchell is widely known, and we feel sure that the following letter addressed to the President of the Toronto Woman's Foreign Mission Society will be read with much interest:—

"I cannot tell you how much we enjoyed Mr. Douglas' visit here. It was truly refreshing to see a man, *en route* for the field, so full of enthusiasm and zeal and hope.

I heard from him with the greatest interest of the formation of your "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," and it is delightful to see how flourishing and vigorous you seem. "The little one will soon become a thousand!" God will bless and prosper you. May He kindly foster the "little one"

and nurture it with the graces of His own spirit, so that it shall grow and expand until it covers all Canada, and bear great and good fruit in all India!

I need not tell you how intense my interest is in the women of India, and how I long that more should be done for them, and more adequate help sent to them. God has set open such a wide door and effectual! We have not now so much to pray that He would open this door, but, being open, that we may go in and occupy.

God enable you, dear friends, to go forward most zealously in this great work. Get money, and get workers. We can get workers here, but we can't get money enough. Your organizations seems very good.

In our Society we find the best way is to collect *congregationally*. Every woman in every congregation should be asked to give, the duty should be set before her, and *even one penny* if she could not spare more, but the point is every one should give something. I think you will find congregational collecting the most through plan, and I suppose you will find no difficulty in getting good collectors? These working parties are a grand centre. People take an interest in what they work for. I have one which helps me very much. We get all sorts of information read and spoken. I seize on every body who may be able to tell of work wherever it may be done in the foreign field. For instance, last Saturday I had Mrs. Stewart of Lovedale, Africa, who gave a most interesting account of the mission there, and on the former Saturday, I had a Colonel in the army, home on furlough, a good zealous man who told us all he had seen of Zenana work in the Punjab.

Where I have not the living voice, I get letters from agents on the spot, and read them aloud. About these letters,—we have a copying staff, when an interesting letter arrives from any agent or teacher, it is handed to one of the copiers, and these are forthwith sent off to all the auxiliaries in turn to be read at their meetings. This is a great matter: only information will keep up interest, it is the oil which keeps the machinery in motion. Tell Mr. Douglas and all your agents to send you plenty of interesting letters. How many ladies have you from Canada? and how many are preparing to go? I shall be so happy to send you anything interesting we may have, though I daresay you will have abundance direct. Have you had my *small* book on Zenana Missions. It is a good deal the same as the chapter in the bigger book you allude to so kindly, in "India," but we have found it of immense service for circulation. I am most thankful to say that it has gone

through the 9th thousand: the price is only 2d, or if your Society ordered, say, a thousand for circulation (as ours did) it would then only be 1½d each copy. In Ireland, too, they had a thousand, and I believe it has there also been blessed. It tells simply the story of woman's condition in Bengal, gives the information, and this is all that is needful I think to stir people to help in this great cause. It has brought me in a great deal of money, and caused many prayers to be offered for the poor secluded women. It simply tells what a Zenana is, and what their life is. May God bless and speed your efforts. I will commend your Society for prayer at our next meeting.

M. H. MURRAY MITCHELL.

We are given to understand, that 1000 copies of Mrs. Mitchell's pamphlet have been ordered and will be supplied to the members and auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society at the lowest possible price.—Ed.

#### LETTER FROM MRS. DRURY.

Miss Machar, Treasurer of the Juvenile Mission Scheme has lately received a letter from Mrs. Drury at Madras, acknowledging the receipt of the native dresses, dolls, etc., sent out in the box kindly taken charge of by the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, and contributed to by ladies in various places. Mrs. Drury says:

Very many thanks on behalf of my little friends in the Caste schools, (who number now just 400), to all the kind friends who have made and sent them such pretty neat jackets and skirts. Your kindly added contribution to that already sent from Edinburgh, will enable each child to be supplied. The prettiest will go to those who have been very regular in attendance, and neat in person during the year.....

This year God has blessed us abundantly in opening up to us thirty houses of high caste adult females for Bible teaching. And a young lady, thoroughly conversant with the vernacular is about to join us for this special branch of work—the work from which I hope much, as a means of bringing India's daughters to a loving Saviour. I have already had much blessing in house-to-house visitation, but I have had so very much else to do that I have not been able as I wished, to give sufficient time to conquering the difficulties of the language, so different colloquially from what it is in

reading. Now, with assistance given, I hope to give more time to it, for, while schools, of course, are good to a certain point, still I must say, I hope greater things from gaining the ear—then by God's blessing the heart—of the older secluded women for the acceptance of the "Old, Old Story."

P. S.—Will those who have hitherto supported orphans, kindly unite to support Bible women? I have supporters for only one at present.

M. D.

### SEALKOTE.

#### A CRY FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

The Rev. William Harper writes as follows respecting this important and interesting Mission field in the March number of the Church of Scotland *Record*:

Sealkote is a city of about 30,000 inhabitants, situated in what may be called the far north of India. Its latitude is about the same as that of Jerusalem, so that it is far removed beyond the tropics. It lies near the great Himalayan range, whose snow-clad summits form a most pleasing contrast to the vast monotonous plains the eye is generally doomed to rest on in India. The city of Jummoo—the winter residence of the Maharajah of Cashmere and Jummoo—is only about 27 miles distant, so that Sealkote is quite a border city. Its dwellers are a very mixed people, both as to religion and race. The majority is composed of Hindoos and Mohammedians, in nearly equal proportions; while there is a large mixture of Sikhs and Jains. Being so near the borders, there are many poor settlers from oppression in the "Happy Valley," as well as an element of the haughty Afghan. This diversity in religion and race is at once a difficulty and a help to the missionary. It is a difficulty, in that he has to school himself in all the great systems of faith prevalent in India, so as to be at home in all their innumerable phases of thought and belief, and in that he has to study and adapt himself to such wide diversities of character. It is a help, in that amid the inevitable clash and bewilderment of opinion the people are perhaps more tolerant of another faith, and the thoughtful mind is more open to doubt, and hence more willing to search after the truth.

As to the climate of Sealkote, opinion varies very much. Many look upon it as a sort of sanitarium, while others hold quite a different opinion of it. With the exception of the hill stations of Chumba and Darj-eling, it is probably the healthiest of our Church's mission stations. At the same

time, there is such vast differences of temperature, that no one who has not a thoroughly sound constitution should ever think of coming here as a missionary. The climate for five months in the year is undoubtedly very trying, and the heat is far more intense than in the south of India. On the other hand, there are five months of the most charming weather.

We have here two schools—one in the city and the other in the cantonments. I hope soon to see about 500 of the Sealkote youth in the city school alone. This is a glorious field for any man. I never liked teaching of any kind at home, but the exposition of truth and the battling with error in this field are intensely interesting. Then there is the city, with 30,000 souls to preach the Gospel to. This alone is an Ephesus for a Paul. Then there is the native church to minister to, and, in the absence of a Presbyterian chaplain, an English one too; though, I think, the less a missionary is seen in the cantonments the better. Then there is a field for itineration, and the planting and superintending of churches, that is worthy of any ambition. Such is a very brief outline of work lying immediately to hand, to say nothing of all collateral work that could easily be called into operation. Who will "come over and help us"? A missionary coming to Sealkote, unlike the pioneers of our faith, will come to receive the welcome of friends, and an excellent house ready waiting him. The voyage out and journey up country are highly interesting; and at the end of only seven years he may hope honourably to visit country and friends again. Why there is so much aversion among licentiatees at home to volunteer for the Indian mission field, I cannot tell. May the Great Father incline the hearts of *fil men* to come!

### China.

AT the late meeting of the Foreign Mission Committee, (western section), it was decided to take immediate steps to secure a third missionary for Formosa. We are indebted to Professor Maclaren, Conventor, for the following letter just received from our enthusiastic Missionary, dated Formosa, 23rd January. We feel sure it will be read with interest by all to whom the RECORD comes:—

LETTER FROM REV. G. L. MACKAY.

I now send you a brief report of the work carried on here in North Formosa during the past year:

1st. Work at the Port of Tamsui by Dr. Fraser.

This consisted of studying the language in which he is still engaged—of carrying on hospital work, in which he was assisted by Dr. Ringer, who labored with me before his arrival; and, lastly, of preaching in English to the Foreign community at the Port. The success of the hospital can be judged from the fact, that 1356 patients received medical attendance. The Dr. made a few visits to the different stations during the year. There is a helper in the hospital, who exhorts the patients as occasion affords.

2nd. Work in the country; and, to give you a better idea of this, I must sub-divide:

*The work of the helpers.* There are now eleven chapels, and a trained native helper in each. I say trained, because from the very first, I gave all the attention I could to their education. Apart from the Bible (which is the grand subject of study), I taught them Boston's Four-fold State, Baxter's Saints' Rest, Hand-book of the Bible, by Angus, Watson's Complete Body of Divinity, Church History up to the present Century, Geography, Astronomy, Anatomy and Physiology. I still superintend their studies, and they meet regularly for review and examination. Well, these young men who are firm, devoted, and able to maintain their ground against any class in Formosa, have services every evening and morning for exhortation, prayer and praise. And on Sabbath preach twice to the hearers.

*Chapels visited regularly by myself.* I go with the Students to one of the chapels, and remain several days or several weeks, just as circumstances will permit. Then I proceed to another, and so on, until the round is made—then I begin again. During the day I teach the Students, and every evening and morning preach the Gospel of Jesus. As we found it absolutely necessary in some places to erect more spacious and substantial chapels, I had to attend to the building of them.

*Schools.* There were six open during the year, and the attendance was about sixty in all, with only two or three heathen children. This number may appear small, but you will remember that no girls attend, and that the converts are scattered throughout the country, and many of them a long distance from the chapels. With respect to the schools, there were many draw-backs and discouragements. Still, great reason for thankfulness.

*Training Students.* This has always been a delightful part of the mission work to me. During the year, I had six with me, studying almost daily. They travelled with me

from chapel to chapel, and *profited greatly thereby.* Travelling in this way, they meet with all classes, and by the time they become helpers, they will be familiar with every part of the field and work.

*Tours through the Field.* In addition to the work of visiting the chapels, I travelled during the past year *through the whole of North Formosa, and preached the Gospel in nearly every Village.* At every place I found abundant opportunities for relieving poor suffering ones. I gave medicines to 2,430 patients, and extracted 876 teeth. If I had time I might have dispensed medicines to 5 or 6,000 people; but as it was, I wished to give the most of my time to the Students

I need scarcely tell you, that I find the people friendly wherever I go. During the year, 40 were admitted into communion, and there have been no suspensions yet. *I am more convinced to-day than yesterday, of the necessity of care in admitting Chinese by baptism.* From the beginning of the work here, about five years ago until now, there has been *steady progress without a single stand still.* When I look at the eleven chapels and eleven trained helpers—at the six Students who will ere long be ready for the field; and when I think that until now whenever there was an opening, there was a man ready to enter in—when in short, I think of 97 on the communion roll, and many, many hearers, and then turn around and gaze at China, the Gibraltar of heathenism, I feel like shouting “Glory to God in the highest.” “Marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty!”

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## Obituary.

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REV. ALEX. McLEAN, the much esteemed pastor of the congregation of Nairn, Ont., died there on the 3rd of April, from inflammation of the lungs. Since 1844, Mr. McLean had diligently served the Master in different fields of labour, and wherever he was known he was respected and beloved.

REV. JOHN TAWSE, M.A., the venerable minister of King has also gone to his rest. His death occurred on the 8th April. Mr. Tawse was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He came to this country in 1837, under the auspices of the Glasgow Colonial Society, was inducted to the charge of King on the 8th March in that year, and remained here during the long period of forty years. A few years ago he retired from the active duties of the ministry, but he continued to

preach occasionally, and he superintended the Sabbath School and taught the Bible class up to the end of last year. Mr. Tawse was an accomplished scholar and a faithful pastor, greatly respected by his people and by his brethren in the ministry.

MR. GEORGE NEILSON, of Belleville, died very suddenly at the Union House, Ottawa, on the 23rd March. The deceased was an Elder of St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, one of the oldest members of that congregation, and one of its staunchest friends. His cheerful face and voice were familiar in our Church Courts. He was a man of noble exterior, the picture of health, so to speak, a warm-hearted, whole-souled, genial companion and friend. He was a native of Paisley, Scotland, full of the poetic element that belongs to his native land, whose lays he sang with marvellous sweetness. His sudden death reads us all a solemn lesson, "*Be ye therefore also ready.*"

MR. JAMES GLASGOW, of the township of East Flamboro, one of the oldest Elders of our Church, was gathered to his fathers on the 10th of March last, at the patriarchal age of 98 years. In many respects he was in his day a remarkable man, and will be long remembered by a very large circle of friends. He was a native of Berwickshire, Scotland, and immigrated to Canada in 1832. He was a member of the Waterdown congregation for forty-four years, and an Elder nearly all that time, first under the ministry of Rev. Wm. King, and, subsequently, under Dr. Skinner, beside whom he now lies buried in the Hamilton Cemetery.

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### Editorial Notice.

SUBSCRIBERS and correspondents will please take notice that, as the Managing Editor of the Record intends leaving Montreal early in June with the view of attending the General Presbyterian Council in Edinburgh, it is desirable that remittances in payment of accounts, or other matters requiring his personal attention should reach this office during the present month.

### STATISTICAL REPORTS.

Clerks of Presbyteries are respectfully and earnestly requested to forward their Statistical and Financial Returns to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Statistics not later than the 9th May, in order that they may be embodied in the general Report to the assembly. Those not in hand by that date will have to be omitted. Full and accurately prepared returns are called for by the Committee.

ROBERT TORRANCE, Con.

Guelph, 7th April 1877.

### Official Notices.

#### MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Guelph—Tuesday, 8th May, 10 a.m.  
Manitoba—Wednesday, 9th May, 9 a.m.  
London—Friday, 13th July, 2 p.m.  
Quebec—Wednesday, 4th July, 10 a.m.  
Peterboro—Tuesday, 10th July, 11 a.m.  
Brockville—Tuesday, 3rd July, 7 p.m.  
Whitby—Tuesday, 15th May.  
Ottawa—Monday, 7 May, 3 p.m.  
Barrie—Tuesday, 1st May.  
Lindsay—Tuesday, 29th May.  
Newfoundland—Thursday, 3rd May, 7 p.m.  
Miramichi—Tuesday, 1st May.  
Paris—Tuesday, 3th July, 11 a.m.  
Bruce—Tuesday, 10th July, 3 p.m.  
Montreal—Tuesday, 10th July, 11 a.m.  
St. John—Tuesday, 8th May,  
Pictou—Tuesday, 8th May, 11 a.m.

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

The third session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be opened in the City of Halifax, and within St. Matthew's Church there, on Wednesday, 13th June next, at 7:30 p. m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements are being made with the leading lines of Railway for return tickets at reduced rates. Certificates will be sent so as to reach members by the 21st May; should any not have received them by that date, they will please communicate with Dr. Reid, Toronto.

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

### Literature.

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY and PRINCETON REVIEW.—The April number comes to us in mourning for the death of Professor Henry Boynton Smith, one of its associate editors, perhaps the ablest reviewer of his day, and acknowledged to be the foremost scholar in the church to which he belonged. Dr. Martin Vincent,

his late pastor, contributes a just and graceful tribute to his memory. The Rev. J. M. Sherwood, known as a man of literary experience, judgment, and culture, takes his place in the editorial chair. Among other able articles in this number, are: *The Perpetual Authority of the Old Testament*, by Dr. Green, of Princeton; and *Evangelists and Lay-exhorters*, by Dr. Otts, of Wilmington.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY AND NATIONAL REVIEW: Published by HART & RAWLSON, Toronto, appears to have taken a new departure. It presents a most attractive appearance. The writers are nearly all Canadian. On this account, as well as for its intrinsic merits, it deserves encouragement. Price \$3.50 per annum.

BELFORD BROS., Toronto, have brought out the CRUISE of H. M. S. CHALLENGER, and Mr. Grant's famous OCEAN to OCEAN in good style. The former gives an interesting account of voyages over many seas, undertaken in the interest of science, and extending continuously over three and a half years. The latter, we need scarcely say, is the latest and most authentic description we have of our own Dominion, by one who has traversed its five thousand miles, from east to west, and who testifies to what he has seen. This second edition is an improvement on the first, externally, as well as in literary finish.

THE STARLING; by the same Publishers. Montreal: W. Drysdale & Co., is one of Norman MacLeod's best stories. Among the pamphlets that have reached us, are: "THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD;" by Rev. John Laing, of Dundas, Ontario, containing an able refutation of the doctrines held by so-called Plymouth brethren; an exceedingly good Sermon on INFANT SALVATION, by Rev. W. A. McKay, of Baltimore and Cold Springs; and A VINDICATION OF THEOLOGY; an address to Theological Students, by Rev. J. Clark Murray, L.L.D., of McGill College, Montreal.

The British American Book and Tract Society, operating from Halifax, has within the past nine years circulated 150,000 copies of the Scriptures, about 7,000,000 pages of tracts, and \$137,000 worth of Christian books and publications. Over 1000 families were supplied with Bibles by the colporteurs. Over 1800 families were found with Bibles or portions of Scriptures, but without any other religious reading. About \$220,000 were received and disbursed by this Society in these nine years.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. REID,  
AGENT OF THE CHURCH at TORONTO,  
to 2nd APRIL, 1877.

**ASSEMBLY FUND.**

Received to 2nd March  
\$2,251.53, less \$28.73,  
intended for Home Mis-  
sion ..... \$2,222.80

Bluevale .....	5.00
Proofline .....	5.23
Coldsprings .....	9.00
Rocky Saugreen Mission- Stations .....	1.35
Lakefield & North Smith Chinquacousey, 1st .....	4.00
Do, 2nd .....	4.00
South Kinloss & Lucknow Vernonville .....	3.00
Saugreen .....	2.50
North Nisoury .....	3.00
South Nisoury .....	5.00
Elma Centre & Monckton Whitby .....	9.00
Upper Londonderry .....	5.00
Middle Stewiacke .....	3.00
Springside Congregation. Grand River, C.B .....	3.00
Sydney, 2nd Congregat'n Bayfield .....	7.00
Berne .....	2.00
St. Mary's .....	4.00
Glamnis .....	3.00
Cobourg .....	18.47
Stratford, Knox Church. Mount Forest, Knox Ch. Bethesda .....	10.00
Alnwick .....	15.00
Carluko .....	10.00
Brussels, Melville Ch'rch Walton .....	4.00
Morth Augusta .....	5.00
Tilbury, East .....	6.69
Woodbridge .....	8.09
Beckwith .....	2.00
Rotheay, Calvin Church. Angus & New Lowell .....	4.00
Weston .....	4.81
West Winchester .....	6.00
Lefroy .....	4.00
West Gwillimburg, 2nd. London, St. Andrews .....	2.00
North Gcwer .....	25.00
Keene .....	4.00
Drumbo .....	5.00
York Mills .....	3.00
Wallace & Pugwash .....	2.75
Central Church, Presby of Barrie .....	5.37
Toronto' Cooke's Church Craigvale .....	5.00
Ethel .....	3.00
Alliston .....	1.50
Cambray .....	1.00
Brockville, 1st Church. Renfrow & McNabb .....	2.50
Uxbridge .....	7.05
Dunwich, Duff's Church. Port Stanley .....	15.00
English River & Howick Almonte, St. John's Ch .....	5.00

\$2,556.11

**FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.**

Amt. received to 2nd  
March \$1,814.10, less  
\$6 00 intended for For-  
eign Mission Fund. . . \$1,808.10

Rocky Saugreen Mission Station .....	2.00
Lakefield & N'rth Smith S School .....	20.00
Port Elgin .....	10.45
Vernonville .....	7.00
South Nisoury .....	8.00
North Nisoury .....	7.00
Elma Centre & Monckton Bayfield .....	10.00
Berne .....	4.00
Stratford, Knox Church. Mount Forest, Knox Ch. Bethesda .....	3.00
Alnwick .....	50.00
Carluko .....	15.00
Tecumseth .....	8.00
Hamilton, McNabb St. . .	3.00
Woodbridge .....	5.00
Beckwith, Knox Church. Rotheay, Calvin Church. Weston .....	15.00
Friend, Galt .....	176.50
Lefroy .....	7.00
Chatsworth, Add'l .....	10.00
M. Pleasant, Omeme & Lakefield .....	7.00
West Brant .....	13.00
West Gwillimburg, 2nd. Ridgetown .....	9.60
Keene .....	19.35
Drumbo .....	10.00
Wellington Square .....	6.00
Adjala .....	5.00
Central Church, Presby of Barrie .....	10.00
Waterdown, Knox Ch. . .	15.00
Toronto, Cooke's Church Craigvale .....	5.00
Fergus, Melville Church. Badies .....	87.00
Ethel .....	9.00
Ottawa, Bank Street . . .	38.40
Madoo, St. Peter's Sab- bath School .....	4.00
Alliston .....	2.00
Brampton, 1st .....	5.00
Beamsville & Mountain .	25.00
Cheltenham .....	4.00
Mout Pleasant .....	7.50
Cambray .....	8.50
Brockville, 1st Church. .	2.60
Cannington .....	54.55
Princeton .....	13.60
Almonte, St. John's Ch. .	10.00
Newcastle, Sabbath Sch. .	15.00
Uxbridge .....	5.00
Guelph, 1st Congregation Dunwich, Duff's Church. Port Stanley .....	8.00
	17.00
	4.00
	8.00

\$2,672.53

**FOREIGN MISSION.**

Amount received to 2nd March, 1877 .....	\$6,377.90
Guelph, Chalmers' Ch'rch Sabbath School .....	19.35
Spencerville, S. School. .	20.00
Cheltenham .....	15.35
Wingham Sabbath Sch. .	7.00
Proofline .....	33.80
Coldsprings .....	34.00
Montreal, Coté St S Sch Sask'n, for boy, D. H. McVicar .....	50.00
do do, China .....	50.00
do do, do .....	
do do, deceased Scholars' Mis- sionary box, part of ..	2.00
Aurora .....	40.00
Rocky Saugreen Mis Sta. .	2.00
Lakefield & N'th Smith. .	15.00

Chinquacousey, 1st .....	9.25
do 2nd .....	14.00
Port Elgin .....	15.70
Cranbrooke .....	9.00
South Osprey, Honeywood & Singhampton .....	15.00
Crowland Mission'y Ass'n Tecumseth, 2nd .....	4.00
Ottawa, St. Andrews .....	5.00
250.00	
Vernonville .....	10.00
Norwood .....	7.50
Eramosa .....	15.00
Bellefille, John St .....	75.00
Carlisle .....	11.00
Ailsa Craig .....	16.30
Nairn .....	2.70
Saugreen .....	10.00
South Nisoury .....	20.00
North Nisoury .....	8.00
St Andrews Q. ....	12.00
Elma Centre, &co. ....	15.00
Fullarton .....	10.00
St Vincent .....	22.00
do S School .....	2.00
Whitby .....	15.00
Galt, Union Sab School China .....	11.42
do do do Sask'n .....	11.42
Bayfield .....	8.00
Berne .....	5.83
Glamnis .....	5.40
Cobourg .....	50.00
Stratford, Knox Ch. ....	35.00
A Friend, Wallacetown. Hamilton, McNabb St. . .	5.00
200.00	
Markham, Brown's Cor- ners &co .....	30.62
East Puslinch, Duff's Ch. Mount Forest, Knox Ch. Bethesda .....	30.00
25.00	
18.25	
Alnwick .....	11.00
Carluko .....	10.00
Friend Towns'p, Carradoc Tecumseth, 1st .....	3.00
6.00	
Brussels, Melville Ch'rch Hastings, A'd'l .....	10.00
6.00	
Mrs McLennan, Elmira, Illinois .....	20.00
Windsor, St. Andrews .....	45.00
Clinton, Willis' Ch .....	85.00
Sunnidale, Zion Ch .....	5.00
Woodbridge .....	7.00
Ross .....	3.00
West Brant .....	4.31
Beckwith, Knox Church. .	10.00
Rotheay, Calvin Church. .	5.00
Dundee Centre .....	21.25
East Nottawasaga and Creemore .....	15.00
Paris, Dumfries Street. .	30.00
Morrisburg .....	10.00
Iroquois .....	8.00
Perth, Knox Church. ....	40.00
do do S Sch'l .....	7.00
Weston .....	13.85
Montreal, Knox Church. .	100.00
West Winchester .....	24.00
Beir Creek .....	35.25
Friend, Galt .....	2.00
Lefroy .....	10.00
Hullett .....	15.00
Chatsworth, Add'l .....	4.85
Doon .....	4.00
Mt Pleasant, Omeme & Lakevale .....	15.00
Beaverton .....	43.00
Durham Sabbath Sch. . .	5.61
Winterbourne, Chalmers Church .....	10.00
West Brant, Add'l .....	2.00
West Gwillimburg 2nd . .	10.00
London, St. Andrews .....	145.00
do do S Sch, Indja .....	5.00
do do do China .....	10.00

Alvinston, Brooke and Euphemia	4.63
Montreal, St Pauls S Sch	16.66
North Gower	10.00
Pine River	6.00
Ridgetown	10.00
Keene	20.00
Manilla	4.50
Paris, Dumfries Street	85.00
Greenbank	20.00
Teeswater, Westminster Church	27.50
Fraser Family Mission'y Box, China	1.50
Drumbo	8.00
Claremont	10.54
Wellington Square	10.00
Stayner	5.00
Essa, 1st	29.00
Adjala	4.00
Pickering, Erskine Ch	2.75
Central Church, Presby of Barrie	15.00
Waterdown, Knox Ch	10.00
Kemptville	12.00
Essa Town line	5.00
Garafraxa, St John's	10.00
Toronto, Cooke's Ch	100.00
Newmarket	6.00
Rockwood	2.00
Craigvale	9.00
Westwood	16.00
Cote, Melville Ch	28.00
Cote de Neiges	15.00
Bluevale	8.56
Ethel	2.00
Ottawa, Bank Street	95.00
Manotic & Gloucester	10.00
Madoc, St Peters S Sch	3.00
do do	8.00
Alliston	4.00
Beansville & Mountain	4.00
Brampton, 1st	25.00
Milverton, Burn's Ch & Hawkesbury	23.00
Hawkesbury	8.10
L'Orignal	5.90
Cambray	5.00
Brockville, 1st Ch	34.75
do do S Sch	77.45
China	9.25
Litchfield	9.25
Renfrew & McNabb	20.00
Maidstone	4.25
Molesworth	10.00
Pakenham	4.00
Cannington	20.00
Pickering	8.00
Princeton	15.00
South Gower & Mountain	34.54
Fenelon	18.75
Demorestville	4.00
Almonte, St John's Ch	25.00
Newcastle, S Sch, Saak'n	5.00
Newboro & Westport	5.00
Cartwright & Williams'g	4.00
Uxbridge	12.00
Guelph, 1st Congregation	17.00
Estate of late Rev Archdeacon Henderson	100.00
Dunwich, Duff's Ch	4.00
Avonton	19.00
Port Stanley	10.00
Wick	30.00
Metis	3.20
Mille Isles	4.06
English River & Howick	9.80
Quebec, Chalmer's Ch	158.00

\$9,862.21

HOME MISSION.

Amount received to 2nd	
March, 1877	\$20,053 08
Montreal, St Paul's Ch	500.00
Rockwood Miss'y M't'g	5 68
Hespeler	2.50
Guelph, Chalmers Ch'rch	
Sab School	20.00
Bluevale	20.00
Coldsprings	75.00
Aurora	24.25
Rockey Saugeen Mis Sta	11.90
Lakefield & N'th Smith	22.00
Boston Church	16.00
Milton, Knox Ch	8 50
Chinacousey, 1st, debt	8 00
do 2nd do	8 35
Port Elgin	36.20
South Kinloss & Lucknow	54.49
Eadica	18.00
S'th Osprey, Honeywood	
& Singhampton	12.00
Crowland M'y Ass'n do	12 00
Tecumseth, 2nd do	46.00
Utica	3.00
Oro Guthrie Ch Miss'y	
Association	6 00
Ottawa, St Andrews do	343 80
Vernonville	15.00
Norwood	7.50
do do debt	20.00
Belleville, John St.	175.00
Carlisle	22.00
Ailsa Craig	32 60
Nairn	5.50
Belmont	23.03
do do debt	7.97
Strathroy	5.50
Komoka	2.00
Westminster, St And'ws	
do do debt	10.00
Saugeen	18.00
South Nissouri	14.00
North Nissouri	7.00
Elma Centre & Monckton	
Fullarton	21.00
Chesterfield	25.00
St Vincent	4.00
Sydenham, St Pauls do	5.50
Whitby	15.00
Bayfield	20.00
Berne	12.00
Almonte, St And'ws do	20.00
Glamis	18.00
Cobourg	42.40
do do debt	30.00
Stratford, Knox Ch	85.00
Glenallan	18.60
Hollin	15.50
Hamilton, McNabb S ordy	400.00
Shakespeare	4.00
Markham, Brown's Corners, &c	26.58
East Puslinch, Duff's Ch	
ordy	45.00
Ratho	15.00
Innorkip	15.00
M't Forest, Knox C ordy	30.00
Eramosa	33.00
Bethesda	28.00
Alnwick	18.00
Carlake	10.00
Bothwell	41.00
do do debt	6.50
Rlyth	21.83
Tecumseth, 1st	8.00
Brussels, Melville Ch do	15 00
Hastings	3.93
Blackheath	8.00
Tilbury, East	16 32
Clinton, Willis' Ch	100.00
Sunnidale, Zion Ch	7.50
Woodbridge	12.00

Ross	do	4.00
West Brant, Add'l.	debt	3.69
do do	ordy	6.00
Beckwith, Knox Ch	do	15.00
Rothsay, Calvin Ch	debt	4.60
do do	ordy	6.00
do do	S Sch	3.00
Moorefield Mis Sta	debt	2.25
do do	S Sch do	3.60
do do	ordy	2.85
Angus & New Lowell	debt	10.00
Stayner & Sunnidale	do	6.50
East Nottawasaga and Creemore	ordy	15.00
New Glasgow	do	10.00
Paris, Dumfries St.	do	50.00
Morrisburg, Missionary Meetings	ordy	15.00
Edwardsburg	do	15.00
Iroquoia	do	15.00
Mutilda	do	3.00
Perth, Knox Ch	do	80.00
Sarwak	do	4.50
Metis	do	2.52
Weston	do	20.14
Montreal, Knox Ch	do	115.00
West Winchester	do	20.00
Friend, Galt, Manitoba	do	2.00
Lefroy	ordy	20.00
Hullett	do	18.00
Silver Islet	do	21.00
Brantford Zion Church, Add'l	ordy	65.00
Chatsworth	do	17.00
Caledon, East St And'ws, & Sandhill	ordy	7.89
Brampton, 1st	do	60.00
Mount Pleasant, Omemeo & Lakefield	ordy	45.00
Beaverton	do	51.63
Durham	do	24.17
West Brant, Add'l.	do	2.00
Hols ein	do	11.41
Amos	do	8.67
Fairbairn	do	4.04
Hanover and West Bentinck	ordy	8.00
West Gwillimbury, 2nd ordy	do	15.00
London, St Andrews	ordy	150.00
Montreal, St Paul S Sch	do	16.66
North Gower	ordy	19.55
Durham, S Sch	do	5.61
Manilla	do	6.00
Pine River	do	2.00
North Augusta	do	6.00
Legacy of late Mr McVey, London	ordy	372.00
West Adelaide	do	11.56
Ridgetown	do	30.00
Florence & Dawn	debt	6.60
Keene	ordy	30.00
Greenbank	do	20.00
Drumbo	do	17.00
Alton	do	4.00
Wellington Square	do	50.00
Stayner	do	6.00
Essa, 1st	do	40.00
Adjala	do	15.00
Mountain & South Gower	do	10.00
do do debt	do	10.00
Head Station	ordy	8.50
Central Ch, Presbytery of Barrie	ordy	35.00
Waterdown, Knox Ch do	do	20.00
Kemptville	do	11.00
Toronto, Cooke's Ch do	do	203.70
Hibbert	do	40.00
Craigvale	do	20.00
Westwood	do	16.00
Presbytery of Paris	debt	39.85
Valleyfield	ordy	20.00
Ethel	do	12.00
Ottawa, Bank St.	do	125.00
Manotic & Gloucester	do	12.00

N.B.—In the case of Peterboro Sabbath School the amount contributed was \$40.00; not as given, \$41.00.



Madoc, St Peters S Sc do	3.00
Alliston do	8.00
Beamsville & Mountain, ordy	10.00
Cambray do	5.00
do	10.00
debt	10.00
Brockville, 1st Ch. ordy	96.65
Renfrew & McNabb do	80.00
Maidstone do	7.00
Molesworth do	12.00
do	8.00
debt	8.00
Wallaceburgh ordy	26.75
Cannington do	30.00
Mono Mills do	23.75
St Marys do	100.00
Goderich, Knox Ch. do	70.17
Princeton do	15.00
Smith Church do	6.00
Fenelon do	18.75
Demorestville do	8.00
Friend, Bluevale do	10.00
Almonte, St John do	29.00
Cartwright & Williams- burgh ordy	4.00
Newboro & Westport do	15.00
Uxbridge do	28.00
Port Colborne do	13.00
Guelph, 1st Congr'l do	66.00
Estate of late Archibald Henderson ordy	100.00
Dunwich, Duff's Ch. do	5.00
Port Stanley do	20.00
Paris, Dumfries St. do	100.00
Wick do	25.00
Rockburn do	10.12
Keene, S Sch do	7.40
Friends, Durham and Priceville ordy	10.00
Mille Isles do	5.19
Quebec, Chalmers C. do	155.00
Delaware do	5.25
Essa, Town line do	20.00
Friend, Galt do	2.00
	\$26,229.73

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount received to 2nd March, 1877	\$1,720.42
Fitzroy Harbor & Tarbol- ton	9.00
Coldsprings	15.00
Lakefield & N'th Smith	14.00
Cranbrooke	3.00
Teumseth, 2nd	5.00
Vernonville	7.00
Belleville, John Street	40.00
Elma Centre & Monckton Bayfield	9.00
Berne	6.00
Glamis	3.00
Cobourg	10.00
Hamilton, McNabb St.	25.00
Mount Forest, Knox Ch.	15.00
East Puslinch, Duff's Ch.	20.00
Bethesda	3.00
Alnwick	2.00
Carluke	2.00
Teumseth, 1st	4.00
Brussels, Melville Ch.	7.00
Sunnidale, Zion Church	3.25
Woodbridge	4.00
Beckwith, Knox Ch.	5.00
Rothsay, Calvin Ch.	2.00
Paris, Dumfries Street	15.00
Perth, Knox Church	13.00
Weston	6.00
West Winchester	10.00
Lefroy	10.00
Chatsworth, Add'l	2.65
West Brant	1.50
North Gower	5.00

Ridgetown	10.00
Keene	5.00
Drumbo	6.00
Wollington Square	5.00
Staynor	4.00
Central Church, Presby of Rarrie	15.00
Waterdown, Knox Ch.	5.00
Garafraxa, St John's Ch.	3.00
Toronto, Cooke's Ch.	50.00
Craigvale	9.00
Ottawa, Bank Street	24.24
Alliston	8.00
Beamsville & Mountain	6.00
Cambray	2.50
Brockville, 1st Church	31.00
Molesworth	6.00
Demorestville	2.00
Uxbridge	5.00
Rockburn	11.50
Mille Isles	3.00
English River & Howick	6.75
New Westminster	28.00

\$2,249.81

With Rates from Revs. James  
Tait, \$16.00; C. Cameron, Gus-  
tavius Munro, \$24.00; R. M. Croll,  
J. Gourlay, D. Paterson, Thomas  
McPherson, J. Ballantyne, A.  
Frazier, A. Dawson, \$10.00; Jas.  
Whyte, J. R. Scott, Jas. Carswell,  
Jas. Baikie.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTER'S  
FUND.

Amount received to 2nd March, 1877	\$453.28
Port Elgin	11.56
Stratford, Knox Ch.	30.00
Teumseth, 1st	4.00
Rothsay, Calvin Ch.	2.00
Waddington, N Y, Add'l	3.15
West Winchester	10.00
Mount Pleasant, Ome- mee & Lakevale	11.00
West Gwillimbury, 2nd	4.00
London, St Andrews	50.00
McKillop & Truckersmith S'th Osprey, Honeywood & Singhampton	4.00
Adjala	8.00
Adjala	4.00
Essa, Town line	5.00
Mimos	1.09
Forrus, Melville Ch	47.00
Ottawa, Bank Street	15.00
Cheltenham	7.00
Cambray	2.50
Brockville, 1st Church	33.75
Princeton	5.00
Almonte, St John's Ch	5.00
Estate of late Rev. Arch- ibald Henderson	100.00
Port Stanley	5.11
	\$821.35

BURSARY FUND OF KNOX COLLEGE.

Amount received to 2nd March, 1877	\$240.00
Jas Loghrin, Speedside	50.00
M C Cameron, Goderich	60.00
	\$350.00

MONTREAL COLLEGE ORDINARY  
FUND.

Amount received to 2nd March, 1877	\$3.00
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Fitzroy Harbor & Tarbol- ton	13.00
English River & Howick	7.45
	\$43.45

MONTREAL COLLEGE BURSARY  
FUND.

Hamilton, McNabb St Ch	45.00
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MANITOBA COLLEGE, ORDINARY  
FUND.

Amount received to 2nd March, 1877	47.50
Guelph, Chalmers Ch S Sc	10.00
Hamilton, McNabb St Ch	20.00
Hibbert	13.90
Waterdown S Sch	2.00
Thamesford	10.00
	\$103.40

ORPHANS OF THE LATE REV. JAS.  
NESBIT.

Amount received to 2nd March, 1877	\$401.75
Belleville, John Street	11.50
	\$412.25

INDIAN ORPHANAGE AND JUVENILE  
MISSION.

Lakefield & North Smith Sabbath School	\$20.00
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COLLEGES, ORDINARY FUND.

Amount received to 2nd March, 1877	\$4,094.32
less error in addition	-\$4,074.32
Guelph, Chalmers Ch S School	50.00
Mount Pleasant	10.60
Bluevale	10.00
Coldsprings	24.00
Rocky Saugeen Mission Station	2.00
Lakefield & N'th Smith	20.00
Chinquacousey, 1st	8.00
do 2nd	24.13
S'th Osprey, Honeywood & Singhampton	15.00
Crowland Mission'y Soc'y	4.00
Vernonville	10.00
Norwood	6.00
Eramosa	10.00
Saugeen	10.00
South Nissouri	3.00
North Nissouri	7.00
Elma Centre & Monckton	10.00
Bayfield	6.00
Berne	4.00
Glamis	4.00
Cobourg	30.00
Stratford, Knox Ch.	60.00
Hamilton, McNabb St Ch	220.00
Markham, Brown's Cor- ners, &c	24.15
King, St Andrews	35.00
East Puslinch, Duff's Ch.	60.00
Mount Forest, Knox Ch.	25.00
Bethesda	17.00
Alnwick	9.00
Carluke	10.00
Brussels, Melville Ch.	14.00
Hastings	6.00
Clinton, Willis' Ch	40.00
Sunnidale, Zion Ch	7.59
Woodbridge	8.41
Beckwith, Knox Ch	10.00

Rothsay, Calvin Ch .....	5.00
East Nottawasaga and Creemore .....	15.00
Perth, Knox Church.....	30.34
Friend, Galt.....	14.85
LeRoy.....	2.00
Hullett.....	7.50
Chatsworth, Add'l.....	10.00
Mount Pleasant, Omemee & Lakevale.....	6.15
Beaverton.....	16.00
Durham.....	25.37
West Brant.....	7.98
West Gwillimbury, 2nd.....	1.50
London, St Andrews.....	8.00
Alvinston, Brooke & Eu- phemia.....	150.00
St Anns.....	5.36
Wellandport.....	2.50
Elma Centre & Monckton Add'l.....	3.00
Ridgetown.....	5.00
Keene.....	10.00
Drumbo.....	10.00
McKillop & Tuckersmith Wellington Square.....	9.00
Stayner.....	6.00
Central Church, Presby of Barry.....	10.00
Waterdown, Knox Ch.....	12.25
Kemptville.....	20.00
Essa, Town line.....	7.81
Mimosa.....	10.00
Toronto, Cooke's Church Craigvale.....	3.00
Fergus, Melville Ch.....	170.00
Eadies.....	5.00
Ethel.....	38.00
Ottawa, Bank Street.....	9.44
Alliston.....	2.50
Beamsville & Mountain- Cambay.....	55.00
Brockville, 1st Ch.....	4.00
Molesworth.....	6.00
Pakonham.....	2.50
Princeton.....	5.00
Demorestville.....	8.00
Almonte, St John's.....	2 35
Uxbridge.....	15.00
Dunwich, Duff's Ch.....	10.00
Chippawa, Add'l.....	5.00
Avonton.....	2.25
Port Stanley.....	19.00
Egmondville.....	7.00
	5.00

\$5,731.01

**KNOX COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.**

Amount received to 2nd March, 1877.....	\$13,833.75
T Gibson, MPP, Wroxeter A L Gibson do.....	10.00
Hastings.....	10.00
Toronto.....	27
Milton, Knox Church.....	64.67
Boston Church.....	22.00
H C Howard, Drummond- ville.....	26.00
Ratho & Innerskip.....	3.50
Cannington.....	152.67
Elma Centre & Monckton.....	21.00
Jas Nairn, Fullarton.....	12.50
Ayr.....	3.60
Glenallan & Hollin.....	13.00
Brampton.....	22.00
Vaughan & Albion.....	24.50
Proton.....	64.00
Alwrick.....	8.00
Wroxeter.....	3.00
North Pelham and Fort Robinson.....	17.00
Craigvale.....	13.00
Beaverton.....	28.00
	71.00

Bear Creek.....	8.50
Rev Alex McKay, D D.....	15.00
Hamilton.....	82.00
Grafton.....	9.00
Greenbank.....	34.00
Wick.....	15.00
Thamesville.....	42.00
Mr Killon.....	10.00
Geo Sheills, Pine River.....	2.00
Cranbrooke.....	14.30
	\$14,654.66

**FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.**

*Received by Rev. R. H. Warden,  
General Agent of the Board of  
French Evangelization, 210 St.  
James Street, Montreal, up to  
1st March.*

**ORDINARY FUND.**

Acknowledged to 1st Mar.....	\$7,333.67
Latona.....	30.00
Kintyre.....	10.60
G Anslic & Son Comber.....	5.00
N McLeod, Kirkhill.....	1.00
Streetsville.....	24.00
Sheriff Carney, Sault Ste Marie.....	10.00
Mrs Boyd, Montreal.....	10.00
Legacy from late James Armstrong, Elmira, Ill.....	94.00
Coldsprings.....	32.00
Rodgersville.....	24.76
Wingham, S Sch.....	7.00
Margt Young, Truro, N S S Guelph, Chalmers Ch S S.....	4.00
Ottawa, Bank St S Sch.....	20.00
Rev J J Casey, proceeds of lecture, Fort Covington, N Y.....	24.50
St Andrews.....	18.80
Oro, Guthrie Ch.....	14.65
W Richardson, Cummock D McA., Cow Bay, C B.....	5.00
Eliz'h M Blair, Medonte.....	5.00
Rev A D Ferrier, Dun- bar, Scotland.....	5.00
Coll'd by Mrs Amsbridge Kingsville, add'l.....	10.00
D McGregor, Wingham.....	2.00
Mrs J Hutchinson, Trent'n Anonymous.....	1.00
Saugen.....	5.00
Mrs L Armstrong, New Lowell.....	10.00
John Viner, Hillsburg.....	1.00
S'th Osprey, Honeywood & Singhampton.....	4.00
J M Smith, Boston, U S.....	10.00
Ottawa, St And'ws Ch.....	15.00
Friends, St George, N B.....	250.00
Brussels, Melville Ch.....	6.57
do do S Sch.....	7.85
Walton.....	7.25
D Ward & family Wat- son's Corners.....	11.45
John Ferris, Edmonton.....	5.05
Coboury.....	40.00
A Tingley, Sackville, NB.....	30.00
Mary Estebrook.....	2.50
Coll'd by Mr Finley Gun, Black Brook, N B.....	50
Friends, Chatham, N B.....	8.00
Mrs Aitken, Montreal, add'l.....	4.00
Donald McMillan, Senr, Black Land.....	20.00
Mrs Howell, L'r Cape, NB.....	4.00
L O L Chatham, N B.....	5.00
Coll'd by J Fulton, Niga- ra, Ont, add'l.....	15.00
East Puslinch, Duff's Ch.....	50

Per Dr Reid, Toronto.....	792.67
Erskine, Ch Missionary Society, Montreal.....	114.03
Aurora.....	17.00
do S School.....	40.00
Friend, Aurora.....	2.00
St. Marys, Ont, S Sch.....	40.00
A Lady Friend, Lancaster.....	1.00
Edwardsburg.....	10.00
Iroquois.....	10.00
Morrisburg.....	15.00
Matilda.....	3.33
O T Smith, Glanford.....	5.00
West Winchester.....	20.00
Perth, Knox Ch.....	30.00
do do S Sch.....	7.00
Scotch Line Centre, S Co Bramford Road S Horse, proceeds of entertain't Montreal, St Pauls Ch SS Friend.....	22.16 16.68 20.00
Paris, Dumfries Street.....	70.05
Janet Huyck, Consecon.....	1.25
Windsor, St Andrews Ch.....	14.50
A B C, Niagara.....	10.00
John Cushman.....	5.00
North Gower.....	5.00
Quebec, Chalmers' Ch.....	115.00
Scarboro, Knox Ch.....	24.00
Hampstead, S Sch.....	6.00
Anonymous.....	2.00
Jno Pettigrew, Norwood Friends, Kildonan, Man- itoba.....	10.00
Woodville & Little Sands Ingersoll, coll'd by Missy Meeting, Erskine and Knox Churches.....	40.00 15.25
Tecumseth, 1st.....	19.70
North Augusta.....	4.00
Ratho.....	10.00
Chateauguay & Beauhar- nois.....	32.75
Innerskip.....	9.00
do S School.....	6.00
Per Rev R Campbell.....	1,556.12
	\$11,324.89

**BUILDING FUND.**

<i>French Church, Canning Street, Montreal.</i>	
Acknowled'd to 1st March.....	\$2,636.34
J M Smith, Boston, U S.....	10.00
Montreal, Students Pres- byt'n College, add'l.....	3.50
L O L, 1344, and friends.....	30.70
Egmondville.....	5.00
Mariposa, T'shir, per CD Johnston.....	10.50
North Lake, PEI, Bethel Ch Prayer Meeting.....	1.90
W Lesslie, Hornby.....	1.00
Jas Leask, Leaskdale.....	4.00
H'y Lawson, Boston Ch, Esquesing.....	10.00
Rev W B Clark, lecture in Danville.....	6.25
do do in Montreal Georgetown & English R W M Society.....	5.87 7.00
Young Man.....	10.00
Rt Mackay, Townsend.....	7.00
Jas Orr, Coldsprings.....	2.40
Coll'd by Jane Thurber, Irvine.....	3.25
Mrs J B Scott, Egmond- ville, O.....	5.00
Rev J J Richards, West- port, O.....	5.00
Mr and Mrs S P Robins, Montreal.....	50.00

Mr and Mrs W McLachlan, Galt.....	4.00
Friend, Bobcaygeon....	5.00
Chatsworth, Cong.....	7.12
W Webster, Florence....	1.00
Mr Fortham, Florence....	1.00
Rev G Chayne, M A, Tapscott.....	1.00
Coll'd by W Stewart, Logarait, O.....	21.25
Barrie, Ref Ep Ch S Sch.	12.00
Rt Langwell, St Laurent	20.00
A A Stevenson, Montreal	10.00
D Cunningham, do.....	2.00
Jas Davidson, do.....	5.50
A Clark, Smith's Falls...	20.00
Friend, Prescott.....	1.00
Dr Hutchison, proceeds of social, Wroxieter.....	5.00
Mrs J C W Daly, Stratf'd	1.00
Mrs Templeton, York....	1.00
Paris, Dunties St.....	28.25
Mrs W F Burns, St Johns Newfoundland.....	2.00
Perth, St Andrews Ch....	20.00
Coll'd by N. Farlinger, Fort Covington.....	21.10
A Friend of the French.	1.00
H H Durham.....	5.00
Mrs Fraser, Montreal....	10.00
Miss Torrance.....	5.00
Anonymous, Lindsay....	1.00
Thomas Hamilton, North Georgetown.....	2.00
	<b>\$3,030.43</b>

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL**  
Warden King, Treasurer.

ORDINARY REVENUE.	
Already acknowledged..	\$1646.18
Alex McGill, Metcalfe...	2.50
Morewood Congregation...	14.00
St Sylvester do.....	6.00
Edwardsburg do.....	7.25
Iroquois do.....	5.00
Morrisburgh do.....	6.32
W Winchester do.....	20.00
Russelton Flatts Cong'n	10.00
Montreal, Knox Ch.....	100.00
North Gower Congreg't'n	10.00
Quebec, Chalmers Church	
Miss'y Soc'y.....	170.00
Montreal, Knox Ch S Sch	40.00
Rockburn Congregation...	7.00
Mille Isles.....	5.00
	<b>\$2049.25</b>

THEOLOGICAL CHAIR	
J M Garland, Ottawa.....	25.00
A Mutchmor.....	20.00
Geo Hay.....	25.00
John Anderson, Montreal	25.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
John Stirling, Montreal..	50.00
Peter Redpath do.....	50.00

ENDOWMENT FUND.	
R Langwell, St Laurent..	25.00

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS FUND	
Late in connection with the Church of Scotland.	
James Croil, Montreal, Treas.	
Trenton.....	14.30
Creemore & Dundedin....	12.00

Rockwood.....	5.00
Seymour.....	35.00
Innisfil & Gwillimbury..	12.00
Orangeville.....	4.00
Mill Point.....	2.00
Nelson & Waterdown....	14.00
Rockwood.....	6.00
Now Edinburg.....	7.00
Parkhill.....	13.00
Glencoe.....	22.00
Litchfield.....	12.00
Pickering.....	12.00
Rev Frederick Home.....	6.00
Whitby.....	15.00
Perth.....	20.70
Nottawasaga.....	10.25
Owen Sound.....	30.00
Mulmur.....	6.00
Almonte.....	20.00
Montreal, St Andrews Ch.	20.00

JUVENILE MISSION TO INDIA.	
Miss Machar, Kingston, Treas.	
Sherbrooke, Miss, Assn..	20.00
Sherbrooke, S Sch.....	22.00
Montreal, St Pauls S Sch.	45.00
South Georgetown S Sch.	20.00
Montreal, Pt St Chas, do.	20.00
St John, N B, S Sch.....	20.00
Galt, S Sch.....	20.00

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. MACGREGOR, AGENT OF THE CHURCH AT HALIFAX, TO 1st APRIL.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Acknowledged already..	\$6184 15
Campbelltown Cong, N B.	15 00
United Ch, N G.....	207 58
St Matthew's, Wallace...	12.00
Stake Road.....	6.50
Fox Harbour.....	6.50
Union Centre & Lochaber	33.00
River Charlo, additional.	4.00
Margaree.....	1.83
J A Fraser, New Glasgow.	2.00
North Bedeque.....	70.00
Wallace & Pugwash.....	35.77
St John's Ch, Windsor for 1876.....	38.00
Great Village for 1876....	21.25
West St Peter's & Mount Stewart.....	100.00
Plainfield District, by Miss Euphemia J Sutherland.....	10.50
New Kincardine.....	5.00
Dalhousie.....	18.50
Bay of Islands.....	18.00
Fort Massey Miss. Assoc.	100.00
Springfield and English Settlement.....	5.00
A member of St James Ch, Charlottetown, to pay the Salary of a native teacher for the New Hebrides Mission.....	15.00
Pictou Presbytery in connection with the Church of Scotland for Mission to India.....	134.75
For Rev Mr Robertson, Erromanga, Pictou Presbytery in connection with the Ch of Scotland	184.75
	<b>\$7179.08</b>

HOME MISSIONS.	
Acknowledged already	\$2918.20
St Stephen's, St John, add	45.75
Union Centre & Lochaber	30.00
Grant from Free Church of Scotland.....	968.88
Lake Ainslie.....	4.63
Rev Hugh Robertson, Erromanga.....	5.00
Gabarus.....	3.00
North Bedeque.....	10.00
St Croix.....	3.00
St John's Ch, Windsor for 1876.....	15.00
Great Village Cong.....	21.25
Stewinacke, for 1 year....	10.00
West St Peter's & Mount Stewart.....	20.00
Chipman, Queen's Co, NB	14.28
New Kincardine.....	10.00
Fort Massey Miss. Assoc.	60.00
Springfield and English Settlement.....	5.00
	<b>\$4143.</b>

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION SOCIETY.	
Amount received to 2nd March, 1877.....	45.00
Chinquacousy, 1st.....	8.35
do 2nd.....	8.13
	<b>\$61.48</b>

DAYSRING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.	
Acknowledged already..	\$1750.35
Musquodoboit Harbour...	11.00
Calvin Ch S Sch, St John	10.00
Union Centre & Lochaber	25.00
East Roads Sab Sc.....	2.00
Craville Sab Sc.....	3.67
Newton Sab Sc.....	3.03
Burnside Sab Sc.....	1.60
Pembroke Sab Sc.....	3.00
Margaree.....	5.93
Gabarus.....	2.00
North Bedeque.....	35.20
Wallace & Pugwash.....	13.16
Bible Class of 1st Pres Ch	
Truro to Trinidad Sc...	2.50
Donation from Mrs Johnson, Chipman Co, N B, to Trinidad Mission....	5.00
Dalhousie Sab Sc.....	5.00
Bas River Sab Sc.....	24.00
	<b>\$1902.44</b>

SUPPLEMENTING FUND	
Acknowledged already..	\$3733.24
Stewinacke Cong, 1 year...	17.00
Union Centre & Lochaber	20.00
East River.....	20.00
Margaree.....	1.80
Gabarus.....	8.00
Wallace & Pugwash.....	8.50
St John's Ch, Windsor, for 1876.....	15.00
West St Peter's & Mount Stewart.....	16.46
Chipman, Queen's Co, N B	14.28
Merigomish.....	13.30
Fort Massey Miss. Assoc.	110.00
Springfield and English Settlement.....	11.00
	<b>\$3968.58</b>

COLLEGE FUND.	
Acknowledged already .....	\$3992.77
Stewincke Cong for 1 year	10.00
Union Centre & Lochaber	20.00
Int. W Patterson, 1876 & 1877 .....	\$83.44
	93.44
	186.88
Lake Ainslie .....	4.00
Gabarus .....	2.00
North Bedeque .....	40.00
Wallace & Pugwash .....	8.00
St Croix .....	3.60
West St Peter's & Mount Stewart .....	45.00
Merigomish .....	13.30
Foro Massey Miss. Assoc.	100.00
St James Ch, Newcastle, N B .....	32.06
River Charlo .....	6.00
	\$4463.61

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION	
Acknowledged already .....	\$2172.23
Quoddy, Street Har .....	4.63
Pictou, Mount Thom PTRY Meeting .....	4.30
Union Centre & Lochabar	25.00
North Bedeque .....	6.00
St Croix .....	2.00
New Kincardine .....	5.00
Fort Massey, Mis'y Ass'n	35.00
	\$2254.16

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.	
Sydney .....	2.00
Bethurst, St Luke's Ch .....	5.00
Frederickton, St Pauls Ch	9.00
River Charlo .....	5.00
Gabarus .....	2.00

SYNOD FUND.	
Fort Massey Miss'y Ass'n	20.00

MINISTERS WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS FUND.  
*Of late Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, from Jan. 1st, 1877*

<i>Geo. Mitchell, Halifax. Treas.</i>	
Pictou, N S, St Andws Ch	\$26.20
Wallace, N S, St Matth's	6.14
Rev Jas Murray, Wallace, N S, for 1875-76 .....	24.00
City of Halifax Sc Deb'rs	5.80
Pugwash, N S, for 1875-76	10.00
Rev J M Sutherland, Pugwash, N S for 1875-76 .....	24.00
Jno Robertson, Tabusintac, N S, for 1875-76 .....	21.00
Merchants Bank of Halifax, dividend .....	3.20
Bank of Nova Scotia, divd	176.00
Belfast, P E I .....	10.44
People's Bnk of Halifax d	5.60
Merchants Bank deposit, interest .....	6.75

Rev J D Paterson, St J'ns Newfld. ....	12.00
Rev Dr B ooke, Fredericton, N B .....	12.00
St John. N B, St Stephens	13.00
do Rev D McRae	12.00
Rev A McLenn, Belfast, P E I .....	24.00
Rev A W Herdman, Pictou	12.00
Rev J Anderson, Newcastle, N B .....	12.00
Newcastle, N B, St Jns Ch	36.07

YOUNG MEN'S BURSARY FUND. MARITIME PROVINCES.	
W. F. Knight, Halifax, Treas.	
St Andrews, N B .....	\$30.85
Interest on Legacy, late G Kerr .....	22.50

Correction.

In March No., among the acknowledgement of Mission goods to the New Hebrides, will be found a box from ladies of Middle Musquodoboit, for Rev. J W McKenzie, value \$15; it should have been: From Ladies Sewing Circle (as above) and a few other Friends, value \$40.

Another package, valued at \$15, was prepared and forwarded by the same diligent hands to Rev. T. Christie, Coura, Trinidad, for the benefit of that Mission, per M. G.

WHAT SCOTLAND HAS DONE FOR INDIA.

The *Daily Review* says: "How little we, who remain comfortably and sometimes very selfishly at home, know of the work done for our country, for humanity, for the highest of all causes, by Scotsmen abroad. And even when we do know, or are told, the spirit of sect in the Church and of party in the State so prevails, that we are apt to see little that is admirable in what is catholic, nothing that is worthy of sympathy or support in what is done by others who do not utter our Shibboleth. We want to tell in a few words the early story of a work done for the good, secular and spiritual, of those millions of our subjects who are now being threatened by the grim spectre of famine in Southern India. When Scotland had as yet only two big Churches, and not three, the General Assembly sent out Alexander Duff to evangelize Bengal. Dr. John Wilson was already at that work in Bombay, and soon after a similar enterprise was begun in Madras. Up to that time, now nearly half a century ago, Government had done no-

thing for the education of the natives of India in their own vernacular and in English, while the few missionaries had confined themselves to giving primary instruction to the poor. To this there had been only one exception, that of the Serampore College, under Carey and Marshman. Dr. Duff changed all that. He, more than any one man, compelled the Government to do its duty to the people in both the higher or English, and the lower or vernacular education. But as that meant a purely secular system, he supplied the Christian element to saturate it by establishing his famous Missionary College. From that and its many imitators ever since, there had gone forth a stream of young natives to become Christian ministers and schoolmasters, and even when not baptized Christians, to form in stations all over India the centre of high-minded, pure-principled, moral action and intellectual progress. While this system has gained among the Hindoos proper, for whom it is specially fitted, more actual converts than any other, as statistics prove, it has proved the only self-developing, self-propagating power for good amid the secularism of the Government colleges, and the seething corruption of an idolatrous state of society.

## Educational and Book Notices.

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Brantford, Ontario, }  
Feb. 1st, 1876. }

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