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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CANADIAN CONGREGATIONAL
MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
COLONIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Congregational Church at Kingston, C. W., on Friday evening, 15th June, 1855, at seven, P. M.,

REV. THOMAS BAYNE, of Melbourne, C. E., in the Chair.

After devotional exercises, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Secretary-Treasurer, presented an abstract of the Annual Report, which had been read to the Assembly of the Congregational Union *in extenso*.

The Meeting was then addressed in an interesting and happy manner by the Rev. J. T. Byrne, Rev. A. Lillie, D. D., Rev. W. P. Westell, of Michigan, and Rev. J. Wheeler.

A collection was made at the close in aid of the funds, and the proceedings terminated.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

1.—That this Society be called “The Canadian Congregational Missionary Society, in connexion with the Colonial Missionary Society.”

OBJECTS.

That its objects shall be, to aid feeble Congregational Churches in sustaining their Ministers—to spread the Gospel by means of Missionaries among all classes of inhabitants, and to promote other general missionary objects of the Congregational body.

3.—That all persons subscribing 5s. per annum shall become Members of this Society, and any person subscribing at one time £5 or upwards, shall be an Honorary or Life Member of this Society.

4.—That the business of the Society shall be managed by a Secretary Treasurer, and Committee of not less than nine others, to be elected annually by ballot after nomination, by the Congregational Union of Canada, and to consist chiefly of Pastors and Delagates of Churches not aided by the Society, five to form a quorum.

5.—That the Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at the Annual Session of the Union, and during such annual session the Committee shall adjust all the appropriations for the ensuing year so far as possible.

6.—That in order to provide for local contingencies there shall be appointed by the Union a small Sub-Committee with its Secretary, within certain territorial districts, who shall possess discretionary powers to act in special cases, which action shall extend only to the next meeting of the Union, and which they shall immediately report to the Society.

7.—That Local Sub-Committees shall attend to the collection of funds, the supervision of the missionary work in their several bounds, and report annually to the Secretary.

8.—That all Churches receiving aid from this Society to sustain their Minister, shall be required as the condition of its continuance, faithfully to fulfil their own engagement towards his support.

9.—That all Missionaries receiving aid from this Society shall report once in six months to the Secretary, and make a full statistical return annually according to the prepared forms.

10.—The connection of this Society with the Colonial Missionary Society shall be maintained in the following manner.

The General Committee, after making up its annual Schedule of actual and probable appropriations, shall transmit the same, with an estimate of the amount likely to be obtained in Canada, to the Col. M. S. ; with the understanding, that if objections be not made within three months, the arrangement shall stand for the year. The occasional grants made by the Local Sub-Committees shall be reported to London as soon as agreed on. The General Committee shall send to the Col. M. S., the Annual Report of its proceedings, with the statistical returns, after its acceptance by the Union. They shall also furnish any information at their discretion, or at the request of the C. M. S., as to the progress of the work, from time to time.

11.—That this Constitution may be altered by any Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada, one day's notice having been first given to the Union in writing, of any proposal to that effect.

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REFERRING to the historical and explanatory remarks which formed the introductory part of the First Annual Report for a succinct statement of the position of this Society, in relation to all the Congregational Ministers of Canada, who are wholly or partly sustained by Missionary funds, in relation also to the Union, and to the Colonial Missionary Society of Great Britain,—the General Committee proceed to report the plans and doings of the Society for the past year, and to note, for purposes of humiliation and of gratitude, the dealings of the Great Head of the Church with the Missionary brotherhood, and the Churches under their care.

It hath pleased God to call away one of our brethren, long known and much beloved among us, from his work of devoted toil on earth to his home above. The Rev. Richard Miles was one of the early band of labourers in connection with our body, who entered the field amid the roughness of its uncultivated state, but who toiled on until, through God's blessing, it presented a fairer aspect, and afforded promise of great productiveness. He departed this life suddenly on 7th March last, after having laboured in Canada the greater part of twenty-four years. An obituary notice of him will be found in the *Canadian Independent* of April 2nd, 1855. Mr. Miles was, from its organization, the Secretary of the

Missionary Society for Canada East. We have also to mourn the removal from his active and untiring Ministry by a dangerous disease contracted in the discharge of it, of our brother the Rev. Wm. Clarke, who was, from its organization, the indefatigable Secretary of the Canada West Missionary Society. Our Churches will not fail to pray God that our afflicted brother may be graciously sustained in this hour of darkness, and that he may enjoy largely the consolations of that blessed Gospel which he has so long and so successfully proclaimed to his fellow men. The death of one Secretary, and the incurable malady under which the other suffers, of our former two Missionary Societies, constitute not only an affecting memento of the frail tenure by which our active powers are held on earth, but also a solemn appeal to those who survive in health, to "work while it is day, for the night cometh in which no man can work."

The number of Missionaries aided by this Society during the year is thirty-nine, including five whose allowances was confined to part of the year. There have also been sustained in connection with the Indian Mission at Colpoy's Bay, three Native Evangelists. As these brethren labour in fields extending from the western extremity of the Province nearly to its eastern,—the sphere of some of them being in towns and villages, and that of others in rural districts,—and moreover those spheres occupied by a population often widely diverse in national origin,—it is to be supposed that their experience in their work will be the reverse of uniform. And yet the details which are to follow will show a common brotherhood in the nature of their work, and in the anxieties and trials through which they are called to pass, as well as a blessed fellowship of faith and hope and joy. Before these details are given, however, it may not be inappropriate to note two or three points, partly of summary, and partly suggested and illustrated by the reports from the several brethren.

REPORTS NECESSARILY IMPERFECT.—The effects of Ministerial labour are not all susceptible of report; perhaps some of the most important cannot be so gathered up and defined as to be placed in written sentences; and therefore we are not to confine our estimate of what has been accomplished to any statements that

may follow on these pages. The silent holy influence of Sanctuary services upon that Christian's mind who dwells amid the bustle of business, or upon her's whose domestic cares are many, and often agitating,—the impress gradually and without notice made upon the minds of youth as they sit with their families under the simple and faithful ministry of the word, or are taught by their parents and in the Sabbath School,—the insensible but mighty training process for usefulness here and for glory hereafter, through which young Christians pass under an effective pastorate,—the purifying and elevating influence, noiseless and unobtrusive, but of no mean amount, which is exercised by a godly ministry and a godly active Church upon the general community amid which they are placed,—these and other similar effects cannot be noted, as conversions, additions to fellowship, items of effort can be noted,—they can form no part of an annual report, yet are they precious as the dew of Hermon, and are as mighty for good, though unsusceptible of estimate, as the plentiful rain upon the thirsty earth.

But blessed results not unfrequently issue from the evangelistic work of our brethren, which are less occult than those just mentioned, and yet cannot be placed among our statistics. They proclaim "the glad tidings of great joy," in the course of a year to numerous strangers who listen once or twice, and then pass on their way to distant places carrying with them the good seed, which, by the Agency of the Holy Spirit ultimately springs up and bears fruit unto eternal life. Cases of this sort sometimes come to the knowledge of our brethren in after years, but doubtless there are many of which they will have no knowledge until the great revealing day. There are also in almost every pastor's experience sweet hopes concerning those who in prolonged sickness are led to embrace the Divine Saviour as all their salvation, but who have no opportunity of uniting in the visible fellowship of God's saints on earth, ere they are taken to a higher and more enduring communion.

HAPPY INDICATIONS OF PROGRESS.—While several of the Churches, vacant at the commencement of the Missionary year, have been happily supplied with pastors, as Granby, Abbottsford, Russeltown, and St. Andrews, in *Canada East*, and Hawkesbury,

Lanark, 2nd Church, Caledon, and Simcoe, in *Canada West*, there have been opened under favorable circumstances two new principal stations, namely, that at Windsor, and that at Owen's Sound, regarding which details will be found on another page. Nor should there be omitted from these indications the fact that several of the churches have become self-sustaining, as those at Granby and Abbotsford, those at Paris and Burford, the church at Springford and that at Caledon; the first two in Eastern Canada, and the others in Canada West. Moreover the church at Hamilton has reduced its request for the coming year by one-third, holding out the hope of becoming at its close self-sustaining, while that at Brockville has reduced also its request, and has in view self-sustentation at the end of the year. That at Bowmanville, Darlington, will probably be henceforward self-supporting. Belleville may be expected to take its place with these at the end of the coming Missionary year.

There is, however, confessedly a higher progress than that now noted, to which what has been mentioned is but an auxiliary,—namely, the advancement of the Spiritual Kingdom of the Redeemer. The subsequent details will show that although there has been no special work of revival except in one place, namely, Danville, C. E.; there have been throughout the field precious mercy drops, which we may hope are the precursors of a plenteous shower.

MINISTRY OF CARNAL THINGS.—Our Churches without exception acknowledge the principle, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate to him that teacheth in all good things;" and it is gratifying to have to state an almost universal testimony of the pastors that the Churches have faithfully, and in most cases, promptly fulfilled their promises. This is cause of rejoicing, for to be behind in this matter is alike injurious and disgraceful to any Church. But on the other hand it must not be concealed that in a large majority of cases those promises, or in other words the subscriptions of the people, are not commensurate with requirements arising from the altered situation of affairs in the country, nor are they equal to what was formerly given. A very simple calculation will show that in the present reduced value of money

a subscription that three years ago was worth *nine dollars* is now worth no more than about *six dollars*, so that a salary of £90 in 1852 would in 1855 be worth a little more than £60. And let it be observed that farmers, mechanics, labourers, merchants, all persons other than those having fixed salaries, have profited and are profiting by the rise of prices or the diminished value of money or at least remain uninjured, while the classes living on salaries unchanged in amount are actually suffering. The Committee therefore would affectionately and solemnly urge upon every one subscribing to the support of the Christian Ministry to aid *in the revision of the subscription list*. The addition of one-third would do little more than bring it up to where it was three years ago, and it ought in most cases to be larger than that.

This whole matter becomes increasingly important, because of the lessened ability of the Colonial Missionary Society to afford us funds. They closed their financial year in May last, £700 sterling in debt; and with the pressure of this terrible war upon all the resources of the mother country, and the augmented taxation consequent thereupon, it is to be feared that we shall have to lean almost altogether upon ourselves. Canada, particularly its western section, is rich and prosperous. O let its Christians bestir themselves in devising liberal things for the cause of their Divine Master.

FEEBLENESS.—The Churches generally appear to be waxing stronger in number, in influence, and in efficiency. But, as might be anticipated, there are a few exceptions, the causes of whose feebleness are various. In some instances the spirit of migration westward has been so potent as sadly to thin the ranks of the eastern parent Church. In other instances the crowding into a very limited sphere of several other denominations, each working might and main to gather a few sheep, has rendered weak Churches that aforesaid had considerable strength. In these cases the wisdom is needed which is "profitable to direct," that as far as practicable anticipations relating to the future may be fairly estimated, and such an adjustment of matters honourably made, as shall prevent the needless expenditure of Missionary funds. It is matter for adoring gratitude to God that these cases of perplexity are very few indeed.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

WINDSOR.—Early last autumn a few friends, of the Redeemer's cause, who had been wont to worship at Detroit, and were members of Churches in that city, regarding it of importance to establish a congregation of our denomination in the rising Town of Windsor, and having their attention turned to the Rev. Jas. Porter, of New Brunswick, who was on a visit to Canada West, invited him, with consent of the Local Committee, to undertake the work. On the recommendation of said Committee, the needful aid was furnished, the Colonial Missionary Society cordially consenting,—and Mr. Porter commenced his labours there on 1st October. Although in six months they terminated, yet a favourable commencement was made, which it is hoped will result in a vigorous institution. The following extract from his Report will sufficiently indicate the course matters have taken. It is manifest that much liberality has been exhibited by the few friends who rallied around Mr. Porter, for they paid two-thirds of the amount of salary he received, and erected a church edifice at an expense of some \$700. Mr. Porter says, "While here I have done what I could without entering on any other man's line of things, carefully avoiding intrusion into the fields of others, and ever holding myself ready to improve whatever honorable openings for usefulness might be presented. By means of the enterprise and perseverance of a few individuals a small church building has been erected, which, I am happy to say, is free from debt,—and in which a good degree of interest has been manifested by the population at large. My work in this locality, however, is, I am thoroughly convinced, already accomplished, while it seems to me that some other person, especially a younger single man, might advantageously build on the foundation which, not without cost and toil, has been already laid." It is a matter of painful anxiety to the Committee that as yet no suitable Minister has been found to occupy the place vacated by Mr. Porter. It is hoped that this will not be long the state of the case.

PORT SARNIA, PLYMPTON AND MOORE.—During the first three months of the Missionary year these Churches were vacant, but in the autumn they succeeded in obtaining the services of the Rev. Samuel Harris, formerly of Pine Grove, Vaughan, and more

recently of Salem, Michigan. Commencing his ministry at Port Sarnia and Moore on 1st October, Mr. Harris has laboured diligently and with much acceptance. The field is laborious, and there is some doubt whether the health of his family will admit of a prolonged residence in that locality, but thus far his Report is cheering. The following extracts will be read with pleasure :

"1st. Sarnia is confessedly a difficult post ; it has ever been found so,—is so still. The Free Church and the Methodists have generally occupied the ground. Still we have some indications of progress, and hopeful signs for the future. The people are generally united, have been faithful to their engagements with their Pastor, have had five additions to their number of Church Members, and the Sabbath Congregations are gradually increasing.

"2ndly. Plympton is a small rural interest. The people however appear to value the means of grace, have done what they promised to help to sustain the pastor, and are encouraged rather than otherwise by present appearances. The Church is very united.

"3rdly. Moore is the most promising station on this Missionary ground. The people appear alive to their religious interests, are about making efforts to secure increased accommodation in their House of Worship, have remitted to their Pastor punctually, and desire, as a Church, to be useful. Additions will be made to the Church, without doubt, by the time of the next Report.

"Through mercy I have been enabled thus far to fulfil all my appointments, still the work is too heavy for one man. It takes me about half the week to overcome the exhaustion occasioned by the overwork of the Sabbath. Yet how can I refrain, when the people depend upon me as their pastor in Sarnia, and depend on me for the Gospel in both the other places. I wish to work while it is day, but bad roads, almost resistless winds from the river, anxiety to be in time, and excessive fatigue may bring on a premature night. I think it right to give these hints, though I would not antedate the results."

WARWICK.—The Rev. Daniel McCallum continues to minister the Gospel of Christ in this place and at several out-stations, with comfort to himself, and, it is hoped, with profit to the people. Our brother ministers to upwards of 200 persons, and has 47 in Church-fellowship.

"Respecting my labours there is hardly anything to be said ; they continue to be about the same as I reported on former occasions. Since my last Report five have been received into our Church. Three of these were formerly in fellowship with Churches of our order, and two were received by profession.

"At one of the out-stations we have been led to attempt to build a chapel. This was very necessary, as the place in which we had formerly worshipped was very uncomfortable. We have given out the contract, which is to be fulfilled in October next and through the exertions of one of the brethren we hope to have the building completed without debt."

PORT STANLEY.—The Rev. W. H. Allworth, who has, for upwards of eight years, laboured in this field, has been called away

to occupy another sphere, where it is hoped he will experience richly the Divine blessing. He has been, during the year, severely afflicted in his family, and bereaved, though his own health has been good. The little church and the congregation have been seriously affected in numbers, by the introduction of other denominations into a place the population of which remains stationary as to numbers. Having been the first to occupy the ground, the ingress of other bodies of professing Christians, with the intention of forming separate congregations, has produced for the time a discouraging effect. Mr. A. says :

"The Methodists, who began by preaching occasionally here, at length preached fortnightly, and last year introduced a service every Sabbath. During the past summer they have settled a resident pastor, and have service morning and evening at about our time. The Episcopalians have a new minister who creates for the time quite an excitement. The Presbyterians also have a minister resident here, preaching twice on the Sabbath to a people who have principally come out from my congregation. While ours was formerly the only Sabbath-school, now there are four. While ours was once the only congregation with two services, now there are four such in the place, beside the Romanists. While these changes have taken place the population has increased but very little if any."

Mr. Allworth, however, writes of better prospects for the town itself, as to population, and for the little church there. A neat and very comfortable place of worship, free from debt, and secured to our denomination, exists, and a nucleus at least of an active, prosperous church. He has no doubt that a suitable successor will, through God's blessing, reap bountifully, if the station could be satisfactorily connected with some other one.

SPRINGFORD, NORWICH.—This Church with its outposts, ministered unto by the Rev. Hiram Denny, has become self-sustaining. The first quarter of the current year only did it require or receive any pecuniary assistance from the Society. It is hoped that the Lord of the Church is blessing the connection between pastor and flock in this locality. Mr. Denny's pastorate extends to two churches, several miles apart, and his voluntary Missionary work to all the region round about.

STRATFORD.—The compensation of the laborious and self-denying brother who occupies this post and its out-stations having been utterly insufficient to meet the necessary outlay of a family in these times of augmented prices, the District Committee, early in the

the current year, recommended an addition to the grant from the Society. This recommendation was promptly acceded to in England, on condition that Mr. Snider's congregation raised half said increase. This was cheerfully done, and our esteemed Missionary placed in somewhat more comfortable circumstances. Rev. Solomon Snider has been severely tried during the year. He says :

"On the 29th December the waves of God broke over me, a beloved son, nearly 12 years of age, was removed by death. I never took hold of God's promises with greater consolation; it seemed as if the consolation increased in strength as the waters deepened. * * * On the same day that my boy was interred, spiritual fruit of my mission appeared, an interesting young woman professed her faith in the Redeemer."

At a date nearly six months later, Mr. Snider reports a gradual and happy spiritual progress. There were four proposed to the Church for its fellowship, and two others were looking forward to the same issue. The Sabbath-school flourishes. The Church is in a state of mutual love and peace, and has with great readiness and promptitude fulfilled its pecuniary obligations to him. Our brother, whose trials have been great, writes encouragingly in respect of prospects for the future. He seems to have an united, earnest and hopeful little church under his pastoral oversight, while the field of his labours must become much more thoroughly peopled, as railway schemes are successfully accomplished. The iron track will soon bind Stratford to important sections of the country from which it is now isolated.

The Western District contains several Churches strong enough to support their pastors without extraneous help, as that of London and that of Brantford.

To this list have now to be added the Churches of Paris and Burford. The following communication from their respected pastor, the Rev. James Vincent, will be read with interest; it is addressed to the Secretary Treasurer.

"Your's of the 31st March would have been answered earlier, but I have been waiting "a more convenient season" to get a meeting of the Churches and Congregations under my care, that due consideration might be given by them to the subject of your communication and suitable action taken thereon.

"Such meeting has been held. Your letter was laid before them, and the reasons for self-sustentation therein contained, with others, were urged upon their thoughtful regard: the result was the unanimous adoption of certain resolutions, the chief of which is herewith transmitted.

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" Charles Whitlow Chairman, David Patton, Secretary,

" *Resolved*, That this Meeting is of opinion that the Congregational Body here should not require aid from the Missionary Society and in order to free them from the charge, twenty five pounds be given to Mr. Vincent, the pastor, in lieu of such grant.

" *Resolved*, That the Pastor be requested to convey to the Congregational Missionary Society this Church's appreciation of the kindness so far extended to them, and their desire for the advancement of the cause.

" The resolution passed by the Church in Burford is, in substance, similar, but I have it not at hand.

" In accordance, therefore, with the spirit of the enclosed resolutions I beg leave, most respectfully, to express our heartfelt acknowledgments to the Society for their generous aid so long granted to us, and to join them in congratulation that the time has at length arrived when the people have determined to assume the entire responsibility of supporting the means of grace in their midst.

" It is a matter which for some time has engaged much of their thought, I know; and now that they have undertaken the work, they will, doubtless, with God's blessing, not only accomplish it, but they will enjoy a measure of freedom and enlargement which would be difficult, not to say impossible, under other circumstances. When, then, the balance of the grant for the year about to expire shall have been remitted by you, we shall consider ourselves as left to our own resources.

" With best wishes for the Society's prosperity,

" I remain, &c."

SIMCOE.—A comparatively successful attempt has been made by the former pastor of the church in this place, the Rev. William Clarke, to reassemble the scattered flock and reorganize its institutions. As that brother devoted four months of the year to the Agency of the French Canadian Missionary Society, the full benefit of his labours was not reaped by the Church, yet the number of its members has been increased, and some impulse given to the cause. A small grant was made to this Church to aid it in securing the supply of the pulpit, when Mr. Clarke was absent.

The District Committee received an interesting application from friends at Glanford, a former station of the C. W. Society for ministerial supply. They appointed one of their number as a deputation to visit Glanford, and should prospects of usefulness be favourable he was requested to turn the attention of the Church to a valued brother for some time in the United States, but for many years a Missionary in Canada. A good opening was found to exist, but the minister alluded to has been called to occupy another sphere, and Glanford remains unsupplied.

It should be noted, in connection with this Committee, that at its first meeting in the autumn, the Rev. Wm. F. Clarke resigned

the office of Secretary on account of the pressure of his engagements as Editor of the "Canadian Independent." The Rev. John Wood was appointed in his stead.

"HAMILTON.—The Rev. Edward Ebbs, in reporting, says very justly that,

"A pastoral life in ordinary circumstances furnishes small material with which to garnish a Report. The accompanying extracts will indicate some of the points of peculiar interest to myself in the labours and experiences of the past year; but I have the strongest reluctance to send them now that they are written, knowing full well that although the details are of deep interest to the writer they will be mere common places to the reader. Several gratifying instances of the working of Divine Grace have occurred; but early death has prevented these precious fruits being gathered into the Church on earth. One of them stood proposed for membership when the Lord sent his summons. I rejoice, however, in the hope of meeting them hereafter, and finding them my "crown of rejoicing" in the day of the Lord Jesus.

"During the year 1854 we have lost by removal, eight; by death, three; by excommunication, one; total, twelve. On the other hand there have been added by letter, twenty; and by profession, one. The Congregation, throughout large, perceptibly increases."

Extracts from Journal.

Tuesday.—Spent the day in visiting the country members. Called on Mr. H—, who, in addition to total blindness and affection of the heart, is suffering to day from acute rheumatic pains in the chest. Unable to lay down or to move about, even the slightest effort or excitement producing suffocation. Was delighted to find him calm and submissive. Naturally extremely irritable; his present, quiet, cheerful spirit proves the reality of his faith. Asked him if he found Christ a sufficient support under his aggravated sufferings, and apprehensions of approaching death. With great difficulty he gasped out, "Yes—I know—Christ—Jesus.—He is—every thing.—I want—no—more." After a few minutes rest, he added, "I see him—all—the time.—I see him—on—the Cross.—I see—him—in—Gethsemane.—I see—him—at the—last—supper.—I see—him—with John—at Patmos.—Always—the same—Gracious—Almighty—friend." He was now quite exhausted, and called for his pipe, to smoke a weed which the Doctor had prescribed to relieve his breathing. In the course of remark I said, that "his burden might be heavy; but"—Here he interrupted me by saying with emphasis—"No—not—at—all.—I have—no—burden. I feel quite easy.—My Father—gives—me this—port'on,—and I—know—He—does—all well.— —I am —follow—ing—my—Lord—in—the—path—of—suffering,—but—mine—is—nothing to his."

I believe the old gentleman will not continue a sufferer long. It was a refreshing interview.

Thursday.—Visited Miss D—Worse in bodily health. More earnest about her salvation. Able for the first time to speak out boldly before her mother and sisters.

Called on Mrs. H. Her husband sat by the stove, out of work. Soon found out that he had fallen into the old habit of intemperance, and in consequence had lost a good situation. Very hardened and despairing. After long conversation proposed to pray with him; but he objected that he was too unhap-

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py. I tried to awaken hope, which was quite dormant. After speaking of Jehovah's condescending love and mercy to the vilest, he knelt down, thereby signifying his willingness that I should pray with him. In prayer, his iron heart seemed to yield, and he was able to weep. Called on Mr. W.—Spoke of his absence from the Lord's Supper; and was surprised to learn that spiritual darkness was the sole cause. He thought he had deceived himself, and had not yet felt the *power* of religion. Must keep a constant eye on absentees from the ordinances, for there is no surer sign of ill health.

Friday.—Found Miss D. had obtained a ray of light since last visit, speaks like a new born babe in Christ. Miss E. professes to have found peace at the cross lately. Speaks of enlargement in private prayer, and a greater relish for the word of God. Had I but said "Come forward as a professor" she would have come.

Saturday.—Afternoon called on Mr. C. The first glance told the tale that his life was about to expire. Delighted to find his mind in possession of a firm trust in Jesus. He said he was quite ready *now*, and had no further dread of death. How different from his feelings a few days ago! God can work salvation in the hardest and most stubborn heart, and that in a *moment!*

Sabbath.—A day of happy enlargement in my Master's work. Afternoon called to see Mr. C.; but he was gone. His spirit took its flight during morning service. He continued to the last, resting calmly in Jesus; not, I trust, with a self secure presumption; but with an enlightened, self-loathing and humbled state of mind. The ways of the Lord are not as our ways! How many times during the last three months have I tried to arouse his conscience; but in vain. At length Mrs. E. took Mrs. W. to see him one afternoon. She recognized his face as familiar, and spoke faithfully to him of his past life and present danger. His ear was arrested to unwonted attention, and the next time I called it was evident that he was no longer an unwilling hearer. He said he was conscious of his guilt, and felt afraid to die on account of his sins. At that interview I enlarged on the sinner's utter vileness and deservedness of everlasting punishment. Asked if he consented to the law of God and its awful sentence already pronounced against him. He made no reserve; offered no palliation; but took up the publican's plea for *mercy*, as a lost and helpless sinner. Then briefly presented Christ to him as the way to God, and after prayer left him. Next visit he was rejoicing in the pardoning mercy of God, and had no more fear of death or of judgment. The last request that he made was that the third chapter of John might be read to him. He then closed his eyes, and after a few heavy gaspings he fell asleep in Jesus. Truly this was a triumph of grace!

Tuesday, 18th.—Another case of very satisfactory enlightenment has just come to my knowledge: E—D—has found the way of salvation, and possesses the peace of God, which passeth understanding.

Monday.—To day had another delightful interview with J—. She declared her trust in Christ with still greater fullness, and expressed wonder that she should so long have doubted His willingness to save her. The fear of death is gone! What a change from Saturday week! Then she said she would cheerfully endure any amount of suffering, and lie on her bed for *twenty years*, if the Lord would but spare her life. The Lord has more than answered her entreaty. He has removed her guilt and dread of wrath; and now she says she is ready, whenever God shall please to summon her. She thanked me tenderly for the long continued visits and endeavours, and spoke with much feeling of her former indifference and disinclination to speak with me about her soul's interest, and entreated me to persevere with others as I had done with her, no matter how hard and unpromising they

might seem. She then put into my hand a handsome gold pencil case, bearing an inscription and my name, adding, "When you use this, remember my case, and never give up hope about any one."—A precious memento indeed it is, not of her alone, but of the faithfulness of God, and of the preciousness of His Gospel.

Tuesday.—Dear J——closed her eyes on earth this morning. When I saw her last evening at 6 o'clock, she was evidently sinking, and I told her that I thought she would not see another evening. She replied, with animated countenance, "I am glad you think so; I want to go home." During that night she wandered incessantly, and talked frequently. But all her wanderings were delightful, and indicated how thoroughly her soul was delivered from former gloomy apprehensions. She seemed to be revelling in heavenly pleasures. About 15 minutes before her last, she became quite collected, and bid all her friends individually an affectionate farewell. To her brother O——she said, "I have seen a vision of Heaven, and am now going there. I want you to be sure and follow me there." She then lay back her head upon the pillow, saying, "Come, Lord Jesus, come." But her voice failed before she could finish the sentence, and as suddenly her spirit obtained release.

Thursday.—Miss E——sinks rapidly. A great change perceptible since last visit (day before yesterday;) she still has light in the Lord. With great effort she tried to express her gratitude to God for the grace He had imparted, and thankfulness to the unworthy instrument. Such instances of usefulness, while exceedingly inspiring, rebuke one's self-glorifying. To her has never heard me in the Sanctuary, and has been brought to Jesus, so far as instrumentality has had anything to do with it, through private conversation at her bed side. It is not a little remarkable that her first impressions, which have proved abiding and fruitful, were made by over-hearing in another room, some remarks of mine to her sister.

Sabbath.—Last week has furnished fresh proofs of the Lord's faithfulness as the hearer of prayer. My people's hearts have been moved, and that most unexpectedly, to present me a handsome donation of \$200 in cash. Never has any favour appeared more directly from my Heavenly father. But for such help, I know not what I could have done. I can now look forward on the New Year without dread. My mind is discharged from a burden of care, and I can sing with cheerful heart,

"The Lord my Shepherd is, &c."

MIDDLE DISTRICT.

A new and promising station has been opened during the year in this District. The Committee, at its annual meeting last June, adopted the suggestion of the Rev. Ludwick Kribs, by employing three native Evangelists among the Indians at Colpoy's Bay and Saugeen, one of whom, the Rev. Thomas Sky, was ordained in July last. These brethren are well known to our Missionary, who lived on the field for several years, and they are under his superintendance. Moreover, Mr. Kribs regularly visits the stations, and

instructs, and counsels these labourers. They each receive a salary from your society. This arrangement has set Mr. Kribs free to begin a cause in the country town of Grey,—namely,

SYDENHAM, OR OWEN'S SOUND.—Our brother began to preach in a school-room in July last, and after 3 months, reports :

"My congregations are as good as I could reasonably expect, and are gradually increasing. Our only difficulty is the want of a suitable place to meet in. Thus far our only place has been an uncomfortable school room, which is frequently well filled. I feel pleased too with appearances, from the fact that my congregations are chiefly composed of parties who seldom attended anywhere prior to my coming here, but who now attend regularly, are attentive; and impressions are evidently being made." In the month of February, he writes; "The mission here appears to me to grow in importance daily, and I think I see clearly the hand of God in bringing me hither. Several families of Congregationalists have come to reside in consequence of my being here. Our congregations are probably no larger than when I last wrote, (about 80,) but that is owing entirely to the want of a suitable place of worship. The place we now occupy is frequently crowded, and parties who otherwise would do not now attend simply on that account."

Mr. Kribs then mentions the prompt liberality of the people in providing for the rent and fitting up of their temporary meeting house; and intimates that similar liberality is being manifested in view of erecting a suitable place of worship. On 13th of March he writes :

"On Wednesday evening last, we who are Congregationalists in principle united together in Church fellowship. There were fourteen of us in number, and there are several others whom we soon anticipate receiving. We are beginning operations for erecting a place of worship. We have secured an eligible site for it, and hope to be able to raise in this place towards its erection, £250 or £300. Its estimated cost will be about £400, and we hope to be able to complete it during the coming season."

A subsequent communication from a Committee of the Church in relation to the future, is not only encouraging in its statements, but evinces that Mr. Kribs has men of culture and influence in the little church to aid him in his arduous enterprise.

INDIAN MISSION AT COLPOY'S BAY.—The following extracts from several communications will convey a sufficiently clear view of the progress of this mission during the year :

"In my last report reference was made to my having placed copies of the Gospel of Luke, into the hands of the portion of the Caughnawaga Indians, in this neighbourhood, on condition that no priest should be allowed to destroy them. Since then their priest has paid them a visit, and demanded the books, and ordered them to be burned, but the men nobly and stoutly refused, stating that if they were not allowed to keep them, they would return them to me. The priest, finding he could not succeed, wrote informing Bishop

Charbonnel of Toronto, but the Bishop had good sense enough to allow them to keep the books, and to get as many of these as they might require. Two of their number have in their possession not only the gospel of Luke, but copies of the whole Scriptures in their own language. These, the Bishop ordered them to give up, stating that they might have the little books but not the big ones. The men, however, to their credit be it spoken, positively refuse to give them up, and they all appear to be quite at a loss to know the reason why they are not allowed to keep them. They say, "if we could see anything bad in these books we would give them up, but as they tell us nothing but what is good, we do not see why we should be required to do so." I said to one of the party. I suppose the Priest and Bishop are afraid you will know more of the Scriptures than they themselves do, and that you will in consequence become Protestants. "Oh" said he "some of us know more of the Scriptures than the Priest does now." This party tells me that he gave one copy of Luke's Gospel to an uncle of his at Caughnawaga, near Montreal, but whether the Bishop of Montreal will be even as liberal as the one in Toronto is a question. If, however, these Indians in Canada East are as determined as they are it would matter very little whether the Bishops were willing or not, and the Scriptures should be put into their hands as soon as possible. I pray God that much good may grow out of this entering of the wedge. Of course the reference throughout this extract is to the Bishops and Priests of the Roman Catholic Church, with which the Indians at Caughnawaga, are nominally connected.

"When I returned to Colpo's Bay, I at once employed the native preachers to labour amongst their brethren heathen of the forest, according to the instructions of the Committee; and Mr. Sky was publicly set apart by the Church, and ordained to the work of an Evangelist. The ordination was a season of deep interest. Brothers Johnson and Aujreabba, native preachers from Saugeen, were present, and spoke with good effect, evincing clear views of the plan of salvation, and a deep interest in the work assigned them. As Mr. Johnson is still able to preach occasionally, there are four of them employed, and Mr. Sky is ordained in order that the Churches may have the ordinances regularly administered. They are all labouring zealously and I believe usefully. Several have since been added to the Churches by profession. I have in consequence of this arrangement, commenced a mission at Owen's Sound, and prospects are encouraging. I do not now preach at Colpo's Bay on Sabbath days, but visit in week time to speak to them, and direct their movements. This arrangement is, I am persuaded, quite as efficient in carrying on the mission as if I were living there, and at the same time enables me to extend my field of operations." A more recent communication thus proceeds: The mission at Colpo's Bay is moving on very comfortably, and seems quite as prosperous as when I was residing there. Mr. Sky is devoted to his work and is much respected by all his brethren.

"Of Saugeen I cannot give as favorable a report. The white man is there too near with his fire water. Though the two preachers there are both excellent men, well reported of, still several of their members have been led away with drink, and there seems little hope of reclaiming them. The great enemy of the red man is whisky. If that could only be kept from them there would still be some hope of raising them in the scale of civilization, but so long as the unprincipled rum-seller will, in the very face of the law, give them the intoxicating cup, so long is it next to a hopeless case, though still not hopeless with God's blessing.

"I stated in my last report that I had succeeded in putting into the hands of the Caughnawaga Indians, near this place, copies of the Gospel of Luke.

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Since that I have gotten for them the Prophecies of Isaiah, and to-day they called for them. They expressed strongly their gratitude for them, and stated at the same time that the priest was still endeavouring to get them from them, in order to destroy them, but that they would by no means give them up. They seem evidently annoyed at his interference, and their confidence in him seems to be giving way. God grant that good may grow out of it, and that they may be delivered from their present spiritual bondage."

ERAMOSA.—During six months of the missionary year, the Rev. R. J. Williams, who had laboured upwards of five years in the wide field comprehended under this designation, continued in a round of ministerial toil similar to that reported last year. He says :

"My report of the work in Eramosa for the past six months is very similar to those of past periods. Though often in poor health the Lord helped me to supply the preaching of the Word regularly at each of the six stations, up to the 31st ult. Some of the last meetings at several of the stations were as numerous attended and as interesting as they had ever been, towards the end of the year. Several persons (hearers) of whose state and progress I had little knowledge or hope for a long time, spoke to me about the great good my teachings had been to them; an instance, a man who had heard me for five years with increasing regularity, said, "For four years I could get but little satisfaction or good, but the last year it has been quite different, especially the last six months. I can now go with you, sympathize, believe and rejoice with you. Jesus Christ is now my Saviour." This man prior to this thought more of Seneca than he did of Jesus Christ. Others were won from other forms of error to the Gospel and the Saviour.

"Three persons have been added to the Church in the last six months of 1854. One was taken from this Church on earth to the Church in Heaven; her sun may be said to have set before its noon, her end was peace and much assurance. Two other persons (hearers) have left hearing and acting on earth for the Heavenly Kingdom. They died in the good hope. Their distance from our centre prevented their union with the Church here. One of these had been seeking the Saviour for fourteen years before finding Him. She said I helped her. The other (a father) had long been convinced, but his conversion was a late work. There has been, and still is, a very general state of peace and union among the members of the Church, and many of them are apparently walking very near the Lord."

The following communication, dated January, was referred to the Local Committee of the Middle District, who concurred in the desire expressed by the church at Caledon that the allowance to Mr. Williams should be continued for the six months in his new sphere.

CALEDON.—After stating that his health imperatively demanded removal to a station less laborious than Eramosa, Mr. Williams writes :

"On the 8th of this month I visited, by invitation, the Church in Caledon, (they were under my care in 1851 and 1852,) who have had but a very limited

supply for the two past years. On this visit they held a (full) church meeting, at which they gave me a call to become their pastor, urging it on me, saying that great hopes were entertained, of my usefulness in uniting and stirring up an *almost broken up Church* and calling sinners to Christ. That they had but one principal station and two out-stations, one on each side, some four miles distant, of a purely missionary character, as no one preaches in either place. These I could attend to as my health would permit. Their anxiety, destitution, hopes, apparent willingness to co-operate going beyond all former efforts in pledges of support, and the possibility of my working this field, led me to think there was a Providential hand in this, and I accordingly accepted, and have this week entered on my labours."

The following is the Report of Mr. Williams up to the middle of May :

"For nearly 5 years this church and stations have been without the cares of a resident pastor, and nearly three of those years with but a very limited supply. The sad effects of this want are seen, felt and acknowledged. Under these circumstances my labours are somewhat trying and discouraging, calling for the exercise of patience, faith and love. In the midst of these, the Lord, we trust, is with us. Seven persons have been added to the Church since January, three by letter and four by profession. Five of these are heads of families, so that three families are added to the Lord's families here, and the other two are teachers in our neighbouring common schools, young men, brothers, of promise for future usefulness. Many in the Church also appear to feel their need of healing from their backslidings.

"We have two regular stations and two occasional stations. Alton is our central principal one; here we have services every Sabbath morning and often in the evening, with lecture or prayer meetings every Wednesday night. The other stations are two-weekly and four-weekly for sermon, and occasional prayer meetings and pastoral visitation.

"The number of regular hearers in all these stations may be about 300 or over; the number of persons who hear regularly and occasionally about 400.

"One of my stations (Rowans) is quite new and missionary in every feature. Though the neighbourhood has been settled some 16 years, yet there has been no regular effort made to bring them under the Gospel before, and no day or Sabbath school has ever been attempted till now. I am making an effort to organize a Sabbath School, with prospects of success and usefulness.

"Altogether, I feel encouraged to go on labouring for God, for his Church, and for sinners, to win them to Christ."

It is only justice to the church at Caledon to state that in view of the pressure on the funds of the society, and of the state of missionary contribution in England, they have resolved by extra efforts to do without further aid. Thus they are added to the number of self-sustaining churches.

ALBION.—The following characteristic communication to the secretary from the Rev. J. Wheeler, of 21st March, will be read with sympathy for our brother in his sufferings, and with interest in regard to his labours and his people :

"Since last I wrote you I have been very ill. I think I told you in my last letter that I had been suffering from an attack of congestion of the lungs; it has not left me yet, and my physician tells me it will not until the warm weather of spring comes to my relief, unless I could travel south, which he has advised me to do, but that I cannot do, for the strongest of reasons, the want of means. But what I feel the worst is, that I have not been able to attend my appointments regularly; the farthest of my Sabbath afternoon appointments I have not preached at during this whole winter, at least since the beginning of December, and at the other my attendance has been irregular. I have missed but four Sabbaths at home, but sometimes I have been so weak as to be obliged to stay myself by leaning on the pulpit. My congregation I think is increased, but the Church decreased by removals, and none come in to fill their place as yet. O would it were otherwise! We are greatly blessed with peace among ourselves, for which I do *think* I feel thankful to God, if not I pray that he will give me thankfulness for this great blessing. I have never seen a more affectionate people than those the Lord has given me to be my brethren and my sisters in Christ. Our Sabbath school has greatly improved during the winter; we have now over 90 children in attendance. I shed tears of joy over this, because I can see under the present dark cloud, and lo it is fair beyond, I may not live to see it, but Christ will. I know these little tongues will praise him by and bye, brother, and whether I see and hear it or no, if he gets the praise, I trust that it is all I want.

"In a very few days I shall have been here ten years. God has done wonders, his own right hand and his holy arm hath gotten him victory. Voices on earth, and voices in heaven are attuned to his praise, who raised their first note in this place since then, but I tremble to review *my own path and conduct* toward God. O if Christ ever says to me, "come up hither," it must be *grace* to prompt the saying—ten years!! coldness, forgetfulness, inward estrangement, confusion, O it is a wonder that he would ever use so poor a *worm* to call a single wanderer back to reconciliation.

"And now, my dear brother, if I could think of anything that would give you a better idea of the state of things here, I would tell you, but I do not, only I think that if the Missionary Society is aiding me to do *work*, I have not done it, and therefore cannot claim their aid, but if the Society sympathize with my sufferings and poverty that is another question. Perhaps, my dear brother, you will think I am trifling, but to me it is a principle and I dared not pass ever it in silence."

NOTTAWASAGA.—The Committee deemed it well at the beginning of the Missionary year to request the Rev. Ari Raymond to visit this field as a deputation, that it might be determined how far it was desirable to sustain upon it the Rev. Neil McKinnon as an itinerant preacher. Mr. Raymond complied with the wishes of the Committee, and in August sent a very interesting report of his visit, of which the following extracts may be given:

"The number of stations at which Mr. McKinnon preaches regularly is three, viz:—

FOURTH LINE,—average number of hearers 70,—services, twice every second Sabbath. Here the people appear to be much attached to Mr. McKinnon, greatly valuing his ministry in the Gaelic language. Persons of different denominations attend regularly. There are a few of our own body who may hereafter form the nucleus of a Church.

McNAB'S CORNER,—average attendance 70,—he preaches here also once in two weeks.

BACK SETTLEMENT,—average number of hearers, about 80, to whom he ministers once in two weeks. A nucleus of our body exists in this place.

OSPREY, a distance of fifteen miles, not regularly supplied, but where he is met on his occasional visits by an audience of about 60 persons. The number of our denomination in this place is larger than at the others, who are anxious to have regular preaching and to be formed into a Church."

The members of the congregation at Brock have earnestly requested Mr. McKinnon to make an occasional visit there; he has also had an invitation from persons in Kincardine to preach to them. Artemesia and Glenaly afford openings also for the preaching of the Gospel. The distance to the extreme station would be about 30 miles. Mr. Raymond thinks that Mr. McKinnon has an important field of itinerancy, and that he is cultivating it to very good purpose, so that he ought to be sustained.

Accordingly Mr. McKinnon has been one of the Missionaries of the Society for the year, and the following is his Report for six months of that period:

"I have now, for nearly six months, preached the Gospel in the same field, and from the knowledge I have acquired of it I am convinced that it is a field as interesting and promising as ever,—a place which certainly stands in need of such labours. I preach two sermons on every Sabbath, and a meeting on every Wednesday evening, besides visiting Osprey as often as I could, where they are desirous of having the Gospel preached among them. The distance between Osprey and my place is fifteen miles of a very rough road. What good may have been effected by those sermons the day will declare, but I trust in some instances saving impressions have been produced. One thing is certain, that generally speaking, the aspect of the field is assuming a more pleasing appearance. Many vices are more checked than in former years. Knowledge is increasing, and men are beginning to think for themselves on spiritual matters as they do on the concerns of this life. With the increase of knowledge there is no decrease of that desire to hear the Gospel with which in years past the people of this place have been characterized, while they are certainly now distinguishing more things that differ and this is a very important point gained. A great deal of that odium which was at one time attached to the Evangelical preaching is now removed too, not by any compromise of principle, but by a steady exhibition of Divine truth and consistency of conduct."

Six months later Mr. McKinnon writes:—"Since my last Report I spent three weeks in Brock and Mariposa. Those formerly estranged were united and in the presence of a goodly number commemorated the dying love of their Lord. I administered the ordinance of baptism to eighteen children. After this I returned home. During the period now mentioned, namely, since last report, my labours have been blessed to the conversion of three young females, one in Osprey and two in Nottawasaga. The blessing of many that are ready to perish has come upon the head of Immanuel through the instrumentality of your Society."

ORO, INNISFIL, &c.—The following Report from Rev. Ari Raymond, exhibits healthful progress in the work of the Lord. It appears from a more recent communication that our brother has been subjected to domestic affliction as well as personal, during the latter part of the Missionary year, in which, however, the Master has sustained him, and from which he seeks to derive spiritual benefit. In this last letter he mentions continuance of the good work alluded to below.

“During the last six months four Stations have been occupied. Oro Coloured Settlement.)—The Gospel has been preached in this place during the summer months three Sabbaths out of four. The winter arrangement, (however, leaves it unsupplied three Sabbaths out of four. This course has been adopted on account of the necessity of thus leaving one station out of three in this vicinity. And as this was much the smallest the course described was considered the most wise and prudent. In this station the congregation has been as good and perhaps better than during the preceding half year. For a few weeks past there have been some indications of good. Several souls seem to be seriously impressed, and two or three are rejoicing in the hope of the Gospel. Among the latter is my own daughter: though young, her experience seems to be of a deep and thorough character. Naturally amiable, moral, and obedient to her parents, yet her distress of mind, arising from deep and pungent convictions, was as great as I have ever witnessed, even in the most hardened persons. To my mind it was a most perfect demonstration of the truthfulness of the doctrine of inherent depravity on the one hand, and one of the most beautiful exhibitions of the work of the *Spirit* on the other. You will pardon this digression, as the subject, though of a personal character, relates to the Gospel of Christ in its practical operations. If *Angels* rejoice over one sinner that repenteth, may not we also? If the work of *Redemption* is the most stupendous of all the works of God, and the sinner saved the glory of Christ, are we not called upon to magnify his grace, and more especially when we have been made to experience the faithfulness of our covenant keeping God—being a God to us and to our seed after us? May the little cloud which has just arisen cover the whole heavens, and the few drops of mercy received continue and become the copious shower.

“In Oro (Scotch Settlement,) 2nd Congregational Church, there are also some indications of the divine favour. One has been received into fellowship and three others have applied, whom we hope to receive on the first Sabbath in January. The one we have received and two of the applicants whom we hope to receive, are young persons, and come into the Church by professing their faith in Christ. Divine Service is held in this station three Sabbaths out of four. Congregation good for the place. The Station in Medonte is visited every alternate Sabbath. In this place there is a large and interesting Congregation, but no *Church* organized. I cannot help thinking that truth is finding its way to the hearts of some, and that sooner or later will spring up and bring forth fruit to the glory of God. The Innisfil Station is visited once in four weeks. In this place there is always an excellent and attentive congregation. When last there two young persons professed their faith in Christ and sat down to the table of the Lord with his people. During the last six months your Agent has travelled somewhere about 1000 miles, preaching twice every alternate Sabbath and three times

on the other alternate Sabbath. For the winter his arrangement is to preach twice every Sabbath. Three persons have been received to fellowship and three others now stand as applicants. The field is wide and the labour arduous, but we have the promise that we shall reap if we faint not. From severe toil and exposure the health of your Agent has suffered considerably, having been threatened with inflammation of the lungs and laid aside for a short time from his accustomed routine of labour. He is, however, much better, though still suffering to some extent from nervous affection and strictures of the chest."

STOUFFVILLE, MARKHAM.—Rev. John Durrant reports that "he has been enabled to continue his labours in the village and outstations, holding up the doctrine of the Cross; and though he does not see instant success to any extent, he cannot but believe that the truth is lodged in many minds too deep to be fruitless when it shall "turn to the Lord, the Spirit," to water it with his grace. Our brother has been subjected during the year to discouraging trials in his pastorate, but he has been sustained through them all and enabled to hold on in his course of labour, with attendance on his ministry, encouraging as to numbers, considering the number of removals to other parts of the country. One of the Deacons of the Church in a communication of later date mentions the removal of a number of friends to the more western parts of the Province, as well as the death of one of the oldest and ablest supporters of the Church. The contributions of the Church to Missions, &c., have been nearly on a par with former years; and they have been faithful in discharging their pecuniary obligations to their pastor.

MARKHAM VILLAGE, &c.—The Rev. J. B. Robinson entered upon this station early in July last; thus the following Report, dated the end of May, comprises nearly eleven months. Our brother, who for the first time has laboured in the Canadian field, seems on the whole encouraged. He was aforesaid a member of the Church in Birmingham, England, under the pastoral care of Rev. John Angell James, and having been trained for the Christian Ministry in one of the Institutions for that purpose in the Mother Country, he came to the United States a few years ago, where he laboured with much acceptance, and from whence he brought the highest testimonials:

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success to communicate, yet upon the whole there is progress and ground for encouragement and hope. My field of labour at present comprises the Villages of Markham and Unionville. In the former place (where I reside) there is a marked improvement in the attendance on the preaching of the word. But of Unionville, I am sorry to say, I cannot speak more encouragingly than in my last communication. Social strife has unhappily existed in that village for a considerable time, and while it has embittered the minds of the inhabitants against each other, it has, as might be expected, extended its baneful influence to our congregation there. It is mainly I think from this cause that the attendance on the preaching continues about the same as it was a year ago. When this cloud blows over, as it is hoped it soon will, my work there will probably be more pleasant and my report more pleasing.

In my regular engagements I hold three services on the Sabbath, preaching once at Unionville and twice at Markham. The average attendance at Markham is 120, at Unionville 40, making a total of 160 hearers. I hold also services in the week in both villages, either Bible Class or Prayer Meeting, or Sermon. The Church numbers fifty-two members,—five have been added during the past year, and others now stand proposed for admission on profession. Two Sabbath Schools are maintained, comprising about 110 children. For my support £75 are contributed by the Church and its engagements thus far promptly met. In addition to this the following sums have been raised for benevolent and religious purposes during the past year: for Missions £16 11s. 5d.; for Theological Institute £4 15s.; current expenses, Sabbath Schools and other religious purposes £46. A still further expense has been incurred in the improvement of our place of worship at Markham by the erection of a tower and bell towards this £15 have been contributed. These items may be regarded as indicating some degree of zeal and activity in the Church, which if diffused through all its members, and sustained by high Christian motive will through the blessing of the Great Head of the Church yet do much for the establishment of His Kingdom in these parts."

WHITBY.—The Rev. James T. Byrne gives a Report from October, 1853, to the corresponding month of last year, in which, after mentioning the number in Church Communion as reduced somewhat by removals and discipline, and the augmented number of Churches in a place whose population has not equally increased, he states that nevertheless his congregations are good and respectable, and the Minister has his fair share of influence in all general movements. He commends some of his small flock who have worked nobly, and states his average audience as about 150, there being no out-stations. He then asks:

"What then has been raised and done during the bygone year? Nearly £95 have been paid to the Minister, being within £5 of the amount promised. £12 6s. 6d. for Canada Congregational Missionary Society. For the Chinese Fund of Bible Society, £2 9s. 2d., besides doing our share with others in the Whitby Branch of the U. C. Bible Society. By our Sabbath collections we have raised, and expended for various general purposes, about £30.

"Since the close of September, our proper year, we have purchased a good Church bell, whose tones are often heard; but the particulars pertaining to

it must be deferred for the next Report. Then, besides the regular preaching of the word, and taking an active part weekly in the Sabbath School, I have distributed thousands of Religious Tracts granted by the London Society, and sold books, from the same great Institution, in the Sabbath School and among the families in the neighbourhood, to the value of nearly £25; which, added to previous sums enumerated, and other amounts received for periodicals and papers, will probably reach the sum of £170, perhaps exceed it.

"What we want to see is, more prayerfulness, greater spirituality and devotedness, and greater zeal. Our increase is very slow and conversions very rare. This, we apprehend, is felt among other religious bodies; but that should not relieve us from anxiety, nor hinder the adoption of measures for religious prosperity. I believe many are praying for this, and I trust the time is not distant when the Lord will arise and plead His own cause, and grant us tokens for good. We are not without some little encouragement in this matter. May the cloud enlarge and brighten, and the happiest results follow."

BOWMANVILLE, *Darlington*.—From the Report of the Rev. John Climie there appears to have been some trial experienced during the year, on account of the faithful carrying out of Christian discipline in the Church, exclusively, however, because of the excision of one member; at the same time there is reason to believe that the whole will turn out to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ in that place. The Lord had greatly blessed his labours at Lanark and at Brockville in the conversion of many sinners from the error of their way, and on his return home, it would seem, lest he should be exalted above measure because of the abundant grace manifested to him and in him, there was given him a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet him. Yet some precious mercy drops accompanied his trials. He says:

"Since my return from the revival at Lanark three have evidently been converted among us. One has been restored, two have applied for occasional communion, and fourteen have been added in whole to the Church by immigration and otherwise."

The congregation has displayed much pecuniary liberality. They have painted the interior of the Church and procured some conveniences that were lacking, they have subscribed £70 for the erection of a lecture room, and besides raising £75 for their pastor, have presented him with a Policy of Life Insurance for £300 currency, having made arrangements for paying the annual premium by means of a Sewing Society. Mr. Climie concludes his Report by saying:

"I went back by invitation to Mariposa last fall, and preached and lectured five times, during which I formed a Church. They are all Highland

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Since the above was written, it is proper to state that Mr. Climie has resigned his pastorate and ceased to minister to the Church at Darlington, which it is hoped will be henceforward self-supporting.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

COLD SPRINGS.—Our now venerable missionary, the Rev. Wm. Hayden, continues to labour in this place in the ministry of the word. He reports :

"It is my mercy to have to say that notwithstanding there are now five places of worship, exclusive of mine, in this place and the vicinity. I not only maintain my ground, but the congregation and the Church are receiving additions. This I consider a token for good, as our population being agricultural is nearly stationary as to numbers, receiving very small increase. Our Sabbath School is also in a healthy state, the occasion of which is very much owing to the unremitting efforts of my beloved partner in life. I may say the same of the Bible class. The words "By patient continuance in well doing" have often been a great encouragement to me amidst opposition of which I have taken no notice, in the pulpit or out of it. The effect is, that, leaving it alone and attending to my own work, I think I can say I have lived down that which might otherwise have been a drawback to my usefulness."

COBourg.—The pastor of this church, Rev. Thomas Snell, who was in England at the commencement of the missionary year, thus reports recently :

"Things continue with us as usual. We have received into our communion since the last of November three members, but we have lost one by removal. The congregation is considerably larger since my return from England. We have recently held our missionary meeting, and we hope to raise £15, of which £3 is now remitted. We much depend, however, upon the diligent promptitude of our collectors"

BELLEVILLE.—The following Report from Rev. H. D. Powis will be read with interest :

"I now send you a brief Report of the present condition and prospects of our Church. Our numbers, with the exception of two additions, remain the same. During the past six months my time has been almost completely occupied with the building of our church. Most of my flock were unable to render me much service, so that the burthen of the whole has devolved upon myself. I am thankful to say that the Lord has greatly prospered us, and that our efforts have met with a hearty co-operation on the part of the public generally, and all denominations have given a helping hand.

"Our new church, which is 68 by 42 feet, was dedicated to the worship of God on Sabbath December 24, when sermons were addressed to large

audiences by the Bros. Snell and Fraser. Our church is built of brick, in the Gothic style, is fitted up with pews without doors, will seat 500 persons, and cost £800 exclusive of land. Our debt, I trust, will not exceed £100. Our congregation continues large, with every prospect of permanent increase. Very great attention is paid to the preaching of the Word.

"We have a Sabbath School which is regularly conducted, and now that we have increased accommodation, we think that there is every reason to believe that we shall have a large school. We have had a large increase of emigrants and others to our population during the past year. Many of these come out very poor, and can at first do nothing for the support of the Gospel. *If we could afford* to throw open our pews free to all, I believe that we should have the place crowded. We are much in need of the help of those whom God has blessed with enough and to spare.

"There is great scope here for *Missionary labour*, and, had I a conveyance, there are numbers of places within easy distance of this town, where I could preach every Sabbath afternoon and on week-day evenings, where the people are *perishing for lack of knowledge*. There are many districts where a sermon is not heard from January to December. My heart yearns for these people, and I believe that some of my flock intend to make a representation of these circumstances to the Society, and to implore their help towards the maintenance of a conveyance. I am able and willing to do *much additional work*, and many parts around this town are in as destitute a condition as can well be imagined. Could not something be done? Thank God my health is robust, and I am willing to work. Try to help us to respond to the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," which is addressed to us from many quarters.

"I have lately visited and preached, in one neighbourhood especially, where the people are neglected, not having heard a sermon for seven months, and the eagerness and gratitude with which they received me was beyond anything I have ever seen. Many English people are out here, working as mechanics, stone cutters, &c., on the railway works, and they deserve our sympathy and help. I have been much helped by the Society's grant of £50, and must beg its continuance, at all events for the present. If anything could be done in reference to the maintenance of a horse, you would gladden many hearts who in this new and strange land weep most when they remember their former religious privileges.

In the month of June the church building alluded to above was destroyed by fire. This is a severe trial to all concerned, but as it was insured, it will be immediately rebuilt.

KINGSTON.—Rev. K. M. Fenwick, the Pastor of the Church in this place, thus distinctly reports:

"In making up a Report of the Church in Kinston, for the last six months, I find that there is nothing very striking to record.

CONGREGATIONS.

"The attendance on the Sabbath has been much the same as stated in last Report, the increase of new hearers being about equal to the decrease through removal to other places, and death. The week services (prayer meeting on Tuesday and lecture on Friday) have been better attended, especially the prayer meeting, which has been frequently large and interesting.

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"The young men of the Church have a prayer meeting on Sabbath morning before the regular service, which has been well attended, and which promises to be of service to the Church. They have often refreshed my spirit, and I think have enabled me to preach with greater earnestness, if not with greater success.

"There have been fewer members admitted during the last six months than we have usually received during the same period, but there were an unusual number admitted during the preceding six months, and there are several who are about to apply. For the first time since its formation death has visited the Church, and has removed during the period embraced in this Report two of our beloved brethren. Both died in hope, and we can now think of two of our number in heaven,—a sweet and cheering reflection. Their gain, however, has been loss to us.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

"On the whole we have reason to be encouraged; although there is room for improvement, we have evidence that God's presence is enjoyed by the members generally, and that there is a desire to become increasingly conformed to the image of Christ. Some are growing in grace very evidently, others are less spiritual and devoted. You are doubtless aware, experimentally, that in this country where persons are associated in church-fellowship from different nations, many of them educated under different ecclesiastical forms, it requires not a little largeness of heart, as well as grace, to overcome early prejudices, habits and modes of thought, however peculiar. We have, however, to a very large extent both unanimity and affection.

BIBLE CLASS AND SABBATH SCHOOLS.

"I have resumed my female Bible class since last Report, with encouraging prospects.

"The Church Sabbath School has undergone little change since last report, and the same may be said of the village Sabbath School.

FINANCES.

"The several funds are in a good state. I have regularly received my salary whenever due, and we hope before long to make another reduction on the grant received from the Society.

"The ladies are actively engaged in raising funds to build a minister's house. The plan is that rent will be charged until the church is able to do without missionary aid.

"Hoping to be able to record more encouraging facts in next Report."

PEMBROKE.—This place can hardly be considered as one of the stations of the Society, but as the Rev. G. B. Bucher, formerly of the Methodist denomination resided here when he united with us, it was deemed well that he should make an experiment upon the field as a Congregational Minister, particularly as there were in one section of his extensive missionary itinerancy some active and zealous members of our body, who had been connected with Churches elsewhere. Before inserting the Report of this Mission it may be well to state that the Rev. Messrs. Black and Lancashire,

from Lanark, visited Mr. Bucher's field as a Missionary deputation during the winter. They report the favourable estimation on which Mr. B. is held by other denominations, but concur with the following Report in respect to the undesirableness of attempting at present the establishment of a Congregational Church :

REPORT OF PEMBROKE MISSION.—1854 and 1855.

"This field of Missionary labour embraced a very large tract, being in length nearly 50 miles, comprising various settlements on the banks of the Ottawa. The congregations, owing to the sparseness of population, were small, seldom exceeding forty. The attendance on the Ministry of the word was very irregular; the men engaged in lumbering were frequently from home, and their families during their absence, were often utterly destitute of conveyances, either by land or water. Sometimes the Missionary, after making great exertions to reach a station, failed of his object through a head wind. On other occasions, unable to procure a canoe, he toiled through the pathless woods, and overcome by the heat and burden of the day became utterly incapacitated for speaking with that warmth and energy so essential to arouse sleepy and lifeless souls. One station, which once afforded promising signs of spiritual prosperity, was sadly affected by a destructive conflagration, and the people thereby dispersed. At other stations, the labours of the Missionary resulted in the edification of other denominations, and although this, on evangelical principles of Christian unity, was very gratifying; yet the great wants of feeble Churches, dependant on the same Missionary fund, seemed entitled to prior consideration. In these circumstances, after advising with judicious brethren in the ministry, the Missionary accepted a call to a Church in an interesting and promising locality, where, in humble dependence on the Divine blessing, he is engaged in works and labours of love."

The place referred to by Mr. Bucher is Granby and Abbotsford, C. E., where he will be wholly sustained by the people of his charge, so as not to require Missionary aid.

LANARK.—The First Congregational Church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. R. K. Black, continues to enjoy tokens of the Divine favour, at the several stations respectively named, Rosetta, Middleton, and Darling. The Report of the pastor at the beginning of the present year, (January 15,) was as follows :

"Nothing eventful has occurred in our history as a Church during the past six months.

"It will be remembered that about fifteen months ago we were favoured with a large outpouring of the Holy Spirit, by which our membership, formerly, small was greatly augmented.

"Since then we have continued to enjoy prosperity, although not many have been added to our fellowship. Indeed we are numerically weaker now than we were subsequent to the revival, more having left the locality, and been dismissed to other Churches, than have been received during the interval.

"I am happy to be able to say that by far the greater number of the converts have kept steadfast and been most exemplary in their walk.

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There are but few to whom we have been obliged to administer reproof, and only one has been excommunicated. The Sabbath Congregations are still as encouraging as ever.

"Our Monday evening prayer meetings, of which there are four held in different sections of the parish are in general well attended, and at some of them a goodly number come, who are not professors and were not before in the habit of frequenting such meetings, which we take to be an omen for good. The Sabbath Schools, of which there are three, have been well attended. I continue to preach regularly twice every Sabbath and three times every fourth Sabbath, twice a week on week evenings, besides visiting the prayer meetings alternately. The people have not yet fulfilled their engagements toward my support, but I have no doubt will do so next month."

The Second Church, which, in connection with that at Hopetown, enjoys the labours of Rev. Henry Lancashire, seems similarly favoured of the Lord. In November last he writes :

"Lanark has exceeded my anticipations. There seems to be a healthy and vigorous state of things in both the Church here in the village, and in that at Hopetown. We have been receiving additions at nearly every communion (monthly.) The attendance at all our services is increasing. The youth are specially devoted. They have three weekly prayer meetings among themselves, which they have originated and sustained. Their Sabbath afternoon prayer meeting has from 50 to 60 present. The youths' prayer meeting has from 20 to 30. They are ever suggesting and carrying out plans of usefulness."

In January Mr. L. reported as follows :

"I proceed, in accordance with articles 9, 10, of our Constitution to give you a brief report of our doings.

"1. Our Secular Committee have thus far fulfilled their engagements with me. Our community suffer very much at present, owing to the failure in the lumber business. This will probably affect this community more than many other places.

"2. The general interest of our Churches at Hopetown and the village is encouraging. Our congregations are gradually increasing, and they become more established. There are two or three added to each of these Churches monthly, but we dismiss about the same number to other parts of the country.

"Two young men are diligently preparing themselves for the Institute. They are each very promising youths, about 18 years of age. They both desire to devote the whole of their time next summer to study in preparation for the Institute in the fall, if any way could be opened for them. Perhaps you could give me some information upon that subject. Meanwhile they write compositions and study some lessons which they recite weekly. There are some other young men who have thought of the same subject, but we have hesitated as to whether we should encourage them.

"Our greatest want is a place of worship at the village. There can be no doubt but we suffer considerably on this ground. We have obtained our plan with specification from Cleaveland, Backus & Brother, Architects, New York, and shall immediately let out the contract.

BROCKVILLE.—The following cheering Report under date of November last, from Rev. John Fraser, will convey to the friends

of the Society all that needs to be stated regarding the cause at Brockville.

"In a former communication I think I remarked that the union of feeling and liberal efforts of the Church were encouraging, and that what was most needed was an outpouring of God's Spirit.

"Since that time Churches around have been plentifully watered, and it has pleased the Lord in his Sovereign mercy to give us a few precious drops.

"Within about a year, when I last gave a detailed report, the congregation has doubled and the Church more than doubled. This cheering aspect of our affairs is chiefly to be ascribed under God, to a series of meetings held for eight or nine weeks last winter. The Rev. J. Clinie, of Bowmanville, after labouring in Lanark, as mentioned in your last Annual Report, was requested to spend some time with us, which, with consent of the church under his charge, he did to very good purpose. There was deep and widespread impression, and many we trust were savingly converted, for the spring time and harvest have come after a long winter. May the Lord increase us more and more.

EASTERN CANADA DISTRICT.

For convenience there are two or three churches placed in this district whose locality is in the eastern part of Canada West. Among these are :

MARTINTOWN AND ATHOL.—This is the region of the labours of the Rev. John McKillican, who began his ministry in charge of a field too wide to be cultivated thoroughly. He toiled on, however, with much acceptance and success, preaching at Athol, at the back of Roxborough, at a concession of the Indian lands nearer the front, at Martintown and at the front of Roxborough. These last mentioned places form the southern part of the field; the first mentioned are in the northern part. Some unhappy misunderstanding, which it is not needful to particularize, induced most of the friends at the northern section, where Gaelic is more generally spoken, to withdraw from the Church, with a view, it is understood, to form a separate Church, and to secure the services of a strictly Gaelic Minister. During the past summer they sustained Mr. John Campbell, one of the students at the Institute, as their supply, and as an itinerant preacher throughout their thickly peopled region of country. This was done without expense to the Society.

In relation to the southern part of the field where the friends are greatly attached to their pastor, Mr. McKillican, he reports in January last :

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"During the past six months I have confined my labours to two of my former stations, namely, Roxborough and Martintown. At the former place the attendance is still improving, perhaps not quite so much in numbers as in the regularity of those who do attend. A Bible Class and Prayer Meeting of from twelve to fourteen persons, on Thursday evenings, give me much pleasure and encouragement. At Martintown the congregation continues about the same as when I formerly reported, perhaps I should say rather better, for a larger building than we then had is usually full. All I can say about the state of feeling is that the attention shown by the people to the preaching of the word indicates a measure of seriousness and interest which I trust may soon lead to some real good. The *Church members* have, during this year, been both active and liberal, not only in paying *their own* subscriptions but in making up to me in some measure that which through others I should have otherwise lost.

"We have received into Church fellowship during the past six months, eight members, all by profession."

Before closing these details concerning Glengary it is matter for gratitude to have to state that the misunderstandings have been happily cleared up, and points of difference adjusted in the spirit of Christian love, so that the most gratifying anticipations may be entertained of the progress of the Lord's work in this densely peopled region of country by means of the two existing Churches.

Friends at the northern end, consisting of three regular stations and a wide unoccupied field 30 miles in extent, earnestly crave aid to sustain Mr. J. Campbell, whom they have called to be their pastor. It would appear that the amount of work to be done is abundantly sufficient for the utmost capacity of two Missionary pastors, so that they would not, unless so minded, interfere in the least with each other.

HAWKESBURY.—The Rev. E. Noble, trained in our Theological Institute, has been since last Report ordained to the Pastorate of the Church in this place. The following is his last Report, dated 21st May :

"Cheerfully complying with that Article of the Constitution of the Missionary Society, which requires an annual statistical account from those who receive of its funds, I lay before you the following Report:—Added during the past year, three, one by profession and two by letter. Now standing proposed for membership, three. Whole number of members, thirty-nine. Average attendance at Vankleek Hill, fifty; at Hawkesbury, seventy. The two stations comprise only one Church. A Bible Class is held at the Hill; average attendance, ten. The Sabbath School at the same place, hitherto reported as an union one, has recently, by the consent of all parties interested, been given over to the hands of this Church for management. Teachers, five; scholars, twenty-five. Sabbath School at Hawkesbury, teachers,

three; scholars, thirty. A new library recently procured at a cost of \$ 10s. The engagements of the Financial Committee to the pastor have been promptly fulfilled. The sum promised was £50. The contributions of the Church and friends are as follows:—To the Canada Congregational Missionary Society £7 14s. 9d.; to the Congregational Theological Institute £6 10s. French Canadian Missionary Society £3 15s.

“Preaching is regularly held at the Hill on Sabbath forenoon, and in the afternoon at Hawkesbury. In the evening a prayer meeting is held at which I usually make an address, giving the truths as much of a personal application as possible. We hope and pray for an outpouring of spiritual blessings.

ST. ANDREWS.—The Church in this place has during the year enjoyed the ministerial services of the Rev. A. Sim, from Scotland, and more recently from Nova Scotia. Certain matters of difficulty, in relation to their former pastor, involving principles to which this Society is pledged, called for the interference of the District Committee. They have been adjusted satisfactorily, and it is hoped that by God's gracious blessing, the Church will prosper. The following interesting Report is from Rev. A. Sim, dated the end of March:

“In reporting concerning our affairs here, I am happy to say that they are in a somewhat prosperous condition. The Lord has been pleased in various ways to bless His cause among-t us. During the last six months eight have been added to our number; of these some are from other denominations, and have been induced to join us by the belief that our principle and polity are more scriptural in their character than those of the bodies they have left. The majority, however, have been gathered in from the world as sinners, savingly, we trust, brought to God.

“It is with pleasure I add that others have been led to give themselves to the Lord, and are now applying for fellowship with us.

“In the Church peace, harmony, and love unfeigned, prevail among the brethren. Our membership at present is 31. Since I came to this Church, in June last, I have regularly, until a month since, preached the Gospel three times every Sabbath day; ill health for some weeks past has made me limit my labours to twice. My preaching Stations might be multiplied without number. I have hitherto confined my labours to three, St. Andrews, where I preach morning and evening every Lord's day, Point Fortune and Côte du Midi, each three miles distant from St. Andrews, where I preach in the afternoon of every alternate Sabbath. Our average attendance at these different places is fully 70. Our out-stations of Point Fortune and Côte du Midi have yielded some fruit to the praise of God's name, and we are anticipating more, through the blessing of the Lord accompanying his word. A weekly prayer meeting is held in St. Andrews. The average attendance at the Sabbath School is 26, number of teachers 5.”

RUSSELLTOWN AND HUNTINGDON.—The following Report from the pastor of the two Churches bearing the names of these places, the Rev. George Ritchie, who has not yet completed the first year of his Ministry among them, will be read with interest; it is dated May 18th.

"At first, till obliged by bad roads to discontinue it, I preached at Russelton and Huntingdon on the same day. However desirable to have a service in each Church on the same Sabbath, it is impossible to accomplish it for as much as two months in the fall and spring at least. I also found it to be exceedingly wearing on the body, the stations being quite sixteen miles apart. I feel that each of these Churches need a service every Lord's day, especially the Church at Huntingdon, where there are more inducements to the congregation when not supplied with preaching every Sabbath, to become allied with other congregations, in the village. To be able to supply them therefore only once a fortnight is a great drawback.

"At Russelton I preach in the morning at the chapel, in the afternoon in a stone school-house four miles from the chapel. This afternoon service we have thought best to exchange for an evening Bible class, leaving the afternoon free for Sabbath School. The Bible Class I think will be quite as well attended as the preaching, if not better, and in connection with the sermon in the morning, more useful.

"At Huntingdon I have confined my labours to the chapel, having morning and afternoon services, leaving an hour's intermission at noon for the Sabbath School. The services thus are very much crowded; but as many of them come considerable distances,—eight and nine miles,—they require to be dismissed at an early hour in the afternoon. The congregations in both places have been on the whole encouraging.

"It would be gratifying to me to be able to report additions to these Churches during the past six months, but in this pleasure I am for the present wanting, except it be to notice one addition to the Church at Huntingdon.

"Our work has been that of expelling rather than adding; although I think this work,—so much more painful to perform,—quite as wholesome to a Church when needed as that of receiving accessions. The cases are of long standing, and in my opinion would much better have been dealt with a year ago,—some of them indeed requiring discipline two years ago. I speak particularly of the Huntingdon Church.

"At Russelton we have had no Sabbath School through the winter, it not being customary to keep it up at this season, owing to the great difficulty of collecting the children. At present we are endeavouring to organize a Union School, which we hope will be well attended and prove beneficial.

"At Huntingdon, though the school has been kept up through the winter, the small children in attendance have been few, the school chiefly consisting in two Bible classes, one of young men, conducted by the Superintendent, the other of young women, conducted principally by Mrs. Ritchie.

"Here we have three prayer meetings, one in the village, one about three miles off, and another about eight miles distant, held on separate nights in the week. Some of these have been very well attended, the members taking part not only in prayer but in exhortation.

"At Russelton they hold a prayer meeting on those Sabbaths I am not with them, and also on every Monday evening."

PHILIPSBURGH, BEDFORD, STANBRIDGE, &c.—The Rev. James Buckham, pastor of the Church bearing the name of Philipsburgh, but whose members are scattered over the region indicated by the other names, has made two Reports during the year. The first dated 29th December, reads thus:

"During the last six months I have continued to preach at Bedford, Stanbridge Ridge, the Hungerford School House, and Pike River Village. The

attendance has been on the whole about the same as formerly. It has, as usual varied according to the state of the weather, and other circumstances. Two have been added to the Church by profession. My field of labour is a hard and an unpromising one, and there are many obstacles to success in the cultivation of it. But the hearts of all men are in the hand of the Lord, and He has promised that his word shall not return to him void. I wish, therefore, to labour under the influence of the persuasion that, so far as I am faithful, my labours shall not be in vain in the Lord."

The second is of date 29th May, and is as follows :

"I have continued my services in my present field of ministerial labour up to this time. During the past year nothing of special interest has taken place among us. Two have been added to our number by profession, and we have lost none by death or otherwise. The attendance on the preaching of the Gospel has been much the same as in former years. The scattered state of our members prevents them from meeting together as often and as regularly as is desirable, and from co-operating with their minister, and with each other in carrying out any plans of usefulness. There are few places, if any, in the Province where the faithful preaching of the Gospel is more needed than the Township of Stanbridge; but the grand difficulty is the want of an ability, or rather of a disposition, on the part of the people, to sustain the institutions of religion among them. I can see no reasonable prospect of a Minister's obtaining any thing like an adequate support. May the Lord be pleased to pour out His Spirit upon us, and thus to revive His own work among

GRANBY AND ABBOTSFORD.—These have long been stations of our Missionary Societies, but have now happily become self-sustaining. The two Churches have united in calling to the Pastorate the Rev. G. B. Bucher, late of Pembroke, C. W., who has already entered upon his labours among them under a deep sense of responsibility, and with matters in some degree disorganized on account of a year's vacancy of the Pastorate, yet with a cheerful hope that God will bless the union into which the people and himself have very cordially entered. It is to be understood that the two places are united in the support of Mr. Bucher, and in the enjoyment of his services.

BROME AND COWANSVILLE.—Our venerated friend and brother already alluded to, the late Rev. Richard Miles, laboured zealously and with success in this field. His last Report, about two months prior to his sudden death, reads thus :

"The past six months of my ministerial labours in this part of the Lord's vineyard, have not been marked with any circumstances of a special character; I have not, therefore, on this occasion, any striking incidents to relate.

"The attendance on the services at the several places where I stately preach, has generally been very good. Serious attention usually marks the hearing of the word, and I am encouraged to hope that the word has not been preached in vain. Thus the seed has been sown which I trust will spring up and bring forth fruit unto eternal life.

It gives me pleasure to say that the Sabbath School connected with our cause in this village is in a more flourishing state than formerly, and will, I trust, prove a blessing to the young and the neighbourhood.

"The anniversary services of the dedication of our Church edifice in this place were well attended, and the collection to liquidate the remaining debt was as liberal as under the circumstances we could reasonably expect. We were favoured on the occasion with the kind and valuable services of the Rev. Drs. Wilkes and Taylor of Montreal.

"It is deeply to be lamented that so much worldliness prevails around us, and that so many families are evidently living without God in the world. At the same time it is satisfactory and pleasing to see that the influence of a Evangelical Ministry is extending and producing salutary results. What we specially need is, an abundant effusion of the Holy Spirit's influence. O Lord revive thy work, and grant us times of refreshing from thy holy presence."

Subsequently to the transmission of the above Report Mr. Miles had happily reached the point of a formation of a Church at Cowansville, which, although having a beautiful Church edifice out of debt, and an excellent congregation, had hitherto been without a regularly organized Church. His arrangements were so far completed that on the Lord's day, 11th March, it was to have been done, and the Communion observed. He made his announcements to this effect on the 4th of that month, concluding the evening service of that day,—his last Sabbath on earth,—by singing the hymn.

"Jerusalem my happy home,
Name ever dear to me."

How uncertain are all earthly plans! The 11th March, instead of the formation of the Church and the observance of the Lord's Supper, witnessed solemn funeral solemnities, amid a great crowd of impressed and affected auditors, and on the following day his remains were carried to Abbotsford, and there deposited in their final resting place. Still the cause of Christ, and the Churches of Christ live! On the following Lord's day the purpose of the deceased was accomplished, the Rev. Thomas Rattray, late of Drummondville, presiding. After labouring some weeks among the bereaved flock, they have unanimously called him to the Pastorate. He has already entered upon his labours as Pastor of the Churches in Brome and Cowansville with encouraging prospects of success.

GEORGEVILLE, POTTON, &c.—This is literally an itinerating field of Missions, a place where the labourer, the Rev. L. P. Adams, has

to ride a circuit. No place of worship in connection with our denomination exists, and though there is a Congregational Church at Potton, it is because of past neglect of it by the more highly favoured, in a feeble condition. The General Committee, at last annual assembly of the Union, authorized the District Committee to engage the Rev. L. P. Adams as one of our Missionaries, leaving his field of labour to be decided by them after consultation with himself. A destitute though populous and important region on the borders of Lake Memphramagog, consisting of Georgeville and its neighbourhood, having earnestly applied for his ministerial services, it was agreed that he should labour there for the year; and he was requested to visit a small neglected Congregational Church at Potton, which many years ago was admitted into the Union of Canada East, and which sought in vain for the services of a Pastor. Mr. Adams visited that place as requested and, spent a few days there, concerning which he Reported in the autumn:

"I preached twice on the Sabbath to a very attentive congregation, and I hope the cause may prosper in that section. I found sixteen who consider themselves members of the Congregational Church, but without the public means of grace. I think I shall spend a fourth of my time in Potton, and the remainder in Georgeville and vicinity."

Mr. Adams' report of middle of January is as follows:

"In obedience to the requirements of the Missionary Society, I proceed to report to you my labours as Missionary in this vicinity. I have previously stated to you that one-fourth of my time is spent in Potton, the remainder in this section. In Potton I preach in the Union Chapel on the Sabbath, and the same evening in a School room in the west part of the town. In Georgeville we worship in the Academy; in other places in this vicinity we occupy District School Houses. I preach three times each Sabbath, and give some week evening lectures. What time I can spare I spend in visiting from house to house, especially among the sick. I have six different preaching places; some of these are large for country places of worship; all are attentive and serious. What will be done for my support I cannot now definitely state; doubtless friends will do what they can consistently; they promise well, but it is hard times at present in this section for all classes. I never saw so much destitution, and preachers must be willing to share with their people. I trust God will provide for me; I hope, I shall be willing to make some sacrifices for the cause of God, O! that he would make me a blessing to this people. You will please receive my most grateful obligations in behalf of the Missionary Society, and my best wishes for your own prosperity."

On the 21st May Mr. Adams writes:

"I trust there have been some hopeful conversions within the circle of my labours since I wrote you last, but how little is done to what I could desire. I hope the time is not far distant when I may speak of greater prosperity."

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EATON.—The following lucid Report from Rev. E. J. Sherrill, needs no comment. It is of recent date (April 23.) An extract from the letter addressed to the Committee by the Church through its Clerk will be given below :

"Agréably to request I send you a Report from my field of labour.

"Our Church numbers 60 resident members. Every Sabbath during the past year our house has been open for public worship. Four Sabbaths I was absent, and one I was at home sick; this was the second Sabbath during the 17 years of Pa-toral labour here, that I have been prevented by ill health from preaching. But whenever I am absent on the Sabbath, religious service is conducted by our Deacons, men of good report, and a sermon read. Two young men, members of our Sabbath School, united with our Church in November last.

"Our Sabbath School numbers from 50 to 80, comprising two-thirds of our congregation. The number who attend meeting on the Sabbath is much the same as it has been for a few years past, the average attendance being about 100. Within five years a Methodist and a Baptist Church have been built and an Episcopal Minister settled in this town. Though the nearest is three miles distant, yet these circumstances tend to diminish our number.s The actual number in town who attend on the Sabbath increases, and in each place of worship mentioned, the Gospel is faithfully preached.

"Seven in our Sabbath School have, during the past winter, expressed a hope in Christ.

I have weekly lectures in different School Districts; 25 or 30 attend these meetings, most of them persons who do not attend regularly on the Sabbath.

"During the past year we have had frequent Temperance Meetings, which have been sustained with increasing interest. The result has been manifestly good.

"Our contributions to different benevolent objects show some increase on the past. We find many difficulties in the way of progress, but by comparing the past with the present we see a degree of advancement which leads us to thank God and take courage. We see more regularity in those who support the Gospel, and attend upon the means of grace; and there is a deeper interest and feeling of responsibility in regard to Missionary and other benevolent institutions."

After adverting to the high price of all the necessaries of life, and to the difficulty or rather impracticability found by their devoted Pastor in sustaining his large family on the income afforded him, and after mentioning the determination of the Church to do its utmost towards his support, the Clerk of the Church, Mr. Hurd, goes on to say :

"We certainly have reason to be grateful to you and the Committee of the Missionary Society for the interest taken in our Church, and the confidence you repose in us, and especially in the pastor of our choice. We have abundant reasons for being thankful to the Great Head of the Church that the Gospel has been sustained so long among us. For the last 17 years the Gospel has been preached in its purity, and we trust with some success. May we still enjoy the same blessing, and may all our sister Churches be also fed with the bread which cometh down from Heaven."

MELBOURNE.—The following is the six months' Report of Rev. Thomas Bayne, dated 23d January :

"The Report from this Missionary station may be comprised in a very few brief sentences. There have been no accessions, I mourn to say, to the membership of the Church during the past six months. Yet it may be permitted us to hope that a brighter day,—a day of many conversions to Jesus,—may soon dawn upon us. The Church is united in itself. The members in many instances, I think, exhibit an enhanced appreciation and increased attachment to the system of doctrines and polity which they profess, and set a higher estimate upon the continuance of the ministrations of the Gospel among them. The congregation, do not show any increase. The faces which I look upon from the desk are nearly all those which I have been accustomed to see since I became Pastor of this Church and Society; but they come out with great, and I hope, increased regularity. The contributions towards ministerial support are at Melbourne station increased above those of preceding years, and these are paid with commendable promptitude and punctuality. I may add, as manifestive of interest in the institutions of the Gospel, that we have been doing something, and contemplate making a strenuous effort in the spring, to do something more in the way of the improvement of our Church edifice. That our house of worship very much needs considerable improvement and renovation, you well know; since nothing, for some years has been done, within or without, either for ornament or as reparation against the injuries of the elements, or the insensible but sure decays of time.

DURHAM.—The Committee is reminded in view of this field in which their respected and valued brother, the Rev. D. Dunkerley, has laboured, not without spiritual fruit, for so many years, that the object of the Society is not only to propagate the Gospel, but also to establish in connection therewith, and as promoting that end, Churches of Christ, which shall by God's blessing ultimately become self-supporting. Durham has been one of the most costly, if not the most costly, station of the Society in Canada, and yet, as appears in the statistical table, the Church there does not up to this time raise more than one hundred dollars for the support of its pastor, while younger Churches in less fertile and wealthy townships raise three times that amount for theirs. The careful attention of the Committees here and in England having been turned to this whole matter, it has been decided to close at this time existing arrangements. With every sentiment of regard for Mr. Dunkerley, most cordially expressed by the Committee, it is to be understood that he does not now derive any portion of his support as Pastor of the Church at Durham from this Society.

DANVILLE, (SHIPTON.)—The Lord has been very gracious to this little flock, and has much blessed the ministry of their Pastor,

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Rev. A. J. Parker, who has now been among them twenty-five years. The contrast between the Report of date 1st January, and that of 7th May, cannot fail to be gratifying to every lover of Zion. The first reads thus :

"It becomes my duty to report for the half-year last past, and I may as well say :

"1st. That without the fostering aid of the Society I should not have been able to report at all. The subscriptions and contributions of the Church and congregation have not increased in a ratio to compare with the expenses of living, and we could not have held up under the pressure but for the aid the Society has so kindly and promptly rendered. If that must be withheld in these times, we must withdraw from the field, although a glance at the country would indicate that it ought not so to be, and several of our members, and individuals not in our communion have shown us no little kindness.

"2nd. During the half-year now past, no special indications of *spiritual* prosperity have been witnessed in the Church and congregation. The attendance on public worship has not declined, nor has it essentially increased.

"The Sabbath School has rather augmented. Contributions for the Bible Society have been comparatively liberal, and I know of no unhappy disaffection in the Church or of defection of any of its members, but there is a lack of earnest spirituality.

"3rd. During this half year, beside the labour connected with the twenty Common Schools of the township, we have raised a subscription of nearly £375, and erected a building for an Academy, now about to be opened. A large proportion of the responsibility and labour in this movement has devolved on me personally, and occupied not a few hours and days.

"Within the half year I have followed to the grave six persons, and have solemnized about sixteen marriages, and have performed as I could the usual routine of pastoral labour, and I mourn that I have done so little.

"I love the cause to which my life has been devoted, and though I may do little for its promotion, may God send prosperity."

The second is as follows :

"I am happy to report that this corner of the Master's vineyard has been sharing some mercy drops. We have had no 'earthquake,' nothing which has shaken our community in any wonderful manner, — no 'great and strong wind' to rend mountains and prostrate all in its way, — no 'great fire,' to alarm and agitate every household and individual within its reach — no such 'revival' as has been marked by these characteristics. Yet God has been with us, and the 'still small voice' of his spirit has been heard by some souls. A few have been led to receive Christ as their chosen Saviour by believing in his name, and so are beginning to learn that he is 'full of grace and truth.'

"The precise number of converts I have not omniscience to ascertain ; 'the Lord will count' them all 'when he writeth up the people.'

"Two persons had united with us in March, and on the last Sabbath eighteen others 'were added to the Church,' of such as *we hope* shall be saved. Several others are giving so much evidence of their faith in Christ that we may desire and expect to see them in due time identified with his people, and adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour. But, O, that there were more !

"The larger proportion of those who have recently expressed hope in Christ had been *impressed* with truth for some months past, but till recently had not 'put on the whole armour of God.'

"Of the *measures* adopted to promote the work, there was but one which was particularly new. A member of another Church, not an ordained Minister, (Mr. P. V. Hibbard of Zion Church, Montreal,) was invited, and kindly consented to come and assist for a season. He went from house to house, conversing, exhorting and praying, and his labour was not in vain in the Lord. In addition to this, Rev. John McKillie was with us for about two weeks preaching for several successive evenings and on the Sabbath days,—and we trust that the Master was honoured and some souls benefited by the instrumentality.

"But we would not forget that it behooves us less to praise the servants than to honour the *Master*, who gives to them who receive Him, power to become the children of God.

"May it be in our day, truly recorded, that 'the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.'"

INVERNESS, (MEGANTIC).—As the Church in this township is without a pastor, the Committee assisted the Church to sustain one of the students in our Theological Institute as a supply to them, and as itinerant Missionary during the vacation of last year. Mr. Malcolm McKillop reports :

"I preached twice on Sabbath, in the forenoon in our chapel, and in the afternoons in one of three stations which I took in turn, viz: Hamilton Range School House, Peter Humerston's house, Township of Halifax, and in Sixth Range School House. The attendance varies from 60 to 200, sometimes being assisted by two Presbyterians preaching in the vicinity. The attention was good, sometimes serious, and the attendance seemed improving.

FINANCES.

It will be found, on a comparison of this year with last, that the Missionary collections and contributions have increased in amount. This is especially the case in the Middle District, from which the First Church in Toronto is to be excluded as it acts by means of an organization of its own. The District Committees have taken the entire charge of appointing and holding public meetings, a duty which they have fulfilled in a satisfactory manner. The results of the year's efforts in this department are as follows, details being reserved for the Appendix :

From Churches in the Western District,	£153	8	8
" " Middle " 	176	6	4
" " Eastern " 	61	11	0
" " Canada East " 	141	9	2
From the United States,	120	2	3

Making a total of £652 17s. 5d. The expenditure has been £1923 10s. 9d. The Colonial Missionary Society has supplied the difference, having expended in our field, a part from its grant, to our Theological Institute, the sum of £1270 13s. 4d.

COLONIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The relations sustained by the Committee to this highly honored Society are most intimate and happy. The schedule of grants involving most of the transactions of the year now closing was sent to England as soon as practicable after the last annual meeting, and received from the Committee in London all the attention and consideration that could be desired; with a few modifications and suggestions it was adopted. Important recommendations of some of the District Committees have been sent during the year by the Secretary Treasurer to London, and have in every case been responded to with generous confidence. It is matter for congratulation that the report of the Colonial Missionary Society, presented at its nineteenth anniversary, little more than a month since, expresses the gratification experienced by its Committee in the harmonious working of the arrangements made between us and them for carrying forward the work in Canada. On our part the same pleasure is enjoyed,—the same gratitude to God is felt. So long as it is needful to lean at all upon the stalwart arm of our parent institution, may we have the same pleasant intercourse and the same mutual confidence.

The Report just alluded to is replete with interesting facts concerning the progress of the work of Evangelization in the Lower Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, and in Australia. One thousand pounds sterling has been raised as a special effort by Rev. F. Tomkins, M. A., for the re-erection of the buildings of Gorham College, Liverpool, N. S., which were destroyed by fire upwards of a year ago. That gentleman, with his companion, the Rev. George Cornish, B. A., of the London University, has returned to Liverpool, N. S. They are to be associated in the management of the college as well as in the work of the ministry in the neighbourhood.

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At Port Elizabeth, and at Port Natal, in Southern Africa, the Rev. Messrs. Harsant and Grosvenor are labouring respectively with much acceptance and success. The former of these brethren is supported wholly by his people, and the latter nearly so. An earnest appeal has been recently received from the pastor and Deacons of the Congregational Church, Graham's Town, for a Minister for the Township of Bedford. A few friends resident in that vicinity are erecting a chapel and engage to contribute a moiety of the amount necessary to sustain a minister, promising to become self-sustaining in two or three years. Deep regret is expressed that the state of the Society's funds prevents compliance with this request.

The following passages of the Report in regard to Australia will be read with interest :

"In directing the attention of this meeting to Australia, the Committee have to express the concern they feel, in common with the entire community, on account of the state of commercial depression to which those colonies are all, in a greater or less degree, reduced. Seldom, if ever, has reckless speculation been carried to such an extent as it was, during the last two years, by merchants and others in this country. The amount of merchandise exported to the Australias has been two or three times as great as the extent of the population required. The inevitable consequence has been, the utter ruin of many in the colonies, and the most fearful and extensive losses to not a few at home. The present aspect of affairs is, therefore, a sad contrast to that of last year. Some of the best friends of the mission, who so nobly contributed to their support a year ago, are unable to repeat their subscriptions this year. Their interest in the great objects the Society labours to accomplish is as strong as ever; and there can be no doubt that when the tide of events shall again cause a flow of prosperity to set in, they will be as willing as ever to contribute with a generosity as noble as they did on the former occasion. The reception of the brethren, Messrs. Fletcher, Poore, and Day, whose arrival in Melbourne was announced in the last year's Report, was the most hearty and cordial that can be conceived. All classes seemed to vie with each other in their expressions of joy and gladness on their arrival. In the Appendix to this Report will be found account of the meeting convened to welcome them, and of the Society then formed to carry out the great purposes for which they were sent. The friends in Melbourne resolved immediately to make themselves responsible for the support of Mr. Day, so that, after his arrival, no draft on the Society's funds on his account was necessary beyond that which was required on his landing on those shores. This esteemed brother has been located at Castlemaine, in the vicinity of the mining operations, where he is diligently labouring among a people by whom he is greatly esteemed and generously supported. Mr. Fletcher, after visiting New South Wales and Tasmania, or Van Diemen's Land, has fixed his residence at St. Kilda, a suburb of Melbourne. The friends to whom he ministers have taken upon themselves the greater portion of his support, and will, no doubt, when the cloud which at present overshadows their commercial prospects passes away, entirely relieve the

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Society's funds of any charge on his account, except only such as their beloved brother may be entitled to as the agent through whom the Society's affairs in that Colony will be conducted. Mr. Poore has nobly acted out the character he assumed. He has, indeed, proved himself an Evangelist, having, to a great extent, traversed the Colonies of Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, and South Australia. Since his arrival he has travelled 5,000 miles, preached or held meetings on an average of four or five times every week, at a cost only of about 100*l.*, which has been met by the Colonists themselves, without any charge to the Society. His last communication contained an interesting account of his tour throughout South Australia, where, with but one or two exceptions, he surveyed every station occupied by a minister of our denomination. His visit will be long remembered by the ministers and their churches, to whom it proved a season of spiritual refreshment and holy joy. Extracts from his letter will be given in the Appendix.

"The Committee regret that it has not been in their power, chiefly for the want of adequate funds, to send as many additional Missionaries during the past year as they were urgently requested to do. They have, however much pleasure in stating that the Rev. H. Thomas, B. A., late of Loughborough, in the county of Leicester, sailed, with his wife, for Melbourne, in the Earl of Elgin, in the month of November last. They trust that before this he has reached his destination, and entered on his work. It is expected he will be stationed at Collingwood, where a second church has been formed which, should his ministrations prove acceptable, of which there is no doubt, will be prepared adequately to sustain him.

"The Committee have been painfully exercised, during the past year, by the intelligence of the alarming illness of their long-tryed and beloved friend, Dr. Ross. He was seized with paralysis, which for some time placed his valuable life in jeopardy. He is partially restored, but has little prospect of recovering his speech, so as to be able to resume his ministry. After prayerful consideration, he has felt it his duty to resign his pastorate, which the church, after generously providing for his necessities by a liberal annuity, have accepted. It is impossible to form too high an estimate of the services of Dr. Ross. His efficiency as a preacher, his tact in conducting business, his gentlemanly deportment, his firmness of principle, and his Christian charity, they secured to him a high position, not only in his own circle, but in general society in Sydney and throughout the colony, render his withdrawal from public life a wide spread calamity. The Committee would commend their beloved and honoured brother to sympathy and prayers of all the friends of the Society in both hemispheres. They are waiting with great solicitude to know the course the church will take in filling up the vacancy occasioned by this event. Mr. Slatyer continues his services in his station on the Surry Hills, in the city of Sydney, and Mr. Gordon at Balmain. The iron chapel, purchased by the New South Wales Society for the former, is by this time erected and occupied; and the chapel for the latter has been commenced, and is probably by this time completed. The friends in Sydney, regarding a part of their city peculiarly destitute of the means of spiritual instruction, resolved to take the necessary steps for commencing a new interest there, and requested the Committee to select and send to them, with as little delay as possible, a suitable minister to enter upon the work. After due inquiry, they invited the Rev. S. Kent, of Braunton, in Devonshire, to undertake the Mission. Mr. Kent, in the judgment of the Committee, possessed those qualifications that eminently fitted him for the enterprise in question. He acceded to their request, and sailed in the Pacific steamer in the month of November last. It may be hoped that he has long ere this reached his destination, and entered on his work.

¶ "Before concluding their Report of Sydney, the Committee cannot forbear adverting to the visit of Mr. Poore to that city, in the month of June last. One great object he aimed to accomplish was, to induce the friends to raise a sufficient fund, for the purchase of suitable sites and the building of chapels. He proposed to them to raise £20,000. Though struck with the boldness of the proposal, they consented to make the effort, and, having convened a meeting, they said, 'We leave all to you.' 'Then,' said Mr. Poore, "thus we will arrange: I will say, It ought to be done; Mr. Beazley shall follow, and say, It can be done; and then two or three of you shall rise and say, It shall be done." This course was adopted. Splendidly did Mr. Beazley perform his part. In a most manly, Christian spirit, with intense earnestness and power, he appealed. The mercantile men struck in nobly. Mr. Beazley and I took round the papers while speaking was going on. They were filled up. We announced, at a rough guess, that the amount was gained, sang 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow,' &c., and then went to our homes. On Thursday, June 14th, twenty gentlemen came to breakfast with me at Mr. Jones', and we found that we had obtained £21,060 2s. 8d. This amount, large as it is, will be required for the purposes for which it was contributed; and a large part of it has already been expended in the chapels for Mr. Slatyer and Mr. Gordon; the purchase of an eligible site for another; assisting Mr. Griffiths at Ipswich, Moreton Bay; Mr. Gibson, at Newcastle, and Mr. Waraker, at Maitland. It might possibly to be supposed, that, if such large sums can be raised in the Colonies, they can need little assistance from the mother country, or might altogether dispense with her aid. But this is a mistake; for, in the first place, such are the extravagantly high prices of everything—land, building materials, and labour, that the amount of contributions for any benevolent object are not much more than a quarter of the value that they are in England. And, in the next place, the purchase of sites for chapels and schools, the erection of the buildings, and partial and temporary aid in the support of ministers, will more than absorb the entire amount contributed. Unless, therefore, the British churches aid in this work, and that with greater liberality than has yet been manifested, the prospects, at present so full of promise, will be blighted, and the hopes for the future, so fondly cherished, will be disappointed.

"From Western Australia, no very recent intelligence has been received. Mr. Leonard still labours at Perth, and Mr. Johnston at Freemantle. The latter is greatly encouraged by an increase in the number of attendants on his ministry, now that his chapel is finished and occupied. This is the only colony in Australia where the plague-spot exists. In an evil hour, and under the pressure of the want of labourers, the colonists petitioned the Imperial Government to constitute the colony a penal settlement. Convicts were accordingly sent, which, together with the attraction of the gold in the neighbourhood States, has, to a considerable extent drained Western Australia of its free labour, and effectually retarded the development of its resources, both mineral and agricultural. This has proved a great disadvantage to the efforts put forth by our own and other Evangelical denominations for the spiritual benefit of the settlers. Still, a brighter day, it is hoped, is dawning; and it may, therefore, be anticipated, that, ere long, our brethren labouring there will gather the harvest resulting from the good seed of the kingdom which they are now diligently scattering.

"In Tasmania and New Zealand the brethren are fulfilling their ministry with exemplary diligence and encouraging success. Mr. Hamer, at Auckland, in the latter, has so far succeeded, as no longer to require aid from the Society's funds. He has won the esteem of all classes in that city, and fully realised the hopes entertained respecting him, when, four years ago, he was sent to that thriving colony.

In the matter of finances, as already intimated, the balance is seriously against the treasury. The expenditure has been rather more than £6000 sterling, while the receipts are only a little more than £5300. Yet the following comparative statement is encouraging :

The following comparative statement of the Society's receipts and disbursements for the past ten years will show, most satisfactorily, the growing esteem in which the Society is held by the British public, and the extension of its operations in the various fields of labour which it occupies. During the five years ending April 30, 1850, the aggregate of contributions from all sources was £14,745, 19s. 5d. ; and of expenditure for the same period, £14,302, 13s. 8d. For the five following years, ending April 30, 1855, the amount of receipts, including £984. 17s. 4d. special contributions for the Iron Chapel, has been £22,696 8s. 6d. ; and the disbursements for the same period, including £1,304 7s., the cost and freight of the Iron Chapel, were £23,132. 7s. ; being an increase, during the second period, of more than fifty per cent., both on the income and expenditure. And further during the first period of five years, there were twelve ministers sent from England ; or, being already in the Colonies, were adopted and assisted by the Society.

During the second period the number has been thirty-five ! The Committee advert to this progress not in a spirit of ostentation, but to awaken devout thankfulness for the past, and hopeful confidence for the future. With the prospects before them, the urgent appeals addressed to them for additional ministers, the fact—for it is a fact—that men, right men, can be found, who are willing to embark in this noble enterprise, the welcome that awaits them on their arrival at the place of their destination ; everything, in short, conspires to stimulate the Committee to greater effort than ever. They therefore purpose to put forth their best energies to raise the permanent income of the Society to £10,000.

The Committee, in closing this report, beg respectfully and with confidence to commend its varied and interesting details to the attention of our Churches in Canada, praying them to give the important work in which the Society is engaged a more prominent place in their prayers and their contributions. The latter must be largely augmented if the work is to be prosecuted with energy. The *scale* of contribution in many of the churches needs re-adjustment. Pounds ought to be given where now half dollars and dollars are the rule. This matter is commended to the prayerful consideration of the givers, who are amenable, not to man but to God. May the Lord pour down His Holy Spirit. Amen.

LIFE MEMBERS.

By payment of £5 and upwards to the Funds of the Society.

Those marked (*) were life members of the Canada East Society.

* J. P. Williston, Esq., Northampton, Massachusetts, by eight donations of £7 10s., £10, £30, £6 5s., £20, £20 5s., and £57 12s. 3d.

* Rev. W. H. Tyler, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, by donation of £6 5s.

* Mr. J. Baylis, Montreal, by four donations of £25, £25, £5, £5.

* Mr. T. M. Taylor, Montreal, by two donations of £25, £5.

* R. D. Stewart, Esq., Philadelphia, by donation of £6 5s.

* Rev. A. Rood, Philadelphia, by donation of £6 5s.

* Mrs. Banister, Newburyport, Massachusetts, by donation of £12 10s.

* Rev. W. Smith, D. D., Burlington, Vermont, (formerly of St. Albans.)
by donation of £7 17 6d.

* Mr. J. C. Mayer, Montreal, by donation of £7 10s.

Mr. James P. Clarke, Montreal, by two donations of £6 5s. and £6 5s.

Mr. W. R. H., Montreal, by two donations of £5 and £10.

Mr. John Leeming, Montreal, by donation of £5.

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RECEIVED BY THE

CANADIAN CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY, 1855.

CANADA.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

WARWICK.

	£	s.	d.
Anniversary Collec- tion,.....	2	10	8
Collected, as per lists,	4	18	9
	7	9	5
<i>Collected by Misses Thomas and Hay.</i>			
Alexander Hay,.....	5	0	
R. Evans,.....	5	0	
John D. Eccles,.....	5	0	
Rev. D. McCallum,...	5	0	
Mrs. Thomas,.....	2	6	
Alfred Nash,.....	2	6	
John McElroy,.....	2	6	
Archibald Hay,.....	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	11	10	½

£2 1 10½

Collected by Miss A. Luckham.

Robert Campbell,....	2	6	
Helen Campbell,....	2	6	
James Carroll,.....	2	6	
Mrs. T. Hay,.....	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	1	8	1½

£1 18 1½

Collected by Miss R. Smith,

John Thomas,.....	5	0	
W. Smith,.....	2	6	
D. Dunlop,.....	2	6	
James Wolfe,.....	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	6	3	

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PORT SARINIA.

Anniversary Collections,	5	6	6
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MOORE AND PLYMPTON.

Anniversary Collections,	3	10	6
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PORT STANLEY.

	£	s.	d.
Anniversary Collections,	5	17	1

STRATFORD.

Collections,.....	12	10	2
Cong'l Sewing Soc'y,	12	5	
	13	2	7

SOUTHWOLD.

Anniversary Collections,	8	13	0
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LONDON.

Collection on Lord's Day,.....	10	8	1
Collection at Mission- ary Meeting,.....	11	19	9
Collection in Sabbath School,.....	3	12	10
	26	0	6

BRANTFORD.

Mrs. Day's Mission- ary Box,.....	3	10	0½
Sabbath Collection, ..	2	0	9
Missionary Meeting Collection,.....	1	8	1½
Missionary Cards (as below,).....	10	11	10
	17	10	0

Collected by Mrs. Irwin and Miss Evans.

Mrs. J. A. Wilkes,....	1	0	0
Mrs. Walker,.....	1	0	0
Mr. J. Wilkes,.....	10	0	
Mrs. Russell,.....	7	6	
Mrs. Mellish,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Simpson,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Waring,.....	5	0	
Mr. J. Morton,.....	5	0	
Hannah Peck,.....	2	6	

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Welding.....	2	6	
Mrs. Irwin.....	2	6	
Mrs. Wickens.....	2	6	
Mr. G. Birch.....	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	14	4	$\frac{1}{2}$

£5 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Collected by Misses Day and Bacon.

Rev. J. Wood.....	1	0	0
Mr. C. F. Smithers,...	10	0	
Mr. E. H. Potter,	10	0	
Thomas Cowherd,....	5	0	
F. P. Gould.....	5	0	
C. R. Wilkes.....	5	0	
H. Henderson,.....	5	0	
C. Hale.....	2	6	
G. C. Keachie,.....	2	6	
Mrs. E. A. Judson,...	2	6	
Mrs. Smeath,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Hill.....	2	6	
B. G. Tisdale,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Sutherland,....	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	9	11	

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Collected by Messrs. Day and Muirhead.

W. F. Chave,.....	2	6	
J. N. Peel.....	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	8	4	$\frac{1}{2}$
Mr. Muirhead's Missionary Box,.....	6	8	

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BURFORD.

Collections,.....	3	0	$\frac{2}{3}$
Missionary Cards,....	5	9	$\frac{1}{2}$

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Collected by Miss E. Gammage.

Aaron McWilliams, ..	1	0	0
Matthew Irwin,.....	5	0	
J. M. Fowler,.....	5	0	
E. McWilliams,.....	5	0	
T. Perrin, Jr.,.....	2	6	
James G. Hearne, ...	2	6	
Bessie Whale,.....	2	6	
Samuel Gammage, ...	2	6	
Thoma Gammage,....	2	6	
Susan Carter,.....	2	6	
John McWilliams,....	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	5	0	

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Collected by Miss M. Fowler,

Lawrence Daniel,	10	0	
W. K. Kerby,.....	5	0	
Eliza Keachie,.....	2	6	
J. H. Smiley,.....	2	6	
M. A. Ross,.....	2	6	
Hannah Sipples,....	2	6	
Edmund Yeigh,.....	2	6	
George Fowler,.....	2	6	
Wm. McWilliams,....	2	6	
B. Jones,.....	2	6	
Joseph Pickle,.....	2	6	
Jane McWilliams,....	2	6	
M. A. Fowler,.....	2	6	

	£	s.	d.
Thomas Gammage,...	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	6	10	$\frac{1}{2}$
	£2	11	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

PARIS.

Collections,.....	2	6	7
Norman Hamilton,...	1	5	0
Mr. Moyle,.....	1	0	0
Mr. Whitlaw,.....	1	0	0
Rev. J. Vincent,.....	1	0	0
Mr. Roy,.....	10	0	
J. Kilpatrick,.....	5	0	
James Mitchell,....	5	0	
A. W. Gay,.....	5	0	
Simon Fax,.....	5	0	
John Spencer,.....	5	0	
John Thompson,....	5	0	
Horace Capron,....	5	0	
Dr. Cook,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Cook,.....	6	3	
A. Baird,.....	5	0	
A. Spottiswoode,....	5	0	
A. Friend,.....	2	6	
S. Allehin,.....	2	6	
W. Allehin,.....	2	6	
Mr. Howell,.....	2	6	
H. C. Forsyth,.....	2	6	
John Stevenson,....	2	6	
J. McKenzie,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Robinson,....	5	0	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	1	3	

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HAMILTON.

Collected at Public Meetings,.....	8	15	1
Collected at Monthly Concert,.....	4	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Missionary Boxes:—			
Rev. E. Ebbs' family,	1	5	8
Master Parry's family,	2	7	$\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Clarke's School family,.....	10	0	
For Colpo's Bay Mission:—			
1st Class Boys, Sunday School, by Mr. Bellehouse,.....	1	12	6

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SCOTLAND.

Collection on Sabbath,.....	10	9	
Collection at Missionary Meeting,.....	1	3	$\frac{2}{3}$
Missionary Collecting Cards,.....	4	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Collected by Miss Janet Malcolm.

Augustus Malcolm,...	5	0	
Belhina Malcolm,...	5	0	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	13	9	

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Collected by Miss L. Winegarden.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. W. Hay,		5	0
John Moore,		2	6
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...		11	10½
	£0	19	4½

Collected (Oakland,) by C. P. Malcolm.

Elvira Malcolm,	10	0	
John Vivyan,	5	0	
C. P. Malcolm,	3	0	
John Foster,	2	6	
J. R. Malcolm,	2	6	
S. Bingham,	2	6	
Mrs. Bingham,	2	6	
Emily Bingham,	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	8	0½	
	£1	18	6½

BIG CREEK.
(In connection with the above.)

Sabbath Collection, ..	10	7½
Collection at Missionary Meeting,	15	6
Missionary Collecting Cards,	2	0 4½
	3	6 6

Collected by Miss M. Lymburner.

Isaac Wrigglesworth, ..	2	6	
Paul Huffman,	2	6	
John Willits,	2	6	
G. W. Willits,	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	10	0	
	£1	0	0

Collected by Miss M. Oswald.

	£	s.	d.
Abigail Elemons,		2	6
Charles Hedgers,		2	6
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...		15	4½
	£1	0	4½

SPRINGFORD.

Collections,	3	5	10½
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BIG CREEK.
(In connection with Springfield.)

Collections,	2	8	4½
Missionary Collecting Card,	2	11	7½
	5	0	0

Collected by Mrs. Huntsman.

Philip Kelly,	5	0	
Henry Wand,	5	0	
Edwin Sims,	2	6	
James Hartley,	2	6	
John Munkenworthy, ..	2	6	
Robert Sims,	2	6	
Mary Jane Kelly,	2	6	
W. D. Burnham,	2	6	
Armina Allen,	2	6	
W. H. Robbins,	2	6	
W. V. Huntsman,	2	6	
W. Yates,	2	6	
Sums under 2s. 6d.,...	19	1½	
	£2	11	7½

SIMCOE.

Collections and Subscriptions,	12	10	0
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MIDDLE DISTRICT.

CALEDON.
Collected by Misses Eleanor, and Catherine McLellan.

Collection and small sums,	1	2	6
Rev. R. J. Williams, ..	5	0	
Mr. Joseph Dodds,	5	0	
Mrs. Elizabeth Williams,	2	6	
Miss Mary Grace Williams,	2	6	
Thomas Russell, Esq., ..	5	0	
Richard Wansbrough, Esq.,	5	0	
Mr. Robert McLellan, ..	5	0	
Mr. William Wansbrough,	5	0	
Mr. Robert Cooke,	5	0	
Mr. William McLellan, Sr.,	5	0	
Mr. Hugh Carfrae Russell,	10	0	
Mr. William McLellan, Jr.,	5	0	
Mr. Henry Smith,	5	0	
Mr. George Russell, ..	2	6	
Mr. Thomas Wansbrough,	2	6	

Mr. James Blake,	2	6	
Miss Elizabeth Lemon,	2	6	
Mr. William Morris,	5	0	
Mr. John Morris,	2	6	
Mr. William Boddy,	2	6	
Mr. Michael Hennessey,	2	6	
Mr. Thomas Wright, Esq.,	2	6	
Miss Eleanor Dodds,	2	6	
A Friend to Religion, ..	2	6	
Mr. John S. Meek,	2	6	
Mr. John Askins,	2	6	
Mr. James McLellan, ..	2	6	
Mr. John W. McLellan,	2	6	
Mr. Walter McLellan,	2	6	
Mr. William Dodds, Sr.,	2	6	
Mr. William Lemon,	2	6	
Master Peter Lemon,	2	6	
A Friend to Religion, ..	2	6	
Mr. P. Ableson,	2	6	
Mr. Robert Smith,	2	6	
	7	5	0

ESQUESING

	£	s.	d.
TRAPALGAR, Public Collections.....	2	9	8
Collected by Miss Kenney, as per list.....	7	15	0
Collected by Mrs. W. Shain, as per list.....	4	0	4
Wm. Foster, Esq.....	5	0	
	14	10	9

GEORGETOWN, Collection.....	1	2	6
Subscriptions as per list.....	4	7	6
	5	10	0

Collected by Miss Kenney.

P. Kenney, Esq.,.....	1	5	0
W. P. Smith,.....	1	0	0
W. Albertson,.....	5	0	
J. Fish,.....	5	0	
S. Snider,.....	5	0	
Mrs. P. Kenney,.....	5	0	
D. Snider, Sr.,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Grege,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Anderson,.....	5	0	
G. Marlatt,.....	5	0	
J. Gilliland,.....	2	6	
J. Snider,.....	2	6	
W. Kenney,.....	2	6	
H. Albertson,.....	2	6	
Mrs. H. Snider,.....	2	6	
Miss Kenney,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Jane Kenney,.....	2	6	
J. Arnott,.....	2	6	
J. Bardy,.....	2	6	
D. Cross,.....	2	6	
Mrs. J. Applebee,.....	2	6	
J. R. Applebee,.....	2	6	
Mrs. G. Marlatt,.....	2	6	
C. Mayhew,.....	2	6	
A. Post,.....	2	6	
Mr. Chamberlain,.....	2	6	
Small sums,.....	1	7	6
	7	15	0

Collected by Mrs. W. Shain.

W. Shain,.....	10	0	
Mrs. W. Shain,.....	5	0	
H. Albertson,.....	5	0	
L. Albertson,.....	5	0	
Mr. J. McGill,.....	5	0	
Miss McGill,.....	5	0	
T. McGill,.....	2	6	
C. Shain,.....	2	6	
F. Foster,.....	2	6	
S. Conover,.....	2	6	
E. Conover,.....	2	6	
D. McCallum,.....	2	6	
R. Shain,.....	2	6	
G. Albertson,.....	2	6	
J. King,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Andrews,.....	2	6	
J. McGrath,.....	2	6	
Mrs. E. Taylor,.....	2	6	
Small sums,.....	15	4	
	4	0	4

GEORGETOWN.

Barber, Brothers,.....	3	5	0
Mrs. W. Van Allen,....	5	0	
Mr. John Freeman,....	5	0	
Mr. John McAllen,....	5	0	

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Mr. Wright,.....	5	0	
Mr. Joseph Wadsworth,.....	2	6	
	4	7	0

PINE GROVE, VAUGHAN.

Collection,.....	3	18	6
Rev. A. J. Jupp,.....	10	0	
Richard Bywater,....	10	0	
	4	18	6

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Anniversary Collections,.....	2	15	0
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Collection in 2nd Ch.,.....	1	12	6
Donation from Ch. Fund Colored Settlement,.....	1	0	0
A. Raymond and Family,.....	1	0	0
J. Thomas and Family,.....	12	6	
James Lander,.....	5	0	
	4	10	0

BROCK.

Collected by Mr. A. McLean.

Public Collection,....	2	3	3
Miss McMunish,.....	5	0	
John Brown,.....	5	0	
Hector Brown,.....	5	0	
Donald Brown,.....	5	0	
Martain McFadden,...	5	0	
Duncan Currie,.....	5	0	
John McDonald,.....	5	0	
Alex. McIntyre,.....	5	0	
John McDonald,....	5	0	
Dougal McDonald,....	5	0	
Niel McIntyre,.....	5	0	
Donald McArthur,....	5	0	
John Wylie,.....	5	0	
Alex. McLean,.....	1	0	0
	6	8	3

NEW CASTLE.

Anniversary Collections,.....	1	0	4
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BOWMANVILLE.

Anniversary Collections,.....	7	9	8
Collected by Mr. Rogerson, (no list),....	7	11	3
	15	0	11

MARKHAM.

Unionville, per list,...	9	3	8
Markham Village, per list,.....	16	11	5
	25	15	1

UNIONVILLE.

Collected by Miss Eckardt and Mrs. Braithwaite.

Phillip Eckardt,.....	1	0	0
Ira White,.....	1	5	0
M. M. Braithwaite,...	15	0	
John McKenzie,.....	5	0	

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Thomas Eckardt,.....	5	0	
John Joyce,.....	5	0	
Thomas Sanderson,....	5	0	
George Eckardt,.....	3	9	
Mr. Moulds,.....	2	9	
14 Subscriptions at			
2s. 6d.,.....	1	7	6
43 Subscriptions,			
mostly 1s. 3d.,.....	2	13	2
Missionary Meeting,.	11	6	
	£9	3	8

MARKHAM VILLAGE.

Collected by Mrs. Ball and Miss Berry.

J. B. Robinson,.....	1	0	0
Mr. D. Cash,.....	10	0	
Mrs. D. Cash,.....	10	0	
Mr. Wales,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Wales,.....	5	0	
C. F. Hall,.....	5	0	
M. Fewry,.....	5	0	
David Reesor,.....	5	0	
Joseph Leonard,.....	5	0	
T. Cummins,.....	5	0	
J. Armstrong,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Morgan,.....	5	0	
David Kribs,.....	5	0	
John Kirston,.....	5	0	
M. S. Sherwood,.....	5	0	
Mr. and Mrs. Crosby,	5	0	
Anna Simmonds,.....	5	0	
Mrs. A. Robinson,....	5	0	
S. B. Wright,.....	5	0	
Thomas Speight,.....	5	0	
Mrs. H. P. Crosby,....	5	0	
G. H. Brown,.....	5	0	
A Friend,.....	5	0	
26 Subscriptions of			
2s. 6d.,.....	4	10	0
59 Subscriptions,			
mostly 1s. 3d.,.....	3	19	3
Missionary Meeting,.	1	2	2
	£16	11	5

STOFFVILLE, MARKHAM.

Collection at Meet-			
ing,.....	1	16	2
Subscriptions as per			
subjoined lists,.....	8	11	4
	10	7	6

Per H. Mertins.

Mr. Mertins,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Mertins,.....	2	6	
Mr. D. Mertins,.....	2	6	
Mr. J. Mertins,.....	2	6	
Mrs. J. Mertins,.....	2	6	
Mr. H. Mertins,.....	2	6	
Mr. Leaney,.....	5	0	
Mr. J. Breuls,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Tracy,.....	2	6	
Small sums,.....	4	4½	
	£4	11	10½

Per Thomas Smith.

Mrs. Breuls,.....	2	6	
Small sums,.....	11	10½	
	14	4½	

Per Miss Kribs.

	£	s.	d.
Miss M. A. Wheler,...	2	6	
Small sums,.....	4	4½	
	6	10½	
Rev. J. Durrant,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Durrant,.....	2	6	
Mr. P. Wideman,.....	5	0	
	12	6	

Per Miss Burnett.

Mrs. Millard,.....	5	0	
Mr. R. Cooper,.....	2	6	
Mr. E. Tracy,.....	2	6	
Mr. W. Tracy, Sr.,...	5	0	
Mr. York,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Mitchell,.....	2	6	
Small sums,.....	2	0	8½
	£3	0	8½

Per Miss Napier.

Mr. Millard,.....	10	0	
Mr. Monkhouse,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Nichols,.....	2	6	
Miss Morden,.....	2	6	
Mr. Nichols,.....	5	0	
Mr. Sebeck,.....	5	0	
Small sums,.....	17	6	
	£2	5	0

WHITEY.

Public Collections,...	4	14	2
Collected by Mrs. Hill			
and Mrs. Nash,....	5	1	3
Do do Mrs. Gallagher			
and Mrs. Kay,.....	3	19	10
Do do Mrs. Bannister			
and Mrs. Yule,....	4	0	0
	17	15	3

Collected by Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Nash

Samuel Hill,.....	5	0	
John White,.....	5	0	
Mrs. R. Robinson,....	5	0	
Mrs. Eggleston,.....	5	0	
Ross Johnston,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Hamer,.....	5	0	
Mrs. N. G. Reynolds,...	5	0	
Mrs. N. Nash,.....	5	0	
Mrs. H. Post,.....	5	0	
Mrs. G. Post,.....	5	0	
Mr. J. Burns,.....	5	0	
Mr. J. McGillivray,...	5	0	
12 Subscriptions at			
2s. 6d.,.....	1	10	0
9 Subscriptions under			
2s. 6d.,.....	11	3	
	£5	1	3

Collected by Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Kay.

Miss Beall,.....	5	0	
Thomas Gallagher,...	10	0	
Mrs. N. G. Ham,.....	5	0	
Mr. Marshall,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Wood,.....	3	0	
18 Subscriptions at			
2s. 6d.,.....	2	5	0

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5 do. at 1s. 3d.,.....		6	3
1 do. at 7d.,.....			7
	£3	19	10

Collected by Mrs. Bannister and Mrs. Yule.

J. H. Perry, Esq.,.....	1	5	0
Mrs. J. Geric,.....		5	0
James Hodgson,.....		5	0
J. C. Bone,.....		5	0
Mrs. G. McDonald,.....		5	0
James T. Byrne,.....		5	0
Henrietta Byrne,.....		5	0
Joel Bigelow,.....		5	0
C. Lynde, Esq.,.....		5	0
5 Subscriptions at 2s. 6d.,.....		12	6
2 Subscribers at 1s. 3d.,.....			2 6
	£4	0	0

NEW MARKET.

Collection at Public Meeting,.....	4	19	5
Thomas Baker,.....	1	0	0
Mrs. Baker,.....		10	0
Miss Baker,.....		10	0
R. H. Smith, Esq.,.....	2	0	0
Mrs. R. H. Smith,.....	1	5	0
Miss Smith,.....		5	0
Miss S. Smith,.....		5	0
Dr. O. Ford,.....	1	10	0
Mrs Ford,.....		10	0
Miss N. Ford,.....		5	0
Miss S. Ford,.....		2	6
Joseph Millard,.....		15	0
Mrs. Millard,.....		10	0
George Mortimore,.....	2	10	0
Mrs. Mortimore,.....		10	0
Eli Gorham, Esq.,.....		10	0
Mrs. Gorham,.....		15	0
Miss Gorham,.....		5	0

	£	s.	d.	
John Bogart, Esq.,.....		10	0	
Moses Bogart,.....		2	6	
Joshua Bogart,.....		1	3	
Mrs. McMaster,.....		5	0	
Miss Moffatt,.....		5	0	
Dr. Grover,.....		5	0	
Mrs. Grover,.....		5	0	
R. Robinson,.....		5	0	
B. Seigley,.....		5	0	
S. A. Marling,.....	1	0	0	
Mrs. Elvidge,.....		10	0	
J. B. Caldwell,.....		5	0	
Joseph Botsford,.....		5	0	
Tim. Botsford,.....		5	0	
John McKay,.....		2	6	
E. Jackson,.....		2	6	
Mrs. Henderson,.....		2	6	
R. Simpson,.....		2	6	
Thos. Boyd,.....		2	6	
Thos. Bennet,.....		2	6	
Miss A. Crook,.....		1	3	
R. Collins,.....		1	3	
A Friend,.....		14	4	
	£25	0	0	

OWENS SOUND.

Public Collections,.....	7	0	0
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Anniversary Collection,.....	6	5	0
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ST. ANDREWS.

Anniversary Collection,.....	4	16	9
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Collection and Subscriptions, (no list sent,).....	6	8	9
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COLD SPRINGS.

Subscriptions per Rev. W. Hayden,...	7	0	0
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EASTERN DISTRICT.

KINGSTON.

Public Collections,.....	5	8	2
Mrs. Fuller,.....	1	7	6
Rev. K. M. Fenwick,.....	1	5	0
Mr. James Fenwick,.....	1	5	0
Mr. D. Prentiss,.....		10	0
Messrs. A. & D. Shaw,.....		10	0
Mr. George Fenwick,.....		10	0
A Friend,.....		5	0
Mr. Robt McCormick,.....		5	0
Mr. E. Chowen,.....		5	0
Mr. Coy,.....		5	0
Mr. C. Johnston,.....		5	0
Mr. J. Storey,.....		5	0
Mr. G. Gilmore,.....		5	0
Mr. Morton,.....		5	0
Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick,.....		5	0
Mr. D. McEwen,.....		5	0
Mr. Millsass,.....		5	0
Mr. Canniff,.....		5	0
Mr. A. Junidwell,.....		5	0

Mr. M. Strange,.....	5	0
Mr. P. Dawson,.....	5	0
Mr. Thos. Hendry,...	5	0
Mr. M. A. Orme,.....	5	0
Mr. R. Rottenbury,...	5	0
Mrs. Tweedle,.....	5	0
Mr. Wm. Massie,.....	5	0
Dr. Beamish,.....	5	0
Mrs. Yeomans,.....	5	0
Mr. R. A. Holmes,.....	5	0
Mr. John Noon,.....	5	0
Mr. A. Thibodo,.....	5	0
Sums under 5s.,.....	7	11 6
	£24	12 2

LANARK 1ST CHURCH.

R. K. Black,.....	1	10	0
R. Robertson,.....		15	0
J. Black,.....		12	6
Peter Reid,.....		3	9
George Henderson,...		5	0
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A. Sanderson,.....	2	6	
John Robertson,.....	2	6	
J. Dick,.....	2	6	
W. Aitkin,.....	2	6	
W. Miller's family,.....	7	6	
J. & A. McBeath,.....	2	6	
A. Forgy,.....	2	6	
A. Marshall,.....	2	6	
Agnes Robertson,.....	2	6	
W. Crichton,.....	2	6	
A. Rankin,.....	2	6	
J. Rankin,.....	2	6	
J. McIntyre,.....	2	6	
J. Anderson,.....	2	6	
J. Campbell, Jr.,.....	3	9	
Mrs. Campbell,.....	5	0	
Margaret Scott,.....	2	6	
J. Taylor,.....	2	6	
D. Pretty,.....	2	6	
J. Mattie,.....	5	0	
J. Matthews,.....	2	6	
A. Erkin,.....	2	6	
C. Bremner,.....	2	6	
Sums under 1s. 3d.,.....	3	14	9

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PEMBROKE.

Rev. G. B. Bucher, ...	1	0	0
Collection,	2	5	2
	3	5	2

LANARK VILLAGE.

Collection at Missionary Meeting,	11	6	½
Collected by Mrs. M. Craig and M. A. Stead.			

Henry Lancashire,...	15	0	
William Robertson, ..	10	0	
A. G. Hall,	10	0	
Boyd Caldwell,.....	10	0	
Jno. Mair,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Moorhouse,.....	5	0	
Jno. Smith,.....	5	0	
Margaret Hannah,...	3	8	
James Hannah,.....	3	0	
Thos. Robertson,.....	2	6	
Thos. Baird,.....	2	6	
Wm. McInnis,.....	2	6	
Jno. Ralston,.....	2	6	
Catherine McDonald,.....	2	6	

	£	s.	d.
Margaret Maxwell,...	2	6	
Isabella Miller,.....	2	6	
Sarah Shiverton,.....	2	6	
Mr. Leach,.....	2	6	
Jno. James,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Boyle,.....	1	6	
Jno. Livingston,.....	1	3	
Small sums,.....	1	0	7½
	6	6	8

HOPETOWN.

Collection at Missionary Meeting,.....	1	11	1½
Collected by Mr. Geo. Gunn and Miss McIlraith.			

George Gunn,.....	7	6	
Andrew Baird,.....	5	0	
Angus McCallum,.....	5	0	
Wm. Caldwell,.....	5	0	
James Roberts,.....	5	0	
Waddle Anderson, ...	5	0	
Wm. Robertson, Jr.,...	2	6	
Thos. Robertson,.....	2	6	
Jane McCallum,.....	2	6	
Alex. McCallum,.....	2	6	
Edward Bald,.....	2	6	
James Horn,.....	2	6	
Jno. McIlraith,.....	2	6	
James Baird,.....	2	6	
E. & J. Rankin,.....	2	6	
Charles McIlraith,...	2	6	
Jane McIlraith,.....	2	6	
Euphemia McIlraith,...	2	6	
Andrew Robertson,...	2	6	
Small sums,	18	2½	
	5	14	4

BROCKVILLE.

Public Collection,.....	1	7	11
Rev. J. Frazer,.....	1	0	0
Geo. Chaffley,.....	1	0	0
Henry Freeland,.....	1	0	0
W. D. Dickenson,.....	1	0	0
Wm. Chaffley,.....	1	5	0
Robert Shepherd,.....	1	5	0
Mrs. Charles Jones,...	1	5	0
Mrs. J. P. Charles, ...	1	5	0
Wm. McMillan,.....	5	0	
James Hall,.....	5	0	
	10	17	11

CANADA EAST DISTRICT.

SHERBROOKE.

Collection (Lennoxville),.....	1	10	0
J. S. Sanborn,.....	1	0	0
Dr. Brooks,.....	1	0	0
F. Henderson,.....	5	0	
Dean,.....	2	6	
A. P. Ball,.....	10	0	
Wm. Ball,.....	5	0	
T. Loomis,.....	5	0	
Glasgow,.....	2	6	
Miss Rennie,.....	2	6	
West,.....	5	0	

S. B. Jenks,.....	5	0	
Js. Brown,.....	2	6	
G. Brooks,.....	5	0	
Mrs. Brooks,.....	5	0	
Bliss,.....	5	0	
J. S. Walton,.....	5	0	
Renick,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Cole,.....	5	0	
D. Weir,.....	5	0	
A. McLoud,.....	2	6	
Mrs. Arms,.....	5	0	
Capt. William,.....	2	6	
J. Drummond,.....	5	0	

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Jamison,	5	0	
Miss Long,	1	3	
S. Tuck,	5	0	
Mrs. Bryant,	2	6	
C. Candlist,	5	0	
John Marks,	5	0	
Robt. Somers,	2	6	
A. Bonallin,	2	6	
P. McLellan,	5	0	
Thos. Leslie,	5	0	
E. J. Brooks,	18	9	
Cash,	1	0	0
Wm. Brooks,	5	0	
Wm. Addie,			12 10 0

EATON.			
Collection and small sums,	1	4	7
Female Cent. Society,	17	6	
E. J. Sherrill,	5	0	
Mrs. Sherrill,	5	0	
E. A. & H. Sherrill,	3	6	
H. Wilkes Sherrill,	5	0	
A. H. Rodgers,	2	6	
Mrs. Rodgers,	2	6	
J. Foss and family,	15	0	
S. A. Hurd,	10	0	
M. Lebourveau,	2	6	
H. N. Hill and family,	3	9	
T. S. Morey,	5	0	
Mrs. Morey,	5	0	
Sammy Morey,	5	0	
Mrs. Wright,	2	6	
L. Hall and family,	5	0	
H. French and family,	10	0	
J. McNicol,	5	0	
E. H. Caswell,	2	6	
Mrs. Laberee,	2	6	
15 Subscriptions of 1s. 3d.,	18	9	
1 Subscription of 1s.,	1	0	
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MELBOURNE.			
Public Collection,	3	13	0

DURHAM.			
Collection in Church,	1	3	5
Collection at South Durham,	9	10	
Collection at West Durham,	5	2	
For last year paid since,	1	7	0
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DANVILLE.			
Public Collection,	2	18	0
Part of Coll. at Missy. Prayer Meeting,	1	0	0
			3 18 0

RUSSELLTOWN.			
Collection in Church,	1	3	3
Collection in Huntingdon,	8	2	
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GRANBY.			
Public Collection,	1	11	10

HAWKESBURY.			
	£	s.	d.
Collection at Hawkbury Village,	4	5	
Collection at Vankleeck's Hill,	7	10	
John Lamb,	1	0	0
E. Lamb,	5	0	
Kate Lamb,	5	0	
James Lamb,	5	0	
Wm. Lamb,	10	0	
Z. S. M. Hersey,	1	5	0
J. P. Wells, Esq.,	10	0	
E. A. Noble,	5	0	
Wm. McKillican,	5	0	
James McKillican,	5	0	
Mrs. J. McKillican,	2	6	
Christiana McKillican,	2	6	
Samuel McCann,	5	0	
George Hutchinson,	10	0	
Charles H. Tweed,	10	0	
David Young,	5	0	
R. Jackson,	2	6	
F. Clare,	2	6	
Peter Stirling,	2	6	
P. R. McLaurin,	5	0	
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MARTINTOWN.			
Peter Christie,	10	0	
Hugh Christie,	10	0	
Mrs. Black,	10	0	
Angus McDermid,	7	6	
Hugh McDermid,	7	6	
Rev. J. McKillican,	5	0	
Mrs. J. McKillican,	5	0	
Finlay McCallum,	5	0	
Malcolm McCallum,	5	0	
Duncan McDearmid,	5	0	
Roderick Smart,	5	0	
Donald McGregor,	5	0	
Mrs. Dr. Grant,	2	6	
Mrs. Doherty,	2	6	
Angus Christie,	2	6	
Two Contributions at 1s. 3d.,	2	6	
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ROXBOROUGH.			
John Christie,	5	0	
Duncan McCallum,	5	0	
Alexander McIntosh,	5	0	
Malcolm McDonald,	5	0	
Miss E. Batterfield,	5	0	
Eight donations of 1s. 3d.,	11	3	
Two do. of 7d.,			1 16 3

ATHOL, (19th Con. Indian Lands.)			
Donald Kennedy,	5	0	
Peter McDougall,	5	0	
Finlay Sinclair,	5	0	
Donald Sinclair,	5	0	
Wm. Kennedy,	5	0	
Alexander McEwen,	5	0	
Duncan McEwen,	5	0	
John McEwen,	5	0	
A. C. Sinclair,	5	0	

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	£	s.	d.
Thomas Munro,.....	5	0	
Thomas Bennet,.....	5	0	
Peter McNaughton,..	5	0	
Alex. McDougall,.....	5	0	
John Finlayson,.....	2	6	
8ms under 2s. 6d.,...	4	4	
Subscribers whose names are not found	8	0	
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ZION CHURCH, MONTREAL.			
W. R. H.,.....	10	0	0
J. P. Clarke,.....	6	5	0
S. & L.,.....	5	0	0
J. Baylis,.....	5	0	0
C. Alexander,.....	2	10	0
Richard Holland,....	2	10	0
Wm. McDougall,.....	2	10	0
C. Dunkin,.....	2	10	0
J. Birks,.....	2	10	0
David Lewis,.....	2	0	0
Henry Wilkes,.....	2	0	0
Sibley Forster,.....	1	5	0
Wm. Learmont,.....	1	5	0
T. M. Taylor,.....	1	5	0
F. Grafton,.....	1	5	0
Wm. Moodie,.....	1	5	0
George Winks,.....	1	5	0
Alfred Savage,.....	1	5	0
Henry Lyman,.....	1	5	0
Edward T. Taylor,....	1	5	0
Robert McDougall,...	1	5	0
William Rodden,.....	1	5	0
J. J. Day,.....	1	0	0
Mrs. Henry Lyman,...	1	0	0
Sarah McGowan,.....	1	0	0
Mrs. Dr. Fisher,.....	1	0	0
Wm. McDonough,...	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Robert Mills,.....	1	0	0
W. H. Clare,.....	1	0	0
F. Scholes,.....	1	0	0
J. Wood,.....	15	8	
S. J. L.,.....	15	0	
J. H. Howes,.....	15	0	
Henry Vennor,.....	15	0	
Mrs. Montgomerie,...	10	0	
J. McWaters,.....	10	0	
Alexander Arthur, ...	10	0	
J. D.,.....	10	0	
Wm. McWaters,.....	10	0	
G. R. Robertson,.....	10	0	
J. C. Beers,.....	7	6	
D. Aikman,.....	7	6	
Miss Barrett,.....	5	0	
J. H. Hurd,.....	5	0	
Miss Baylis,.....	5	0	
A. Stewart,.....	5	0	
B. Seath,.....	5	0	
Elizabeth McDougall,	5	0	
John McWaters, Jr.,	5	0	
T. M. Rodden,.....	5	0	
R. Anderson,.....	5	0	
J. Ritchie,.....	5	0	
Andrew Kirkpatrick,	5	0	
Ladies' Association,...	5	0	0
Sabbath School,.....	5	0	0
Half the Collections at Missionary Prayer Meeting, (other half to Foreign Mis- sions,.....	4	2	4
Three Contributions at 1s. 3d.,.....	3	9	
A Female Friend,.....	3	9	
Anonymous,.....	5	0	
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UNITED STATES.

J. Payson Williston, Esq., Northampton, Massachusetts, per S. Jones Lyman, Esq., of Montreal,.....	£57	12	3
The Society for the Propagation of the gospel among the Indians and others in North America, Boston, for the Indian Mission at Colpoys Bay,.....	62	10	0

* Several contributions from Zion Church were handed to the Treasurer after the accounts were closed. They will appear next year.

Dr. The Canadian Congregational Missionary Society in account with the Secretary-Treasurer. Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To grants to ten missionary pastors in the WESTERN DISTRICT,	395	0	0	By contributions received from Churches in WESTERN DISTRICT, (see lists)	153	8	8
To grants to eleven missionary pastors in the MIDDLE DISTRICT,	495	15	0	By contributions received from Churches in MIDDLE DISTRICT, (see lists)	176	6	4
To paid salaries of missionary, ordained native evangelist, and two others, £150 0 0				By contributions received from Churches in EASTERN DISTRICT, (see lists)	61	11	0
Arrears of missionary's salary during first two years,	62	10	0	By contributions received from Churches in CANADA EAST DISTRICT, (see lists)	141	9	2
To grants to six missionary pastors in the EASTERN DISTRICT,	299	0	0	By donation from J. P. Williston, Esq., of Northampton, Massachusetts, per S. Jones Lyman, Esq., Montreal,	57	12	3
To grants to twelve missionary pastors and one student in the CANADA EAST DISTRICT,	467	2	6	By grant of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel among the Indians, &c., in North America, Boston, for Indian mission at Colpoys Bay,	62	10	0
To expenses of various deputations for the collection of funds, and attending missionary meetings, advertising, hand bills, &c.,	27	2	0	By proceeds of Bills of Exchange on the Colonial Missionary Society, London,	1270	13	4
To postages, stationery, telegraph and other miscellaneous charges,	5	2	6				
To printing annual report in London and Montreal,	17	13	9				
To paid two claims against late C. West Society,	4	5	0				
	£1923	10	9				
				Montreal, 31st July 1855.	£1923	10	9

We have examined the accounts of which the above is an abstract, and find the same correct.

HENRY WILKES, Secretary-Treasurer.

ALFRED SAVAGE, } Auditors appointed by the
J. F. CLARK, } Congregational Union of Canada.