

THE BUDGET.

The Conveners of the several Boards and Committees having respectively presented their estimates of expenditure for the current year, we are now in a position to judge of the magnitude and importance of the work to which the Church is committed. Mr. McLaren asks \$25,000 for Foreign Missions undertaken by the western section of the Church, and Mr. McGregor, \$12,726 for those under the direction of the eastern section—i. e. \$37,726 is wanted for Foreign Missions. For Home Missions, Dr. Cochrane, on behalf of the western section asks for \$35,000: the eastern section may require say \$8000, making \$43,000 for Home Missions proper. This amount is understood to cover supplementary grants to congregations requiring assistance and to the College in Manitoba. Dr. McVicar pleads for \$10,000 for French Evangelization. The amount required for Home and Foreign Missions is therefore \$90,726 for the ecclesiastical year. If to this be added \$28,000 for the maintenance of four theological colleges, we reach the sum total of \$118,726—a fairly respectable amount to begin with. But it is nothing to boast of, much less to cause discouragement. It is not by any means to be regarded as coming up to the "mark" of our ability. Those who at the first blush may be disposed to regard this sum as a burden too heavy for young shoulders to bear, underestimate the resources and capabilities of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. We are spending a million of dollars a year, and nine-tenths of that amount goes for the support of *our own* Ministers, for the erection of commodious, comfortable, and, in some instances, magnificent churches *for ourselves*. When all shall be found acting in accordance with "the golden rule,"

congregations of average ability will be found giving at least as much for the spread of religion in this and other lands as they contribute for their own congregational purposes.

But, in the mean time, if it be the day of small things with us, by all means let us make the most of it, and the best of it. If information is withheld from the people as to the wants of the Church, and as to what is done with money already contributed, the fault lies at somebody's door. If this information is supplied in a perfunctory manner by simply reading a convener's circular from the pulpit, the fault lies at somebody's door. If the benefactions of a congregation are made dependent upon a "collection to be taken" on a given day,—let it rain or shine—again the fault lies at somebody's door. There must be enthusiasm in the pulpit before there will be much enthusiasm in the pew. There must be a systematic plan of operations, so thoroughly worked out as that every individual member of a church shall, in relation to its finances, be of *some account*. Our Philadelphian namesake says truly that the church needs more MOMENTUM. "One half the professed Christians," it goes on to say, "amount to nothing. They go to church. They pay pew rents. They have a kind regard for all religious institutions. But as to any firm grip of the truth, any enthusiastic service for Christ, any cheerful self-denial, any overmastering prayer, any capacity to strike hard blows for God, they are a failure. One of two things these half-and-half professors ought to do—either withdraw their names from the church-roll, or else go so near the fire as to get warm. Do you not know that your present position is an absurdity? You profess to be living for God and heaven, but all the world knows you are

lying. Wake up! Do something before you are dead. Either help to pull the Lord's chariot, or get out of the way."

MISSIONARY MEETINGS will be in order at this season. Every congregation is the better of having at least one good rousing meeting in the course of the year. It would be still better if they had one every month. These afford excellent opportunities for circulating information respecting all the schemes of the Church, and keeping up the *esprit de corps* that is so much needed. It is for the office-bearers in congregations to see that they are turned to the best possible account. Good speaking usually draws out good audiences, and there is a power in numbers. On such occasions the main thing is to impart to the people an intelligent understanding of the requirements of the Church and to suggest the best means for each congregation overtaking its proper share of the work to be done. There is no greater mistake than to plead "the peculiar circumstances" of any congregation as a reason why they should be "excused." All experience confirms the truth of the maxim, "give and it shall be given unto you." A hearty and generous support of our Missions, Home and Foreign, is the best evidence that can be given that we appreciate our own advantages, and is also the best means of infusing life and activity into congregations that are ready to die out for want of something to do.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—We have reason to believe that the first week of this year was observed very generally by the Christian community throughout the Dominion. So far from any diminution of interest being noticeable, it seems to commend itself more and more as a most becoming and reasonable mode of ushering in the New Year, as it certainly is a fitting time to call to remembrance the many blessings we have received as individuals and churches, and to renew our allegiance to Him whom we profess to serve by fresh resolutions of consecration to His cause. Had the Evangelical Alliance done nothing more than substitute

this now world-wide week of prayer, their efforts had not been in vain.

A HYMNAL for the use of congregations in public worship is one of the immediate and important wants of the Church. At the present time we have a multiplicity of collections of psalms and hymns and spiritual songs from which it would seem to be an easy matter to make a judicious selection, and it would for many reasons be desirable to attain as much uniformity in regard to the service of praise as possible, at all events that one collection should receive the imprimatur of the Assembly and be recommended for general adoption. The *Presbyterian* of Philadelphia, naturally thinks that we might with advantage avail ourselves of the "Presbyterian Hymnal" prepared by a committee of the General Assembly of the United States, of which Dr. Duryea is understood to be the leading spirit, but it is more likely that our own General Assembly will take the earliest possible opportunity of appointing a committee to attend to the matter. We have among us men well qualified for this duty, and who will be glad to avail themselves of the experience acquired by other churches.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.—We invite particular attention to the statement of the Rev. Dr. McVicar respecting the work and the requirements of the committee under his management. In so far as Montreal is concerned, we have seen and can testify of the great work that is being done in this city, and there is reason to look for results in the not very distant future that will surpass the most sanguine expectations of to-day. Dr. McVicar believes that the means will be forthcoming for the prosecution of this work, if not from the people of Canada, from the *Ministers of the Gospel*. And he has grounds for such a belief in the contributions of not a few "poor ministers," who have already contributed willingly for this cause. Let every congregation take note of this, and let the whole church arise and roll away the reproach that lies at the door.

GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL. Preparations are being made for the first meeting of the Council, to commence at Edinburgh on the 14th July next. Our attention has been directed to a circular issued by Dr. W. G. Blaikie of Edinburgh, requesting the conveners of Local Committees to take steps for explaining the objects of the Council, and calling forth an interest in it in their respective localities. It is important that our Church be well represented at the meeting. Dr. Snodgrass of Kingston is convener of the Canadian Committee, and will be glad to receive suggestions from any of the brethren in relation thereto. The principal points on which he would like to have information are, (1) the suggesting of the names of ministers or elders who might be nominated by the General Assembly as representative members, and (2) the names of gentlemen who may be asked to write or speak on some branch or branches of the topics proposed for discussion. It is obviously important that this should be done as soon as possible. The subjects provisionally agreed upon for consideration are as follows,—

1. PRESBYTERIANISM.—Its Spiritual authority and principles—History, Statistics, and present condition of the Presbyterian Churches—Harmony of their Confessions, etc.
2. PRESBYTERIAN ORGANISATION AND MACHINERY.—Its Adaptation to work of the Church at Home.
3. ADAPTATION TO FOREIGN WORK.—Evangelization of the World.
4. ADAPTATION TO PROMOTE SPIRITUAL LIFE.—(Including the Family, the Sabbath, Instruction of the Young, Revival, etc.)
5. ANTAGONISTIC FORCES.—(Scepticism and Popery—Intemperance and other Social Evils.)
6. EDUCATIONAL AND LITERARY APPLIANCES.—Training of the Ministry, etc.—Theological and Popular Literature—Use of the Press.

It is expected that all Deputies will be entertained at Edinburgh free of charge, and that the Committee will be prepared to pay the travelling expenses of continental members, and of others whose presence they may specially invite. Con-

tributions towards the Expense Fund will be received by Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, Queen's College, Kingston, Ont.

OUR OWN CHURCH.

INDICATIONS. The Rev. Mr. Baikie, to Port Stanley, on the 28th December. Rev. J. Allister Murray, formerly of Lindsay, to St. Andrew's Church, London, Ont., on the 29th December. Rev. Adam McKay, late of Cape Breton, to Knox Church, Ripley, on 30th November.

The Rev. Charles J. Cameron, for some time a missionary in India, and afterwards in Australia, since his arrival in this country, has been the best "called" minister in the Dominion. His name has been published in connection with places too numerous to mention. The *last call* is reported to have emanated from the newly organized congregation at New Edinburgh, a suburb of Ottawa. We trust that this time, the answer will be, "here am I," and that a successful pastorate will result.

If the times are hard, and the weather "variable," it is a subject of common remark that an unusual number of our ministers are coming out this winter in costly and comfortable fur coats. Enquiry as to how it has come about invariably elicits the explanation,—“a gift from the ladies of the congregation.” Rev. Mr. Baxter, of Stanley St. Church, and Rev. Robt. Laing, Assistant minister of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, Rev. John S. Lochead, of Elgin, and Rev. P. S. Livingstone, of Russeltown, have to our own knowledge been treated in this way by the ladies of their respective congregations.

SOIREES and "socials" and surprise parties, and Literary entertainments with the usual accompaniments, and time-honoured "donation parties," are rife just now. In number and variety they exceed our powers of enumeration. We find many of our contemporaries deprecating the tendency to overdo this sort

of thing, and we cannot deny that there is force in their arguments. But, if it is useless sometimes to attempt to stem the torrent, it is always wise to try and direct it into useful channels.

By such means it cannot be doubted that the members of congregations have become better acquainted with each other, and in many cases increased interest in the affairs of the Church at large have followed. We always feel disposed to rejoice with those that rejoice, trusting to the good taste of ministers and office-bearers that on these occasions every thing will be done decently, and in harmony with the place in which such meetings are held, and the purpose they are intended to serve.

A friend requests us to notice a happy Christmas-tree gathering in the Church of Finch, but really we don't know what should be said about it, except that "a good choir and organ discoursed sweet music, and that the proceeds *in cash* amounted to \$30." We feel sure, however, there must have been attractions of another kind also, and some seed was doubtless sown that will yield fruit many days hence. Our correspondent adds that there are very few "*antis*" in that part of the country.

The congregation of L'Original and Hawkesbury appear to be on the best of terms with their minister, Mr. Fairlie, and determined to make him feel at home in this, to him, new land. The ladies have provided him with a fur coat, and other gifts, in money and money's worth, have been showered upon him.

From the Rev. Archibald Brown, of Lyn and Yonge, we had the honour of receiving the first order for 100 copies of the *Presbyterian Record*. A few days afterwards Mr. Brown received from the last named branch of his congregation, the present of a very handsome double-seated sleigh, worth \$75. The very same results might not follow in every instance, but some other ministers might do worse than try the experiment.

At an entertainment given by the ladies of the congregation at Uxbridge, the Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., the past-

received from the members of his Bible class, a very kind address, accompanied by a more substantial token of esteem in the shape of a well-filled purse.

The Rev. J. W. Smith, of Vernonville, has also received from his congregation, seasonable and useful gifts—harness, sleigh robes, fur mitts, &c. Mrs. Smith was at the same time presented with a sum of money.

At Metis, Quebec, the usual thanksgiving meeting was held in the Manse, on New Year's Day, when rewards were given to fifteen young persons for proficiency in Scripture knowledge. A report was read of the distribution of their missionary funds, part of which had been given to Miss McPherson's work, and part had been devoted to the Assembly's Mission in China. The Manse parlour was beautifully decorated for this occasion, and a very instructive and interesting gathering was brought to its close by singing the National Anthem. The night before, the Rev. T. Fenwick, the pastor, was presented with a beautiful fur coat by a few friends—partly members of his congregation, and partly summer visitors.

NEW CHURCHES.—A new Church was opened for worship, at Centre Bruce, on 29th December. It is seated for 400. The Services were largely attended. This Church and the one at Underwood, form one charge under the pastoral care of Rev. George MacLennan. A successful soiree was held on the following evening, when interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by a number of neighbouring ministers to a large and appreciative audience. Another new church was recently opened at Appleton, in the Township of Ramsay, by the Rev. T. G. Smith, of Kingston, who preached two appropriate discourses to crowded congregations. The congregation of this place forms part of Mr. Bennett's charge in connection with Almonte. At last communion dispensed in Almonte, we learn that twenty-six new members were admitted, five of whom were baptized, and one had been a Roman Catholic.

A third Church was publicly opened

for Divine Service at Honeywood, in the Township of Mulmur, on the 12th December, when Professor McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto, preached to large audiences. The Church is a very comfortable and well finished one, seated for 350 persons. The report of the Secretary, read at the close of a successful soiree held on the following evening, shewed that a sufficient amount had been subscribed to free the building entirely from debt. The members and adherents of the Church at this place, are to be congratulated on the happy results attending their efforts, and on the harmony which has marked all their proceedings in connection with the good work. St. Andrew's Church, Perth, was re-opened on a recent Sabbath, by Principal Snodgrass. A thousand dollars have been expended in repairs and embellishments, which have greatly increased the comfort and improved the appearance of the Kirk.

After providing for its own "running expenses," we are pleased to notice that the Rev. John M. King's congregation, Gould St., Toronto, contributed last year for educational and missionary purposes, the goodly sum of \$3442, of which \$728 went for Home Missions, \$250 for Foreign Missions, and \$60 for French Evangelization. The amount will be further largely increased by the contributions of the Sabbath Schools, connected with the congregation. We hope this commendable example will be imitated by many others.

THE FIFTEENTH OF DECEMBER, the date fixed by the Ontario Union Act for congregations voting themselves out of the Union, if they desired so to do, has come and gone, without any further diminution of our numbers than we were quite prepared for. Two or three congregations in Glengarry have, it is said, resolved to retain their connection with the Church of Scotland *for the present*. The congregation of Thorah with its minister, Rev. David Watson, were unanimous in their resolution to remain as they were. St. James' Church, London, and Bayfield, appear to have been

pretty equally divided on the question, the legality of proceedings in both cases having been appealed. Besides these we do not know of any others that have gone out of the Union in Ontario.

A formal protest against the Union was served upon the Rev. Dr. Bain, of Perth, his session and trustees, which we regret chiefly because we have it on good authority, that a large number of the names attached to it, were obtained by misrepresentation and want of information of the nature of its contents. Many who signed it now heartily wish their names were off it again.

In the Province of Quebec, St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, as yet enjoys the distinction of being the only congregation that has manifested any desire to go out of the Union. In the meantime they have thrown us off a good swarm. This portion of the congregation has been holding regular services in the Natural History Rooms, Montreal, with an average attendance of between two and three hundred.

A Sabbath School, under the Superintendence of Mr. John L. Morris, with 25 teachers, has been organized, and the number on the roll is now over 100. Young Men's and Young Women's Associations have also been formed. The first, Mr. A. T. Drummond, President, numbers over 50 on its roll, and the second has a membership of over 30.

The first social entertainment of this new Union Congregation was held on the 12th ult., Rev. J. C. Murray, L.L.D. presiding, and was very largely attended.

In regard to the rumour of the "\$100,000 Cathedral," that has been filling the air, we do not profess to know anything, but we have good authority for stating that it is proposed to effect an amalgamation with that portion of the Côté St. Congregation, which has decided to erect a new Church in the Western part of the city.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

QUEBEC. The last stated meeting of this Court was held in Morrin College, Quebec.

We have to thank Rev. Mr. MacKenzie, Clerk, for the following items of business transacted:—

The deputation appointed to visit the congregations and stations in the Valley of the St. Francis, severally reported that they had fulfilled that duty to the best of their ability. It was stated, in reference to Lake Megantic, that the station consisted of 70 families, mostly from the Island of Lewis, Scotland. They have built a nice new Church and paid for it, and for supply of preaching, without any extraneous aid. At Hampton, the station was found to consist of 81 families in a somewhat disorganized and unsatisfactory condition. At Winslow, also, matters were not so prosperous as was desirable. There was a large amount of arrears owing the minister. At Lingwick, a similar cause appeared to be retarding the prosperity of the congregation. Windsor Mills was reported to be in a healthier condition, under the care of Mr Pringle, a student of Queen's College, Kingston. In Melbourne and Richmond and the adjoining stations, it appeared to be necessary to their efficient working to have a complete rearrangement, which it is hoped may be effected ere long. At Dunwich, the cause was being maintained very efficiently, but the field is a limited one, and therefore, the prospects of increase are not great. The Rev. W. B. Clark reported that he had not yet been able to visit the mission station at Kennebec, but would do so as soon as possible.

The Presbytery decerned in terms of the report, thanked the deputation for their diligence in discharge of their duties, and instructed the Clerk to communicate with the several stations, and convey to them the counsel and advice of the Presbytery, adapted to their respective circumstances. There was read a letter from Rev. T. Fenwick, ordained missionary at Metis, giving an account of the state of matters there, which was made the subject of a special recommendation by the Presbytery.

MONTREAL. The quarterly meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on the 11th and 12th ultimo. There was a fair attendance of members. A petition was received from Valleyfield, praying the Presbytery to take steps to separate that charge from St. Louis de Gonzague. It is understood that matters are ripe for a union of all the Presbyterians in the last named place, and there is every prospect of a speedy settlement of a minister, and that a large and harmonious congregation will take the place of two formerly rival stations. Mr. Young reported the sale, upon advan-

tageous terms, of the Church property formerly belonging to the Canada Presbyterian Church at Ormstown, another substantial trophy of the Union, and part of the price was laid, if not "at the Apostles' feet," at least on the table of Presbytery.

The report of the Home Mission Committee presented by the Rev. R. Campbell, was very suggestive and practical, and occupied the attention of the Court for a length of time. It proposed the immediate formation of a large and influential Presbyterian Church Society in Montreal, the object of which is to secure the active cooperation of the laity in promoting Church extension, the establishment of Sabbath Schools in the city and neighbourhood, and generally, advancing the interests of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A petition was read from members of Free Church Coté Street congregation, asking for leave to sell their Church, with a view to the erection of another in a different part of the city. Parties having been heard on both sides, a long and lively discussion followed, and eventually, we record it with thankfulness, a decision was come to which met the entire approbation of all parties, to this effect,—that the prayer of the petition be granted, coupled with the condition that a first charge on the proceeds of the sale shall be the payment of \$10,000 to the minority of the congregation who do not wish to follow the majority in their migration westward. It being stipulated that to entitle them to this amount, the minority shall consist of not less than 100 members in full communion, who may either constitute themselves a separate congregation or unite with any of the existing Churches East of Bleury Street, in which latter case, the amount will be divided between such congregations in proportion to the number of members who may join them.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Erskine Church, on the evening of the day appointed for the meeting of the Presbytery, when the Church Society above referred to, was inaugurated by the appointment of office-bearers, Mr. John L. Morris being chosen President, and Rev. Robt. Laing, Vice-President. The other officers elected were a Secretary and Treasurer, and a board of twenty Directors.

BROCKVILLE. This Presbytery held its last meeting on the 21st December. The principal business was the hearing of Mr. Dey's trials and the appointment of his ordination and induction—which was fixed to take place at Spencerville, 5th January.

There was also laid on the table of the Presbytery, a call from Morrisburgh to Mr.

John C. Casey, probationer, signed by all the members and adherents of the church there, and accompanied with a very liberal subscription for stipend.

LINDSAY. A meeting of this Presbytery was held at Woodville, on the 30th Nov. Communications from the Sydney Presbytery, Cape Breton, were read, intimating that the Rev. Mr. McDougall declined the call from Cambray and Fenelon, owing to destitution in the Presbytery of which he is now a member. The Presbytery agreed to assist Rev. J. T. Paul in supporting Carden station till the 1st of March. The Presbytery decided to appoint a deputation, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Murray, Marshall and Campbell, and Mr. J. C. Gilchrist, elder, to make a tour through its entire missionary field, for the purpose of infusing fresh vigour, reorganizing Boards of managers, and effecting whatever changes they might deem necessary, and then proceeded to draft a scheme for holding missionary meetings throughout the winter season.

TORONTO.—The meeting of this Court on 7th Dec. was largely attended by members and representatives from congregations and Mission stations interested in the proposed changes in the arrangements for those congregations and stations. With scarcely an exception the spirit evinced was good and christian-like. It was agreed that the Presbytery having observed with great satisfaction the general disposition on the part of both ministers and people to fall in with the contemplated arrangements, but having also ascertained that difficulties still presented themselves in three localities, appoint Revs. Messrs. Alex. MacDonnell, Cameron, Carmichael of King, Smith and J. M. King, *Cowener*, to visit these points, and in the event of their obtaining the concurrence of the ministers of these places, to cite parties to appear for their own interests at next meeting of the Presbytery. It was reported that 191 persons had joined the Church Extension Society for the city of Toronto, and subscriptions to the amount of \$340 had been received to its funds.

Principal Caven, on behalf of the resident students of Knox College, asked the sanction of the Presbytery for the establishment of a regular Sabbath evening service to be held in the College Chapel during the Session. The Presbytery expressed its cordial concurrence in the proposal. A plan for holding missionary meetings throughout the bounds was adopted. The deputies at those meetings will give information regarding the Union of the Churches and its various Missionary operations, agreeably to the resolution of the General Assembly.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—At a special meeting of this Presbytery on the 6th inst., Mr. McKee tendered his resignation of the charge of First Essex and Carlisle, wholly with the view of completing arrangements formerly made by the Presbytery for the re-adjustment of congregations. The resignation was accepted, and the Presbytery passed a resolution recording "their high appreciation and cordial commendation of the conduct of Mr. McKee in tendering the resignation of his present charge without solicitation, for the sole purpose of enabling the Presbytery to re-arrange in a better form the congregations adjacent to said charge."

OWEN SOUND. This Presbytery met in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, on the 21st December last. A large amount of business was transacted but not of much public importance. The following items, however, may be noticed. The congregations of Kilsyth and Derby were united and erected into a pastoral charge; and the moderator of the session of the united charge was authorised to moderate in a call there before the next meeting of Presbytery, should the congregation desire it. The Presbytery arranged for a series of missionary meetings to be held throughout the bounds during the present month.

SAUGEEN. This Presbytery met at Mount Forest, on 14th and 15th December.

Mr. MacNeil's resignation of the charge of St. Andrew's Church congregation, Mount Forest, was accepted, and a committee appointed to draft a minute expressive of the Presbytery's regard for Mr. MacNeil and report at next meeting.

Appointments were made for the moderation of a call in Knox Church, Harrington and Cotswold united congregation, and in that of Osprey.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at next meeting he would move an overture to the Synod for the appointment of a mission to the Jews.

PARIS. Presbytery met on 14th December, in Knox Church, Ingersoll.

The clerk read extract minutes of the Presbytery of Hamilton, agreeing to the translation of the Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Ancaster, to Dumfries Street Church, and arrangements were made for his induction on 29th December.

A unanimous call to the Rev. John McEwan, late of Pembroke, was laid on the table from Erskine Church, Ingersoll, and sustained. Mr. McEwan having intimated his acceptance, his induction was fixed for Thursday, 30th December.

Mr. Dunbar, Dr. Cochrane, and Mr. Barr, elder, were appointed to take legal advice in reference to the property formerly be-

longing to the Church of Scotland in Woodstock, and report at an early meeting,

The Rev. Dr. Kemp, principal of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Brantford, was on certificate from the Presbytery of Peoria, U. S., received as a minister of the church.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare a petition on Sabbath observance, and transmit it in the name of Presbytery, duly signed by the Moderator, to the Dominion Parliament.

LONDON. The court met in 1st Presbyterian church, London, on the 14th December last. The first business taken up was the resignation of St. Thomas congregation by the Rev. George Cuthbertson. Commissioners from the congregation were heard, and a petition read asking their minister to withdraw his resignation. Mr. Cuthbertson, however, still adhering to his resignation, the Presbytery agreed to accept the same, while expressing their deep regret in the matter. By a unanimous vote, Mr. C. was continued the clerk of Presbytery.

The meeting was largely taken up with questions arising out of opposition to the Union on the part of certain members of St. James' Church, London, and the consideration of a request made by the Kirk-Session to have the vote taken over again in consequence of irregularities in former proceedings. Mr. Cowan appeared for the Session and detailed the circumstances which led to the request. He then asked the Presbytery to declare that the church continues rightfully in the Union. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. Thompson:

"That according to the information laid on the Presbytery's table, showing that opportunity was afforded to St. James' congregation to rectify the result of the vote on union, which was declared by this Presbytery illegal, and by such motion thus leaving the congregation of St. James' within the Union, the Presbytery recognise the minister and congregation of St. James' as within the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and under the oversight of this Presbytery."

The motion was carried with only one dissentient—Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Westminster, who had previously moved, as an amendment, that the Presbytery take no action in the matter.

A scheme for the holding of missionary meetings was submitted, and ordered to be printed and circulated.

CHATHAM. The last stated meeting was held at Chatham, on 28th December.

An application from Rev. Samuel Houston, of Monroe Presb., Michigan, to be received as a minister of the church, was laid on the table. Mr. Houston was asked to appear personally at next meeting. The Presbytery re-affirmed their finding, and granted prayer of petition for organization from Township of Chatham. Mr. J. Rannie dissented, and complained to Synod of Hamilton and London. Steps were taken to organize 20 families in Anderson Township into a congregation. A church is being erected and services held by the minister of Amherstburgh.

Twenty-six families in Harwich Township petitioned for regular services in connection with Blenheim. The petition was granted *ad interim*, and all interested parties cited to appear at next meeting.

STRATFORD. At last ordinary meeting of this Court, there were present 13 ministers and 6 elders. Mr. McPherson reported that he had preached at N. Easthope, and declared the charge vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Daniel Allan. The Presbytery, in releasing Mr. Allan from his charge, placed on record a minute expressing in the kindest terms their sense of the faithful and most valuable services of their brother, who had been, for the long period of 40 years, a pastor in this section of country, and assuring him of their deep interest in his welfare, and of their earnest prayer that when the last earthly tie is loosed, he may receive the welcome from the Master's lips. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Mr. Hamilton, on behalf of a Committee appointed to visit Molesworth and Listowell, reported that although these congregations do not desire to be separated, yet, in the interests of the Church, they were prepared to acquiesce in the re-arrangement proposed.

MANITOBA. The last regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox church, Winnipeg, on the 10th December; *Sederunt*, Mr. Black, Moderator, Mr. Robertson, Clerk; Messrs. Bell, Glendinning and Matheson; Revs. Professors Bryce and Hart. Mr. Sutherland, M. P. P., presented his commission as elder from Kildonan, and his name was added to the roll. The chief business transacted had reference to the Home Missionary operations of the Presbytery, which extend to a large number of widely separated stations.

Prof. Bryce read a paper on common school education in this Province. After discussion, a committee was appointed to collect information with reference to the present system in the Province; to consider what changes may be advisable; and

to report fully to the Presbytery as soon as practicable.

The evening sederunt was occupied with a discussion on the report of a committee on Sabbath observance. On motion of Mr. Sutherland, application was made to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, for an additional minister for this Province. On the succeeding evening, a missionary meeting was held in the church. Lieutenant Governor Morris occupied the chair, and led off the speeches with an able address, in which some happy references were made to the Union of the Churches in this country and elsewhere. After sketching the progress of missions at home and abroad, he directed the attention of his audience to the wants of their own mission fields, and urged upon all the duty of lending a helping hand. The Rev. George Young followed up the subject with an eloquent speech. Mr. Robertson read a statement, showing that last year the amount subscribed was as follows:—Winnipeg, \$3,158.59, Kildonan \$1,199.52. The other missionary stations had raised for missionary purposes \$1,713.25 making in all \$6,066.13. This year the mission stations had raised almost double what they did last year. The average of last year's subscription was \$11 per family, being larger than that of any other Presbytery except that of Montreal, where the average is \$12.79. The whole amount expended in this section during the past year exceeded \$12,000.

After a few remarks from Mr. McMicken, a liberal collection was taken up, the choir sang another anthem, and the meeting was closed.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Mr. Adam Gunn has accepted a call to Gore and Kennetcook in the Presbytery of Halifax; and Mr. E. S. Bayne, son of Dr. Bayne of Pictou, has accepted a call to Murray Harbour, in P. E. Island.

St. Paul's Congregation, East Branch, East River of Pictou, have unanimously agreed to call the Rev. William McMillan, of Saltsprings, to be their pastor, but "it takes two to make a bargain."

Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, N. B. has given a unanimous call to the Rev. W. Richardson, of Ontario, who preached here on two Sabbaths a short time since, with great acceptance. We hope to hear of his induction shortly.

The Rev. Thomas Talloch was in-

ducted to the pastoral charge of Amherst, by the Presbytery of Wallace, on 21st December last. The settlement is a unanimous and cordial one, and the young minister begins his pastorate with most encouraging prospects of usefulness and success.

PRESENTATIONS to the clergy are not confined to the Upper Provinces. Seeing that the wise men of the East approve of this sort of thing, we may be sure that it is a right thing to do, as occasion offers. The Rev. James Bennet, of St. John's Church, St. John, received on New Year's Day an address from his congregation and S. School Teachers, accompanied by a purse of \$100; and the Rev. D. McRae, of St. Stephen's Church, in the same city, was in like manner the recipient of a similar amount. Dr. Waters also received a very handsome present from the members of his Bible Class. In replying to the address which accompanied the gift, the Dr. emphatically declared that he considered no part of his work to be more important than that of the Bible Class, and there was none in which he took greater pleasure. The Rev. James Gray and wife were visited by a number of friends at the Manse of Sussex, N. B., on Christmas Eve, and agreeably surprised by the presentation of a handsome time-piece. We notice also that the ladies of the congregation of Buctouche and Shediac have presented the Kirk-Session with a valuable Communion Service.

The Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, of St. Croix, was recently visited by a large "Donation party" who, after an agreeable evening, departed, leaving a well-stocked pantry and other tokens of attachment. The minister's better half also received the good wishes of the party along with a purse of money. The Rev. Mr. Farquharson, too, on the occasion of his departure from Glace Bay, to accept a call from St. Andrew's church, Sydney, was presented with a well filled purse and a very kind farewell address, from a people who sincerely lament his leaving them.

A very interesting and successful

Christmas Social entertainment seems to have been held by the people of Rev. J. F. Forbes' congregation, Union Centre, together with friends from the neighbouring churches, who, to the number of three or four hundred, together sat down to a bountiful tea provided for the occasion, after doing ample justice to which, an intellectual treat began in the shape of short and suitable addresses, interspersed with excellent vocal and instrumental music. All were delighted with the entertainment. After defraying all expenses, there remained over \$180 towards liquidating a small debt on the manse.

THE THEOLOGICAL HALL at Halifax has fifteen students in attendance this session. Rev. Professor Pollok has had a sharp attack of sickness, but is now convalescent.

The Presbytery of Pictou, in connection with the Church of Scotland, have appointed a committee consisting of Revs. Messrs. McCunn, McMillan, and Coull, to enquire regarding the cost of printing a "Record" in the interests of their own "connection." Job has something to say about people rushing into print, but it does not apply in this case, for we are not "*enemies*," and, by the grace of God, never will be, of these brethren.

A FRUITFUL HARVEST.

We insert with pleasure the following communication from a lay member of John Knox Church, New Glasgow, N. S. If there is any other congregation in this Dominion, or even in old Scotia, that can give a better account of themselves for a similar period we should like to hear from them. ED.

During the pastorate of the Rev. John Stewart, of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, for 33 years, from 1838 to 1871, first in St. Andrew's Church, and latterly and for a more lengthened period in John Knox Church, fifteen young men devoted themselves to the work of the ministry in the Presbyterian Church. Of these, *eleven* are now occupying positions of usefulness and power in the Master's Vineyard. *Three* were suddenly cut down while

prosecuting their studies preparatory to their life's work, and one has fallen asleep after a period of active service in the Church. Of the eleven who consecrated themselves to the service of the Church, the following is their present position in the extensive vineyard of their Lord:—

From St. Andrew's Church issued Rev. George M. Grant, pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, Rev. Charles M. Grant, now pastor at Partick, near Glasgow, Scotland: Rev. Simon McGregor, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, British Columbia; Rev. John Campbell, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax.

From John Knox Church issued, Rev. George Sutherland, now in Australia; Rev. John Sutherland, Pastor of St. Croix and Ellerhouse, Hants Co., N. S.; Rev. Thomas Cumming, Pastor of Sharon Church, Stellarton, N. S.; Rev. Robert Cumming, Pastor of Glenelg, Caledonia, &c., N. S.; Rev. John Morton, Missionary at Trinidad; Rev. Simon Fraser, United States; Rev. Alexander McKay, (deceased); Rev. John Lamont, now retired from active work.

We may add that during Mr. Stewart's pastorate, the congregation of John Knox Church has contributed to the building up of three congregations around it; that this congregation could neither boast of wealth, power, nor "great men," as others could, and when we consider also the struggles and trials it has undergone since its formation, such facts as are mentioned above lead us to believe that the blessing of God attended the congregation from first to last; and that His favour and protection were extended to it during the period of Mr. Stewart's ministry. Would that every congregation in the Church could make a similar exhibit, and then the Church should not have to complain of the dearth of young men for the work of the ministry."

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Christmas Eve was observed with all the honours by the Sabbath School children connected with the congregation at

Farnham Centre, Que., and the minister, Mr. McFarlane, was made sensible of the affectionate regards of his people, by receiving from them an address accompanied by a handsome sum of money.

The Sabbath Schools in connection with St. Andrew's church, Kingston, celebrated Christmas Day by a special Church Service, conducted by the Rev. Professor Mowat, in the unavoidable absence of the Pastor, Rev. T. G. Smith.

Chalmers' Church Sabbath School, Montreal, held its third annual festival in December, with great éclat, and the best feature about it, was the statement in the report that \$220 had been collected for missionary purposes, and distributed amongst different missions at home and abroad.

And this reference to Montreal reminds us of other large and flourishing Sabbath Schools in this city, which, like that of Chalmers' Church, themselves began, as feeble mission schools, only a few years ago, and which have given rise to prosperous and well organized congregations. Such are the St. Joseph Street Church and School, St. Mathew's and St. Mark's, and Nazareth St., while others are following their example and keeping up the succession. Let us not despise the day of small things, nor let us think lightly of our Sabbath Schools which have done so much already for the Church, and which with the blessing of God, will yet do much more for it. One of the most hopeful symptoms of the progress of French Mission work in Montreal at this moment, is the establishment of a Sabbath School, in connection with the Services at Russell Hall, under the superintendence of Professor Campbell, which has already on its roll the names of over 120 children of French parents, the greater part of whom are recent converts from Romanism.

In this connection it may be stated that the Sabbath School Associations of Montreal, connected with the churches that existed before the union, have made their arrangements for an amalgamation, by which their usefulness will be greatly

increased. In Toronto and other important centres, the same process is no doubt going on, although so quietly that we do not hear very much about it, but all that we do hear and know as to the success of Sunday School work, is calculated to encourage every teacher and superintendent, to diligence and perseverance, and *faith*, in the good work which they have in hand.

Among the wants of the Sabbath School, and which we hope may be soon supplied, may be named that of a Hymnal suitable for general use throughout the Church. In cities and towns, where each Congregation can afford to print its own hymn-book, the need is less apparent, but in many a country school, a good collection of Hymns, supplied at a cheap rate, would be regarded as a great boon.

THE SAVIOUR'S INVITATION.

TO THE YOUNG.

To the tune— Hold the Fort.'

LISTEN, children, to the Saviour,
Calling you to-day,—
Listen to His words of pleading,—
Hear Him kindly say,

'Come to me, and I will save you
Christ is pleading still;
Send the answer back to heaven,
'By thy grace I will.'

Give your heart into His keeping,
He will make it clean;
He will keep your feet from falling,
If on Him you lean.

Come to me, etc.

Then delay not, but believe Him,
And accept His love;
He will be your guard, and lead you
To His home above.

Come to me, etc.

DOES YOU LOVE GOD ?"

In a compartment in a railway-carriage there were seated a Christian lady, her little daughter, and one gentleman. The little girl, unobserved by her mother, who was reading a book, whispered to the gentleman, "Does you love God?" Nothing more was said. The arrow of conviction went home, and before many days had elapsed that

gentleman was a happy believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

About a year afterwards he was walking along the street of a country town, when he noticed, looking out of a window, the mother of the little girl. He at once knocked at the door, saw the lady, and told her how that in God's hands her daughter had been the means of his conversion. He then expressed a wish to see the little girl, but the mother, with tears in her eyes, told him that the next time he would see her daughter, would be in heaven, for she had some months before gone to be with Jesus. Dear young reader, "Does you love God?"

The following is a letter just received by one of our Sabbath Schools from a little Indian orphan;—

SEALKOTE ORPHANAGE,

10th July, 1875.

MY DEAR SUPPORTERS,

Many thanks for your kind letter which I have received. It was very good of you to think of me, and as I want to write you and am not able to do so just yet, I have asked my kind mistress to write down all I wish to say. I am very happy in my school and my dear mistress is very kind to me. Our school hours are in the morning, from $\frac{1}{2}$ past five to $\frac{1}{2}$ past nine. I am in the 3rd class, and have to study with six others; our head-master gives us a Bible lesson for $\frac{1}{4}$ an hour every day before closing school; he is a native christian. We then go and have our breakfast, and assemble again in the school-room, when the bell rings at 10 o'clock. Our mistress conducts prayers, and then hears us repeat our catechism, and also hears us read from some pretty story book; at present we are reading about the good women the Bible speaks of; our lesson to-day will be about Ruth and Naomi, after which we all sit down to our work. I can make all my own clothes, and at present I am learning how to knit stockings; we are also taught how to cook, as we are obliged to do all household work in our own homes. On Sunday we go to the Mission Church, which is quite close, to hear what our dear Saviour has done for us, and what we ought to do for all his goodness to us. We have no instrument in our Church, but we form the choir, and one of my companions, who is named Jane, leads the singing. How nice it must be to see the snow on the ground! We never see it, as we live in the plains; we have had very hot weather, but to-day it is much cooler; it having rained this morning.

And now I must close, as I think I have told you everything. I pray God may bless you all, for having us taught His Holy Word and trying to make us His children, and with love and respects to all my dear supporters,

I remain your grateful little Indian sister,

ESTHER.

HOME MISSIONS.

CONVENER'S CIRCULAR.

WESTERN SECTION, COMPRISING ONTARIO, QUEBEC, MANITOBA, AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

At a meeting of the Home Mission Committee held in October, the Convener was instructed to issue a circular, setting forth the pressing claims of the fund, on the liberality of the members and adherents of the church.

At the close of the last ecclesiastical year, the Home Mission Fund of the Canada Presbyterian Church was *two thousand dollars* in debt. An effort was made during the meeting of the Assembly to wipe out this indebtedness, but it was only partially successful. On the 1st of October, the indebtedness had increased to *five thousand dollars*, and it was found that after payment of the grants of the Presbyteries for the past six months, and meeting all liabilities to date, the fund was in debt *sixteen thousand dollars*.

In order to keep faith with our Ministers and Missionaries, the Committee instructed the Convener to ask the agent of the church to borrow this amount, to meet all claims against the fund. When this is done, it will leave the Committee with a burden of *sixteen thousand dollars* (with interest), until such time as Congregations replenish the treasury.

After a careful estimate of the necessities of the fund, it was found that not less a sum than *thirty-five thousand dollars* would be required for the present year. It is to be borne in mind that twelve thousand dollars of this sum is appropriated for our Missionaries in Lake Superior, Manitoba, and British Columbia, (including Manitoba College, which is still supported by Home Mission Funds); and that since the Union, the claims upon the Home Mission Fund are very greatly increased.

In a church possessed of the numbers and resources of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, there should be no difficulty in

raising a much larger amount than thirty-five thousand dollars. The Committee feel that if the urgent claims of this fund are only fairly laid before our congregations, ample means will be placed at their disposal, enabling them not only to liquidate existing obligations, but to make further grants to destitute localities that are clamant for the Gospel.

May I ask the Ministers of our Churches to bring this matter before their congregations at an early opportunity, and also, that such congregations as can conveniently send a portion of their annual contributions for Home Missions, will do so at the earliest possible date to the Rev. Wm. Reid, Toronto.

My dear Sir,

Will you permit me to add a few sentences to the above Appeal, in behalf of our Home Mission Fund. It has already appeared in the Canada Presbyterian Record of December, and the British American Presbyterian. A copy has also been sent to every Minister in our Church, but so far, the result has been small, compared with the urgency of the case. Only a very little over \$3,000 has been received by the agent of the Church for this year's support of our missions in British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, and the payment of our professors in the Manitoba College. It needs at least \$35,000! Loans have been effected with certain banks, amounting to \$17,000, the interest on which would have been much better devoted to the work itself.

I have not a word to say against the praiseworthy efforts put forth to increase the funds of our Foreign Mission Committee, and to help our brethren in Montreal in the great work of French Evangelisation. Both are deserving of a generous support from the membership of our Church, and I trust they may receive it. But surely it is evident, that unless our Home Missions and Church extension work, is carried on vigorously, every other fund must suffer. By the fostering of Mission Stations into regular charges, and the aiding of supplemented congregations, until they become self-sustaining we are indirectly helping every other fund of the Church. If our Home Mission work is

crippled, the funds of our colleges, of our Foreign Missions, and our Evangelisation of the French Canadians, must be diminished.

Do the members and adherents of our Presbyterian Church (now a hundred thousand members) know the extent of the work and the pressing necessities of the case? The \$35,000 needed this year ending June 1876, aids 150 *Supplemented Congregations*, and over 350 preaching Stations! This does not include the Lower Provinces at all. Are they prepared to have these Churches and Mission stations closed, or the work curtailed and suspended? Are they prepared to have the already far too small supplements and grants reduced at next meeting of the Committee 25 or 50 per cent? This is the alternative we have to face. The Committee cannot go on making grants, unless the Church sustains them in their obligations.

I confess that my heart is pained to think of brethren who are toiling from year to year in destitute but most important fields, and whose slender stipends are in danger of being still further reduced. I appeal to my Ministerial Brethren to do what they can to spare the Committee such a necessity.

WILLIAM COCHRANE,

CONVENER.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The Board of French Evangelization, appointed at the last meeting of the General Assembly, has under its care eight French Ministers, three Licentiates, three Missionary Teachers, sixteen French Students for the Ministry, five French congregations, several in which French and English are preached, and six Mission Schools, some of which are open only during the summer. There are thirty-one mission fields, distributed throughout the Dominion, including St. Ann, Kankakee, Ill., to which the labours of the Missionaries of the Board have been extended, and other stations can be readily opened so soon as the Church furnishes the means of doing so. The follow-

ing selection of facts will show the unprecedented success which attends our work.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Through the labours of Rev. M. Paradis, a French Presbyterian Congregation has been organized at Grand Falls, N. B., and a neat church erected and paid for. In October last Mr. E. D. Pelletier laid on the table of the Presbytery of Pictou, N. S., the names of 125 converts from Romanism representing some sixty families. His work continues to prosper, and could Mr. Chiniquy pay him a visit, it is believed that he would bring over to the true faith the entire people of that district. But Mr. Chiniquy cannot leave Montreal just now, for reasons that will be apparent when we refer to his work in this city. Last summer Mr. A. F. Rivard, French Student, was the means of doing much good in a field on the border of New Brunswick and the State of Maine. *Fifteen heads of families* were brought to the knowledge of the truth, and more than *fifty families* received from his hands copies of the Word of God in whole or in part. Many others were visited and instructed, and a wide spread desire kindled among old and young to enjoy the ordinances of the Gospel.

ST. PAUL DE CHESTER.

The summer before last, Mr Mousseau, student, broke ground among the French Papists of this district. He followed the usual method, distributing the Word of God and teaching the people from house to house. So deeply were they impressed by the truth that they petitioned to have Mr. Mousseau return to them last summer. He did so, accompanied by Mr. P. Blouin, Missionary teacher. A mission school was established in a room given for the purpose by Mr. Laprise, one of the converts, and religious services conducted every Sabbath. In this station we have some ten families who have received the Word of life, while many others are being visited and instructed by our Missionary.

WORK IN MONTREAL.

The labours of Mr. Chiniquy in this city are being crowned with such signal success as calls for the deepest gratitude to God throughout the entire Church. He preaches every Sabbath to dense assemblies of his countrymen, and hundreds have² already abjured Romanism; and should the numbers continue to increase with the rapidity of the last few weeks, we may ere long see thousands coming over to the side of truth. The following figures show what I mean. On the 3rd Dec., Mr. Chiniquy sent to Bishop Bourget, and published in the *Brit. Amer. Presbyterian*, the names of 157 converts. On the 31st Dec., 294 names were added to the list, and during the first fourteen days of Jan., 301 persons have signed their solemn abjuration of popery,—making a total of 752 within a month and a half. We may well say what hath the Lord wrought! Such things as these have never before been witnessed in Canada: and as the knowledge of what is being done spreads among the people, we may see them rising in masses to cast off the yoke of oppression.

It is scarcely necessary to say that Russel Hall is full; and last Sabbath afternoon, Mr. Chiniquy commenced services in St. Joseph Street Church, which is generously placed at our disposal free of expense. Over three hundred French people assembled, and listened most attentively to the preaching of the Gospel.

The Russel Hall Church is being thoroughly organized. The session has been strengthened by the addition of two elders; and a board of eight managers has been appointed. Pews and sittings are allocated to the people, and they contribute weekly to the support of ordinances. The Sabbath School, numbering 120 pupils, under the able superintendence of Rev. Prof. Campbell, is carried on with vigour; but it requires a very much better Library than it possesses at present.—Who will send us money for this purpose?

We have employed a missionary, Mr.

Alfred Millar, to visit and instruct the people from house to house. A pious and efficient Bible woman is engaged in the same service. Mr. Boudreau, student, is placed in charge of the new station in St. Joseph Street, and it is necessary without delay, to increase still further, the staff of workers. This must be apparent to all from the many openings which we enjoy, and the large number of souls who are looking to us for spiritual guidance. Yesterday morning I sent Mr. Chiniquy a request to call at my Office in the College, and in the evening he answered:—"It has been impossible to leave the field this afternoon. The crop was so large and so rich. More than 100 inquirers have crowded around me to-day to know how to be saved. Thirty-six have been added to the flock of Christ and have left the pernicious ways of Popery. The number of souls delivered from the demagogues of the Man of Sin since the first of Jan. is now *three hundred and one.*" This gives some idea of the labours of our indefatigable Missionary, and of his success.

PERSECUTIONS.

Although we have fought the battle of free speech so thoroughly here that Mr. Chiniquy's meetings are no longer molested as they were last winter, yet our missionaries and converts suffer many forms of persecution. In the beginning of October last, two children were taken by violence from under the care of Mr. Rivard, student, at the Railway Station at Point Levis, and placed in Popish schools, where they still remain. About the same time similar attempts were made at Three Rivers in the case of Messrs. Mousseau and Blouin, and with great difficulty they succeeded in saving the children entrusted to them from the hands of Romanists, while on their way to this city.

On the night of the 28th Oct. last, the house of Regis Laprise, one of our converts at St. Paul de Chester, was so destroyed by stones and gun shots as to be rendered unfit for habitation, and the lives of the inmates were placed in the

utmost peril. All the windows were smashed, and a bucket full of stones were gathered on the floor in the morning. A stone weighing two pounds was found in the cradle near the head of an infant a few months old.

Four of the perpetrators of these crimes were arrested, convicted in the Magistrate's Court, and bound in a thousand dollars each to appear for trial on the 19th February. The Protestant Defence Alliance has taken the matter in hand, and will push it to a proper issue. The special design of the rioters was to drive our Missionary-Teacher, Mr. Blouin, from the Parish. He is still there, fearlessly doing his duty, teaching our people, and comforting them amid the persecutions which they suffer for the Gospel's sake.

In the city a favourite mode of persecution is to deprive our converts of employment. To meet the distress which arises from this source, and otherwise, a Benevolent Society of Protestants speaking the French language, has been formed. Their work is admirably conducted, and as they are much in want of funds, I shall gladly receive contributions in their behalf. Contributions of cast-off clothing suitable for men and boys, women, girls and infants, and especially of boots and shoes, blankets and similar articles needed during the severe cold of a Canadian winter, will be thankfully received by Mrs. Campbell, Honorary President of the Ladies Inquiry Committee. Parcels may be sent addressed to Mrs. Campbell, 114 MacKay Street, Montreal; and to the care of the following gentlemen who have kindly undertaken to forward them without delay:—

Toronto: Messrs. Bryce McMurrich & Co., Yonge St.; Messrs. James Campbell & Son, Front St.

Hamilton: Rev. D. H. Fletcher.

" Rev. J. C. Smith.

London: Rev. Andrew Kennedy.

Kingston: W. P. McDonald, Esq., Earl St.

Ottawa: Geo. Hay, Esq., Spark St.

FINANCE.

Some time ago we announced that

ten thousand dollars would be required for the current year. From the rapid growth of our work, it is now manifest that this amount will be quite insufficient. But we have faith in God and in our people that the means necessary to carry forward a work so thoroughly missionary in its character, so successful, and so fundamental to the weal of this Dominion, will be forthcoming. The contributions of the poor and of our Ministers show a deep interest in the Mission, and we hope and pray that the rich may also give, us in due proportion of their abundance. One Minister with a family, and a salary of \$600 per annum, sends us \$25, another sends us \$20, another \$10, and another the tithe of his fruit garden, \$8. A teacher sends \$5, and a poor man and his family in Toronto send \$3. Mr. Gracy's Church, at Farquhar, Ont., feeling the great importance of our work, has taken up two collections in its behalf; and Mr. Burnfield's Congregation at Scarborough, a country charge, proposes to send us *two hundred dollars*.

All these offerings are accompanied with fervent prayers, which we value more highly than money. But, where the Lord has bestowed great abundance upon men, let them take care how they pray without being ready to communicate. Their prayers and offerings should go together. All monies should be sent to our Treasurer, Mr. A. B. Stewart, Official Assignee, Montreal.

D. H. MACVICAR,

Chairman.

Montreal, Jan. 14th, 1876.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE TRINIDAD MISSION.

This mission is well entitled to the sympathies and support of the christian people of the Dominion of all denominations. It is indeed a Presbyterian mission in its support and management being entirely under the control of our own General Assembly. It was designed, and commenced and is now prosecuted as a means of introducing and diffusing the leaven of the Gospel, among a

part of India's population brought within three week's sail of our own people. The work which is being done by our missionaries there is important whether the coolie population shall become finally resident in Trinidad or return to India.

From the first, Mr. Morton maintained that a large part of the people would remain and would form a heathen population, most injurious to the island unless immediate steps were taken to christianize them. There were there about 25000 in Trinidad, and the number has probably increased considerably since that time.

The following note from Mr. Morton, shews that his views are being sustained by the course of events, of which he is a careful observer.

SAN FERNANDO, Nov. 25, 1875.

A week ago a vessel arrived here with 600 immigrants; there was one birth and only one death on the passage. Over 80 of these immigrants had been immigrants before, some here, some in Demerara, and some in Mauritius. Over 40 had been in Trinidad before, and nearly all of these 40 left here about thirteen months ago. Many others wished to return, but the agent refused them on account of their health. 5000 coolies in Trinidad are entitled to a free passage to India, but during the past year only about 100 have set down their names as wishing to return.

Nearly 2000 have settled on Crown Lands granted them in lieu of a return passage. These facts show that Trinidad is likely to become the permanent home of a considerable Indian population; for every immigrant who settles here or returns from India prevents several others from going back to their country.

Yours, &c., &c.,

JOHN MORTON.

But a certain proportion will revisit India, and if so, can we over-estimate the importance of their returning as christians to tell their relations in India the good news.

In Ontario, a mission to Indore has its advocates, and has been almost determined on by the Foreign Mission Committee of the General Assembly. Where can more suitable agents be found than among the missionaries and evangelists of Trinidad?

Mr. Christie writes, "It seems a curious not to say providential coincidence that Indore, the place spoken of, is the birth place of Balaram, my Evangelist. It is in the Mahratta country, and so far as we know he is the only one of that people in Trinidad. The people speak both Mahratta and Hindostane. His father is a big

Brahmin there, and owns a great deal of property, and one of his brothers is a land surveyor under government. I never saw him show so much excitement about any thing as when I asked him if he would like to go there and preach to them, and when the mail came this time he wanted to know if the church were going to send missionaries there.

The mission to Trinidad was commenced primarily for the benefit of the coolies, who were long left almost uncared for, and regarded as hopeless, but with a view ultimately, if successful, of leading "ON TO INDIA," and unquestionably none are more deeply interested in such a mission, or better entitled to be consulted about it than the Trinidad Missionaries.

Meanwhile they are attending earnestly to their own proper work. Rev. K. J. Grant will leave D. V. in January for Nova Scotia, and will doubtless attend the General Assembly while enjoying his furlough, and the other missionaries have assumed his work till his return. Rev. George Christie has probably arrived in Trinidad on a visit to his son, and Rev. Thomas McC. Christie of Couva, so far as an English speaking preacher can give aid, will help to fill up the blanks caused by the death of Rev. Mr. Brodie, of hallowed memory, and the absence of Rev. Mr. Grant.

MISSION WORK IN INDIA.

Extracts from a letter written by Miss Fairweather, dated 22nd Oct.

"We are now approaching the close of the second mission year, and every one seems unsettled not knowing where the home of each may be for the next term. The Synod will meet at Etawah, on 18th Dec. Ladies as well as gentlemen usually attend. The missionaries go out itinerating with their families, most of them next week, and Etawah is the centre to which from all parts they will converge. The compound will then be studded with white tents, pitched under the shadows of stately trees. I like Rakkha very much, and have become much attached to the dear children under my care; but it is terrible work for a hot climate. There has been much sickness and the responsibility all rested on my shoulders after Mr. Lucas went to the hills. Three of my oldest girls were so ill that the life of one was despaired of, and the other two were considered next to hopeless. I had to attend to them myself, and, from broken rest, anxiety, and necessary work, became very thin and weak. The doctor forced me to lay aside all work and seek change of air. Subsequently Miss Rodger and I accepted a very

kind invitation to Ahjapure, our former house, and I am now much benefited by the change. This has been a severe New year to all of us, although our health has better than last year. One cause of extra work was the union of the orphanages. The Allahabad children are more Bengali than Hindoo, and I feared some friction. I lived with them almost entirely till very lately.

Fruit is not wanting even among our little orphan children. One girl came to me a few days ago, and after getting very close to me, whispered that she would like to be baptized and declared herself a member of the Christian Church. She is about 15 years of age. I asked her if she really felt what it was to become a Christian, and what it involves. She seems to have thought rightly, seriously and lovingly. I feel sure that she has heard the Shepherd's voice and has been gathered into the fold.

I feel sorry, very sorry for Indore. It is a field worthy of the best efforts and talents.

ERROMANGA.—The subjoined extract from the last letter of Rev. H. A. Robertson, Missionary of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland, gives interesting intelligence of Mr. Robertson's work and prospects.

The letter is dated Erromanga, Aug. 2nd:

"The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at this station three Sabbaths ago to 34 persons, namely, 30 Erromangans, 2 Aneityumese, and 2 Europeans. On Saturday previous 9 adults—5 men and 3 women—commemorated for the first time the Saviour's death. There were 5 Church members absent at the time, acting as teachers with missionaries of Nguna and Fate, which makes the number of Erromangan adult Church members 35. Since then, another married couple, both Church members, have gone to assist Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald in their work at Havannah Harbour, Fate; and we have sent out again 12 teachers to districts over this island, and next week take another to his old district quite near us. Those 13 teachers do not occupy as many districts, but in some places they are placed down two by two, and on Sabbath go out to as many villages as will hear the Gospel, besides their regular district, where they teach and preach Christ to their fellow countrymen. Perhaps from 500 to 540 natives attend Church more or less regularly over this Island now.

We retired from two districts in the rainy season, because the people almost abandoned the teachers, but we occupy two new and much more promising ones. Three school-houses and two large

churches just built here were blown down by the hurricane of 17th January last. The churches are already rebuilt and occupied.

We are all quite well, and trusting that you never forget us or our work, and with our united kind regards to you and your family, we remain

Yours truly,

H. A. ROBERTSON."

A NOTE FROM REV. MR. MCKENZIE, Havannah Harbour, Esate, Aug. 23rd, 1876.

DEAR MR. MCGREGOR,

There is a man of war leaving this Harbour to-day for Sydney, so I embrace the opportunity of sending you a very short note. In company with Mr. and Mrs. Annand, we came here on the 19th inst. The missionaries of Nguna and Esate were recommended by the Mission Synod to meet four times in the year, to consult about the language of these two islands. We are now holding our first meeting at the station of the Rev. D. McDonald. We are all well, and nothing unusual has occurred since the departure of the "Dayspring." Our next meeting is to be at Nguna, the station of the Rev. P. Milne.

At our station, although encountering much opposition from the heathen chiefs, yet our prospects are more encouraging than ever before.

Oh! pray for us and for this people, that God may manifest his power in overthrowing the kingdom of darkness.

Yours very sincerely,

J. W. MCKENZIE.

MISSON TO MADRAS.

In order that the fullest information might be obtained regarding the prospects of missionary work at Madras, before designating the Rev. James F. Campbell to that distant field of labour, the Assembly's Foreign Mission Board in the Lower Provinces have been for some time in correspondence with the India Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland. In the last number of the Home and Foreign Mission Record of the late Church of the Lower Provinces we find a most satisfactory and encouraging statement from Rev. Stewart White of Blantyre, Convener of the sub-committee in Scotland charged with the consideration of this matter. As it is probable that Mr. Campbell may shortly be appointed to this work it is important that the whole church should be in possession of the substance at least of this communication, dated 4th October and addressed to Rev. Geo. M. Grant. We make the following quotations:—

"The English speaking native youths in Madras are to be counted by thousands; and every year sees their numbers greatly increased. For some time back a thirst for knowledge, or a desire after education, has prevailed all over India. Every young Hindoo, in city or country, eagerly embraces the opportunity, when it is given to him, to learn the English language. And as Government and Mission Schools now abound throughout the land, it can be truthfully said that the vast majority of the Hindoo youths are being taught the English language, and are well educated in it. This is particularly true of the young men in Madras, who are as thoroughly educated as the young men of the middle classes in this country, and consequently any preacher would find in them a most intelligent audience. But you ask, will they listen? We unhesitatingly answer, yes; numbers will listen to the earnest, intelligent and attractive preaching of the Gospel. And we say this, not from hearsay, or the testimony of others; but from our own personal knowledge and experience.

You ask, "Is your proposal made in your letter of May 13th, perfectly consistent with the intention of Mr. Campbell and that of our Board that he should be the missionary of and under the supervision of the Presbyterian Church in Canada? and further what relation would Mr. Campbell be expected to hold to the India Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland, or to any local council or superintending Board?" My reply is that my proposal to you is quite consistent with your desire that Mr. Campbell should continue the missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and under their supervision. Mr. Campbell would be held by us, to use your own words, as not only "one of our staff," but he would be allowed to conduct an independent mission, capable of indefinite expansion, in alliance with us, in a field of labour, which, for many years, we have greatly desired to occupy, but for lack of agents have been unable to do so. Mr. Campbell would receive the same status and position as our own missionaries; he would be a member of our local Board, whose functions are confined to the temporalities and finances of the Mission; they having no control whatever over the spiritual, ministerial or educational work of the missionaries. Mr. Campbell would report direct to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as to the progress and success of his labours, and a copy of that report would be transmitted to our Committee for their information.

The only expense which, at present, would fall upon the Presbyterian Church

in Canada, is Mr. Campbell's salary. Your last question has reference to the extension of the work. That, as I have already hinted at, is unbounded. It is great, and becoming greater every year, in Madras. It extends itself to every town and city, not only in the Madras Presidency, but throughout India, where dwell English speaking Hindoos, "thousands of whom," as the late Dr. Norman McLeod has said, "are breaking away from the grosser forms of worship which prevail in India, and are casting about for a better foundation on which their religious feelings and convictions may rest."

ECCLESIASTICAL NEWS.

BRITISH.

The Rev. James Fraser, of Logierait, has been elected minister of Blair Athole, in room of the Rev. Norman Macleod.

GLASGOW, ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-FIELDS.—The Rev. Andrew Laidlaw, late of Kirkpatrick-Durham, was inducted to this parish on 19th October.

GREENOCK, WEST CHURCH.—The Rev. John Barclay, late of Tron Church, Edinburgh, was inducted as assistant and successor to Rev. J. M. McCulloch, D. D., on 4th November.

THE Rev. Angus Maciver, who three years ago was ordained to the pastorate of a Gaelic congregation in Glasgow in connection with the Free Church, and with whom a committee was appointed to "deal" recently, has been formally received and recognised by the Glasgow Established Presbytery. The Free Church Presbytery of Glasgow, after a long discussion on the case, passed by 61 votes against 15, a resolution setting forth that "the Rev. Mr. Maciver, formerly minister of a Free Gaelic congregation in Glasgow, but now under call to the Parish Church of Uig, has been guilty of conduct involving the abandonment of the distinctive principles of the Free Church and fitted to encourage divisive courses, and, in particular, to affect most injuriously the Free Church congregation of Uig: and that he is no longer a minister or member of the Free Church. Presbytery could do no more!

THE Rev. Dr. Thompson, late pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, New York city, has been received into the Presbytery of Glasgow, Established Church of Scotland.

At a soiree held in the Free Church, Carluke, the Rev. John White, pastor, presid-

ing, interesting addresses were delivered by the chairman, and by the Rev. H. Gibson, Canada, and others.

PORT-GLASGOW.—*The Rev. John Small, of the Free Church, Bombay.*—This Rev. gentleman, who has been visiting his relatives, has been obliged to start for the scene of his labours in consequence of the lamented death of the late Dr. Wilson.

SALTON, EAST LOTHIAN.—The Rev. James Barles, late assistant to the Rev. Mr. Nicoll, Free St. Stephen's, Glasgow, has been ordained to the charge of the Free Church, Salton.

THE LATE DR. WILSON OF BOMBAY.—The announcement of the death of this veteran missionary, though not unexpected, was received with profound regret throughout the Empire.

The late Dr. Wilson was a native of Lauderdale, where he was born about 1803. Educated at the University of Edinburgh, he was in due course ordained to the ministry of the Church of Scotland. Having resolved to devote himself to the missionary work, he, in 1828, went out to Bombay under the auspices of the Scottish Missionary Society, an association akin to the London Missionary Society. When, in 1836, that organisation was broken up, he joined the Mission prosecuted at Bombay, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and, as one of its agents, continued to labour till the Disruption, when he threw in his lot with the Free Church. This step led to the severance of old ties: but Dr. Wilson remained at Bombay, and, in conjunction with some kindred spirits—notably Mr. Nisbet—he founded the Free Church mission, of which he has ever since continued to be the head. So long ago as 1832 he founded an institution for the higher education of the native youth, which is now affiliated with the University of Bombay. From the incorporation of the University in 1867, he acted as Dean to the Faculty of Arts, and in 1868 he was appointed Vice-Chancellor, being the first time that such an office had been held by a missionary. On the whole, it seems generally admitted that during his long career at Bombay, Dr. Wilson approved himself the ablest and most influential missionary resident in the presidency. Six years ago, when he left for home, to enjoy the well-earned distinction of being moderator of the Free Church Assembly, persons of all classes united in paying him a tribute of respect, while the Governor went the length of saying that as a missionary he had been the first to bring Europeans and natives together, and promote between them friendly intercourse. It was in May 1870 that Dr. Wilson occupied

the chair of the General Assembly. After making a considerable stay in this country, he returned to the land of his life-long labours, at an age when most men think of withdrawing from active exertion. He resumed missionary work, and prosecuted it zealously while strength lasted; but we understand that for some time before his death he had been entirely laid aside from public duties.

THE QUEEN AT HOME.—It will interest not a few to learn that nothing gives the Queen greater pleasure when at Windsor than to assemble the little children connected with the Castle and give them religious instruction for an hour on Sunday evening.

DEATH OF LADY LOUISA STUART.

By the death of the Hon. Lady Louisa Stuart at Traquair House yesterday (writes a Peebles correspondent), has passed away the last of the Royal House of Stuart. The deceased lady was in her hundredth year, and was sister of the eighth and last Earl of Traquair. Lady Louisa Stuart was a remarkable woman, and by her methodical and stately manners she maintained the dignity of her race. The idea of royalty entered into all she did, and "Court" style was daily observed in the house. Her faculties remained unimpaired to the last.

MISSIONARY ITEMS.

NEWS FROM AFAR.—The Presbytery of Japan, on satisfactory examination, have recently licensed two of the young men under its care as probationers to preach the Gospel. Several other young men are pursuing studies with a view to the ministry.

The *model church* has been discovered at last. It is in Japan. It has but twenty male members, but of these, thirteen are lay preachers, who visit six stations per week. Every man not incapacitated by age or sickness for active work is pledged to lay effort *at his own expense*, and the church accepts no male candidate for membership unless he will give such a pledge. What a wonderful change such a church might effect in the moral condition of even the best of Canadian towns!

The Protestants have now fifty missionary stations in Japan, and many native preachers. A new Presbyterian chapel, with room for seating three hundred persons, has just been opened in the capital, and Dr. Verbeck preached the sermon in the Japanese language.

The *Telegraph* announces that the appeal of the King of Uganda for missionaries, to be sent through Mr. Stanley, has been responded to: a gentleman, whose name is

meanwhile withheld, having placed the sum of £10,000 in the hands of the Church Missionary Society in order to answer the invitation of King Mtesa, and to carry out the experiment of establishing a Christian centre of civilization in the heart of that dark Continent. It is added that the society in question has always united evangelical labours with the arts of industry and commerce, thus blending moral with social regeneration.

The Rev. George Cairns, of the Madagascar mission, says that its wonderful success is owing to the aggressive pioneer work of the native Christians themselves. Christian soldiers or slaves sent into the country where no missionary has been, observe their Christian duties; their example is observed and followed by the heathen, and before long a congregation is formed, wanting Bibles, hymn and spelling books, and finally a teacher and minister for the church that is sure to be formed.

As a result of missionary work in the Micronesian Islands, within twenty-five years the American Board of Missions reports the reduction to writing of four dialects, and the translation of a whole or a part of the New Testament into them; the creation of schools and the preparation of school-books; the compilation of half a thousand Christian songs; the training of a generation to read and write; the conversion to Christ during the past twenty-two years of about 1,200 souls, (a yearly average of forty-five), and the organisation of twenty churches.

It is reported that the Imperial authorities of China have issued a proclamation declaring that foreigners have a right to preach the Gospel throughout China, and must be protected in so doing.

A friend writing from Entally, Calcutta, says:—"We are having times of blessing here. All the churches retain the blessings of the revival resulting from the Union meetings in July, and are anticipating more or less eagerly more blessed times still during the ensuing cold season. In this spirit the American Methodist Mission of Northern India have proposed the expansion of their annual special meetings at Lucknow during the Durgu Poojah holidays into a camp-meeting, to which Christians from all parts of India are invited.

A WESLEYAN Missionary at Hankow, China, writes as follows:—

You will be glad, I doubt not, to hear that this has been a year of grace to the missionaries resident in the three adjacent cities of Hankow, Hanyang, and Wuchang. During the first week of January we met for united prayer. The meetings were attended

by members of the American Episcopal Mission, of the London Missionary Society, of the China Inland Mission, and of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. They were all of them remarkable for the manifestation of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Men of such different Churches and creeds, and of different nations, were united together in the holiest of bonds—namely, those of true Christian brotherhood. It was felt by all, that, in order to improve the state of our mission work, we ourselves must be afresh baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

It was decided to meet monthly to pray together over our own spiritual life, and over the spiritual life of the native churches committed to our care. So far these monthly gatherings have been better than we ventured even to hope for. Indeed, the Lord has been present in our midst, and several of our number have been enabled to consecrate themselves afresh and fully to the Master's holy service, and have proved Him able to save "to the uttermost."

The Presbyterian Record.

MONTREAL, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1876.

We have been greatly encouraged, almost overpowered, by the reception accorded to the first number of the RECORD. In little more than a month's time we have received some six hundred distinct orders, averaging about forty-five copies each—the largest number to one address being four hundred. A large number of *additional* copies have been asked for, from which we draw our own inference. We have a few copies for January on hand, but we have still to hear from nearly two hundred congregations. Those who wish to secure the first number will take the hint. As Lower Province Bank bills are subject to a discount in Montreal, our Maritime friends will oblige by remitting in current money or post office order.

By request, we publish the names and addresses of Presbytery Clerks and the date of meetings so far as known to us. We hope from time to time to be in-

formed of any changes that may occur in this department.

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

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESBYTERY CLERKS, WITH DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS.

QUEBEC.—Rev. M. MacKenzie, Clerk, Inverness, Que.; next meeting at Sherbrooke, Wednesday, 29th March; 10 a. m.

MONTREAL.—Rev. James Patterson, Hemmingford, Que.; next meeting, Tuesday, 4th April; 11 a. m.

GLENGARRY.—Rev. J. S. Burnet, Martintown, Ont.; next meeting at Cornwall, 1st February.

BROCKVILLE.—Rev. J. Crombie, Smith's Falls, Ont.; next meeting, at Smith's Falls, Tuesday, 21st March; 11 a. m.

OTTAWA.—Rev. J. Carswell, Aylmer, Que.; next meeting, Tuesday, 8th February.

KINGSTON.—Rev. T. S. Chambers, Sunbury, Ont.

PETERBOROUGH.—Rev. William Donald, Port Hope, Ont.

WHITBY.—Rev. W. R. Ross, Pickering, Ont.

LINDSAY.—Rev. J. L. Murray, Woodville, Ont.; next meeting at Woodville, Tuesday, 29th February, 11 a. m.

TORONTO.—Rev. Robert Monteath, Toronto; next meeting at Toronto, Tuesday, 1st February, 11 a. m.

BARRIE.—Rev. R. Moodie, Stayner, Ont.; next meeting at Barrie, Tuesday, 7th March, 11 a. m.

OWEN SOUND.—Rev. D. J. McInnes, Clarksburg, Ont.; next meeting at Owen Sound, Tuesday, 21st March, 10 a. m.

SAUGEEN.—Rev. W. Park, Durham, Ont.; next meeting at Durham, Tuesday, 14th March, 1 p. m.

GUELPH.—Rev. R. Torrance, Guelph, Ont.; next meeting, Tuesday, 14th March, 10 a. m.

HAMILTON.—Rev. John Laing, M. A., Dundas, Ont.

PARIS.—Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Brantford, Ont.

LONDON.—Rev. George Cuthbertson, St. Thomas, Ont.; next meeting in London, Tuesday, 14th March, 2 p. m.

CHATHAM.—Rev. R. W. Warden, Toronto, Ont.; next meeting in Chatham, Tuesday, 28th March, 11 a. m.

STRATFORD.—Rev. John Fotheringham, St. Mary's, Ont.; next meeting at Stratford, Tuesday, 7th March, 11 a. m.

BRUCE.—Rev. A. G. Forbes, Kinloss, Ont.

HURON.—Rev. A. McLean, Blyth, Ont.
 MANITOBA.—Rev. J. Robertson, Winnipeg, Manitoba, next meeting at Kildonan, Wednesday, 8th March.

SYDNEY.—Rev. A. Farquharson, Glace Bay, C. B.; next meeting at Sydney, Wednesday, 1st March.

VICTORIA & RICHMOND.—Rev. K. McKenzie, Baddeck, C. B.

PICTOU.—Rev. J. McKinnon, Hopewell, N. S.

WALLACE.—Rev. T. Sedgwick, Tatamagouche, N. S.

TRURO.—Rev. J. Layton, Teviotdale, Truro, N. S.; next meeting at Truro, Tuesday, 15th February.

HALIFAX.—Rev. J. Forrest, Halifax, N. S.
 LUNENBURGH.—Rev. P. Morrison, Bridgewater, N. S.

ST. JOHN.—Rev. J. C. Burgess, Carleton, St. John, N. B.

MIRIMICHI.—Rev. W. Wilson, Chatham, N. B.

P. E. ISLAND.—Rev. J. M. McLeod, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Rev. J. Forsyth, St. John's, Newfoundland.

TREASURERS OF FUNDS.

THE REV. WILLIAM REID, Toronto, the Agent for the Western Section of the church, is the Treasurer for the Home and Foreign Mission Funds of the United Church, the Assembly Fund, the Widows' and Orphan's Fund, of the late C. P. Church, and also for Knox College.

COLLEGE AND MISSIONARY FUNDS IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES, Rev. P. G. McGregor, Halifax.

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, Montreal, Mr. Warden King, Montreal, Treasurer.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION, A. B. Stewart, official assignee, Montreal.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND—*Church of Scotland*, Mr. Archibald Ferguson, Montreal.

JUVENILE MISSION TO INDIA, Miss Machar, Kingston.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, William Ireland, Kingston.

BURSARY FUND, Professor Ferguson, Kingston.

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH.

Ministers or Sessions requiring Cards or Schedules for Annual contributions for the Schemes, will be supplied, *gratis*, on application to Rev. William Reid, Toronto.

The collection for THE HOME MISSION FUND was appointed to be taken on the

fourth Sabbath of January, and that for FOREIGN MISSIONS on the third Sabbath of March.

QUESTIONS ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

TO THE SESSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

1. What is the number of communicants in your congregation? Number received during the past year? How many by certificate? How many on profession of faith?

2. Is family worship generally observed? Have you reason to believe that parents are faithful in instructing and catechizing their children, and earnestly seeking their conversion to God?

3. Is there any congregational prayer meeting? If so, how conducted? How attended? Are there any district meetings conducted by the elders?

4. Have you a Sabbath-school, or schools? If so, are the teachers sustained in any good degree by the sympathy and co-operation of the members of the church? Is the Shorter Catechism used? Are the older children generally familiar with it?

5. Is there any evidence of increasing liberality in the congregation, in the support of Gospel ordinances among themselves, and in contributions to the schemes of the church?

6. What means are used to increase the interest of the congregation in missions, and in the various schemes of the church?

7. Are there any particular hindrances to the advancement of Christ's cause among you? If so, any special means or efforts to counteract them?

8. Can you report any specially hopeful indications of spiritual life among the young or in the congregation generally?

9. Have any Evangelistic services been held in the congregation? If so, can you give any report as to the results?

The Committee on the State of Religion would earnestly appeal to you as a session, to aid them with material for a full report to be laid before the Assembly in June. Besides such answers as you may be able to give to the foregoing questions, the Committee would gladly receive any information or suggestions that may enable them more efficiently to prosecute their work. If there are any of the questions that you may not be prepared to answer, or that, from any cause, you think should not be answered, the Committee hope that you will not, on that account, refrain from answering the others.

One of the questions, it will be observed, has reference to Evangelistic services. In some of the Synods, questions for the eliciting of information regarding such services, and counsels with respect to the holding of them, have been forwarded to every session within their bounds. Additional information or counsel if desired may be obtained on application to Rev. W. McKenzie, Almonte, Rev. W. Donald, Port Hope, Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Montreal, Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Halifax, Rev. J. C. Burgess, St. John, N. B., or Rev. J. M. McLeod, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Answers to these questions should be forwarded to the *clerk of your own Presbytery*, on or before the first of March, 1876, so that each Presbytery clerk may have a report on the State of Religion prepared for the approaching meetings of Synod.

With all our efforts, let earnest prayer be combined. "God be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."

THOMAS WARDROPE,
D. MORRISON,

Conveners of the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion.

THE EDITOR'S SANCTUM.

Very painful rumours have been circulating in England for some weeks past, in reference to the sudden disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. Pearsall Smith, who had been spending much of their time in Europe for the last few years, teaching the theory of what they themselves call "the higher Christian life," more generally known as the doctrine of Perfectionism. Mr. Smith is a man of polished address, and his wife a lady of oratorical ability. They made their way into the highest circles of society in every country they visited, and were patronized not only by the nobility, but by some of the crowned heads in Europe. Making due allowances for exaggerated reports, it seems now to be admitted that the opinions which they promulgated were unscriptural and dangerous, and that their private conduct was in some important respects, so inconsistent with their professions, that it became necessary to suggest the propriety of their discontinuing their "evangelistic labours." Such instances should admonish Christian people not to be carried away with every wind of doctrine, and to set a higher value on the ordinary means of grace within their reach.

The so-called Romance of Missions has not yet been quite obliterated. We find a trace of it in the bearing of that rare old missionary, Dr. Duff, who, after speaking eloquently and enthusiastically on the mission cause so near his heart for the space of an hour, fainted away and was carried into an adjoining room, and who, on coming to himself again, insisted that he should be carried back to the platform to finish his discourse, which he did by telling his audience that if there should be found any difficulty in inducing the young men of Scotland to offer their services as missionaries to the heathen, he knew of one old man who was willing to return to India, and, if he could not hope to live and work very long, was at least "ready to die for the cause." And was there not a touch of romance, too, in the appearance of the venerable Dr. Moffat, the great missionary of South Africa, recounting before an English audience in Westminster Abbey, the story of his adventurous life. The *London Times*, referring to the missionary and his speech, says:

"For a man to have surrendered himself so completely to the interests of the people whom he desired to evangelize, that he has at length to apologize to an assembly of his own countrymen, as Dr. Moffat did, for having ceased to think in his native tongue, is a rare exhibition of the true missionary spirit. It will certainly be one of the most memorable incidents to be recounted by some future Dean Stanley, when supplementing the already recorded history of Westminster Abbey, that Dr. Moffat, speaking near the grave of Dr. Livingstone, should have described within its walls the principles on which he and his illustrious follower laid the first real foundation of South African Christianity."

The Presbyterian Churches of America, which for some time hesitated to identify themselves with the national centennial celebration of next year, have thrown aside their reserve, and are prepared to seize the opportunity of claiming some part of the enthusiasm that will be created for the advancement of the Home Mission work, which has had so much to do with the prosperity of their country. "How appropriate," says the *Presbyterian*, "that all the Churches throughout the country should convene separately as churches, or as clusters of churches in central places, particularly all churches that had ever had missionary aid and have become self-sustaining, for special thanksgiving to God for what he has wrought through this arm of the Church, to call on each other to "remember the days of old," to note the

progress and growth of the Church and country, to strengthen our patriotism and faith in God, to fill the Treasury of the Board, to close the year and the century in triumph, and that we may step forth boldly into the second century, calmly looking at the great work to be done, and confidently expecting to make still greater achievements for the Master."

The great question among ourselves just now is that of RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, and a determination on the part of the Protestants of Canada, to resist the aggressions of Ultramontanism. The proceedings connected with the burial of Guibord, the destruction of a chapel erected by the Methodists for the use of the Indians at Oka, and other intrigues and acts of violence have aroused public indignation, and have opened eyes and mouths to see things in their true light and to denounce them as they deserve. The immediate result has been the formation of a "Protestant Defence Alliance," having its centre in Montreal, and its branches all over the land, and which is destined to bring about a new era in the history of Canada, by which our Roman Catholic country men will in the long run be the greatest gainers.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS BY THE AGENT OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE MARITIME
PROVINCES, FROM DEC. 1ST TO 31ST.

For Foreign Missions.

Contributions acknowledged to Nov. 30th, Cash transferred by J. J. Bremner, Esq., Treasurer of Foreign Missions Com. of Synod of M. P., in connection with the Church of Scotland.....	\$2773.16
Total receipts up to Nov. 30th.....	6496.29
Juvenile Lodge Baddeck C. B. for India Mission.....	7.70
Mrs. S. Johnson, Harvey, N.B.....	5.00
A. Friend, Upper Newport.....	4.00
A. Campbell, Dartmouth.....	10.00
St. Mathew's Ch. Wallace.....	9.30
Stake Road.....	6.24
Fox Harbour.....	4.16
Wood Islands for India Mission.....	9.13
Murray Harbour, North.....	13.87
West River.....	7.70
Clyde River.....	3.00
Alberton.....	30.11
Mrs. Fraser, West Cape.....	3.00
Mrs. Currie.....	1.00
Bodeguc.....	18.00
Summerside.....	24.37
Truro Missionary Meeting.....	57.00
Merigomish.....	50.00
Clam Harbour.....	4.10
Sheet Harbour.....	11.57
Antigonish.....	42.25
Rev. Joseph Annand, Estate, New Hebrides Malagawatch, C. B. for India Mission.....	16.51

Mrs. Brown, Baddeck, C. B. Mission....	4.00
Mrs. Philips.....	7.00
Alex. McAuley.....	2.60
Boularderie, C. B.	7.09
Onslow.....	34.00
Plainfield, col. by Miss E. Sutherland, and sent through Dr. Bayno.....	5.00
Clyde and Barrington.....	30.00
Westville.....	23.00
Middle River.....	8.70
Shediac, col. by Miss E. Webster.....	3.52
Middle Stewiacke—South.....	2.60
North.....	4.90
Milford and Gay's River for India Mission	12.00
Blue Mountain.....	23.00
Mrs. Murphy, Antigonish, for Trinidad..	2.00
Baddeck, for India Mission—	
Col. by Miss Maggie Fraser, Teacher	
Red Head.....	29.00
Miss Maudo Dunlop & Maggie	
McKenzie.....	16.50
Donald McDonald, Forks.....	3.60
Allan McLean M's Son—Grant	
Elmsdale, for India Mission.....	8.00
Shubenacadie.....	6.35
Little River.....	3.50
Springside.....	7.80
Stewiacke.....	10.21
Middle Stewiacke.....	12.23
Burkfield.....	5.09
Scotsburn.....	45.50
Rev. J. C. Meek.....	1.00
Poplar Grove, Halifax.....	50.00
for N. Heb. Missionaries....	23.00
Total.....	\$7266.65

For Brigantine Dayspring and Trinidad Teachers and Evangelists.

Amount acknowledged to Nov. 30th, in Record of P. C. L. P.....	448.12
Less by withdrawal of last entry.....	23.00
Sabbath School of Knox Ch., Pictou.....	45.12
Produce of "Sammic Johnson's Mission Men".....	25.00
Prince St. Church, Pictou, Sabbath School from April to Dec.....	4.70
Total.....	30.09
Total.....	\$484.91

For Support of John H. McDonald, Missionary Teacher in San Fernando, paid ½ yearly in shares by 20 Congregations.

Amount acknowledged to Nov. 31st.....	131.25
Chalmers Church, the Ladies.....	12.50
Poplar Grove Church, the Bible Class.....	12.50
Maitland, Hants, Youth's Missy. Ass'n....	12.50
Total.....	\$168.75

For Home Missions.

Amount acknowledged up to Nov. 30th...	1209.95
A. Friend, Upper Newport.....	4.00
A. Campbell, Dartmouth.....	7.00
Merigomish.....	26.52
David Smith, Beaver Brook, per Rev. J. Byers.....	10.25
Knox Church, Pictou, and Cariboo River..	40.75
Rev. Joseph Annand, Fato, N. Heb.....	4.86
Onslow.....	28.00
Middle Stewiacke—South.....	2.60
North.....	4.29
Blue Mountain.....	23.00
Maitland.....	36.00
Carlton, N. S., ½ year.....	2.56
Rev. J. C. Meek.....	1.00
Lake Ainslie, C. B.....	4.00
Poplar Grove, Halifax.....	25.00
Total.....	\$1430.39

Supplementing Fund.

Amount from Congregational collections acknowledged up to Nov. 30th	867.39
Grant from Presbyterian Ch. of Ireland; £100 stig., Special for New Brunswick, £50—in all	730.00
A. Campbell, Dartmouth	10.00
St. James Church, Dartmouth	55.00
Knox Church, Pictou and Cariboo River	41.50
A minister	50.00
Bedeque additional	1.00
Shubenacadie and I. Stewincke	13.25
Rev. Joseph Annand, Fate, N. H.	4.86
Onslow	32.00
Kempton, (Coldstream Cong.)	5.00
Shediac	4.00
Cheboque, 4 year	1.50
Rev. J. C. Meek	1.00
Princeton	11.84
Noel	15.00
Lake Ainslie	6.00
Total	\$1849.94

Ministerial Education or College Fund.

Acknowledged up to Nov. 30th	2880.90
Henry B. Webster, Kentville	10.00
A. Campbell, Dartmouth	10.00
Prince Street Church, Pictou	54.52
David Smith, Beaver Brook	10.00
Knox Church, Pictou	24.25
Glencelt Congregation:—	
West River	11.50
East River	7.30
Glencelt	12.70
St. James Church, Newcastle	33.60
Kouchibouguack	7.00
Zion Church, Charlottetown	27.80
Chatham, St. Andrews	22.00
Dugald McLaughlin, Renfrew	1.00
Richmond, Halifax	5.25
Rev. Joseph Annand, Estate	4.86
Dividend from Bank, Newfoundland	486.67
Onslow	34.00
David Frieze, for Library	10.00
Coldstream Cong.	7.00
Buctouche and Cocagne:—	
Buctouche	4.86
Upper Cocagne	2.50
Scotch Settlement	3.09
Shediac	6.83
Interest	90.00
Bedeque	20.00
Richmond, N. B.	11.00
Milford and Gay's River	19.00
Baddeck	9.50
Forks	7.25
United Church, New Glasgow	95.48
St. Stephens, N. B.	12.00
Carleton and Cheboque	2.70
Rev. J. C. Meek	1.00
Dartmouth	75.00
Retired business man, Hants	50.00
Total	\$4189.78

French Evangelization, hitherto known as Acadia French Mission.

Amount acknowledged up to Nov. 30th	414.54
A. Campbell, Dartmouth	7.00
Knox Church, Pictou	28.50
A minister, for Pictou French Mission	50.00
Rev. Joseph Annand, Estate	4.86
Great Village, thank offering	15.77
A friend	1.00
Blue Mountain	7.60
2nd payment	10.80
Moose River	4.21
Blanchard	5.25
Mickle Settlement	1.20
Poplar Grove	25.00
Retired business man, Hants	25.00

Scotsburn, for Mr. Chiniquy's mission, a thank offering	20.00
Saltspring, a thank offering	14.00
A friend, Onslow	1.00
Mrs. R. McGregor, col. at New Glasgow, for a thank offering	45.00
Poplar Grove, Halifax	25.00
Total	\$680.78

Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund.

Bass River	8.00
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Bursary Fund,

A. Campbell, Dartmouth	6.00
Retired business man, Hants Co.	25.00

The Treasurer of the Presbyterian Ministers Widow's and Orphan's Fund acknowledges receipt of the following sums since 24 July last.

Rev. E. A. McCurdy	20.00
Rev. John McKinnon	20.00
Dividend on 2 shares Bank N. S. stock	16.00
Bal. of interest on \$1000 note, old c'y	5.28
Rev. M. G. Henry	15.00
Dividend on 30 shares Union Bank stock	60.00
Rev. W. Thorburn	20.38
Dividend on 6 shares People's Bank stock	4.80
Rev. J. McLean	20.00
6 months interest on \$500 old c'y	23.36
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11 Coupons on P.E.I. Debentures, \$15 each	165.00
12 months interest on \$1600	96.00
Rev. Thomas Downie	0.40
4 Coupons P.E.I. Debentures, \$15 each	60.00
Total	\$561.26

HOWARD PRIMROSE,

Treasurer, W. & O. F. P. Ch. P.

Pictou, Nova Scotia.
10th December, 1875.

MONEYS RECEIVED AT TORONTO UP TO 10th JANUARY.

BY REV. WILLIAM REID.

ASSEMBLY FUND, CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Amount received to 10th December, 1875	\$1411.14
East Puslinch	16.25
Manchester	8.00
Carlisle	2.62
Ailsa Craig	3.72
Nairn	1.79
Seaforth	16.00
Melrose, Lonsdale, &c.	6.00
Maidstone	2.00
Harwick	8.00
Paisley	17.50
Proton	6.00
Beaverton	8.30
Walkerton	5.00
Yarmouth	2.60
Cote des Neiges	5.30

ASSEMBLY FUND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

Amount received to 10th Dec. 1875	\$312.82
East Puslinch	2.50
Ailsa Craig	1.25
Richibucto	4.00
Bass River	1.00

Manchester	1.00
Walkerton	1.00
Hullcote	1.00
Seaforth	3.00
Guolph Saint Andrew's	16.00
Harwich	2.00
Paisley	2.50
Barnes River and Blue Mountain	6.60
Monckton	1.00
Alberton	3.00
Antigonish	3.00
Clifton and Summerfield	1.00
Leitch's Creek, C. B.	1.00
Union Centre	4.00
Chatham Saint John's Church	1.00
Cape North, C. B.	2.00
Beaverton	1.00
Walkerton	1.00
London Saint Andrews	5.00
Presbytery of Barrie	27.00
Montreal Saint John's	1.00
Saint John's Church, St. John, N. B.	2.00
Cote des Neiges	1.00
Halifax Fort Massey Church	5.00

East Oxford,	per Rev. R. H. Warden	11.00
Beamsville,	"	2.00
Ingersoll,	"	4.00
Dungannon,	"	10.00
Norwich & Windham,	"	16.00
Kingston,	per A. McAlister, Esq.	20.00
Drummondville &c.,	Rev. J. A. F. McBain	33.50
Uxbridge,	J. Symons, Esq.	17.50
Markham,	Rev. D. McIntosh.	8.33
Widder,	J. McGregor, Esq.	2.60
Blyth & Belgrave,	Andrew McAra, Esq.	20.00
Toronto,	Sunday Subscribers	787.67
Norwood,	per W. E. Roxborough, Esq.	10.00
North Easthope,	per D. Stewart, Esq.	18.00
Guolph, per W. Anderson, Esq.		52.00
Ottawa, Rev. F. W. Faries		22.00
Saint Mary's, per R. Harstone, Esq.		20.00
Wroxeter, Robert Douglas		4.00
Burns Church Moore, per Wm. Cole, Esq.		10.00
Vaughan, per Rev. P. Nicol		17.00
East Zorra, per Principal Cavan		14.00
Woodstock, per Rev. J. McTavish		37.00
Wingham, per Rev. Jas. Pritchard		78.90
Elora, per Rev. Jas. Middlemiss		57.33
Caledonia Argyle St. Ch., per Rev. J. Black		20.00

KNOX COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND.

Amount received to 10th Dec., 1875	\$790.78
Lake Shore	5.40
Eden Mills	2.00
Galt Union Church	62.00
Clairemont	5.67
Fergus Saint Andrew's	18.00
Avonbank	20.00
Fullarton	12.00
Wingham	10.00
Chippewa	3.37
Hespeler	3.00
Hastings	8.00
Milverton Burn's Church	20.00
Utica	5.00
Bluvalo	10.00
Teeswater	16.00
Eadie's	15.00
Warwick Knox Church	2.30
Doon	3.00
Tilbury East	3.60
Pickering Erskine Church	2.50
Walkerton	6.00
Pino River	4.00
Watford	3.00
Chippawa	4.00
Prince Arthur's Landing	5.00
Fort William	4.66
Burn's Church Moore	21.00
Yarmouth	7.00
Elora	30.00

HOME MISSION.

Amount received to 10th Dec., 1875	\$3161.92
East Paslinch	16.00
Metis	4.32
Galt Union Church	52.00
Prescott	31.00
Beverley	50.00
Chalmers Church, Quebec	250.00
Binbrook	6.70
Lucknow	71.75
Victoria	28.00
Esmondville	5.00
Mrs. Jno. Redpath, Montreal	40.00
Wardsville & Newbury	4.00
Lake Megantic	5.00
Avonbank	37.75
Fullarton	10.25
Wingham	30.00
St. Andrews & Burn's Ch., Ladies Ass'n	11.50
Inverness	21.00
Wroxeter	25.18
Fordwich	15.00
Cranbrook	3.31
Peterborough, St. Paul's	150.00
Osnabruck, St. Mathew's	6.00
Nepean and Bell's Corners	10.00
Columbus	50.28
Bluevalo	40.00
Walkerton	11.00
Do S. School	6.75
Iroquois	10.00
Morrisburg	39.00
West Winchester	25.42
Morewood	8.71
Pleasant Valley, Matilda	2.50
Brucefield	9.00
Kingston, Chalmers' Church	195.21
Acton	16.73
Winterbourne, Chalmers' Church	9.00
Chippewa	18.35
Hawkesbury	8.75
L'Orignal	10.00
Plantagenet	3.16
London, Saint Andrew's	30.00
Danville	13.50
Leeds	40.35
Guelpf, first	18.33
Barrie Sabbath School, for Muskoka	26.00
Yarmouth	16.00
Brooklin	20.00
Madoc, St. Peter's	9.00
Do do Sabbath School	3.50

NEW COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

Amount received to 10th Dec., 1875	\$10065.57
Delaware, per Rev. J. A. R. Hay	29.25
Dunwich, " Robt. Fletcher, Esq.	14.50
Park Hill, " John Gibb, Esq.	58.00
Sylvan, " James Gordon, Esq.	7.00
Ashburn, " Rev. W. M. Roger	32.00
Amherstburgh, per A. Callan, Esq.	41.50
Kirkton, &c., " A. W. Kennedy, Esq.	7.00
Bond Head, " Rev. Wm. Fraser	24.00
Hibbert, " Rev. Robt. Hamilton	20.00
Burns Ch. Moore, " D. Hossie, Esq.	33.50
Lanhouse, " Rev. Robt. Ewing	12.00
Longwood, &c., " Messrs. Gordon & Begg	40.00
Brampton & Malton per Rev. J. Barkie	33.00
Guelpf Chalmers Ch., " D. McIntosh, Esq.	83.00
Streetsville, per Rev. J. Breckenridge	30.00
Fullarton, " Rev. Principal Cavan	5.00
Princeo Albert, per T. C. Forman, Esq.	7.00
Walkerton, " Rev. A. C. Moffatt	7.00
Lucknow, " Rev. R. H. Warden	51.00
Port Dover,	12.75
Blyth & Belgrave, per " " "	1.00
Manchester & Hullcote, per Rev. R. H. Warden	5.00
Jarvis & Walpole,	43.00
St. Helen's & East Kinloss, per " " "	25.00

FOREIGN MISSION.

Amount received to 10th Dec., 1875	\$1198.58
Galt Union Church	20.00
Beverley	40.00

Victoria	5.00
Normanby Head Station	10.00
Avonbank	15.00
Fullarton	10.00
Wingham	15.00
St. Andrew's & Burns' Ch., Ladies Ass'n.	11.50
Young Man, Clifford, China	10.00
Durham	23.82
Columbus	30.00
Bluevale	8.00
Fergus St. Andrew's S. School, China	5.00
Bear Creek	37.00
Walkerton	4.00
Do Sabbath School	6.75
Forrest	5.16
Warrensville, Sabbath School, India	6.72
Chippawa	4.00
Danville	5.50
Leeds	13.00
Barrie Sabbath School, China	23.00
Do do India	21.00
Little Girl, St. Sulpice St., Montreal, China	1.16
Yarmouth	5.40
Brooklin	9.00
Madoc, St. Peter's	3.00
Do do Sabbath School	3.00
Ottawa, Daley Street	37.20
Elora	55.00

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

Amount received to 10th Dec., 1875	\$1016.96
Beverly	10.00
Saltfleet	10.00
Hullett	15.00
Lucknow and South Kinloss	13.12
Avonbank	15.00
Fullarton	12.00
Maidstone Station	2.00
Young Man, Clifford	5.00
Durham	6.00
Mount Pleasant	3.40
Burford	1.00
Columbus	15.00
Walkerton	5.00
A friend, Walkerton	4.00
Prooffine	8.13
English Settlement	14.38
Acton	17.00
Barrie Sabbath School	30.00
Yarmouth	2.50
Brooklin	9.00
Longwood Guthrie Church	11.50
Elora	44.00

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

Amount received to 10th Dec., 1875	\$79.28
Boston Church	9.00
Milton Knox Church	6.50
Stayner	5.00
Huntingdon and Athelstane	4.90
Avonbank	5.00
Manilla	4.00
Durham	14.00
Mille Isles	4.75
Embros	41.70
Carlingford	2.00
Winslow	2.00

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount received to 10th Dec., 1875	\$523.29
Galt Union Church	15.00
Toronto Gould Street	48.00
Holstein	5.13
Ames	3.38
Fairhairn	2.92
Boston Church	8.00
Milton Knox Church	6.50
Huntingdon and Athelstane	4.00
Wingham	6.00
Columbus	20.00
Proton	8.00
Walkerton	12.00

Chippewa	4.00
Yarmouth	3.50
Avonton	10.00
Coto des Neiges	14.00
Longwood Guthrie Church	5.00
Caledonia Argyle St. & Allan Settlement	26.00

With rates from Rev. J. W. Smith; Rev. A. McKay; Rev. P. Nicholl; Rev. Jno. Rennie; Rev. J. Stewart; Rev. W. C. Windel; Rev. Jno. Eadie; Rev. J. McMechan; Rev. Wm. Forrest; Rev. Wm. Burns; Rev. Jno. Gray; Rev. Rev. R. D. Fraser; Rev. J. R. Scott; Rev. J. Wellwood, \$12.50; Rev. R. H. Warden; Rev. G. Brodie, \$24; Rev. W. Scott; Rev. R. Whillans; Rev. Jno. Straith; Rev. D. McKenzie; Rev. J. Breckenridge, \$12; Rev. J. Thomson; Rev. Jno. Black; Rev. D. Duff; Rev. Wm. Grant, \$10; Rev. Wm. Millican; Rev. Wm. Meldrum; Rev. J. McConcehey; Rev. Robt. F. Burns, DD, \$32.

ORPHANS OF THE LATE REV. JAMES NESBIT.

Amount received to 10th Dec., 1875	\$617.92
Bowmanville	25.00
Caledonia Sutherland Street	10.00
Streetsville	45.00
Ingersoll	95.00
Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., Halifax	20.00

GLENGARRY FUND.

Lachute Henry Church	\$6.00
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MANITOBA MISSION.

(Of the late Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.)

Huntingdon	\$10.00
Rev. W. M. Black	10.00
St. Paul's, Montreal	50.00
Part of legacy from the late Mrs. McIntyre, Perth	50.00

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUND, QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

Hamilton, St. Paul's	\$40.00
Cornwall	25.00
Pakenham	3.50
Scarboro	44.00
L'Orignal and Hawkesbury	14.00
Westmeath	10.00
Park Hill	10.00
Litchfield	6.12
East Nottawasaga and Purple Hill	5.00
Rev. W. M. Black, Montreal	10.00
St. Paul's, Montreal	60.00
Huntingdon	10.00

JUVENILE INDIAN MISSION.

Eglise St. Jean, Montreal, per Rev. C. A. Tanner	\$ 5.00
Miss Jane McCleod, St. John	20.00
Charlottetown S. School, per A. Kennedy	20.00
Kippen S. School, per John Doig	10.00
Athelstane S. School, per J. Braidner	7.00
Fergus S. School, per A. D. Pardee	20.00
East Oxford S. School, per S. K. Wallace	20.00
Huntingdon S. School	20.00

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Montreal, by Mr. Warden King	\$40.00
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Contributions to the extent of \$1800 have been received for FRENCH EVANGELIZATION since last acknowledgement; the details of which are unavoidably held over till next month.

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