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### The New Governor-General.

THE MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE arrived at Quebec on the 23rd of October, and met with a very hearty welcome from the inhabitants of the Ancient Capital. The formal reception took place in the new Parliament Buildings, where the ex-Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne, and the Ministers of the Dominion and Provincial Legislatures assembled, and where the new Governor-General was duly installed into office. Our hope and trust is that he will prove himself a worthy successor of his immediate predecessors—Lord Dufferin and the Marquis of Lorne—whose names are written indelibly on the hearts of the people of Canada.

### Winter.

THE winter begins, astronomically, with the 21st of December, the shortest day, but in these northern latitudes it is *practically* winter at least a month earlier. If any are disposed to commiserate our condition during the five months in which land and water are hermetically sealed, their judgment cannot be based on personal knowledge of our Canadian winter, which is at once invigorating and enjoyable in a remarkable degree. Even the interruption to trade and commerce is now scarcely felt since the development of the railway system, the benefits of which are everywhere experienced. In so far as the Church is concerned, the season on which we en-

tered is by far the most active of the whole year. It affords special opportunities for work. Winter often compels leisure. The long evenings are favourable for congregational meetings, social and fellowship meetings, missionary meetings, business meetings. It is then, too, that our Young Men's and Young Women's Associations, our Sunday-schools and Bible classes, our Dorcas societies and all the varied machinery of the Church come into full play. There is more time for reading, meditation and prayer. Winter is often a spiritual harvest-time. Why should it not be so in all the congregations? It is the time to plan and carry out evangelistic efforts among the more neglected districts which abound in all sections of the Church. Often enough there is a dark fringe of semi-heathenism round about us, and we leave it untouched year after year. It is a time, too, when the world's great need should be considered by us in the light of conscience and of our several ability. It will not do for us to forget the lessons, we may well say the warnings, of the late census. If other Churches are moving onward at a more rapid pace than ours, it becomes us to be up and doing. No congregation is in a healthy condition that is contented to be merely self-supporting. The more we do for others the better shall we thrive ourselves. In arranging for the winter's work let sessions and managers give due prominence to all the missionary and benevolent enterprises of the Church. They are necessarily various,—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Colleges, Missions to the French Roman Catholics. There are funds to help weak congregations, to provide for aged and infirm ministers and the widows of ministers, to aid in the erection of churches and manses in the new settlements. It is one of the privileges

of membership in a large church that one may aid so great a variety of purposes of such vast importance, and it is of the utmost moment that what we do should be done systematically. If we are to do our work satisfactorily, the pulpit must cease to be a "begging box." We must have done with "spasmodic" efforts and la. ourselves out for quiet, continuous and united work. We are thankful for the indications appearing here and there of large liberality and higher consecration, but the best of us are very far from having "attained." There is not a denomination, there is scarcely a congregation that has yet come up to the standard of "ability." Were we to expend as much money and personal effort for the good of others, by publishing the "good news," as we do upon ourselves, there would come about such a revolution as the world has never seen. Where is the model congregation, such as was sketched by Dr. Jardine in the February number of THE RECORD, 1882? "One thing thou lackest" is written on the threshold of every one of our large, wealthy and influential churches. Would that a pentecostal blessing might descend this winter upon every congregation large and small!

### Acts and Proceedings of Assembly.

A VERY valuable volume comes year by year into the hands of our ministers and elders, through whom, it may be supposed, the substance of it finds its way to the members and adherents of the Church. We refer to the "Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly"—a volume of just about as many pages as there are days in the year. The issue before us is the record of the Ninth Assembly, which met in June at London. It says a great deal for the cleverness of the clerks of Assembly, Dr. Reid and Dr. Fraser, that a volume so large and complicated was published with so little delay and with so few mistakes in it. Is it not stale and dull reading by this time? No; emphatically no! Let us run through it. It contains nothing startling indeed, but much that should interest every Presbyterian. The first sixty pages contain the "Minutes." Then come Home Mission reports, carrying us over a vast range of territory, all the way from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, and occupying eighty-eight pages. The next twenty pages give a clear and succinct view of our Foreign Mission operations in New Hebrides, Trinidad, China and India. A compact dozen of pages conveys the story of our efforts to evangelize the French Roman Catholics. Twenty-six pages are devoted to our Colleges. Sabbath-schools, Sabbath-observance, the State of Religion, Temperance, occupy a score more of

pages. The balance of the volume is devoted to statistics and accounts. The reader cannot fail to perceive that our Church is engaged in a work of vast magnitude. Though our operations are classed under various headings, the work is one—the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. This is the "cause of our existence." This is the meaning of our Church organizations, our colleges, our boards and committees. It is for this purpose that we spend our strength and contribute our money. Well; and is there not adequate reasons for all we do? Rather let us ask are our efforts at all commensurate with the mighty enterprise in which we are engaged? Christ Himself gave His life for it; and His is our pattern.

What are we doing? Last year, we learn from this volume, that all our contributions for all Church purposes amounted to \$1,436,811, an increase of \$13,000 on any previous year. Does this sum total indicate much sacrifice and self-denial? We prefer to leave that question to be answered by every reader for himself. For all purposes, the average contribution per family was \$20.67, and per communicant, \$12. This includes stipend and all ordinary Church expenses. For the schemes of the Church our contributions averaged \$2.40 per family, and \$1.40 per communicant. Let us turn for a moment to the Church in the United States, and note how her people contribute. The whole sum given for all objects was \$9,661,473. The average per communicant was \$16.10—that is, \$4.10 in advance of us. The rate of giving per family is not stated. The highest rate per communicant in our Church is in Manitoba Presbytery, \$37.57. Next comes Newfoundland with \$29.13, and third in order comes Montreal with \$17.20. Among the United States Presbyteries the highest contribution per communicant is \$27.50, from Colorado. California gives \$24.50, New York Synod, \$18. Pennsylvania \$14.50. It is extremely gratifying to note the fact that our contributions show a steady advance year by year, from \$982,672, in the first year of our Union, to \$1,436,811 in the last Assembly year. Every department of the Church's work has shared in this advance. Stipends are higher, missions are more extensive and colleges are better equipped. The table of statistics presents to the eye the contributions of all the churches. The largest contribution to the schemes of the Church comes from St. Paul's Church, Montreal, namely, \$6,922. Next comes Knox Church, Toronto, with \$5,298. Then we find St. James's Square, Toronto, with \$4,568. Hamilton Central comes very closely upon the last named, having given \$4,449. Other congregations, so far as we have noted, do not rise beyond \$2,500, and very few reach \$2,000.

It is obvious to remark that congregations which do not give even \$200 may show very great liberality in proportion to their means. Still, it is satisfactory to see our wealthy churches stepping gallantly to the front.

It may not be amiss to notice that one church in New York, that of which Dr. Paxton was pastor prior to his acceptance of a Princeton professorship, gave last year to the "schemes" of our sister Church the sum of \$68,336, or nearly tenfold the amount given by the largest contributing congregation in Canada. What is specially commendable in this congregation is that it gave \$8 to missions and benevolence for every \$1 expended upon itself. The average contribution per communicant was \$350. The church of which Dr. John Hall is pastor contributed over \$60,000 for the "schemes of the Church."

The number of communicants reported in our Church is 119,608. But the returns are still far from complete and accurate. The number of families, 69,507. There are connected nominally with our Church thousands of families not yet reported; not yet included in any of our congregations or stations receiving regular services from ministers or catechists. One of the uses of the study of these figures will be to stir up our zeal on behalf of our scattered and lonely members, who are as sheep without a shepherd. We have given enough figures to whet the reader's appetite for the volume before us. If you have not received a copy, borrow one from your district elder. One copy might serve a dozen families. We should like to hear that every minister in the Church took an opportunity of giving his congregation a *résumé* of the contents of this most interesting volume; even if it took him three or four Wednesday evenings to do it, it would pay for the trouble of boiling it down in the increased interest which his people would be sure to take in the affairs of the Church in general, and in the progress of missions at home and abroad in particular.

#### SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

THIS SYNOD met in Fort Massey Church, Halifax, on the 9th of October. Principal MacKnight preached the opening sermon and constituted the Synod. Rev. Dr. Burns was elected Moderator. The report of the Hunter Church Building Fund showed that in seven years the sum of \$7,796 has been given in free grants to aid weak congregations in building; free loans, \$13,300; loans on interest, \$7,600. The capital of the Fund has not been trenced upon. About forty congregations have already

some benefit from the Fund. The Synod has for twenty years supported three Professors in Dalhousie College, paying \$4,500 a year in salaries; it was resolved to ask the Governors of the college to relieve the Synod in whole or in part from this burden. Full power was granted to our Presbyterian College Board to conclude any arrangements with the Dalhousie Governors that may be mutually satisfactory. It appeared from the Finance Committee's report that the Endowment Fund amounts to \$71,025. It is hoped that at least \$4,000 additional will be collected. The Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund (Eastern Section) is in a very safe and prosperous condition. The capital will soon reach \$60,000. Now is the time for ministers not yet on the fund, to join. The Supplementing Fund was discussed with much earnestness. It was resolved to make an immediate effort to level up all ministerial salaries to \$600 with manse, and to aim ultimately at \$750 with manse. The whole subject was recommended to the early attention of Presbyteries. It was recommended to the Supplementing Committee to use their endeavours to put in operation the scheme of augmentation given on page 305, appendix of the Assembly Minutes, 1883. Presbyteries reported a general advance in the contributions of the people both in regularity and amount. On Wednesday evening the state of religion was discussed first, and then Sabbath-schools. With regard to both there was much to encourage, much to stimulate effort; and also something to deplore. On Thursday evening the topic was FOREIGN MISSIONS. The audience was large, and addresses were given by Rev. H. A. Robertson of Eromanga, Rev. Thomas Christie, late of Couva, Trinidad, and Rev. John Morton, now of Tunapuna, Trinidad. Great interest was manifested in all the addresses. Dr. McGregor announced that Mr. J. Knox Wright, of Ontario, had been accepted by the Board as successor to Mr. Christie at Couva. The Board is also prepared to advertise for a missionary to the coolies in Demarara, half the salary to be provided in Demarara, and the other half by the Western Section of our Church. Mr. Crum Ewing has applied to our Church for a missionary to labour among the coolies on his estates, he himself to pay the whole salary. Thus there is a call for two more missionaries to the West Indies. The news from the New Hebrides, just received from Mr. Annand, are also highly encouraging. New islands are being occupied, and there is a general advance in the older stations.

The next meeting of Synod will be held in Knox Church, Pictou, on the second Tuesday of October, 1884.

## David's Friend—Jonathan.

DECEMBER 9.

1 SAMUEL XX : 33-42.

*Golden Text, Proverbs 18 : 24.*

HERE are three representative men, each with widely different traits of character. (1) SAUL. In his earlier years there is much to admire in him. He was good-looking, clever, energetic, brave, with that dash about him that always fascinates: modest, yet dignified and generous. But he was the type of a man spoiled by prosperity; he could not carry a full cup. Before he was two years on the throne he disregarded the conditions on which he was to hold office, ch. 13 : 9-14. He degenerated rapidly, and became a headstrong and cruel despot. His irascibility was perhaps constitutional, for he was a Benjamite, Gen. 49 : 27, and the idea that another was to supplant him must have preyed upon a mind like his. He forfeited his crown, and his life, through wilful disobedience to the authority of God. (2) DAVID—the expression that he was a man after God's "own heart," ch. 13 : 14; Acts 13 : 22, applies to his character generally. He had many splendid qualities of both head and heart, but he was far from perfect. The redeeming quality in his case was that he was deeply sensible of his sins and short-comings. That he sincerely repented of them is clearly shewn in the 51st Psalm, which is often called *the Sinner's Guide*. (3) JONATHAN appears before us as a peacemaker, v. 2, and one of the most unselfish of men. Although himself the heir-apparent to the throne, with rare magnanimity he concedes David's divine right, and his own willingness to be ranked his inferior, ch. 23 : 17. It is possible that he may have lacked some of the qualities at that time specially requisite and necessary for holding the reins of government. Vs. 33, 34, exhibit Saul's ungovernable temper, and show in the case of Jonathan, how even the best of men may forget themselves under the pressure of great provocation, Prov. 16 : 32. He left the table with deep concern for David's safety; yet retaining a sense of the honour due to his father. Vs. 35-39. By previous arrangement, Jonathan went next morning to the field where David lay concealed, and, by the means described, gave him to understand that it would be unsafe for him to expose himself to his father's frenzy, that his best course would be to leave the Court altogether. V. 40. *His artillery*—his bow and quiver. V. 41. David showed respect for Jonathan's rank in true oriental fashion. What an affecting scene! Only once again did they meet, ch. 23 : 16. V. 42. *Go in peace*—equivalent to our "good bye" (God be with you). The secret of this "wonderful" love was their common love to God. The greater our love to Christ, the more we love one another, John 13 : 35; 1 Jn. 4 : 7, 8. Jonathan gives David the most solemn assurance of his abiding friendship. Prov. 18 : 24. Such a friend is God, Ps. 27 : 10; Isa. 43 : 2. But, on the other hand, if we forsake Him, He will forsake us, 2 Chron. 15 : 2. Jesus is our best friend, Rom. 5 : 8.

## David Sparing his Enemy.

DECEMBER 16.

1 SAMUEL XXIV : 1-17.

*Golden Text, Matthew 5 : 44.*

AFTER parting with Jonathan David became an exile for several years until the death of Saul. During that time there gathered round him a motley band of 600 men, chs. 22 : 2; 23 : 13, who accompanied him from place to place, finding shelter amid the rocky fastnesses of Moab and Philistia, or in the mountains of Judea. To understand how David felt during this strange crisis in his history we must read such Psalms as the 7th, 57th, 58th and the 142nd—"A prayer when he was in the cave." A sudden incursion of the Philistines had diverted Saul's attention for a little, but as soon as that was over he is on David's track again. Vs. 1-3. *Engedi*—(fountain of the kid) a small town on the west shore of the Dead Sea. 3000 men—the flower of his army, now set out on an inglorious expedition—to capture a fugitive band of 600, skulking among the rocks where only chamois and goats had their home, and in caves fit only to shelter sheep in a storm. V. 4. God had never made any promise of delivering Saul into David's hands, but his men construed what God did say in ch. 15 : 28 as authority for David to be avenged on his enemy. Saul had thrown his outer garment on one side ere he lay down, which made it easy for David to cut off the skirt. Vs. 5, 6. David was too magnanimous to take him at unawares, and too conscientious to lift his hand against "The Lord's anointed." He resolved to do right and leave results with God. V. 7. David shewed true strength in not only restraining his own natural impulses, but in restraining his followers also from violence. Vs. 8-11. It was a bold thing to follow Saul and to address him as he did. It is always the wiser course, however, to reason with those who would injure us than to contend against them. V. 12. *The Lord judge*—Here is the solution of the contrast in these two men's lives. Both were divinely chosen and anointed; both had their good qualities; both were sinners and great sinners, but Saul had rejected God, ch. 15 : 23, while David acknowledged Him at every step. It was "the Lord" who induced him to spare Saul's life, and it is to "the Lord" that he looks for deliverance, v. 15. V. 14. It was inconsistent with the dignity of the King of Israel to lead an army against a helpless individual like David. *A flea*—"one flea," in the Hebrew. Language could not express greater humility. V. 16. Saul's better nature for a moment asserts itself, but alas that it was so evanescent! Now, and again, ch. 26 : 21, he reached the point of conviction, but he never repented. His conscience was touched, but he stilled its remonstrance. V. 17. The pith of the lesson is in the golden text. The great duty taught is that that of overcoming evil with good, Rom. 12 : 20.

## Death of Saul and Jonathan.

DECEMBER 23.

1 SAMUEL XXXI : 1-13.

*Golden Text, Proverbs 14 : 32.*

**C**OMPARE 1 Chron. 10 : 1-14. The scene changes from Engedi, in the south of Judea, to the Plain of Esdraelon in Galilee, where many a battle had been fought. It extended from the sea to Jordan, and was watered by the Kishon which falls into the Mediterranean near Carmel. Mount Gilboa was near the eastern end of the plain, and Shunem, where the Philistines encamped, was three and a half miles north of Jezreel, ch. 28 : 1-4. The night before the battle Saul went to consult the Witch of Endor, and we have the strange story of Samuel's re-appearance and his declaration that Saul and his sons were soon to be in the land of spirits, ch. 28 : 7-19. V. 2. All of Saul's sons perished with the exception of Ishbosheth who, on the death of his father, claimed the throne and actually reigned for two years at Mahanaim, on the eastern side of Jordan, while David was King in Hebron, 2 Sam. 2 : 8-11. Vs. 3-5. Saul, on account of his stature would be a marked man and the hottest of the fight would be where he was. Sad that so splendid a man as Jonathan should have fallen, but this also was "the Lord's" doing and prepared the way for David's ascendancy. *Was sore wounded.* The time of retribution had come. Saul had forsaken God, and now he was forsaken by God. He could not brook the idea of being killed by a despicable Philistine, so he falls upon his armour-bearer's sword, the very sword it is thought with which the Lord's servants had been massacred at Nob, ch. 22 : 18. V. 6. What a wreck! Sad end to a reign of forty years that should have been glorious, and all because Saul placed no check upon his impulsive and wayward nature. The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, 2 Pet. 3 : 9-11. V. 7. The Israelites were obliged now to leave the entire north in the hands of the Philistines. Vs. 8-10. This barbarous treatment of the slain accorded with the then usages of war. So David treated the body of Goliath, ch. 17 : 54; and so the head of the noble Marquis of Argyle was similarly exposed at the Tolbooth of Edinburgh 2700 years later! Vs. 11-13. *Jabesh-Gilead*—east of Jordan in *God*. One of Saul's earliest military exploits occurred here, ch. 11, and now the inhabitants show grateful remembrance of their deliverance by rescuing his body and those of his sons from indignity—a touching and rare example of national gratitude. *Burnt them.* As cremation was not practised by the Hebrews, this was probably done to prevent further desecration by the Philistines, or for sanitary reasons, for the bones were decently interred. *Fasted seven days*—protracted mourning for the dead was a very old custom, Gen. 50 : 10, and continued till apostolic times, John 11 : 19, 31, 33. Without true piety, the finest qualities of character and the highest position in society will fail utterly to make a true and noble man.

## The Conference at Jerusalem.

JANUARY 6

ACTS XV : 1-11.

*Golden Text, Acts 15 : 11.*

**C**IRCUMCISION was established as the token of God's covenant with Abraham and continued to be the initiatory rite into the Jewish Church until the Christian era, when baptism took its place. It is nowhere enjoined in the New Testament; our Saviour only once refers to it, incidentally, John 7 : 22-23. The lesson brings under notice one of the most exciting controversies in the history of the Apostolic Church, which for a time seemed to threaten its disruption into two sections, Jewish and Gentile. The great question was whether the old law of circumcision was obligatory on the Christian Church, or whether it was abrogated along with sacrifices and other ceremonials. Those of the Pharisees who had embraced Christianity represented the strictly conservative party and held to the strict letter of the law, challenging the new teachers to shew their authority for setting it aside. They would not only make it a term of membership, but they would excommunicate all who did not think just as they did. Vs. 1-2. Paul and Barnabas after their first missionary journey had been at Antioch for a length of time, ch. 14 : 28, preaching to the Gentiles, when *certain men came from Judea*—what sort of men, we learn from Gal. 2 : 4—narrow-minded sectarians, who even affirmed that no one could be saved except they were circumcised after the manner of Moses, meaning by this a strict adherence to all of the ceremonies enjoined by Moses. There are those now-a-days who attach as much importance as that to matters that are in no wise essential to salvation. Paul and Barnabas having argued the matter out with these "false brethren," the Presbytery of Antioch sent them as a deputation to Jerusalem, the recognized headquarters of the Church, in order that they might obtain an authoritative declaration from the Synod there. V. 3. Were *brought on their way*—some of the brethren going part of the way with them. *Phoenice*—bordering on the sea for 100 miles north from Cesarea, in which were a large colony of Jews. *And Samaria*—They were not idle by the way—everywhere inviting Gentiles as well as Jews, simply to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. V. 4. This was Paul's third visit to Jerusalem since his conversion—fourteen years before, Gal. 2 : 1-10. Vs. 5, 6. A formal meeting of the "apostles and elders" was convened. There were present Peter and James "the Lord's brother," and probably John and many others, besides those from Antioch—Paul, Barnabas, Titus, Silas and Jude. Vs. 13-22. Peter, the first to admit Gentiles into the Church, ch. 10 : 34, 44-47, opens the discussion and shews conclusively that the question had already been decided by God himself by the effusion of the Holy Ghost. After the deputies were heard, James sums up the debate and pronounces the judgment of the Assembly. *Lesson*, Christ first, Christ last, *Christ alone can save sinners.* John 3 : 16. Acts 4 : 3.

## Our Own Church.

REV. DR. MCGREGOR acknowledges receipt of one hundred pounds sterling from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland through Dr. Wilson, which will be applied in aid of the supplementing of the weaker charges in the Maritime Provinces.

BEQUEST.—Mr. William Cooper, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Picton, in the Presbytery of Kingston, left by his will fifteen hundred and fifty dollars to the Agent of the church “for the various schemes of the Presbyterian Church.” The first instalment—one fifth—was paid by the executors of the deceased, and the same has been appropriated as follows:—Home Missions \$62; Foreign Missions \$62; French Evangelization \$62; College Fund \$50; Manitoba College \$12; Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$31; and Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund \$31.—in all \$310.

We invite attention to the statement presented by Mr. Warden in another column explaining the grounds and nature of the appeal made to the congregations of the church in the matter of the augmentation of the stipends of the ministers in the smaller charges. The subject is one which must commend itself at once to all who will give it the consideration which it deserves at their hands. The facts which enquiry in this direction have brought to light shew that our ministers as a class are very poorly paid for their services, and as no one questions the ability of the Presbyterians in Canada, as a whole, to do what is right and proper in the premises, there is every reason to believe that the present effort, so worthily conceived, and which is being followed up so wisely and vigorously, will be carried forward to a successful issue. We are far from thinking that \$750 and a manse is adequate remuneration for a minister of the gospel, but knowing as we do that many a faithful minister has laboured long and usefully, receiving a much smaller amount for the support of himself and his family, we shall be devoutly thankful when it can be said that the sum we have named is the *minimum* stipend of a Presbyterian minister in Canada.

PERSONAL.—MR. JOHN JAMIESON, formerly missionary at Magnetawan, in the Presbytery of Barrie, was on the 18th of October

formally designated and commissioned by the Presbytery as missionary to Formosa, to co-operate with Rev. Dr. G. L. Mackay according to call of the Foreign Mission Committee. Rev. Principal MacVicar and Rev. Dr. Potts of Montreal paid a flying visit to Nashville, Tennessee, last month, to attend the meeting of the committee in charge of the International Sabbath-school Lessons. The committee consists of thirteen members, two of them from England. It is to hold its next meeting in Montreal, on the 21st of February next. It is estimated that the International Lessons are now used by upwards of six millions of scholars. Rev. J. M. Cameron of the East Church, Toronto, takes the place of Rev. Dr. King as convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Toronto. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell of Toronto, is convener of the committee on the augmentation of stipends. Dr. Jenkins of Montreal will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, during the sitting of the Dominion Legislature. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, convener of the Assembly's committee on Foreign Missions, West, is visiting the different Colleges—addressing the students and enlisting their sympathies in the great work of missions to the heathen. His visits are much appreciated. A recent number of the “Prince Albert Times” is almost wholly devoted to the leaving of Rev. James Sieveright, who appears to have made a very favourable impression on the community and who has left a number of durable monuments behind him in the shape of churches and manses, and goodly congregations that meet for worship in new settlements that are rapidly becoming influential centres. The Rev. Dr. Patterson of New Glasgow, N. S., has carried off the prize of one hundred guineas offered for the best essay on “The Heathen World; its need of the Gospel, and the Church's obligation to supply it.” *Palmas qui meruit, ferat.*

COMING IN.—We understand that the congregation at Perth, Ont., in connection with the Church of Scotland, has been dissolved and that its members have, for the most part, connected themselves with the other Presbyterian congregations in the town. The congregation of Williams, Ont., formerly under the pastorate of Rev. Lachlan McPherson (resigned) has voted itself into the united Church. We extend a hearty welcome to these friends and sincerely trust they will never see cause to regret their connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

MONTREAL. A movement has been set on foot, under the auspices of the Presbytery, to visit from house to house all the Protestant families in the city, with a view to securing their attendance at some place of worship on the Sabbath-day. A course of lectures on

"Questions of the Day" has been instituted at the Presbyterian College, after the manner of the St. Giles' Lectures in Edinburgh. They are delivered on Sunday afternoons, at three o'clock. The following is the programme for the first term:—The Creed of the Apostles, by Dr. J. F. Stevenson; Evolution in Morals, by Rev. J. S. Black; Atheism or Theism, by Dr. Jenkins; The Descent of Man, by Professor Campbell; The Moral Influence Theory of the Atonement, by Principal Caven; The Future State, by Rev. J. Edgar Hill; Science and Prayer, by Principal MacVicar; Morality of the Old Testament, by Rev. G. H. Wells. It is proposed to publish the lectures at the end of the course.

OUR TRINIDAD MISSIONARIES:—Rev. John Morton, with his family, has returned to Trinidad greatly benefited in health by his six months' furlough. He and Mrs. Morton have visited many congregations, East and West, and have greatly deepened the interest of our people in the Trinidad Mission. The concluding meetings were held in St. John, N. B., where the addresses of Mr. and Mrs. Morton stirred unwonted enthusiasm

#### ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

SHEET HARBOUR, *Halifax*.—Mr. Samuel Rosborough was ordained and inducted on the 6th of November.

WEST GUILLIMBURGH and COOKSTOWN.—Rev. James Carswell, formerly of W. Adelaide and Arkona, was inducted on the 30th of October.

ARTHUR: *Saugeen*.—Mr. L. W. Thom was ordained and inducted on the 6th of November.

NEW ANNAN: *Wallace*.—Mr. Quinn was ordained and inducted on the 6th of November.

CALLS.—Rev. James Rosborough to Shelburne, N. S. Rev. W. R. Cruikshank of Montreal to Charles Street Church, Toronto. Rev. R. J. Beattie of Port Hope, to St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville—*Toronto*, also to Knox Church, Guelph. Rev. Isaac Campbell of Richmond Hill to Listowell.—*Stratford*. Rev. E. Cockburn of Uxbridge to Barrie, Ont. Rev. Alex. Henderson of Hyde Park to Parkhill—*Sarnia*. Rev. J. B. Duncan of Forest has accepted a call to St. Andrew's Church, Paisley.

#### NEW CHURCHES.

PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T.—Two new churches were opened in this district by Rev. James Sieveright a short time before he left; the one at the Ridge, on a magnificent site given by Mr. T. Miller, the other at the thriving settlement of Willoughby. They are both

log buildings, seated for about 100 persons, and fitted up most comfortably. Who can estimate the good influences which may go forth from these primitive houses of prayer in the far North-west?

SOMBRA: *Sarnia*.—A very neat frame church, erected at a cost of \$1500, was opened at this place by Rev. John Thomson of Sarnia on the 11th of November. It is an ornament to the neighbourhood and a credit to the congregation.

MURRAY HARBOUR, NORTH: P. E. ISLAND. A handsome and commodious new church was opened for divine service on the 28th of October. Rev. W. Donald of Pictou preached in the morning, Rev. E. Bell of Murray Harbour South in the afternoon, and Rev. Mr. Reynolds of the same place in the evening. This is one of the oldest congregations on the island, and the occasion was one of great interest to the congregation and their friends. The old church had done service for nearly sixty years.

#### The Colleges.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON:—The 45th Session was opened under very auspicious circumstances, on what is called University Day—the 16th of October, the birthday of Queen's. In the afternoon there was a meeting of the Board of Trustees to confirm the appointment of Dr. Goodwin as Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy. Dr. Goodwin is a Canadian of acknowledged ability, and who has proved himself a successful lecturer and teacher. A man who has studied such chemists as Crum, Brown, Kuhme, and Bunson ought to be able to teach the students of Queen's all they want to know on that subject. The Rev. Donald Ross was also installed as Professor of Apologetics and New Testament Criticism and Exegesis, who, if we are not greatly mistaken, will also prove a valuable acquisition to the teaching staff. It says a great deal for the energy and "push" of the Principal that so very decided an improvement has been effected in the equipment of the College since he took hold of the reins. The number of students is larger than in any former year. The opening lecture was delivered by Professor Ross, who took for his subject "Physical Science, or the Possibility of Miracles," which he treated in a very able and interesting manner, showing that if science were pursued in a reverent spirit, religion would no longer envy science nor science envy religion. The Principal congratulated the friends of the University on the valuable accessions which had been made to the teaching staff. He referred with satisfaction to the Kingston Womens' Medical College. He ut-



tered a note of warning in respect of the proposal to bestow additional grants of money from the public chest upon University College, Toronto.

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX.**—The opening services of Session 1883-4. were held in St. Matthew's Church, on the 7th of November. Principal Macknight, D.D., presided and delivered a lecture on the Epistle of Clement, which he analysed and criticized. He showed that it was in a marked degree inferior to the sacred writings, as indeed, are all the productions of even the "Apostolic Fathers." The aim of the Epistle is to teach subordination to ecclesiastical authorities. The prelatist system had not been introduced when this letter was written; it does not contain the slightest trace of that prelacy which by and by overshadowed the Church. The Epistle in the original is to be discussed this session in one of the Principal's classes. There are fifteen students this session—eight being of the first year. At a meeting of the College Board it was resolved to confer with the Governors of Dalhousie College with a view to have the Church relieved in whole or in part of the financial support she gives that institution. There is an accumulated deficit at present of \$4,533. It is hoped that ere long matters will be so arranged as to prevent deficits altogether. Five students receive bursaries ranging from \$25 to \$50. The total amount of the "Building and Endowment Fund" is now over \$71,000. The number of congregations contributing to the College from year to year is increasing.

**DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.**—The Synod of the Maritime Provinces still contributes \$4,500 to the support of three professors in this institution. The attendance of students this year is larger than usual, and a fair proportion are looking forward to the ministry of our Church.

#### MANITOBA ITEMS.

**REV. MR. ROBERTSON** is in the far west and will return with a whole budget of news about the interior. New missionaries are arriving. Several elders from the east are devoting themselves to the work for the winter. Prof. Bryce has been visiting the Canadians of Dakota, and opened a new church at Hyde Park, one of their settlements. They have a longing for Canada and complain of the hard fate in connection with the land laws that drove them south of the 49th parallel. A large number of them are Presbyterians. There are now five ministers from Canada in Northern Dakota. A severe blow has fallen upon the Presbytery. Mr. McCannel, one of the noblest young missionaries in the North-west, and who was the very picture of health, died of fever, after exposure, on a long journey on Presbytery work. The Presbytery appointed

two of its members to attend the funeral, and Rev. C. B. Pitblado went west to Carberry, to Mr. McCannel's charge, to preach the church vacant, and hold appropriate services. Rev. Alexander Frazer, for a number of years a missionary in the North-west, and who has lately returned, died unexpectedly. The Presbytery was also much affected by the fact that a promising young student, Mr. Brown of Knox College, who spent the summer on the Souris, died in Toronto. The mortality among the missionaries in the North-west has been so small during the last twelve years that this trip's blow fell with crushing effect. On account of want of funds several important places cannot be supplied during the winter.

#### PRINCIPAL KING'S INDUCTION.

The 31st of October was fixed by the Presbytery for the induction of the Principal of Manitoba College. It was a day of sunshine, though not altogether cloudless, for the Presbytery had been greatly solemnized during the day by the news of the unexpected death of three brethren who had labored in Manitoba during the summer. At 7.30 a large gathering took place in Knox Church, Winnipeg. The Rev. D. M. Gordon acted as moderator, and Rev. J. Pringle took the introductory exercises. Rev. C. B. Pitblado preached an exceedingly able sermon, being a plea for an educated ministry. Professors Bryce and Hart extended a welcome to Dr. King, and the Rev. H. McKellar addressed the people. Dr. King made an impressive address, which, while expressing regret at leaving an attached and sorrowing people, yet spoke with great hope of his new work, and of the important institution over which he is called to preside. He recognized again and again the important work done and the progress made by those who have founded the College, and called on all to support him in his work. On the following evening, Nov. 1st, a conversazione was held in the College. The spacious building was brilliantly illuminated from top to bottom. The assemblage was overflowing, not less than 400 guests being present. Among others were the Lieutenant Governor, the Provincial Premier, two other members of the Government, the American Consul, the Mayor of Winnipeg and the great majority of the chief citizens of Winnipeg of all denominations. There were also present Canon O'Mara, representing St. John's College, and Principal Cherrier, St. Boniface College. The programme consisted of music by the leading professionals and amateurs of the city, and addresses were given by the Governor, the Consul, the representatives of the sister colleges, and its ministers, as representing the old parish of Kildonan. Dr. King again spoke. During the intermission the large audience decended to the dining room, where the ladies of Knox

and St. Andrew's churches dispensed refreshments. Much amusement was created by a large motto in the supper room, "Vive le Roi." After refreshments the audience found its way through the Library and Museum. The Library is a beautifully fitted up room, containing some 4,000 volumes, and the Museum is being made useful for illustrations in natural science. On passing through the Museum the people were received by Dr. King in his own room, and a large number were presented. The prospects of Manitoba College are of the brightest. The theological class will be a large one, containing probably eight or ten regular theological students in addition to others preparing for the work of the ministry.—B.

### Meetings of Presbyteries.

**HALIFAX, November, 5:**—The Presbytery met at Upper Musquodoboit for visitation. Matters were found to be in a satisfactory and very promising condition. **November 6.** The Presbytery met at Sheet Harbour for the ordination and induction of Mr. Rosborough. At meetings held in October during Synod, very satisfactory missionary reports were received from Quoddy, Moser River, Bridgetown, Digby, and Bay View. Bridgetown is to be supplied fortnightly during winter. The congregation of Wolfville and Horton was recommended for a supplement of \$100 for the current year.—A. SIMPSON, *Clk.*

**PICTOU, November 6:**—Attention was called to the death of Rev. P. Goodfellow, and prayer offered for his bereaved family and congregation. Scotsburn asks for moderation in a call. The summer work of two catechists in the bounds of the Presbytery was reported and regarded as highly favourable.—E. A. MCCURDY, *Clk.*

**LUNENBURG AND SHELBURNE, September, 23:**—The Presbytery met at Shelburne. The question of forming Lockeporte and East Jordan into a separate congregation was considered. Those stations are now part of Shelburne congregation. They promise to raise \$450 towards the support of a pastor, and ask for a supplement of \$200. It is proposed to unite Upper Clyde, (now of Clyde and Barrington), to Shelburne. The matter was allowed to lie on the table till next meeting. Evangelistic services were held by Presbytery at Lockeporte and East Jordan. Severe storms interfered with the size of these meetings, but the attendance was good and the interest deep.—D. S. FRASER, *Clk.*

**WALLACE, Nov. 6.**—Mr. Quinn having accepted the call to New Annan, and having undergone the usual trials, he was ordained and inducted. This is the fifth ordination or

induction in the Presbytery within little over a year. All vacancies are now filled. The Presbytery resolved to consider proposals of Truro Presbytery as to adjustment of boundaries. With regard to the support of the ministry, it was pointed out that apart from aid given by the supplementing Fund, there is not a congregation in the Presbytery giving the minimum stipend of \$750. with manse. The clerk is to call attention to the fact, and ask congregations if they cannot bring up stipends to the above minimum. Members of Presbytery were recommended to hold evangelistic and missionary meetings during winter, and to call in the help of their brethren. The Presbytery proposes that a formula be provided in the Blue Book for the public reception of members into full communion. Mr. Macgregor was appointed to draw up the Presbytery's Report on the state of religion; Mr. Gray then on Sabbath-schools, and Mr. Mackenzie that on temperance.—T. SEDGWICK, *Clk.*

**SYDNEY: November 8th:**—The petition of parties in Backlands, Mira, to be joined to Cow Bay congregation was granted. Rev. G. Sinclair's, demission of Loca Lomond and Framboise was accepted to take effect on the first of January 1884, in case arrears are paid. Rev. R. H. Abraham intimated his declination of the call to north Sydney. Boularderie congregation was recommended to the Hunter church building fund for a grant of \$300. G. L. GORDON, *Clerk.*

**P. E. ISLAND, Nov. 7.**—Rev. W. R. Frame intends, on account of ill health, to spend the winter in Bermuda, the Presbytery giving his congregation all the supply they can. A committee of Presbytery was appointed to help St. Peter's congregation to select church sites.—J. L. MACLEOD, *Clk.*

**TORONTO, November 6:**—Rev. A. McFaul reported in a call from the congregation of Orangeville to Rev. R. J. Beattie of Port Hope: Salary \$1200, payable monthly. The call was sustained and Mr. McFaul was appointed to present the same before the Presbytery of Peterborough. Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, was heard at considerable length on augmentation of stipends. On motion of Rev. D. J. MacDonnell, the Presbytery thanked Dr. Laing for his address, pledged itself to co-operate with the Assembly's committee in endeavours for giving effect to the scheme and appointed a committee to secure, if possible, the raising of not less than \$9,000 for augmentation and H. M. work. Rev. W. Meikle proposed to cease supplying the Dundas Street section of his charge at the end of the year, and requested action thereon to be taken by the Presbytery. After hearing parties from Dundas Street and Oakville, the Presbytery appointed Rev. J. M. Cameron and Mr. James Brown, to visit both places to

confer with the parties as to their future relation and supply, and empowered said committee to correspond with the Presbytery of Hamilton as to the transference of Dundas Street to that Presbytery, with a view of union with the congregation of Nelson. On application made, permission was given to the congregation of St. Andrews' Church, Markham, to sell their manse property, on condition that the proceeds shall be employed to erect or purchase another manse. An amended report and anent Presbyterial visitation was submitted and read by the Rev. R. P. Mackay; the report, and accompanying recommendations, were adopted and ordered to be printed. Rev. J. M. Canoner, was appointed convener of the Presbytery's H. M. Committee, in room of Dr. King, now of Winnipeg. Several young men were examined, and ordered to be attested as theological students at Knox College.—R. MONTEATH *Clerk*.

STRATFORD.—13th November.—The resignation of Rev. John Macalpine of Widdier street church, St. Mary's was accepted, and a minute recorded expressive of the sincere regard and affection of the brethren, their high admiration of his pulpit abilities and his pastoral faithfulness. Rev. John Anderson declined the call to Avonton and Carlingford. W. A. WILSON, *Clerk*.

QUEBEC.—met in Morrin College on 13th November. Favourable reports were received regarding the prospects of mission stations and vacant congregations. Mr. Warden appeared before the court in behalf of the scheme for the augmentation of stipends. A committee consisting of J. L. MacLeod, F. M. Dewey, and C. E. Amaron, was appointed to visit all the congregations concerned. The deputation which visited Métis recommended a change of labourer in that field. The recommendation was adopted.—F. M. DEWEY, *Clerk*.

### Obituary.

REV PETER GOODFELLOW died at Antigonish, Nova Scotia, on the 20th October. He had been ill for months and bore up bravely under his sufferings which were prolonged and severe. For some time before his death he knew that the issue of his illness would be fatal, and he manifested the utmost resignation to the Divine will. Mr. Goodfellow was still in his prime, being but 51 years of age. His ministry was successful and his people were deeply attached to him. The congregation of Antigonish is peculiarly situated, surrounded by a large body of Roman Catholics. Mr. Goodfellow showed on all occasions the tact and the courage, and the christian consistency so pre-eminently valuable in such circumstances.

PETER JOHNSON of East Aldborough, died on the 16th of October at the age of 78, after a brief last illness of only a few days. Deceased was a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, and came to Canada more than fifty years ago. He early identified himself with the cause of Christ in this country, and his Christian zeal and liberality tended largely to the progress of Argyle church, Aldborough, of which he had been an active promoter, and an honored elder from its organization. His son Rev. D. C. Johnson is the respected minister of Crinan, Ont.

ALEXANDER MURRAY for the last seven years an elder and the session-clerk of Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, died on the 22nd of September, aged seventy-three. Mr. Murray was a man of marked ability and exceptionally familiar with his Bible. All who have heard his expositions of Scripture, or received the benefit of his quarterly visits as an elder will treasure his memory while they live. His brethren in the session feel most keenly the loss they have sustained,

JOHN MACDOUGALL SCOTT, died at the Gore, Nova Scotia, on the 6th of November. Mr. Scott was a graduate of Dalhousie College, studied one term in the Theological Hall, and laboured the following summer as a catechist within the bounds of Pictou Presbytery. His health having failed, he went to Colorado to try its climate. After some months he began to decline and had to return home. He was an excellent scholar, and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

C. C. FARRAN, an Elder of St. Matthew's church, Osnabruck, died on the 7th of October in the 75th year of his age. Mr. Farran built a neat and commodious church at his own expense in the village of Farran's Point, and one of the last acts of his life was to deed it over to the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was a most efficient office-bearer, a great worker in the cause of Temperance and a friend of the poor.

ELSIE Gordon, wife of Rev. George Coull, M. A., of Valleyfield, Quebec, died on the 23rd October, after a very brief illness, in the forty-ninth year of her age. Mrs. Coull was widely known as a highly gifted and a good woman.

### Ecclesiastical News.

REV. GEORGE WILSON, of Crammond, has been elected minister of the new Established Church at North Merchiston, Edinburgh, one of the finest Presbyterian Churches in all Scotland. Dr. Kennedy, of Dingwall—the leader of the "Highland Host"—a warm supporter of the late Dr. Begg, has gone over to Rome—for the benefit

of his health. A splendid new church, to cost some eighteen or twenty thousand pounds is to be erected in the parish of Govan, of which Dr. John Macleod is the minister. This is said to be one of the most populous parishes in Scotland, containing upwards of two hundred thousand inhabitants. Within the writer's memory it was a quiet rural parish containing at the most four thousand souls. The church edifice was accounted at that time the most beautiful on the banks of the Clyde. Dr. Matthew Leishman, the parish minister, was then in his palmy days—one of the finest looking ministers in the Church of Scotland, and one of her best, although from the position he took at the time of the Disruption he was called one of the "forty thieves." The present incumbent is a son of Dr. John Macleod, "the high priest of Morven," as he was called. The fourth series of the "St. Giles' Lectures" have been arranged for. The subjects are to include the "Churches of Christendom." Prof. Mitchell of St. Andrew's lectures on The Primitive Church; Prof. Milligan of Aberdeen on The Church of the second and third centuries, and Prof. Stewart of Glasgow on The Church of the fourth century; Mr. Stewart of Jedburgh on the Greek, and Mr. Watt of Glasgow on The Latin Church; Dr. A. K. H. Boyd on The Church of the Waldenses, and Mr. Graham of Nenthorn on The Lutheran Church; Mr. Colin Campbell of Dundee on The Presbyterian Churches; Dr. Marshall Lang on The Anglican; Mr. W. W. Tulloch of Maxwell Church, Glasgow, on The Society of Friends and The Congregationalist Church; Dr. Cameron Lees on The Methodist Church; and Principal Tulloch on "Unity and Variety of the Churches of Christendom." At a recent meeting of the Synod of Aberdeen a proposal was made to dispense with the opening sermon as a remedy for the small attendance and little interest which is taken in the proceedings of that venerable court. The treatment has at least the merit of being very simple. The assertion, however, that "people are gorged with sermons," was not endorsed; but it is said that a resolution was passed to the effect that an attempt should be made "to make the sermon more attractive in future by procuring the use of an organ." Some of the not "unco guid," taking courage from this remarkable admission, are beginning to clamour for the abolition of the sermon altogether. The *Outlook*, commenting on these oddities, says that "what England needs is not less preaching, but more and better." One does not know what to think of so many "Conferences" as are now being held on the "State of Religion." In addition to those mentioned by our Edinburgh correspondent last month, two meetings of this kind have since been held under Free Church auspices, one at Dundee and the other at

Dumfries. At both places there was some very plain speaking, and a great variety of suggestions were made as to the best means of coping with infidelity and of reaching the careless and indifferent masses. Another was held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, by the Northern Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in England, the chief subject of discussion being:—"How we can best, with our present system, increase congregational welfare and efficiency." Among other recommendations submitted, we notice,—The employment of evangelists, who should co-operate with the stated ministry; more active and efficient aid by the eldership; more attention to family worship; greater efficiency in the service of song; cottage meetings; drawing-room and parlour meetings; more attention to Bible-classes and Sunday-schools, &c. Mr. Limont of Alnwick asked "why the Presbytery should not have the right of stepping in to sever the pastoral tie when usefulness is practically at an end," without the formality of a trial? Perhaps it is not generally known that the Presbyterian Churches in the United States and in Canada exercise the right, through Presbytery, of dissolving the pastoral tie without process of libel when it is deemed expedient in the interest of the congregation and the Church at large to do so. Amidst much diversity of opinion as to details, the consensus of religious thought appears to point to a wider diffusion of the missionary spirit as the most effectual restorative for decaying congregations. A large meeting of the friends of China missions took place recently in Camden Road Church: London, Rev. R. M. Thornton presided, and gave a spirited and hopeful address on the missions of the world. There are now connected with the Presbyterian Church in England 89 mission congregations, 5 ordained native pastors supported entirely by their people; 73 native preachers, and 37 students in training for the ministry. Including the five additional missionaries sent out at this time, there are 16 ordained missionaries, 8 medical missionaries, 2 missionary teachers, and 6 female missionaries in the service of this Church. Special interest attached to the return of Dr. J. L. Maxwell, medical missionary, and his wife, to Formosa, after an interval of eleven and a half years, during which time he has rendered invaluable services to the cause of missions as editor of the *Missionary Magazine*.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.**—Many changes have taken place in the *personnel* of the Council since the preliminary meeting held in London in 1875, of which the late Rev. Dr. Duff was chairman. Rev. Dr. G. W. Blaikie, who was appointed chairman of the general committee at Edinburgh in 1877, has been in reality the director in chief of the

whole movement ever since, as well as editor of the Catholic Presbyterian, and he has been ably seconded by Rev. Dr. Mathews of Quebec, the Secretary. Dr. Beadle who was appointed chairman of the general committee for the Philadelphia Council, and Dr. Adams who was appointed to preach the opening sermon both died before the Council met. Dr. Boardman who succeeded Dr. Beadle also died, so that the duty of preaching the opening sermon devolved upon Dr. Wm. M. Paxton then of New York, now of Princeton, while Dr. Breed of Philadelphia acted as chairman of the committee and gave the address of welcome. Since then, Dr. Knox of Belfast has been taken and Dr. Watts has been appointed chairman in his stead. There is no saying at present what may be the precise turn of events at the next meeting. The following outline, however of the proceedings is in contemplation. Proposals may be made to give the Alliance greater usefulness by means of a permanent organization—Perhaps a "President" who should hold office during the interval occurring between the Councils and a paid Secretary, who should devote his whole time to furthering the interests of the Alliance, by corresponding with the various churches, personal visitation, editing the magazine, and so forth; and along with these a standing general committee.

The following have been agreed upon, *inter alia* as subjects for discussion at the next meeting.—(a) *Co-operation in the Mission Field*—to be opened by Dr. Murray Mitchell, and Dr. Jessup of Syria. (b) *The Presbyterian Ministry*—(1) The literary qualifications to be required of Candidates: (2) Their Training: (3) The Work of the Ministry. (c) *Romanism*—(1) In Ireland: (2) In the United States: (3) In Heathendom. (d) It is intended to devote an evening respectively to—(1) *Continental Churches*: (2) *Colonial Churches*: (3) *Foreign Missions*. (e) *The Eldership* will come in for a share of attention through the report on that subject that will be called for. After a very successful visit to Limerick, Messrs. Moody and Sankey have reached London and commenced work at Islington, where an iron Hall has been built for their use affording accommodation for 5,800 persons. A number of prominent clergymen are assisting the evangelists.

FRANCE.—The McAll Mission has been more perfectly organized since the death of the lamented Mr. Dodds. It has now eight directors, of whom America furnishes two. The work progresses gloriously. In Paris alone over 7,500 religious meetings were held last year, with an aggregate attendance of 399,000. Over 3,000 religious meetings in the provinces. The consolidation of this mission with that under the care of Mr. Reuben Sailliens, in

Marseilles, has given unity and force to the work. The free dispensaries, mission to young shopwomen, Miss de Broen's Belleville Mission, the lending libraries, sewing-schools, sabbath-schools, night-schools, and kindred work, tells of thoroughly organized and earnest effort on the part of the native and foreign Christians of Paris. There are now eighty stations in France where Protestant worship is steadily carried on. In addition to this, large ball-rooms are frequently hired for the religious conferences which are such a power in this land.

CANADA.—It had been accepted as a foregone conclusion that Dr. Sullivan, the Bishop of Algoma, would accept the See of Huron, Ontario, in the event of its being offered to him. But the most knowing ones were for once disappointed. The Missionary Bishop has risen in the estimation of his friends by declining the tempting offer and choosing rather to rough it in the wilds of Algoma. Dr. Maurice S. Baldwin, long and favourably known as Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral, Montreal, has been elected Bishop of Huron, in room of Dr. Helmuth, now assistant Bishop of Ripon, England. Dr. Baldwin is a native of Canada. He is a low-church-man—a man of apostolic zeal and genuine catholicity of spirit. His removal to London leaves a blank in Montreal that will not be easily filled. The Methodists are jubilant over their recent happy union, and are putting forth vigorous efforts to "level up" their funds upon an equitable basis. They will now be able to push their missionary enterprises with greater effect than ever. Their *forte* has always been in the management of their "domestic missions." They have done an immense amount of pioneer work, and many of their missionaries have encountered great hardships in the North-west and also in Newfoundland. The whole of their mission work—home and foreign—is under the administration of one central Board. The total receipts last year of the Missionary Society were \$158,246.28—an average of over \$1.22 per member over the entire membership of the Church. This is comparatively a large average, but still very far from the requirements of the Church, and small in proportion to the "ability" of the largest denomination in Canada. The field of their missionary endeavours is the whole Dominion of Canada; Bermuda; Newfoundland, and Japan. They have 330 domestic missions, 44 missions to the N. A. Indians, and 11 among the French Canadians. They have several missionaries in Japan, and propose erecting a collegiate institute for training a native ministry at Tokio.

UNITED STATES.—Dr. Macintosh of Philadelphia has intimated his decision to remain in his important charge rather than

accept a professor's chair in Princeton. Dr. Ormiston of New York has gone to the South of France for the benefit of his health. Rev. Dr. Prime, the well-known editor of the New York *Observer* recently celebrated the fiftieth year of his public ministry by conducting divine service in the old country church in which he preached his first sermon. For his years, he is a man of extraordinary mental vigour. Mr. John Wannamaker of "Bethany" Sabbath-school celebrity, Philadelphia, has retired from the presidency of the Young Men's Christian Association, Philadelphia. During his tenure of office it is said that he has given \$100,000 of his private means in support of that institution. Handsome is that handsome does! The 37th annual meeting of the American Missionary Association was held in Brooklyn last month. There was a large attendance and addresses of a deeply interesting and practical kind were delivered—one of the most thoughtful and telling was by President Price, a full blooded negro. This society labours chiefly among the Freedmen, the American Indians and the Chinese in America; but it has also several missionaries in Africa. It has a large income—about \$530,000 annually—the greater part of which is spent in Home Missions. The Indiana Asbury University has entered into a contract with the Hon. W. C. DePauw, by which the name of the University is to be changed to DePauw University. In consideration of this change and in consequence of the contract the university secures: 1, a handsome observatory from Mr. Robert McKim; 2, \$60,000 for grounds and buildings from the people of Greencastle; 3, \$120,000 from the public at large for general endowment purposes; 4, \$240,000 from Mr. DePauw, for general purposes; 5, an interest in Mr. DePauw's estate, that may amount to more than any Methodist institution in the world now possesses.

**IRELAND.**—The so called National or Home Rule party, emboldened by their success in the election of a member for the County of Monaghan, seem bent on carrying the war into other counties in the north. Arrangements were made for holding meetings in various parts of Tyrone, a county one of whose representatives is Thomas A. Dickson, a highly respected and influential elder of the First Presbyterian Congregation of Dungannon. The Home Rulers were unable to hold their meetings. The Orangemen turned out *en masse* and prevented the treasonable harangues from being delivered. It will not be an easy task to convert the descendants of the Scots in Ulster to the views of Parnell and Healy. The north of Ireland is heart and soul with the Union of Great Britain and Ireland. Speaking of Monaghan one of the defeated candi-

dates at the late election was a barrister named Munroe. A friend of the present writer, lately in St. John's, Newfoundland, on business, writes that a brother of Mr. Munroe is an active member of brother McNeill's congregation, a man of considerable means, and ever ready to give a helping hand to those who come from his native land. The same letter gives a glowing report of the prosperity of our church in that city. The new church is now clear of debt, but there must be enlargement soon or else a new charge organized. A very pleasant and important meeting was held in Belfast a short time ago in the interests of the General Council of the Reformed Churches to be held there next summer. Sir Thomas and Lady McClure gave a reception in a large hall to several hundred guests, including the ministers of the city. After tea and its accompaniments were disposed of, the Moderator of Assembly was called on to preside. He made an excellent speech and then Professor Watts made a statement of the work done and to be done. A number of other speakers followed, including the Rev. William Park, Rev. Dr. Johnston, &c. Much enthusiasm was displayed. It was announced that quite a number of subscriptions of \$250 each had already been received towards the expenses, and others of smaller amount. It is clear that nothing will be wanted to make the meeting of next June a success. Arrangements have been made with Cook of New York for reduced rates to those going to the Council on the ocean steamers and railways. All have heard of Cook and his excursions to and through the old land.—H.

### Augmentation of Stipends.

**WE** are glad to know that a vigorous effort is being put forth in the Western Section of the Church to launch the scheme adopted by the General Assembly in June last for the augmentation of ministers' stipends. At its meeting on the 9th of October, the Home Mission Committee considered the matter at length and appointed a small sub-committee to carry it into practical effect. This sub-committee, consisting of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, convener; Rev. R. H. Warden, Secretary; and Messrs. A. B. Mackay, F. W. Farries, R. Campbell (Renfrew), and Dr. Laing, ministers, and Mr. Wm. Mitchell, elder, met in Toronto on 30th October, and spent much time in maturing details and devising methods for the successful launching of the scheme. Dr. Cochrane was unavoidably absent from the meeting. A carefully prepared estimate showed that \$55,000 per annum would be required for augmentation purposes, in addition to \$25,000 for Home Mission work pro-

per. The *sources* whence this amount may be got were considered and an estimate formed of what might reasonably be expected from each Presbytery of the Church. The sub-committee felt it to be of great importance that the congregations requiring help from the fund should be efficiently visited with a view to their increasing their contributions for stipend. It is confidently hoped that \$6,000, additional to what is now raised for stipend, will be got from this source. It is only reasonable to expect that congregations now giving less than \$750 and manse, will exert themselves to the utmost so as to lessen the assistance required from the fund.

The great bulk of the amount necessary for augmentation purposes will require to be got from those congregations that now pay their own ministers upwards of \$750 and manse, and especially from those whose membership and financial ability are largely above the average. A careful perusal of the statistics of the Church presents some startling facts, more particularly as to inequalities in the rate of giving. No congregation can be put on the supplemented list unless it contributes an average of, at least, \$4.50 per communicant for the stipend of its minister. The actual average of *all* the congregations on the supplemented list, meeting the conditions of the General Assembly, is \$7.15 per communicant, whereas the average rate of the congregations not on the supplemented list is only \$4.90 per communicant: that is, the congregations *needing help* contribute themselves for the salary of their ministers an average of \$7.15 per communicant; whereas the *self-supporting* congregations only contribute for the salary of their ministers an average of \$4.90 per communicant. The rate in many of the supplemented congregations exceeds \$10 per communicant, and the rate in some of the self-supporting congregations is less than \$2.50 per communicant. While this comparison, on the one hand, indicates very commendable liberality on the part of those congregations requiring aid, it on the other hand, indicates ample ability on the part of the self-supporting congregations to contribute largely towards the augmentation scheme. Were the congregations at present self-supporting to contribute at the same rate per communicant (\$7.15) as do the supplemented congregations for salary, the difference between the amount they now give, and the amount they would then give, would be nearly \$150,000 per annum, or about five times the amount required of them by the sub-committee to augment every stipend to \$750 per annum and manse. The sub-committee, it seems to us, are warranted from the above computation in looking to the self-supporting congregations for the bulk of the amount required: and in this expectation we think they

will not be disappointed, especially when we consider the energetic steps they are taking to secure this end. They have appointed a deputy to visit every Presbytery at its next regular meeting for the purpose of thoroughly explaining the scheme in detail and enlisting the sympathy and hearty co-operation of ministers and representative elders. They have in addition, offered assistance to Presbyteries in visiting a number of the larger and wealthier congregations of the Church with a view to gain the sympathy and aid of the members of these congregations on behalf of the fund. As the sub-committee are very desirous that the minimum of the General Assembly should be attained from the very beginning of the operation of the scheme, so that in April next they may be in a position to pay the ministers of supplemented congregations at the rate of \$750 per annum and manse for the half-year then ending; and as this can only be done, according to the Assembly's instructions, provided there is a good working balance on hand over and above the amounts paid in supplements, they have resolved—as they are authorized by the Assembly to do—to appeal personally to a number of the more wealthy members and adherents of the Church for *special contributions* on behalf of the scheme. This, to some extent, will be done by personal solicitation on the part of deputies appointed for the purpose. As, however, the time is short, this must chiefly be done by means of circulars mailed to private individuals, and it is earnestly hoped that prompt and liberal responses will be given to the circular by those to whom it is addressed. Almost necessarily many in a position to give will not receive this circular. It is hoped, however, that this will be no barrier to their aiding the scheme, but that they will without delay forward their contribution so as to help to put in a position of comparative comfort the hard working, faithful ministers of the Church who are laboring either in sparsely settled districts or in districts where the number of Presbyterians is small.

The question is sometimes asked,—Is every congregation giving less than \$750 and a manse to get aid from the fund, if it contributes according to the Assembly's requirements? The first regulation supplies the answer to this question:—"The list of supplemented congregations shall embrace only such charges. . . . as in the JUDGMENT OF THE PRESBYTERY are entitled to assistance in the support of the ministry."

The following is a list of deputies appointed to visit the Presbyteries of the Church—*Quebec*, Mr. R. H. Warden; *Montreal*, Mr. R. H. Warden; *Glengarry*, Mr. A. B. Mackay; *Ottawa*, Mr. R. H. Warden; *Brockville*, Mr. F. W. Farries; *Kingston*, Mr. A. B. Mackay;

*Whitby*, Mr. P. McF. McLeod; *Toronto*, Dr. Laing; *Owen Sound*, Mr. J. Campbell, (Harriston); *Guelph*, Mr. D. J. Macdonnell; *Paris*, Dr. Laing; *Chatham*, Mr. J. H. Ratcliffe; *Stratford*, Dr. Cochrane; *Maitland*, Dr. Cochrane; *Manitoba*, Dr. King; *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, Mr. R. H. Warden; *Peterborough*, Mr. P. McF. McLeod; *Lindsay*, Mr. D. J. Macdonnell; *Barrie*, Mr. P. McF. McLeod; *Saugeen*, Mr. W. T. McMullen; *Hamilton*, Mr. J. Somerville; *London*, Dr. Laing; *Sarnia*, Mr. J. Kennie; *Huron*, Dr. Cochrane; *Bruce*, Mr. D. J. Macdonnell.

It is hoped that Presbyteries will arrange for the hearing of these deputies at a sederunt, when the attendance of members is likely to be large, so that their presentation of the scheme in its details may reach as many of the brethren as possible. A circular has been addressed to all the ministers of the Western Section of the Church, soliciting their active co-operation on behalf of the scheme.

R. H. W.

## Our Foreign Missions.

### WESTERN SECTION

To the Editor of the Record.

YOUR readers will all be pleased to know that a telegram has been received from Mr. Wilkie, of Indore (India), containing those significant words, "Liberty gained." The message is brief, but it means much. We may understand it to intimate that the main obstacles which have of late been preventing the missionary work of our labourers there have been removed. Let us all rejoice with them, and unite with them in giving thanks to Him from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie have been up in the "hills" for a brief season of much-needed rest and quiet. We remember Him who long ago said to His disciples when worn out with the excitement and the toil of work so new to them, "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile." Well, He is "the same Jesus," ever ready to sympathize with His people in all their times of weakness and weariness, and ever ready to impart to them the needed strength and consolation. Mr. Campbell, after seven years of service in the mission field, comes home on furlough. He will rejoin Mrs. Campbell, whom failing health has compelled to go to Britain for medical treatment. But we may expect to see them among us in Canada, perhaps, by the time of the next Assembly.

Messrs. Builder and Jamieson are now on their way to their respective fields of labour; the former to India, the latter to Formosa.

Miss Rodger is likewise, with restored health, returning to India. Those who are thus called upon to go and tell the dwellers in darkness and in the shadow of death of the way of life and salvation through Jesus are highly honoured. We are apt to forget this. If we have a young friend who is appointed to a government situation in India or China we are apt to think only of what we call his "good fortune." If a young man obtains a lucrative post in a bank, or in some great mercantile establishment in a foreign land, letters of congratulation pour in upon him from every side. But if a young man offers himself for mission work in a foreign field, and is sent out on that service, friends are, for the most part, disposed to regard his decision as something to be acquiesced in, rather than as something to be hailed with gratitude and joy. It must be most satisfactory to all the friends of our Foreign Mission work to know that our two brethren, Builder and Jamieson, just gone forth from among us, accepted with courage and gladness the call addressed to them. They had, indeed, offered themselves. It was in no spirit of levity that they did so. They had counted the cost. They knew that they would have to abandon much that they had held dear. But they were more than willing to go. The former, Mr. Builder, said at a meeting in Hamilton: "To go to India was my dream as a child: that I might go as a missionary has been the prayer of my youth and my manhood." The latter, Mr. Jamieson, said: "I had, with sadness, given up the hope of going to the foreign mission field; the way did not seem open to me; but now my hopes are more than realized. I thank God for this appointment and I thank you." Is this view of the matter warranted? Is there anything to bear us out in regarding this work as an honour and a privilege? The whole tenor of Scripture does so. This is what the greatest missionary among the children of men says about it, and says it by inspiration of the Spirit of God, "Unto me who am less than the least of all saints is this grace given"—this favour, this privilege, this honour, this joy—"that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

But, on the other hand, let us not forget the self-denial and self-sacrifice exercised by our brethren who have gone, or are going, forth to heathen lands, and by the devoted "women who labour with them in the Gospel." Let us not forget their self-sacrifice in bidding *adieu* to home and friends, in going away from among those with whom they have taken sweet counsel and gone to the house of God in company, in separating themselves from all the dear fellowships of their native land. Without that spirit of self-sacrifice it is vain for them to go forth. Now, as of old, it is, under God,



by faith and sacrifice, that mountains of difficulty and opposition are removed, and inroads made on the kingdom of darkness.

Let us not cease to pray for our brethren and sisters in the foreign field, that the Divine Redeemer, whose call they obey and to whose service they give themselves, may bless them and make them a blessing.—THOMAS WARDROPE, *Convener*.

### Formosa.

LETTER FROM REV. G. L. MACKAY, D. D.

*For the Record*

*Tamsui, 19th September, 1883*

THE twenty copies of the *Record* forwarded were truly appreciated. Was ever a church planted on the face of God's earth without some *unworthy* persons entering it? *most emphatically, never*. In every land—in every age—in every church, servants of the devil have succeeded in mingling with the followers of Jehovah Jesus. It is therefore refreshing to follow the faithful till the gulf of death stands between us. The wife of one of our preachers now in the city of *Tek-chiam* died after a few days illness trusting in the Lord Jesus to the last moment on earth. She was baptised in 1878. And now, how can I write it? the first in the ranks has fallen. Of all the men I selected as students since my arrival here not one passed away till last month, 21st, at 7 a.m. He was baptised in August, 1877, after having been a regular hearer for several years—For three years at least he studied in his uncle's house night-after-night after working hard in the mountains all day. When Oxford College was finished I at once sent for him, and as days of study passed on he displayed (according to my judgment) true oratorical powers. In our debates every week he won the admiration of all present. Finding him so able a preacher and needing men I sent him to a chapel a few months ago; but pneumonia soon laid him aside. I took him to Tamsui and did all in my power for him but of no avail.—He gradually weakened and one morning told his mother he wanted to wish me good bye before going home. A messenger ran and I hastened to the spot. The spirit was gone above.—Never will I forget the FAITH of that man waiting day by day and looking death in the face. It is intensely interesting to observe the SAME effect of the gospel on the hearts of men in every land and clime.—Above two thousand are receiving christian instruction on the east coast. Praise the Lord: oh praise him for ever and ever!—Yours sincerely, G. L. MACKAY.

### New Hebrides Mission.

LETTER FROM REV. J. ANNAND.

GREETINGS to the Church in Canada from the Church on Aneityum! Another year of blessing has crowned our earthly life. Peace and plenty abound to us on this isle, and a fair measure of health and happiness is ours. However, death has been among us. During the past year three of our elders were called away to the higher service of praise in the upper sanctuary. One of them with only a few minutes warning, and the other two after some length of illness and suffering. One of the latter departed having reached the full number of days allotted to this earthly pilgrimage. Karahi was a faithful old chief of the inland district, and had been for many years an elder and pillar in our church. In the way of filling up these blanks, and increasing our working force, we received seventeen new members into the Church.

Then, on the other hand, the tempter has been among us, and we have to mourn over backsliders. Some were disciplined. There is also much deadness and indifference over which to lament. Many do not seem to realize that the vows of God are upon them, and they consequently live as if this world were all. Also, our efforts to advance higher education are not proving successful. Very few indeed wish to become teachers or preachers to their perishing brethren. But is this state of things peculiar to Aneityum alone? Possibly in this respect we are not behind you in Canada. In the month of June we had the pleasure of bidding two members of our session and their wives God-speed, on their departure for Tanna. They went forth as missionary teachers to aid the brethren there. Both of them were teachers and preachers here in their own land. One of them was also teaching an afternoon school for the children, and was one of our very best men. When the call came for more help for the heathen islands, he was the first to volunteer and offer his services for any place that the missionaries might think best. I assigned him to Mr. Gray's care at Weasisi on Tanna. So far as can be judged from outward conduct it may safely be said that no missionary ever left Canada with purer motives than those that actuated Narupping in leaving his native island. The other man was asked to go and keep open the station lately vacated by Mr. Neilson and now placed under Mr. Watt's care, and he cheerfully consented. A third couple, as servants, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Murray, the missionary from N. S. Wales, now being settled on Ambrim.

Now let me ask those reading this letter, how it stands with their congregation. Two foreign missionary teachers left the small con-

gregation on the south side of Aneityum this year. What have we done? How many from us have gone abroad? How many are preparing for the work either at home or abroad? These are not impertinent and idle questions, so do not hastily cast them aside without a thought. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few." Thousands are going down to death in the darkness of heathen gloom. Oh would that the Spirit of God would breathe upon His Church and awaken her to a full sense of her duty!

One more fact connected with the above questions: allow me to lay before you for your consideration: There are at present seven foreign missionary teachers and their wives away from this island, which has a total population of only a little above one thousand. We are not satisfied with this state of matters, but we are seeking for greater things. We consider the proportion in the foreign field yet too small. Are we right in our estimate? Should we ask any more to go or not? If a sufficiently large proportion of your church members have given themselves to be engaged exclusively in the Lord's work, then I must assume that it is our duty to bid our people stay their hand and let no more go abroad. But the Master says "Go." The call from all heathen lands is, "Come over and help us." No response is yet heard to our appeals on behalf of the two largest islands in this group. Santo and Mallicolo are still wholly untouched. Other fields hold out just as pressing claims as the New Hebrides, yet how few consider them. Young men, young women, what say you about the present aspect of the Christian Church in relation to a perishing world? Is it no concern of yours that our Saviour's command is not obeyed, and his wishes effected in regard to millions of our fellow creatures! The call is loud and urgent. Let it echo from city to village, from hill to hill throughout our loved native land until response is given by many coming forth to the help of the Lord against the mighty.—J. ANNAND.

EFATE.—The following note addressed to Mr. Warden, though not intended for publication, will be read with interest. It is dated 27th August, 1883:—I am writing you a short note in grateful remembrance of the kindness received during the few days I so pleasantly spent in your family. You have probably heard that we reached our station in safety. We have had much happiness and encouragement in our work since we returned. Not only have several who for years were nominally christian, but who seemed careless about spiritual things, joined the candidates class, but some who less than a year ago would with intense delight feast on the dead body of an enemy, are now worshipping the true God.

Four of those attending the candidates class are aged persons, and live at a village about three miles from here. I told them I would meet with them to instruct them when I visited their village, as I thought it was too far for them to attend the class. But they are very anxious to become members of the church, so they have come here regularly from week to week. One of them when living at his own village a few years ago took part in killing one of their own men, and in carrying his body, hands and feet being tied to a pole, to a neighbouring village as a peace-offering to prevent war.

The natives have been very willing to be instructed, so I have devoted a great deal of my time to teaching. Had my health not been greatly benefited by my visit to my native land I could not have carried on the work I undertook. In addition to the various duties of the station, we spent over five hours a day in the schools. Two new missionaries joined us this year, but we still need many more.—J. W. MACKENZIE.

DR. STEEL of Syndey, N. S. W., writes to Dr. MacGregor, as follows:—The Mission Schooner "Dayspring" arrived from the New Hebrides a week ago, with a large mail from the missionaries. The missionaries were all well, and pursuing their work with some encouragement. New stations are now being opened. You will observe how the field of operations has widened of late years. Tongoa in the Shepherd Isles, Api, and lastly Ambrym have been added. It was very important that these northern Islands should have a resident missionary on each, one is wanted at Mallicolo, and one for Espiritu Santo, just to break ground on populous islands. There is great cause for anxiety regarding the French. The company recently formed at New Caledonia, for the New Hebrides have purchased large tracts of land in several islands. The islet of Iririki, which was purchased by Capt. Fraser for our mission, and was alleged to have been purchased by the French, is regarded by the commodore to belong to the Mission, There may however be still some difficulty about the matter: but the native chiefs have not appropriated the purchase forced upon them by the French. Annexation is still the cry in political circles, and we hope it may be granted. The secret treaty with the French may hinder this. There is a growing conviction that all the islands near Australia should belong to the colonies. It was a great pity that the French were ever allowed to take New Caledonia, if they send their convicts to that island we are in danger of receiving those who escape. I am glad to learn that all matters are in good order at Eromanga, and that some new stations have

been supplied with teachers. I trust that Mr. Robertson is well and doing good service, Mr. Annand has sent a large quantity of arrowroot this year. I propose to ship it to Glasgow where it may be sold, as Mr. Robertson's was to good advantage. This shews that the people are doing something for the support of ordinances. Indeed there are larger congregations in some parts of Scotland that do much less.—R. S.

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## Literature.

TWO DISCOURSES: REVIEW and CRITICISM, by A. J. Bray, Montreal, price 25 cents. The first of these discourses contains an outline of the impressions left on Mr. Bray's mind by a recent visit to Britain, of men and things in that country. He thinks that the English people are on the verge of national decadence. They are devoting themselves "to merely mammon and muscle. . . . Nobility of birth, education in the classics, literature, science and art, are all giving way before this upstart god of money." Too much importance is given to mere muscular sports. Special stress is laid upon the fact that the English taste for the theatre is degenerating. "The most popular theatres are those where women are on exhibition, or where society songs, of questionable morality, are sung; or where the spectacular display is most gorgeous." Mr. Bray holds that in a healthy community the theatre will exist—must exist—"because it meets the demands made by some of the most powerful of our natural instincts." We must decline to accept Mr. Bray's conclusion until satisfactory evidence is presented that the "natural instincts" of man are better now than in the days of the old prophet who said in all seriousness, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." With a high appreciation of all "modern improvements," we honestly believe that our "natural instincts" are neither worse nor better than were those of the contemporaries of Jeremiah, and that to yield to their demands, because of their importunity is not always the wise course to pursue. "Let us purify the theatre," says Mr. Bray, "by going to it in pure-mindedness." As though one might take pitch in his hands without being defiled by it! Nay, it is time enough to ask us to patronize the theatre when it *has* been purified. The question is, can that be done? The whole history of the stage gives little hope that it can ever be effectually done—the most irreproachable characters that are or have been connected with it themselves being the judges. At no period that we know of has it ever yet been raised to a satisfactory standard. Granted that, from an æsthetic point of view, a good deal may be said in defence of the "histrionic art," but the *morale*

the theatre as it has always existed, and now exists, cannot be successfully defended. All experience shows that it cannot be kept within proper limits, and we have yet to be convinced that the advantages claimed for the theatre are such as to compensate for the time and money devoted to it by its *habitués*. Far be it from us to say that purity of motive and honesty of purpose are incompatible with the profession of a play-actor or the practice of a play-goer. Henry Irving is said to be personally and even exceptionally free from those objectionable features which, to use Mr. Bray's own words, are confessedly associated with the "unclean drama." But we do not forget that exceptions often prove the rule.

The second discourse treats of *Preaching and Sermons*. Mr. Bray says that the efforts which are being made in many quarters to make religious services more interesting than they have been have failed, "because the sermon has failed to interest, and the preaching has failed to fulfil the general expectation." The reason of this, in Mr. Bray's judgment, is that the average sermon is not suited to the times in which we live. Be this as it may. Is there no danger, in pandering to the public taste, which *may*, after all, be a vitiated one, of going to the opposite extreme—of ignoring, in whole or in part, the New Testament Gospel, as if it were "played out," and of substituting for it "another Gospel" in the expectation that it will prove more palatable to the men and women of "culture" in this enlightened nineteenth century; in short, of "running a church" as others would run a "purified theatre," the chief object being to draw a full house and, above all, to *pay*. Those who sneer at the majority of present-day church-goers, and caricature the great body of Christian preachers, ought, at least, to stand on very firm ground. Mr. Bray, we must suppose, has been preaching after that model which he has here set up for the reformation and guidance of our modern pulpit—an institution which, it would seem, has at length become despicable in his eyes. Is there anything to show that the new departure in preaching has done more to promote righteousness and purity of living than that which in this discourse is held up to ridicule and scorn?

THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER, by Dr. William Rein, of Eisenach, is a welcome addition to *Funk and Wagnall's* Standard Library; *Price 25 cents*. William Briggs, Toronto, General Agent for CANADA.

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London, London, Dec. 11.  
Kingston, Belleville, Dec. 17, 7.30 p.m.  
Bruce, Paisley Dec. 11, 2 p.m.  
Chatham, Chatham, Dec. 11, 11 a.m.  
Paris, Woodstock, Dec. 11, 12 noon.  
Owen Sound, Division St. Church, Dec. 18, 1.30.  
Saugeen, Mount Forest, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.  
Peterborough, Port Hope, Jan. 15, 10 a.m.  
Montreal, D. Morrice Hall, Jan. 8, 10 am.  
Sarnia, St. Andrews Church, Dec. 18, 3 p.m.  
Maitland, Ripley, Dec. 18, 2.30 p.m.  
Brockville, Prescott, Dec. 11, 1.30 p.m.  
Whitby, Oshawa, Jan. 15, 11 a.m.  
Stratford, Knox Ch., Jan. 15, 10 a.m.  
Truro, Truro, Dec. 4, 11 a.m.  
Glengarry, Lancaster, Dec. 18, 2 p.m.

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Wanted by the Montreal Woman's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church a trained Nurse to labour as Nurse and Bible-woman among the English speaking poor in Montreal.—apply with testimonials, to MRS. LAING.

1142, SHERBROOK STREET, MONTREAL.

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Two Missionaries for Demerara, the first to be supported jointly by a local Presbyterian Committee, and by funds provided by the General Assembly; the second to be paid by F. E. CRUM EWING of Glasgow. Apply to *Rev. Dr. McGregor, Halifax, N. S.*

**Acknowledgments.**

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. REID, AGENT OF THE CHURCH AT TORONTO, 7<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> OF NOV., 1883. OFFICE, 5<sup>th</sup> CHURCH ST. POST OFFICE DRAWER 2607.

**ASSEMBLY FUND.**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Received to 6th Oct, 1883.....                    | \$420.80        |
| Chatham St Andrew's, Ont.....                     | 8.00            |
| Boularic.....                                     | 3.00            |
| Osnabruck, St Mathew's.....                       | 2.00            |
| Saint Andrews, Que.....                           | 5.25            |
| Westville and Middle River Valleyfield P E I..... | 4.00            |
| New Carlisle, Port Daniel and Hopetown.....       | 6.00            |
| Saint Ann's, C B.....                             | 2.00            |
|   | 3.00            |
|   | <b>\$454.05</b> |

**HOME MISSION.**

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| Received to 6th Oct, 1883.....                     | \$4,221.77        |
| Madoc, St Pauls and St Columba.....                | 40.00             |
| Lyn and Cainton.....                               | 20.00             |
| Mount Pleasant.....                                | 7.40              |
| Burford.....                                       | 2.60              |
| Goderich, Knox Church.....                         | 60.00             |
| Oshawa Sabbath-school.....                         | 10.00             |
| Beckwith Dairry's School.....                      | 5.40              |
| Bracebridge.....                                   | 13.05             |
| Bracebridge Sabbath-school.....                    | 5.10              |
| Hoodstown.....                                     | 60                |
| Stated.....  | 65                |
| Raymond.....                                       | 84                |
| Dee Bank.....                                      | 1.42              |
| Chatham, St Andrew's Ch.....                       | 40.00             |
| Stouffville, St James' Ch.....                     | 4.00              |
| Paris Wedding Present.....                         | 10.00             |
| Monckton.....                                      | 8.00              |
| Acton, Knox Church.....                            | 5.62              |
| Lethbridge Mission Station Allanville.....         | 1.00              |
| Lower Windsor.....                                 | 3.30              |
| Normanby, Middle Station.....                      | 4.40              |
| Kilguth.....                                       | 7.51              |
| North Derby.....                                   | 4.75              |
| Cruckshank.....                                    | 4.00              |
| Dalhousie and North Sherbrooke.....                | 25.00             |
| Maidstone.....                                     | 3.00              |
| Barrie, add'l.....                                 | 36.97             |
| Crawford mission station.....                      | 5.19              |
| Ashburn sabbath-school.....                        | 7.00              |
| Winnipeg, St Andrew's Ch.....                      | 130.00            |
| Ayr, Knox Church.....                              | 61.49             |
| Ringway Station.....                               | 3.08              |
| Victoria Station.....                              | 1.24              |
| Be eriey.....                                      | 72.00             |
| Lion's Head and adjoining stations.....            | 8.00              |
| Caledon.....                                       | 7.00              |
| Proff ne.....                                      | 34.25             |
| Wilberforce.....                                   | 19.04             |
| West wa.....                                       | 6.77              |
| Guelph, Chalmers' Ch S S for Manitoba and N W..... | 50.00             |
| Lachute, Henry's Church.....                       | 30.00             |
| Glenora.....                                       | 20.00             |
| Consecon and Hillier.....                          | 18.00             |
| Parry sound.....                                   | 10.09             |
| Harrison, Knox Church.....                         | 18.00             |
| Brockville, St John's Ch.....                      | 12.00             |
| West Argalden S school.....                        | 8.80              |
| Maudamin.....                                      | 9.00              |
| Ekrind, Knox Church.....                           | 25.00             |
| East Normanby.....                                 | 2.00              |
| Farnham Centre.....                                | 4.00              |
| Rus eltown, Que.....                               | 50.00             |
| A Friend, Cote des Neiges.....                     | 5.00              |
| Montreal, Taylor Church.....                       | 10.00             |
| Graud Bend.....                                    | 5.10              |
|  | <b>\$5,171.45</b> |

**FOREIGN MISSION.**

The letter F stands for Formosa.

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| Received to 6th Oct, 1883.....                               | \$6,764.57 |
| Oshawa Sabbath-school.....                                   | 7.14       |
| D M L, Formosa.....  | 1.00       |
| Chatham, St Andrew's Ch.....                                 | 20.10      |
| Stouffville, St James Ch.....                                | 4.00       |
| Fris ml, F.....  | 1.00       |
| Ottawa Am teur Farmer, F.....                                | 10.00      |
| New Edinburgh.....   | 29.20      |
| Mples ade.....   | 40.00      |
| Paris Wedding Present, F.....                                | 10.00      |
| Toronto, A Lady Friend, special for F.....                   | 25.00      |
| Ott wa, Daly street, special for F.....                      | 52.00      |
| A Well-wisher, Toronto, special for F.....                   | 1.00       |
| Pickert n S School.....                                      | 1.00       |
| Ra-ho S School.....  | 7.23       |
| A Friend, to help on the Lord's Work in F.....               | 15.00      |
| Mrs S, Sarnia, F.....  | 5.00       |
| J W, Byron PO, special for F.....                            | 10.00      |
| Fullarton.....   | 13.00      |
| Barrie add'l.....  | 17.93      |
| Osnabruck, St Mathews.....                                   | 15.00      |
| Saint Andrews, Que.....                                      | 20.00      |
| George McAnight Spencer, special for F.....                  | 10.00      |
| Oakville S S Oxford Col, F.....                              | 12.27      |
| Wroxeter S School, F.....                                    | 15.00      |
| New Westminster, B C.....                                    | 26.00      |
| Anonymous, Psalm cxvi, v 18, special for F.....              | 6.00       |
| Fergus, Melville Church special for F.....                   | 31.50      |
| Lion's Head and adjoining stations.....                      | 6.50       |
| Jno Richardson, F.....                                       | 5.00       |
| A Young Friend, F.....                                       | 1.00       |
| R Hamilton, Brussels, specl for F.....                       | 5.00       |
| Brant Co, Friend of Missions, special for F.....             | 10.00      |
| Wilberforce.....   | 4.00       |
| Guelph, Chalmers Ch S S, special for F.....                  | 50.00      |
| Rev W D Morison, Orms-ton, special for F.....                | 5.00       |
| Catheri e Nolan, Orms-ton, special for F.....                | 5.00       |
| A lady of St Andrew's Ch, Smith's Falls, specl for F.....    | 5.00       |
| Rott Thomson, Flambro, special for F.....                    | 5.00       |
| Samuel Hunter, Flambro, special for F.....                   | 5.00       |
| Jno Lloyd, Flambro, special for F.....                       | 3.00       |
| William Ireland, Flambro, specl for F.....                   | 3.00       |
| Wm Henderson, jr, Flambro, special for F.....                | 2.00       |
| John Lawson, Flambro, special for F.....                     | 2.00       |
| James George, Flambro, special for F.....                    | 2.00       |
| Adun Thompson, Flambro, special for F.....                   | 2.00       |
| Miss B Carroll, Flambro, special for F.....                  | 1.00       |
| T S Henderson, Flambro, specl for F.....                     | 2.00       |
| Wm Henderson, sr, Flambro, special for F.....                | 1.00       |
| Dond Sutherland, Toronto, special for F.....                 | 25.00      |
| Mrs John Train, Galt, specl for F.....                       | 50.00      |
| Tithe, special for F.....                                    | 2.00       |
| Kincardine 9th Con S Sch, special for F.....                 | 3.00       |
| Kincardine, Robert's apple tree fruit of, special for F..... | 1.00       |
| Brockville, St John's.....                                   | 8.00       |
| Granville V Mill go.....                                     | 2.60       |
| Russelstown, Que.....  | 88.00      |

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| A Friend, Cote des Neiges..                        | 5.00              |
| Mad c. t Paul and St Columba.....                  | 10.00             |
| Wilkesport, Black Creek, ac                        | 2.75              |
| Russelstown, Q, specl for F.....                   | 10.00             |
| J M Smi h, Boston, U S, special for F.....         | 25.00             |
| A Friend, Lachute, special for F.....              | 5.00              |
| Valcourier S School.....                           | 3.00              |
| A Friend of Missions, Kingston, special for F..... | 10.00             |
| East W. Inams, specl for F.....                    | 10.00             |
| Eliz Davidson, Woodstock, special for F.....       | 2.00              |
| Mrs McGregor, Norwich.....                         | 2.00              |
|  | <b>\$7,509.88</b> |

**COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND.**

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Received to 6th Oct, 1883.....   | \$82.15           |
| Toronto, Old St Andrew's.....    | 150.00            |
| West Gwillimbury, 1st add'l..... | 5.87              |
| Aurora.....                      | 4.00              |
| Dumblano.....                    | 6.50              |
| Victoria Road.....               | 2.45              |
| Severn Bridge.....               | 2.55              |
| Washago.....                     | 1.34              |
| Ardrea.....                      | 0.97              |
| Cottingwood Mountain.....        | 2.37              |
| Galsriter.....                   | 1.10              |
| Strick.....                      | 78                |
| Stanleydale.....                 | 43                |
| Hoodstown.....                   | 2.31              |
| Raymo d.....                     | 93                |
| Wau-ley, Bethel Church.....      | 43                |
| Dee Bank.....                    | 76                |
| Chatham, St Andrew's.....        | 30.00             |
| Walt n, Buff's church.....       | 10.00             |
| Holland, Knox.....               | 3.11              |
| Euphrasia, Temple.....           | 4.89              |
| Dunwich, Buff's.....             | 11.00             |
| Acton, Knox.....                 | 18.00             |
| Berno.....                       | 10.00             |
| Huntville.....                   | 2.00              |
| Allanville.....                  | 1.00              |
| Belmore.....                     | 6.67              |
| McL.osh.....                     | 10.50             |
| Mosa.....                        | 61.00             |
| Normanby, Middle Station.....    | 3.80              |
| Anas.....                        | 10.00             |
| Maidstone.....                   | 4.00              |
| Barrie add'l.....                | 14.51             |
| Hillsgreen Mission Station.....  | 4.03              |
| Kendy, Chalmers' Church.....     | 6.40              |
| Ringway station.....             | 1.59              |
| Victoria Station.....            | 60                |
| Victoria.....                    | 10.00             |
| Hillsburgh, St Andrew's.....     | 8.00              |
| Preceville, St Columba Ch.....   | 8.40              |
| Durham Road, Buncecan Ch.....    | 2.30              |
| East Normanby.....               | 2.00              |
| Canford, Erskine Ch.....         | 13.80             |
| Greenville, Goud Ch.....         | 4.20              |
| Wilton.....                      | 2.00              |
|                                  | <b>\$1,207.31</b> |

**KNOX COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND.**

Toronto, Knox Ch, special... \$107.00

**KNOX COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.**

Per Rev. Wm. Burns.

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Received to 6th Oct, 1883.....  | \$1,880.25        |
| J n Hlood, Galt.....            | 3.32              |
| Rev J A McDonald, Parkhill..... | 10.00             |
|                                 | <b>\$1,893.57</b> |

**KNOX COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Received to 6th Oct, 1883..... | \$9,250.75 |
| South Plympton.....            |            |
| Alex Galletly, on acc't.....   | 5.00       |

**Chinguacousy 1st.**

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| A Kirkwood.....             | 10.00 |
| Clark Robson, on acc't..... | 5.00  |
| W Thornton & Son.....       | 10.00 |
| Mrs R Marshall.....         | 5.00  |
| Mrs H Modeland.....         | 5.00  |
| Mrs H Wilkinson.....        | 1.00  |
| James Boyd.....             | 2.00  |
| Duncan Little.....          | 2.00  |
| Mrs S Gray.....             | 1.00  |
| A P Armstrong.....          | 5.00  |

**Chinguacousy 2nd.**

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| J A Wiggins.....     | 2.00 |
| J McDougall.....     | 5.00 |
| Archd McConnell..... | 2.00 |

**Smith's Falls.**

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| C B Frost, on acc't..... | 50.00 |
| F T Frost, ".....        | 50.00 |

**Hamilton.**

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| J Turner, on acc't..... | 250.00 |
| A McLagan, ".....       | 50.00  |

**Wallacetown and Dutton.**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| I Parker.....                 | 10.00 |
| W A Robb.....                 | 1.00  |
| Janet Campbell.....           | 1.00  |
| G Everest.....                | 1.00  |
| G V Ling, M D.....            | 5.01  |
| Mrs A Gow.....                | 2.00  |
| Dun McMillan.....             | 2.00  |
| Agnes McPherson.....          | 3.00  |
| James McCallum, on acc't..... | 1.00  |
| John McKillop.....            | 1.50  |
| Peter McKellar.....           | 2.00  |

**Toronto.**

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| William Thomson, on acc't..... | 200.00 |
| J Park, ".....                 | 10.00  |
| Neil Currie, ".....            | 100.00 |
| John Kay, East Ch, ".....      | 5.00   |
| Joe Dickson, East Ch, ".....   | 2.00   |
| Hon Alex Morris.....           | 185.87 |
| R J Hunter, ".....             | 50.00  |
| W W Park, ".....               | 100.00 |
| John Duncan, ".....            | 16.66  |

**Park Hill.**

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Wm Caw, M D.....                | 20.00 |
| John Elliott, on acc't.....     | 5.00  |
| John A McIntosh, on acc't.....  | 5.00  |
| James Flews.....                | 5.00  |
| Duncan Stevenson, on acc't..... | 2.00  |
| Alex Ronald.....                | 1.00  |
| Mrs Hoover.....                 | 50    |

**McGillivray.**

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Alex Smith, on acc't..... | 4.00 |
| William Amos.....         | 5.00 |
| William Amos, jr.....     | 2.00 |
| William Fraser.....       | 2.00 |
| George Glendinning.....   | 1.00 |
| William McCartney.....    | 1.00 |
| Mrs Scott.....            | 1.00 |

**London East.**

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| William Brown..... | 4.00 |
|--------------------|------|

**East Williams.**

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| John McKenzie..... | 8.00 |
|--------------------|------|

**Watford.**

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| W P McLaren.....                   | 15.00 |
| Mrs Campbell.....                  | 20.00 |
| H Mustard, on acc't.....           | 7.00  |
| John Williamson, sr, on acc't..... | 5.00  |
| J B Williamson.....                | 10.00 |
| Alex Laird.....                    | 10.00 |
| D Ross.....                        | 5.00  |
| Mrs Kingston.....                  | 5.00  |
| Robt Aitken.....                   | 5.00  |
| Robt Bryce.....                    | 5.00  |
| Joseph Scott.....                  | 1.00  |
| Thomas Brotherson.....             | 1.00  |
| J T Smith.....                     | 1.00  |

**Warwick.**

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| James Thompson, on acc't..... | 2.00 |
| William Harris.....           | 5.00 |
| Thomas McKay, on acc't.....   | 1.50 |

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| William Walker, "..... | 2.00 |
| Andrew Aitken.....     | 5.00 |
| Mrs Fraser.....        | 2.00 |

**Perth.**

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Sheriff Thompson, on acc't..... | 25.00 |
| Henry Taylor, ".....            | 16.67 |
| James Gray, ".....              | 10.00 |
| Gilbert Wilson, ".....          | 4.00  |
| Peter Cameron, ".....           | 4.00  |

**Markham.**

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| John Gibson, on acc't..... | 50.00 |
|----------------------------|-------|

**Glenallan and Hollin.**

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| John McLaughlin..... | 1.00 |
| Alex McPherson.....  | 2.00 |
| David Small.....     | 3.00 |
| George Allan.....    | 2.00 |
| John Slimon.....     | 5.00 |
| John H Lang.....     | 5.00 |
| William Potter.....  | 1.00 |
| Alex Anderson.....   | 2.00 |

**Scarborough.**

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| William Clark, on acc't..... | 34.00 |
|------------------------------|-------|

**Chatham.**

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| William Coltart (Blenheim)..... | 50.00 |
|---------------------------------|-------|

**Cranbrooke.**

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Mrs Leckie, on acc't.....    | 2.00 |
| Mrs Patterson.....           | 2.00 |
| David Donl.....              | 1.50 |
| Mrs McLachlan, on acc't..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs McIntosh, ".....         | 4.00 |
| John McNeil, ".....          | 1.00 |
| James Douglas.....           | 1.00 |

**Ethel.**

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Hugh McNeil, on acc't..... | 2.00 |
| James McKelvey.....        | 5.00 |
| Samuel Chambers.....       | 1.00 |

**Drummondville.**

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Hugh McClive.....   | 5.00  |
| Mrs Duncan.....     | 1.00  |
| Mrs McKenzie.....   | 1.00  |
| J Dobbie.....       | 1.00  |
| William Nichol..... | 10.00 |
| A Williamson.....   | 5.00  |
| Mrs Sims.....       | 1.00  |

**Chippawa.**

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| John Dobbie.....     | 10.00 |
| Thomas McCredie..... | 5.00  |
| M Thos Davidson..... | 1.00  |
| Mrs Nelson.....      | 1.00  |

**Vaughan and Bolton.**

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Mrs Jas Thomson..... | 15.00 |
| Thomas White.....    | 1.00  |

**Bowmanville.**

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| David Fisher.....         | 50.00 |
| David Stott.....          | 5.00  |
| W J Jones.....            | 5.00  |
| Miss Beith, on acc't..... | 33.00 |

**Columbus.**

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| William Purvis..... | 10.00 |
|---------------------|-------|

**Brooklin.**

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| T J Halliday..... | 5.00 |
| W J Murray.....   | 5.00 |
| W & J Kerr.....   | 5.00 |

**Enniskillen.**

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| William Brown.....  | 5.00 |
| Thomas Jardine..... | 5.00 |

**Cartwright.**

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| William Ferguson..... | 5.00 |
| Henry Gibson.....     | 5.00 |

**Vaughan and Bolton.**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Mrs J Hlison.....             | 10.00 |
| Janet Hlison.....             | 10.00 |
| Charles Jeffrey.....          | 5.00  |
| William Caldwell.....         | 1.00  |
| Robert Simpson, on acc't..... | 1.00  |

**Kingston.**

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Rev T S Chambers..... | 10.00 |
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**MANITOBA COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND.**

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Received to 6th Oct, 1883 .. | \$272.48 |
| Saint Andrew's, Que.....     | 6.00     |
|                              | \$278.48 |

**WIDOWS' FUND.**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Received to 6th Oct, 1883 ..   | \$243.24 |
| Mount Albert.....              | 5.00     |
| Campbell Settlement.....       | 1.00     |
| Acton, Knox Church.....        | 5.00     |
| Allanville.....                | 1.00     |
| Barrie..... add'l.....         | 8.00     |
| Osnabrock, St Mathew's.....    | 12.00    |
| Saint Andrew's, Que.....       | 8.00     |
| Listowell Knox Ch.....         | 6.50     |
| Hornings Mills.....            | 1.75     |
| Mooreline.....                 | 6.00     |
| Castelford and Dewars.....     | 5.00     |
| Kemptville & Oxford Mills..... | 5.95     |
| Cardinal.....                  | 3.81     |
| Manville.....                  | 2.50     |

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|---|---------|
| London, 1st Church, on account of an annuity for Mrs Ilowden..... | 150.00  |
| York Mills & Fisherville.....                                     | 2.80    |
| Hornby.....   | 2.00    |
| Hartintown, Burns Church.....                                     | 7.00    |
| Smith's Falls, Union Ch.....                                      | 10.00   |
| Queensville.....  | 2.00    |
| Ravenhoe.....   | 1.20    |
| Lake Shore.....   | 4.00    |
| Warwick, Knox Ch.....   | 2.50    |
| Watford.....  | 3.00    |
| Hastings.....   | 5.00    |
| Quebec, Chalmer's Ch.....   | 10.10   |
| Tisbury East.....   | 4.00    |
| Bobcaygeon.....   | 5.00    |
| Chiselhurst.....  | 1.50    |
| Dunford.....  | 4.00    |
| Archibald.....  | 4.00    |
| Russelltown, Que.....   | 8.00    |
| Woodville.....  | 15.00   |
| Storrington.....  | 1.95    |
| Pittsburgh.....   | 2.74    |
| Glenburie.....  | 1.25    |
| Claremont.....  | 1.75    |
| Rodgersville.....   | 5.00    |
| Aurora.....   | 2.00    |
|   | \$44570 |

With rates from Revs A Findlay, M Barr, J Gray, Orilla, W Inglis, R Hamilton, J S Stewart, D Duff, R Gray, J McFarlane, J R Batisby, D A Thomson, J Logie, T Fenwick, W C Young, J A Townsend, D Allan, T S Chambers, Jas Pringle, D Coutts, R Dewar, H Sinclair.

**AGED & INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.**

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Received to 6th Oct. 1883 ..     | \$1,625.62 |
| Chatham, St Andrews.....         | 8.00       |
| Leamington.....                  | 1.50       |
| Blytheswood.....                 | 1.50       |
| Campbell settlement.....         | 1.00       |
| Peterborough, St Paul's, ad..... | 42.00      |
| Acton, Knox Church.....          | 1.00       |
| Barrie.....                      | 11.95      |
| Osnabrock, St Mathew's.....      | 15.00      |
| Saint Andrew's, Que.....         | 8.00       |
| Listowell, Knox Ch.....          | 6.50       |
| Streetsville.....                | 14.00      |
| Fergus, St Andrew's.....         | 15.00      |
| Hornings Mills.....              | 1.75       |
| Castelford & Dewars.....         | 5.00       |
| Moore, Burns' Ch.....            | 6.50       |
| Tara.....                        | 7.00       |
| Allanford.....                   | 6.78       |
| Kemptville & Oxford Mills.....   | 5.95       |
| Cardinal.....                    | 3.81       |

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|-------------------------------|-------|
| Malrville.....                | 2 50  |
| Yo'g mills & Fisherville..... | 2 00  |
| Hornby.....                   | 3 00  |
| Martintown, Knox Ch.....      | 7 00  |
| Smith's Falls, Union Ch.....  | 20 00 |
| Honeywood.....                | 2 34  |
| Queensville.....              | 2 24  |
| Ravenshoe.....                | 1 50  |
| McMillans.....                | 1 06  |
| Brockville, St John's.....    | 5 00  |
| Lake Shore.....               | 4 16  |
| Warwick, Knox Ch.....         | 4 00  |
| Watford.....                  | 4 90  |
| Hastings.....                 | 6 00  |
| Quebec, Chalmers' Ch.....     | 30 00 |
| Markham, Melville Ch.....     | 6 15  |
| Tilbury East.....             | 5 17  |
| Bobcaygeon.....               | 7 00  |
| Chiselhurst.....              | 1 50  |
| Dunford.....                  | 4 00  |
| Kippen, Ft Andrew's.....      | 5 00  |
| West (Williambury, 1st.....   | 5 00  |
| Archibald.....                | 4 00  |
| Russelltown Que.....          | 8 00  |
| Woodville.....                | 16 53 |
| Storrington.....              | 1 95  |
| Pittsburgh.....               | 2 74  |
| Glenburnie.....               | 1 25  |
| Glarumont.....                | 1 75  |
| Avontown.....                 | 7 75  |
| Rodgerville.....              | 5 07  |
| Aurora.....                   | 4 00  |

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| Rates recd to 6th Oct, 1883..  | \$1 987 42 |
| With rates from Rev A Findlay, \$3.50; M Barr, \$2; J Gray, Oillia, \$2; W Inglis, \$4.25; A R as, \$10; R Hamilton, \$4; J S Stewart, \$3; D Huff, \$3.25; W A Hunter, \$10; R Gray, \$2.50; J McFarlane, \$3; J K Battaehy, \$7.50; J Logie, \$3; T Farwick, \$2; J A Townsend, \$3.75; T S Chambers, \$3; Jas Pringle, \$3; R Dewars, \$2; H Sinclair, \$3..... | \$181 50   |
|  | 74 75      |
|  | \$256 25   |

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| CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH UNAPPROPRIATED. |          |
| Received to 6th Oct, 1883..                            | \$569 00 |
| Strathroy.....   | 43 00    |
| Dundas, Knox Ch.....                                   | 64 35    |
|  | \$676 35 |

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| CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND IN MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST TERRITORY. |            |
| Received to 6th Sept, 1883.  | \$711 69   |
| Scarborough, St Andrew's Church.....                                 | 153 00     |
| Friend to church and manse building.....                             | 10 00      |
| Charles S Ellis, Sarnia.....   | 10 00      |
| Rev D J Macdonnell, Toronto, 2nd payt.....                           | 50 00      |
| R J Hunter, Toronto, 2nd payt.....                                   | 100 09     |
|  | \$1,034 68 |

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| CHURCH BUILDING, TRINIDAD.        |          |
| Received to 6th Oct, 1883..       | \$222 00 |
| A well-wisher.....                | 1 00     |
| Anonymous.....                    | 1 00     |
| Friend of Missions, Brant Co..... | 10 00    |
|                                   | \$234 00 |

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| FOREIGN MISSION, EROMANGA.     |        |
| An Amateur Farmer, Ottawa..... | \$5 00 |

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| MISSION TO THE JEWS.              |        |
| Mrs Alex Campbell, Shelburne..... | \$5 00 |
| McCALL MISSION, PARIS, FRANCE.    |        |
| Perth, St Andrew's Ch.....        | \$0 50 |

RECEIVED BY REV. DR. MACGREGOR, AGENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES TO NOV. 4TH, 1883.

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| FOREIGN MISSIONS.  |            |
| Acknowledged already.....  | \$1,639 56 |
| Grove Ch, Richmond.....  | 9 00       |
| Judah B. Newcomb, Avonport, for Trinidad.....                          | 6 00       |
| Member of Gore Church, per Rev A. Gunn.....                            | 57 00      |
| Collection at Synod.....   | 50 59      |
| John Cumming, Sherbrooke.....  | 5 10       |
| Cavenish and New Glasgow Richmond, N.B.....                            | 25 00      |
| Blackville and Derby ad.....   | 15 00      |
| Middle Stewiacke Miss'y Soc.....                                       | 10 00      |
| West River, P.E.I.....   | 15 00      |
| Nine Mile River.....   | 11 00      |
| New Carlisle, Port Daniel and Hopetown.....                            | 10 65      |
| Falmouth St, Sydney.....   | 20 00      |
| 1st Presb. Ch, Turro.....  | 12 50      |
| Dean St, Upper Musquodocbut.....                                       | 16 29      |
| Acadia Cong.....   | 3 50       |
| Two Friends, Shubenacadie Upper Musquodocbut Miss'y Soc, 1 qr.....     | 15 00      |
| East River, St Mary's.....   | 5 60       |
| W. F. M. S. Hlx, for Mr. Morton's station.....                         | 31 62      |
| Prince St, Pictou.....   | 50 00      |
| St. Ann's, C.B.....  | 111 95     |
| A. C. Thompson, River John.....  | 28 10      |
| W. F. M. Soc., Upper Stewiacke, towards Miss Temple's sal, 3rd qr..... | 10 00      |
| W. F. M. Soc., Halifax, for Miss Blackadder's Sal.....                 | 6 25       |
| Knox Ch, S.S., Shediac, for Estate native teacher.....                 | 101 50     |
| Strathlone, C.B.....   | 7 50       |
| Wm. Byers, West New Annap.....   | 10 00      |
| St. Stephen's Ladies Soc., Amherst, towards Miss Temple's Sal.....     | 50 00      |
| Mt. Uniacke Gold Mines.....  | 12 50      |
| Upper Caledonia.....   | 3 27       |
| Arichat.....   | 10 10      |
| Badueck.....   | 7 00       |
|  | 10 79      |

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| EROMANGA MISSION.                |            |
| Charlottetown Union Mtg.....     | 50 72      |
| Clifton, P.E.I., New London..... | 30 00      |
| Princeton, P.E.I.....            | 73 00      |
|                                  | \$2,540 46 |

PRINCESTOWN AND TUNAPUNA BUILDINGS, TRINIDAD.

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Per Rev. John Morton.          |         |
| Alberton and Mill Riv.....     | \$20 63 |
| Amherst.....                   | 22 00   |
| Annie R Mackay, Woodstock..... | 5 00    |
| Ant g'nish.....                | 34 10   |
| New Glasgow.....               | 22 00   |
| Pictou-Individuals.....        | 63 50   |
| Col Union Mtg.....             |         |
| Knox Ch.....                   | 19 64   |
| Stellarton.....                | 24 00   |
| Riverton.....                  | 24 35   |

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| West River, Pictou.....   | 23 00      |
| Mercton.....  | 30 00      |
| Bedeque.....  | 21 68      |
| Summerside.....   | 13 10      |
| Lot 16 col.....   | 12 15      |
| Miss Emily A Fraser.....  | 4 87       |
| Charlottetown-Col Union Mtg.....                                | 60 50      |
| Charlottetown-Individuals.....                                  | 11 87      |
| Miss Etter, Halifax.....  | 5 00       |
| Rev T H Murray.....   | 4 00       |
| W R A, Montreal.....  | 20 00      |
| Mrs Arch Blackadder, Montreal.....                              | 1 00       |
| Ladies in Montreal.....   | 49 00      |
| Donations per Rev R H. Warden.....                              | 26 00      |
| Friend, Brockville.....   | 9 74       |
| Mrs B. Brockville.....  | 2 50       |
| Kingston collection.....  | 16 71      |
| Kingston, Mrs Ross, Mrs Chamber and Mrs Carpenter \$1 each..... | 3 00       |
| Galt.....   | 25 00      |
| Woodstock, Ont.....   | 20 09      |
| London S S.....   | 26 25      |
| London, Gen Mtg.....  | 44 00      |
| Guelph.....   | 12 22      |
| Hamilton.....   | 19 26      |
| Hamilton Ladies.....  | 4 10       |
| St. Catharines.....   | 29 03      |
| Belleville.....   | 24 25      |
| Toronto, Knox S S.....  | 58 00      |
| Toronto, St James Sq, Lady.....                                 | 1 00       |
| Toronto, St James Sq A M S.....                                 | 20 00      |
| Toronto, St James Sq M L S.....                                 | 5 00       |
| Toronto, St James Sq, several ladies to Mrs Mort n.....         | 19 00      |
| Quebec, Dr Cook's Church.....                                   | 35 00      |
| " Ladies Donation.....  | 25 21      |
| Miss Henderson, Poplar Grove, P.E.I.....                        | 1 00       |
| St Andrews, Toronto.....  | 162 00     |
| Rev E W Campbell, Elmsdale, Que.....                            | 2 00       |
| Well-wisher, per Rev Dr King.....                               | 1 00       |
| Anonymous.....  | 1 00       |
| Chalmers Ch, Quebec.....  | 4 00       |
| X Y Z, Halifax.....   | 20 10      |
| J S McLean, Halifax.....  | 20 00      |
| Dr Avery, Halifax.....  | 10 00      |
|   | \$1,175 35 |

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| DAYSPEING AND MISSION SCHOOLS.           |          |
| Acknowledged already.....                | \$517 41 |
| Bay of islands, Newfoundland.....        | 18 08    |
| land.....                                | 6 65     |
| Earlton.....                             |          |
| St James Ch, S S, Dartmouth, 1 qr.....   | 12 00    |
| Crescent at S S, Montreal.....           | 30 00    |
| Mary and James Layton, Elmsdale.....     | 2 50     |
| Cross Roads S S, Rogers Hill.....        | 12 00    |
| St Ann's, C.B.....                       | 3 00     |
| United Ch S S, New Glasgow.....          | 26 00    |
| Bucouche Village S S.....                | 4 50     |
| Strathlone S S.....                      | 5 00     |
| St John's Ch S S, Halifax, 1 qr.....     | 10 00    |
| Wallace Bridge S S, Upper Caledonia..... | 2 00     |
|  | \$649 14 |

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| HOME MISSION.                               |            |
| Acknowledged already.....                   | \$1,370 77 |
| Five Islands.....                           | 7 50       |
| Richmond, N.B.....                          | 10 00      |
| Middle Stewiacke Miss'y Soc.....            | 14 65      |
| New Carlisle, Port Daniel and Hopetown..... | 9 00       |

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dean Set, Upper Musquodoboit        | 2.38              |
| Aoadia Cong                         | 15.00             |
| Upper Musquodoboit Miss'y Soc, 1 qr | 5.35              |
| East River, St. Mary's              | 26.70             |
| St Ann's, C.B.                      | 20.00             |
| Scotch Set, N.B.                    | 1.37              |
| Strathlorne, C.B.                   | 10.60             |
| Boularderie                         | 7.00              |
| Escumiac and Pt-a-la-garde          | 13.00             |
| Flatlands and Metapedia             | 5.00              |
|                                     | <b>\$1,517.22</b> |

SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Acknowledged already                   | \$1,498.81        |
| Reobank, N.B.                          | 6.00              |
| Westville and Middle River             | 10.00             |
| Sharon Ch., Stellarton                 | 16.84             |
| New Carlisle, Port Daniel and Hopetown | 50.00             |
| Two Friends, Shubenacadie              | 5.00              |
| St Ann's, C.B.                         | 20.00             |
| Buctouche                              | 4.00              |
| Upper Caledonia                        | 4.00              |
| Strathlorne, C.B.                      | 20.00             |
|  | <b>\$1,604.71</b> |

COLLEGE FUND.

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Acknowledged already                   | \$3,296.35        |
| Reobank                                | 4.00              |
| St. Andrew's, Truro                    | 30.61             |
| Interest                               | 53.36             |
| Professor Forrest, Halifax             | 10.00             |
| Earlton                                | 5.02              |
| Lunenburg                              | 20.00             |
| Westville and Middle River             | 19.09             |
| Sharon Ch., Stellarton                 | 16.83             |
| Blackville and Derby                   | 17.00             |
| New Carlisle, Port Daniel and Hopetown | 10.00             |
| Dean Set, Upper Musquodoboit           | 37                |
| Two Friends, Shubenacadie              | 5.00              |
| Upper Musquodoboit Miss'y Soc, 1 qr    | 70                |
| West River, Pictou                     | 10.00             |
| Interest                               | 125.00            |
| St Ann's, C.B.                         | 2.00              |
| Interest                               | 11.68             |
| Strathlorne, C.B.                      | 10.00             |
| Flatlands and Metapedia                | 3.00              |
| Upper Caledonia                        | 4.00              |
|  | <b>\$3,654.95</b> |

COLLEGE BURSARY FUND.

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Acknowledged already | \$52.20        |
| St Ann's, C.B.       | 1.55           |
|                      | <b>\$53.75</b> |

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

|  |                 |
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| Acknowledged already                   | \$694.31        |
| Five Islands                           | 2.00            |
| Kennetcook                             | 3.74            |
| Blackville and Derby                   | 16.00           |
| New Carlisle, Port Daniel and Hopetown | 3.00            |
| Interest                               | 27.00           |
| St Ann's, C.B.                         | 8.00            |
| Strathlorne, C.B.                      | 6.00            |
| Princeton, P.E.I.                      | 7.00            |
| Ministers Percentage                   |                 |
| Rev James Murray, 1883                 | 3.40            |
| Rev R Cumming                          | 4.00            |
| Rev M Campbell                         | 3.40            |
| Rev T G Johnston                       | 2.50            |
| Rev A Cameron                          | 3.50            |
|  | <b>\$783.65</b> |

SYNOD FUND.

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Acknowledged already | \$41.50 |
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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| St John's Ch, Hfx                 | 6.00           |
| Grove Ch, Richmond                | 2.70           |
| St Andrew's, Chatham              | 4.00           |
| Rec'd from May 1st to mtg of ynod | \$54.20        |
| Rec'd since meeting of Synod      |                |
| Noel                              | 87.00          |
| St Ann's, C.B.                    | 3.00           |
|                                   | <b>\$10.00</b> |

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

RECEIVED BY THE REV R H WARDEN, SECRETARY TREASURER, 260 ST. JAMES ST., MONTREAL, TO 9TH NOVEMBER.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Already acknowledged                                  | \$7,412.82 |
| Russelltown   | 22.00      |
| Montreal, Canning                                     | 5.00       |
| St John's   | 5.25       |
| A Friend, Killcan, Ont, in memory of a beloved mother | 1.00       |
| Cartwright  | 5.00       |
| Bullyduff   | 2.30       |
| Exeter, Caven Ch                                      | 15.00      |
| Ily McKenzie, Spry Bay, N.S.                          | 1.00       |
| Bracebridge, S.S.                                     | 5.00       |
| Wilkesport, Black Creek, & Keene                      | 2.75       |
| Ste Anne, Illinois                                    | 25.00      |
| Miss Henderson, Poplar Grove, P.E.I.                  | 1.00       |
| Dalhousie & N Sherbrooke                              | 10.00      |
| Demoreville   | 7.25       |
| Alex Clark, Smith's Falls                             | 20.00      |
| Young Friend, St scholastique                         | 1.00       |
| Apsley, Elydesdale & Dear Lake                        | 10.00      |
| Montbello   | 6.07       |
| Corunna   | 4.50       |
| Moncton   | 6.00       |
| Knox Ch   | 6.50       |
| Christopher Macrae, Alexandria                        | 10.00      |
| Brockville, St John                                   | 8.00       |
| Georgetown, Ont.                                      | 20.00      |
| Limehouse   | 10.00      |
| J M Smith, Boston, U.S.                               | 25.00      |
| Stellarton, Sharon Ch, 1882                           | 23.00      |
| Campbell Settlement, N.B.                             | 1.00       |
| Campbell Settlement, Mrs R Aiton                      | 1.00       |
| Lower Salt-springs, N.B.                              | 1.18       |
| Carlow, Ont.  | 2.00       |
| Southampton, N.B.                                     | 7.48       |
| Grand Valley, Man.                                    | 8.00       |
| Spring Hill, N.S.                                     | 9.10       |
| Osgoode   | 8.90       |
| Kenmore   | 11.35      |
| McNab & Horton  | 50.00      |
| Tabusintac  | 6.80       |
| Eurtt Ch  | 4.20       |
| Caledonia, Argyle St and Allan Settlement             | 32.00      |
| Pembroke, Calvin Ch                                   | 20.00      |
| Roxboro, Knox and St James' chs                       | 15.00      |
| Teeswater, Westminster Ch                             | 74.00      |
| Kitley  | 6.00       |

Per Rev. Dr. Mc Gregor,

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Truro, St Andrew's                   | 28.24 |
| Five Islands                         | 5.30  |
| Earlton                              | 5.07  |
| Lunenburg                            | 20.00 |
| Barney's River                       | 13.50 |
| Blackville & Derby, add'l            | 2.00  |
| N Carlisle, Port Daniel and Hopetown | 8.00  |
| Dean Settl, Upper Musquodoboit       | 1.84  |
| Upper Musquodoboit Miss Soc          | 4.20  |
| West River, Pictou                   | 32.00 |
| St Ann's, C.B.                       | 13.00 |

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| Strathlorne, C.B.         | 5.00  |
| St George, N.B.           | 4.04  |
| Boularderie               | 10.00 |
| Per Rev. Dr. Reid         |       |
| Huntsville                | 1.00  |
| Allansville               | 1.00  |
| Stouffville, St James' Ch | 2.00  |
| A.P.S.                    | 2.00  |
| Harris, add'l             | 14.40 |
| Victoria, Presby Ham.     | 1.16  |
| New Westminster, B.C.     | 15.90 |
| Glenarm                   | 10.00 |

\$8,152.28

NOTE.—The contribution from Sharon Ch, Stellarton, was, by mistake, omitted to be credited in last year's accounts.

POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES SCHOOLS

Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal, Treasurer.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Already acknowledged      | \$942.52 |
| Keene, Q.                 | 25.00    |
| Oshawa S Sch              | 12.50    |
| Vankleek Hill             | 50.00    |
| West Winchester S Sch     | 12.50    |
| St Peter's S Sch, P.E.I.  | 5.00     |
| Atchafstane S Sch         | 12.00    |
| Belleville, John St S Sch | 50.00    |
| New Glasgow, Que.         | 4.50     |

\$1,114.02

COLLEGE FUND.

Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal, Agent.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Already acknowledged                          | \$258.29 |
| Russelltown                                   | 16.00    |
| Montreal, St John's                           | 9.25     |
| Madoc, St Paul and St Columba                 | 10.00    |
| Rousseau                                      | 2.00     |
| Wilkesport, Black Creek, & Ste Anne, Illinois | 2.74     |
| Burton  | 12.00    |
| Moncton, Knox Ch                              | 7.25     |
| Honeywood                                     | 8.00     |
| Port Colborne                                 | 1.73     |
| Dalhousie & N Sherbrooke                      | 4.66     |
| Demoreville                                   | 6.00     |
| St Louis de Gondzguo                          | 2.31     |
| Avonmore                                      | 5.00     |
| Brockville                                    | 5.00     |
| Canecon & Hillier                             | 5.00     |
| Williamstown, Hephzibah Ch                    | 9.00     |
| Johnson, Daywood and Caven                    | 3.00     |
| Cote des Neiges                               | 17.14    |
| Cantley & Portland                            | 9.00     |

\$400.37

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE.

J. B. McIvor, Treas., Kingston.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Already acknowledged         | \$87,821.79    |
| Pictou                       |                |
| J B Warden, M.D. 3 on 100    | 20.00          |
| Newburgh and Clark's Mills   |                |
| James S Hayden               | 100.00         |
| Barrie                       |                |
| J J Brown                    | Bal on 10 4.00 |
| Hamilton                     |                |
| J M Gibson, M P P, Bal on 50 | 10.00          |
| Brockville                   |                |
| Judge Macdonald, Bal on 100  | 50.00          |
| Total to 31st Oct, 1883      | \$87,696.79    |
| BUILDING FUNDS.              |                |
| Already acknowledged         | \$33,868.53    |



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| Ottawa.                                 |             |
| J B Donaldson. Bal on 100               | 25 00       |
| Total to 31st Oct, 1883                 | \$38,881 63 |
| WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND,              |             |
| <i>In connection with the Church of</i> |             |
| <i>Scotland.</i>                        |             |
| JAMES CROIL, Montreal, Treas.           |             |
| Rev. John Rannie, New Amsterdam         | 12 00       |
| Stonewall, \$3.00. Grassmere            |             |
| *2 25; Rockwood, \$1, per..             |             |
| Rev. Alex. Campbell.....                | 6 25        |

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| Lanark, Rev. Jas. Wilson....  | 10 00      |
| THEOLOGICAL HALL BUILDING AND |            |
| ENDOWMENT FUND, FARQUHAR      |            |
| FORREST & CO., AGENTS, 173    |            |
| HOLLIS ST., HALIFAX, TO OCT.  |            |
| 31st, 1883.                   |            |
| Already acknowledged ..       | \$:0969 95 |
| Springside Cong N S.....      | 5 00       |
| Rev A S Wylie, Halifax, N S.  | 50 00      |
| Bessie McKeen, Gays River,    |            |
| NS                            | 0 25       |
| Mabou, C B, per Louis Mc-     |            |
| Keen.....                     | 21 55      |
| John McDonald, Halifax, N S   | 10 00      |

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| John Oliver, Tatamagouche.   | 5 00       |
| NS                           |            |
| Duncan McKay, Baddeck, C     | 3 00       |
| B, in full.....              |            |
| Alex J Hatter, Union Centre, |            |
| NS                           | 3 00       |
| Robt Forbes and wife, Union  |            |
| Centre, N S .....            | 1 00       |
| W M D Pearman, Halifax...    |            |
| NS                           | 25 00      |
| Chas Robertson, Halifax..... |            |
| NS                           | 25 00      |
| Springside Cong, N S.....    | 4 00       |
|                              | \$71122 75 |

# BULBS

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## Persia.

**P**ERSIA contains an area 610,000 square miles, and has a population of 7,653,600, a little more than one-fourth of whom reside in cities. The largest cities are Teheran, with 200,000; Tabreez, with 165,000; Meshed, with 60,000; Ispahan, with 60,000; Kerman, with 42,000; Resht, with 40,000; and Yezd, with 40,000. The present ruler, or Shah, was born in 1829, and succeeded to the throne on the death of his father in 1848. He is the fourth of the dynasty of the Kadjars, which took possession of the crown after a civil war that extended over fifteen years, from 1779 to 1794. The vast majority of the inhabitants of Persia are Mahomedans, the total number of dissenters only numbering 74,000. The latter consists of Armenians, Nestorians, Jews, Koords and Guebres or Parsees. The Mohammedan faith is held by the Persian or dominant race and the Koords. The Jews and Guebres are few in number and suffer under great oppression.

THE NESTORIANS are a small remnant of a branch of the ancient Christian Church. They derive their name from Nestorius, a native of Syria, who was made Bishop of Constantinople, A. D. 428. He was deposed by the General Council at Ephesus in 431, on the ground of heresy, one of the charges being that he refused to apply the term *mother of God* to the Virgin Mary. His cause was warmly advocated by many young men from Persia who were attending the famous school at Edessa, and the Nestorians rapidly increased in number, and for centuries they maintained missionaries in Tartary, China and India, attaining their greatest prosperity

in the beginning of the eleventh century; but about the year 1400 a large number of them were destroyed by the fierce conqueror Tamerlane, the remainder finding refuge in the mountains. Since that time they have, for the most part, merely continued in existence, having lost the earnest missionary spirit that once characterized them. At the present time the main body of the Nestorians are living in the western part of Persia and eastern part of Asiatic Turkey. They number probably one hundred and twenty thousand, one third of whom are in Persia and the balance in Turkey. "The language is a modern dialect of the ancient Syriac, the language used by the Saviour when on earth."

The Nestorians, who are under Turkish rule as well as those in Persia, all acknowledge the patriarch at Oroomiah as their ecclesiastical head. They profess great reverence for the Holy Scriptures, and are orthodox respecting the person and character of Christ, but seem to understand but little of the nature and necessity of repentance, justification by faith and regeneration. Their worship consists chiefly in chanting portions of the Psalms, and reading their liturgy, and in most cases it is a heartless form.

THE ARMENIANS in Persia number 43,000, and are under two bishops, one of them Roman Catholic, and both residing at Ispahan. "They adhere to the seven sacraments of the Romish Church, perform baptism by trine immersion, believe in the mediation of the saints, the adoration of images, and transubstantiation, and administer the holy communion in both kinds to laymen. They deny purgatorial penance, and yet think the prayers of the pious will help the souls of the departed."—*The Gospel in its Lauds.*