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THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

The Presbytery of Bathurst held their ordinary meeting at Perth on the 9th instant—Rev. John McMorine, of Ramsay, Moderator.

There was a full attendance of Ministers—all being present, with the exception of Messrs. Anderson and Evans.

Mr. Mann made a very interesting verbal report, in reference to the state of the Presbyterian population in the back townships of the District which he had visited, as appointed by the Presbytery at their last meeting. Mr. Mann spent nearly a fortnight in these townships, preaching almost every day, and visiting several families. The Presbyterians in these townships are very numerous, and the majority of them, we believe, warmly attached to the Church of their fathers. Many in these localities are indeed sheep without a shepherd. Seldom do they enjoy the privilege of having the glad tidings of salvation announced to them by a Minister of any denomination.

Mr. Bain made a similar report, in reference to the Townships of Bedford and Crosby, which he visited during the winter, by appointment of the Presbytery. The fields in all these townships are white unto harvest; but there are no labourers to send forth.

The Ministers present reported that they had held meetings in their several congregations in behalf of the Presbyterian Missionary Association, as pro-

vided by its constitution, with the exception of Messrs. Robb and Haig, who, together with such of the absent Ministers as had not already done so, were instructed to bring the matter before their congregations, and be ready to report at the next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery.

The Association raised last year for Missionary purposes the sum of £73 1s 3d. The sums paid into the hands of the Treasurer for this year amounted, at the date of the meeting of the Presbytery, to £40 14s 11d. Congregations whose collections were not completed were instructed to be prepared to report to next meeting of Presbytery.

The Association has had a Catechist employed under the direction of the Presbytery during the greater part of the last and of the present year, and it gave a bursary of £10 Cy. to a student of divinity at Queen's College.

A letter was read from the Elders of the congregation of Buckingham and Cumberland, at present without a Minister, requesting the Presbytery to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to these congregations. The Moderator was appointed to perform this duty on a Sabbath before the next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery, to be agreed upon by him and the Elders.

Mr. Bell was appointed to preach at Smith's Falls on the third Sabbath of June, and Mr. Fraser on the third Sabbath of July.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Richmond on Wednesday, the 13th day of June next, at twelve o'clock.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

On Thursday, the 26th of April last, the eighth session of this Institution terminated, and a public examination of the students took place, which, we are gratified to learn, was extremely creditable to them.

On the occasion of the close of the previous session, we took occasion to remark that Queen's College afforded every facility for the attainment of a thorough and sound classical education, and a glance at the course of study which has been pursued by the various classes, and which we will publish in an early number, will abundantly prove the truth of our assertion. Queen's College is gradually but surely progressing, and there is every reason to believe that it will yet attain that position among the educational institutions of the country to which it is deservedly entitled. During the past session there was a considerable increase of students, and the numbers will continue to increase so long as the chairs are filled by such learned and zealous Professors as the present incumbents persons. Several students completed their curriculum in the Faculty of Arts, and were admitted to Degrees. After the distribution of the prizes to the successful competitors, the Rev. Dr. Machar, Principal of the College, delivered the following instructive and interesting valedictory Address to the assembled students:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your attendance at College necessarily withdraws you for a season from the parental roof. This absence from your homes, were it to be long continued, would, at your period of life, be a serious evil, for home is the best place for the education of the heart,—that education for which, such is its preciousness, all other education is a poor substitute. It is, there-