

mid, McMillan, Bethune, Ferguson, and Clark, giving each a Sabbath.

To Plympton, the Rev. D. Walker was appointed to give two Sabbaths before next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

To Fingal, the Rev. W. Doak to give the 2nd Sabbath of November; the Rev. Lachlan McPherson the 4th Sabbath of November; and the Rev. D. McKenzie the 2nd Sabbath of December.

To Yarmouth, the Rev. John Ross to give 1st Sabbath of November, and open the new church there on that day.

To St. Thomas, the Rev. W. Doak, to give the 4th Sabbath of November, and the Rev. W. S. Ball, the 1st Sabbath of December.

To Wardville, the Rev. D. McMillan to give the 1st Sabbath of November, the Rev. A. McColl, to give the 4th Sabbath of November, and the Rev. W. King, the 3rd Sabbath of December.

To St. Mary's, the Rev. A. Tolmie to give the 1st Sabbath of November, the Rev. R. Wallace, the 3rd Sabbath of November, the Rev. J. Scott, the 1st Sabbath of December.

To East Zorra, the Rev. Thomas McPherson, to give the 1st Sabbath of November, the Rev. W. S. Ball, a week-day service in the last week of November, and the Rev. D. McDiarmid, a week-day service in the last week of December.

The holy ordinance of the Lord's Supper was appointed to be dispensed at the following places:—

At South Dorchester, on the 3rd Sabbath of October, by the Rev. N. Bethune, assisted by the Rev. D. Clarke.

At Lobo, on the 4th Sabbath of October, by the Rev. D. McDiarmid, assisted by the Rev. D. Clarke.

At Boanquet on the 4th Sabbath of October, by the Rev. J. Scott, assisted by the Rev. J. Ferguson.

At Mitchell, by the Rev. W. Graham, at any time convenient to himself, during the time of the Rev. J. Gauld's labours there, that his assistance may be obtained on the occasion.

The Presbytery agreed to alter its day of meeting, and appointed the next ordinary meeting to be held at London, on the second Tuesday of January, at ten o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The ordinary meeting of this Court was held in the vestry of the Free Church, Cote Street, on the 17th and 18th October.

A large amount of business was transacted with the harmony and unanimity by which all the meetings of this Presbytery are happily characterised. The following are the principal items:—

The Presbytery received a commission from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, in favour of Mr. Alexander Grant, Preacher of the Gospel, and appointed Mr. Grant to labour at Lingwick, till next ordinary meeting.

On a review of the Mission Field of this Presbytery—it was resolved to apply to the Synod's Home Mission Committee, for the services of four missionaries during the winter—at least two of these to have command of the Gaelic language.

Mr. John Munro, recently arrived from Glasgow, bringing very favourable testimonials, and having undergone a satisfactory examination by a committee of Presbytery, was appointed to labour as Catechist in the township of Finch, Glengarry.

In view of multiplying claims on the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund, it was agreed to urge those congregations which have not made the collection already appointed, to do so without further delay.

The Presbytery agreed to carry out (D. V.) the following plan, for the visitation of all the

congregations, except Metis, which is considered too remote to be included in such a scheme:—

That the Presbytery be divided for the purpose of visitation, into four districts.

1. The field, under the pastoral care of Messrs. Clark, Swinton, McConochy, and McLean.

2. The field under the pastoral care of Messrs. Fraser, Kemp, Black, Henry, and Scott.

3. The field under the pastoral care of Messrs. Crombie, Anderson, McArthur, and Milne.

4. The field under the pastoral care of Messrs. Gordon, Quin, Campbell, and Cameron.

That the minister first named in each district be convener of the visiting committee of that district or section, and be charged with the necessary arrangements to carry the scheme into effect.

Further—that reports from these committees be called for at a future meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Fraser called the attention of Presbytery to the subject of Colportage, and to the recommendation of the Synod, in reference to that system. A conversation ensued, in which valuable suggestions were thrown out. A committee on colportage was appointed, with a view to practical measures—the committee to consist of Messrs. Clark, Kemp, and Fraser, ministers; Messrs. Court, Redpath, and McCallum, elders. Mr. Kemp, Convener.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was resolved to memorialize the Governor General in Council, on the propriety of proclaiming a day of public thanksgiving. The memorial agreed to, and transmitted, is in the following terms:—

To Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, &c. &c.

The memorial of the Presbytery of Montreal, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, respectfully sheweth—

That it hath long been the laudable custom in the mother country, and in the Colonies thereto pertaining, to appoint, by royal proclamation, solemn days of humiliation, before Almighty God, in time of distress, and of thanksgiving in time of national prosperity; that the present is a period, when the Province of Canada has many and special causes of gratitude to the Most High—in the abundance of the harvest crowning the year with goodness—in the absence of the formidable disease which carried lamentation and death, during the preceding year, into so many corners of the land—in the immunity enjoyed from the ravages of war—and in the measure of success accorded by the favor of God to the arms of the British nation and their allies, in the great European contest.

These things being taken under grave consideration, it has appeared to this Presbytery highly desirable, that a day of Public Thanksgiving should be proclaimed, commanding the closure of Public Offices on that day as on the Lord's day, and exhorting and inviting all good subjects, to engage in religious services, giving thanks with one accord to "the Blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." Wherefore the Presbytery of Montreal beg most respectfully to memorialize your Excellency on the subject, in the hope, and with the prayer, that your Excellency may be guided by heavenly wisdom, in this and in every other measure affecting the glory of God, and the best interests of the country.

(Signed)

JOHN ANDERSON, Moderator.

Mr. D. B. Pearce, Student, presented a paper of transference from the Presbytery of Cumberland, England, by which he had been taken on trials for license. Mr. Pearce having previously presented a commission from the F. C. Colonial Committee, was received to the same status as he had reached in the mother country, that of a student on trials; and the Presbytery resolved now to proceed with his unfinished trials for license. His popular sermon was delivered in the evening of Wednesday before the public

congregation—and other discourses read to the Presbytery on the following morning. These were followed by verbal examination. On a conjoint view of the whole, it was agreed to sustain the trials, and proceed to grant License. The usual questions were put by the Moderator, and satisfactorily answered. After solemn prayer, Mr. Pearce was duly licensed as a Preacher of the Gospel. At the call of the Moderator, Mr. Clark of Quebec delivered the address customary on such occasions.

Mr. Archibald McDiarmid, student of Knox's College, passed his examination with much credit. Mr. James McGregor was also examined and encouraged in his views towards the Holy Ministry. Messrs. Clark and McConochy, Ministers, were appointed a Committee to examine any students that may present themselves in the District of Quebec.

A letter addressed to the Moderator by Mr. A. McLean, Probationer, was read—declining the call addressed to him by the United Congregations of Martintown and Williamstown. "The Clerk was instructed to correspond with the Colonial Committee in Scotland, with a view to obtain a minister for these long vacant Congregations."

A petition was read, craving the moderation in a call from the Congregation of Lingwick to their former minister, Mr. Gordon, of Indian Lands. At Mr. Gordon's request, no steps were taken in the matter.

D. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PASTORAL ADDRESS OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

We greet you heartily in Christ Jesus. It has seemed good to us to address you most seriously on the state and progress of religion within our borders. "The Lord has given to our Church, in course of the past twelve years, a wide and rapid extension. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." There is cause, however, of anxiety, lest the Church should be tempted to content herself with an outward growth and success, unaccompanied by a corresponding inward vitality. Complaints are made, that iniquity and formality abound; that worldliness corrodes the heart of the professing Church; that "the powers of the world to come" are little felt, and the ordinances of the Lord's house seem, in many quarters, bereft of sweet savor and power. Servants of God are discouraged under the impression, that they labor in vain, and spend their strength for nought. The spiritual life of many waxes faint and chill; and the multitudes continue impenitent. The careless are careless still, and the unrighteous, unrighteous still. With much planting and watering, where is the increase? Alas! it is but to a small extent we see our Church as a fruitful vine, or a joyful mother of children. The children are even "brought to the birth, and there is not strength to bring them forth."

In view of this, our spiritual leanness and feebleness, we humble ourselves, and call upon all within our ecclesiastical pale, to humble themselves before the face of Almighty God, and to repent of those sins that grieve the Holy Ghost. Let Ephraim bemoan himself, and smite upon his thigh. "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord."

The case of the Church requires prayer and reformation. From the day of Pentecost downward, there is no authentic instance of a revival of religion, which was not preceded by earnest prayer. "Ask, and ye shall receive." Ask, with contrite confession of sin, but, at the same time, with honorable thoughts of God, and lively expectations from Him. The Heavenly Father is willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that