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CHURCH IN CANADA.

INDUCTION AT NIAGARA.

We have much pleasure in chronicling the settlement at Niagara, of the Rev. John B. Mowatt, and trust that the relation thus formed between pastor and people, may conduce to their mutual edification, and be productive of good in the highest degree. Mr. Mowatt laboured for sometime with much success as a Missionary in the vicinity of Kingston, his native place; and we trust, that, ere many years elapse, many more such energetic, earnest representatives of a native ministry will have gone forth to labour. We learn that, according to appointment, the Presbytery of Hamilton met in St. Andrew's Church, Niagara, on the 2nd May for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Mowatt to the pastoral charge of the said congregation. Mr. Smith, of Galt, presiding, preached an eloquent and impressive discourse from Haggai, chap. ii., 6th and 7th verses. After the several questions were put and answered, and also the late declaration of Synod anent their spiritual independence read, to which the Rev. Mr. Mowatt assented, the Rev. Mr. Smith descended from the pulpit, and the Rev. Mr. Mowatt kneeling, an impressive prayer was offered up, near the conclusion of which the Presbytery set him apart to the pastoral office by the laying on of their hands. They then gave him the right hand of fellowship, as also did the congregation at the conclusion of the service. After which the Rev. Dr. Mair, of Fergus, gave a most solemn address on his duty as Pastor, and the Rev. Mr.

M'Kid, of Goderich, addressed the congregation on their duty. The Sabbath following the Rev. gentleman was introduced by the Rev. Mr. M'Kid, who preached a practical sermon from the 22nd Psalm, 23rd verse. In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Mowatt preached from Luke, 4th chap., 32nd verse.

BURSARIES TO DIVINITY STUDENTS.

Among the subjects that, we should hope, will engage the attention of the approaching Synod, is, the endeavouring to enlist the members of our Church in a combined effort to train up a native ministry in our midst. Every day's experience brings more forcibly home to us the conclusion, that we must henceforth look within our own borders for the chief part of the supplies for our vacant pulpits; not indeed because the Church of Scotland is unwilling to extend to us her aid, but because she is unable to do for us all that she would wish in consequence of the numerous claims upon her. We must then endeavour to train up a ministry composed of young men, who are willing to devote their lives to the proclamation of the glad tidings of great joy to thirsty souls. There are two methods of attaining this most desirable end, which suggest themselves to us: the one, the erection of Congregational Bursaries by the various congregations, who might themselves select a suitable recipient of their assistance; the other, and the one to which we at present incline with most favour, is the formation of a general fund, to be raised by subscriptions and collections in all the churches, and to be managed by a board,

as is the Widow's and Orphan's Fund. There is much to be said in favour of both of these suggestions; but, if either of them, or any other be adopted, we hope that the formal sanction of the Synod will be given to it, and that ministers and people will unite in an earnest, energetic effort to accomplish this good work.

FRENCH MISSION AT QUEBEC.

We learn with much pain, that, as will be seen by the ensuing extract from a Quebec paper, the Missionary employed by the French Mission Committee of our Church, in endeavouring to evangelize the Canadian population in that City, has recently met with much persecution. A small building was lately opened in the St. Roch suburb with the view of communicating instruction in spiritual things to such as might choose to attend, but this missionary work has not been allowed to go on without interruption. Let us hope, that the scales may speedily fall from the eyes of those misguided men, who thus seek with the puny arm of fleshly violence to arrest the progress of Gospel Truth; and, that their spiritual blindness of vision may be swallowed up in the flood of light that will be poured in upon it, by a knowledge of the contents of the Book of Books.

"We learn, with more than ordinary regret, that the missionary employed by the Scotch Church to expound the Scriptures in St. Marguerite street, St. Roch's, in the French language, only to such as are willing to listen to him, has been waylaid by two "wretches,"—as they are well named by a contemporary—and beaten, and that,