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The Record.

MEETING OF COMMISSION.—The first stated meeting of the Commission of Synods is to be held at Toronto on the first Wednesday (7th) of October. Presbyteries are requested to bear this in mind, and that they were enjoined by the Synod to take effectual measures to secure the attendance of one or more of their members.

MISSIONARIES.—We are glad to learn from the Home and Foreign Missionary Record of the Free Church of Scotland, that the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly have just designated three missionaries for Canada; one of them for the Presbytery of Montreal; another for that of Kingston, and the third for that of Toronto.—The arrival of these missionaries, we presume, may be expected very soon; and we trust that we shall soon hear of the appointment of one more, at least, for the Presbytery of Hamilton.

DEPARTURE OF DEPUTIES.—The Rev. Messrs. Fraser, McLaughlan, and Monro, deputies of the Free Church of Scotland to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, are now, we regret to learn, about to return home. Mr. Monro's labours have been principally confined to the vacant congregation of Cote Street, Montreal, by whom they have been very highly appreciated: those of Messrs. Fraser and McLaughlan have extended to almost every section of the Province, east and west; and it is delightful to hear, as we do, from all quarters, of the refreshing influence which their evangelistic visits have imparted to our destitute congregations and stations. We hope to be able in our next number to give some account of their labours. The sacrament of our Lord's Supper is to be dispensed (D. V.) in the congregation at London, on the 6th instant, by Messrs. Fraser and McLaughlan, before their departure.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.—No intelligence has as yet reached us of the great meeting for the establishment of this alliance, which was to be held in Loudon last month. We shall be able in our next to present our readers with an account of its proceedings.

CONTENTS OF THIS NUMBER.—The communication from the Presbytery of Kingston, and that from Ingersoll, would have appeared in our last No. but that having been addressed to the publisher, who was at the time absent, they did not come into the editor's hands until it was too late. Extracts of the proceedings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, are given, which will be found interesting. We would specially direct attention to the statements respecting the French Canadian mission,—the Synod at its last meeting having appointed a collection to be made in aid of the seminary about to be established by that society. The very able paper furnished by Dr. Ferrier, on the Superintendence of the Temporalities of the Church, is concluded in this number. Our Home and Foreign Missionary intelligence will also be found interesting.

DONATIONS.—The Rev. Mr. Bethune, missionary under the Presbytery of Hamilton, has handed us two volumes, for the Library of Knox's College, viz: Burnet De fide et officio Christianorum, and Robertson's Hebrew Grammar, which shall be duly transmitted to the Librarian.

SUSTENTATION BOARD.—Under the instructions of the Synod, the Sustentation Board have appointed John Burns, Esq., to visit the congregations in the Presbyteries of Cobourg, Kingston,

Brockville and Perth. Mr. Burns purposes to enter on his duties on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at Darlington, in the Presbytery of Cobourg. His object is to direct the attention of congregations to the general subject of the sustentation of the ministry, and to the working of the particular scheme which is in operation in the church. A similar visitation, accomplished recently in the Presbytery of Montreal, by James Walker, Esq., the indefatigable Secretary of the Board, has been attended with very satisfactory results; and we are persuaded much good will be effected by Mr. Burns' services.

WAS THE DISRUPTION CALLED FOR IN CANADA?

A pamphlet of upwards of 80 pages, 8vo. has just been published, drawn up by the Rev. Mr. Bayne, of Galt, at the request of the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in which the various important points involved in the above question are thoroughly discussed. The name of the much and justly esteemed author will be received as a sufficient guarantee for the ability of this work, without any testimony from us or from any other. Commending it to all who desire to understand aright the bearings of the question at issue on Presbyterians in Canada, we would only remark that in exposing the misrepresentations of the late deputation from the Scottish Establishment, respecting the present position of that Institution, Mr. Bayne has not contented himself with statements or reasonings of his own, but has adduced authentic extracts from the decisions of the civil courts, the judicial statements of the judges, and the declarations of the great officers of government.

The pamphlet is well printed, on good paper, at the office of Mr. Ainslie, at Galt; the price 1s. 6s. Supples for the several localities will be forthwith forwarded to Messrs. James Gibb, Quebec; John Redpath, Montreal; P. McMartin, Martintown; J. Thompson, Perth; Andw. Shaw, Kingston; Donald Kennedy, Bytown; Andrew Milne, Cobourg; J. F. Westland, Toronto; D. McLellan, Hamilton, John Mische, London; Murdoch McKenzie, St. Thomas and James Dougall, Amherstburgh; as also to Mr. Christie, Niagara; Mr. Martin, Danville; Mr. Riddell, Port Dover; and Mr. Smith, Woodstock.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston met at Brockville on the 1st of this month. Among other matters an application was made by the Rev. James Finlay for admission into the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Mr. Finlay received his collegiate and theological education in the University of Glasgow. He had latterly been a member in good standing with the Presbytery of Albany in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (old School) in the United States. He presented a letter from this Presbytery expressing "their confidence in his attainments as a scholar, his purity as a man, his piety as a christian, and his eminent qualifications as a minister of Jesus Christ," together with a letter from his late congregation in West Galway (State of N. Y.) expressing their high opinion of him as a pastor.—Mr. Gorton, the former Moderator of the Presbytery stated that he had received a letter from Dr. Burns introducing Mr. Finlay, and suggesting the propriety of employing him in tour of the destitute congregations, under the care of the Presbytery, and that Mr. Finlay had been employed accordingly—the result of which appeared in the congregation of Dalhousie presenting to him a unanimous and earnest invitation to become their pastor, and also by a letter from Bristol, Clarendon, and Litchfield (on the Ottawa) expressing an anxious desire to give Mr. Finlay a call. After a

lengthened conference with Mr. Finlay, and a very minute and highly satisfactory examination on theology and personal religion it was

Resolved—That as soon as Mr. Finlay shall procure his dismission from the Presbytery of Albany, he be received; and that the clerk be instructed to communicate the unanimous deliverance of this Presbytery to the other clerks of Presbyteries and to the clerk of Synod, and to have the same inserted in the Missionary Record of the Church.

Home Missions.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RECORD.

Sir,

It has been my intention to send you some extracts from a journal I kept on a Missionary tour through a part of Eastern Canada, in March and April last; but I find it is not necessary to do so now, as what I had to lay before the public that was of importance with respect to all the places I visited, with the exception of the settlement of Lingwick, or Salmon River, has already been published in your valuable periodical.

I may state with respect to Lingwick that I found matters there just as I was led to expect from the accounts I had heard and read. After preaching there two or three times, the Catechist and the two Elders, who it appears have been very zealous and useful in the work of the Lord, asked me if I would administer the sacrament of baptism to the unbaptised children. I said that I would be very happy to do so to the children of all who appeared to be worthy applicants. I requested all applicants to give me their names: the list was read to the Catechist and the two Elders, with a request that they would point out the names of all who appeared to them not to be worthy, on account of ignorance or improper conduct. Six names were effaced, which were afterwards restored, on satisfactory evidence being given that the sins laid to their charge had been repented of and forsaken. Two made a public confession of penitence, for particular sins, on a Sabbath day, and were suitably addressed. On catechising the people I was happy to find that there were very few indeed who could not read; that their knowledge of the doctrines of christianity was considerable; that they appeared to be influenced by it; to make a practice of attending to secret and family devotion; and that they were as regular probably as circumstances could admit in their attendance on public worship. 99 children were baptised at different times, and in different places in the settlement, where meetings were appointed for public worship. An adult, an American, who until lately had been an Unitarian, and who had been for upwards of two years in the settlement, was at his own desire, with two of his children baptised, after it appeared in his case, as in the other cases, that it would not be proper to refuse to comply with his earnest request. I was told by an excellent man in the settlement that a very pious woman, whose husband was a cause of grief to her, one day on hearing him, as usual, scolding at religion, went to pray for him in secret, and on coming into the room where he was, found him in tears, reading the bible. It is pleasing to add that his conduct is now a beautiful contrast to what it had formerly been. When parting with the worthy office-bearers of the congregation of Lingwick, they asked me if I would do them the favour to write them to let them know when the sacrament of our Lord's supper would be dispensed to my own people. They said they would go to Indian Lands could circumstances admit of it; but that the distance was so great, and that they were so poor that to hope for this gratification would be vain; but that they would bear us in mind in their prayers. I complied with their re-