

to the last, and whose last work—a public and gratuitous one—was done faithfully, cheerfully and kindly.

LETTER FROM MR. BARIDON—INCIDENTS OF MISSIONARY LABOURS.

(Translation.)

MOERS, CLINTON Co.,
18th April, 1862.

DEAR SIR,—Since my last letter I have been three times at Sciota, twice at Centreville, and traversed and visited 10 other localities in the environs. The majority at Sciota insist on my holding a regular service every Sunday, either in the School-house or in one of their houses. I have not thought fit to make any such engagement at present with them, at least, I tell them, until they engage sincerely, and from the heart to attend the worship faithfully, and to prove by their zeal that they love the service of God. I have told them frankly that the religious Societies have spent much in announcing to them the will of God and instructing them in the way of Salvation, and that they have in many points of view been disappointed, and that in general the Canadians who become Protestants by their instrumentality do not appreciate as highly as they ought the efforts and expenses made on their behalf. Some of them understand that this is so.

On the other hand some good has been done among several souls at Sciota and elsewhere. Many have appeared to take and to feel a new pleasure in listening to the Word of God. Some appear anxious to understand it better, and in consequence to walk more faithfully in the ways of the Gospel. Of these some were not long ago neither on the one side nor on the other, being, as they said, neither for the priest nor for the minister. But now the question as well as their sentiments have changed, and several evince a felt need, evidenced by an anxious desire to listen to the Word of God.

At Centreville there are also some more serious. I was called there some days ago to perform the funeral service of a child. The father and mother had sometimes received my visits, but without pronouncing for us, but they were without doubt in a hopeful condition as they read the Bible and had it in their hands. Their little dwelling was full of people when I held the service. It gave a favourable opportunity of speaking boldly about their immortal souls, and I believe that good was done.

In a family of Roman Catholics, whom I knew well, I went to visit the sick father; I read to him portions of the Gospel and asked him to consider the words of the Lord. He thanked me, and the next day sent his wife to me to ask me to return and read again to him "the beautiful passage," which he said I had read to him before. I went and read to him, pointing out the necessity for us all and especially for him in his sickness to make sure, while there was yet time, of a place in the kingdom of heaven. I closed my visit by praying at his bedside, his wife kneeling also, and weeping bitterly as she rose.

The work of the Lord is thus being done, slowly, it is true, but yet it is done. Satan

makes many efforts to keep souls in death. It is his everyday work to rise up against and oppose everything which tends to enlighten souls with light from heaven. But that is not surprising.

Next month I will prepare an account of my labours for the past year in view of the Synod. The fine season having now returned, I think that I should pass some weeks in the Ottawa country. It will be also well that Mr. Tanner's pulpit should be supplied during 2 or 3 Sundays while he is absent in Upper Canada.* It would be a good opportunity to awaken the interest of our churches in our work.

Receive, dear Sir,

My warmest respect,
L. BARIDON.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

The Presbytery of Guelph met at Guelph on Wednesday the 9th April. *Sederunt*: Rev. John Whyte, Moderator, George Macdonnell, John Hogg and John Hay, Ministers; and John McCrea and Alex. Cadenhead, Esquires, Ruling Elders.

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting were read and sustained, together with those of the *pro re nata* meetings of March 18th and 25th.

Mr. McCrea stated that all the Church property of the Guelph Congregation had been duly registered.

Mr. Hogg supplied to the Presbytery important information respecting the Puslinch Church property.

An "Extract Minute" from the Presbytery of Hamilton respecting the debt of that Presbytery, and intimating their intention of "representing the matter to the Synod in order that the Presbytery of Guelph may be induced to pay their proportion of the Presbyterial debt incurred previous to the separation," was read. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed to watch the procedure, and, if necessary, defend this Presbytery at the bar of the Synod.

Messrs. Hogg and Hay reported that they had fulfilled the appointment of the Presbytery. Mr. Whyte reported that he had fulfilled his appointment at Priceville and Allan-Park. The attendance at Priceville was small, but at Allan-Park there was a large Congregation. A proposal was submitted to the Presbytery on the part of that Congregation that, if the Presbytery can afford them monthly supplies, they will be willing to contribute to the Home Mission Fund of the Presbytery to the amount of at least \$50 annually. Mr. Macdonnell reported that he had fulfilled his appointments. He had not dispensed the Communion or sought to ordain elders at Leith and Johnson, in consequence of his finding a division of sentiment among the Congregation with regard to the expediency of doing so. All these reports were approved of.

Mr. Cadenhead moved, seconded by Mr.

* Mr. Tanner has been invited to visit a group of Protestant French families in the Western part of Upper Canada, where there are 14 children to be baptized and other missionary work to be performed.