

our banners:" they organized the Presbytery in terms of the following act of the United Associate Synod, bearing date 1st May, 1834. "The Missionaries from this Synod in Canada, are hereby erected into a Presbytery, under the name and designation of the *Missionary Presbytery of the Canadas, in connection with the United Associate Synod of the Secession Church in Scotland.*" Mr. Thomas Christie was then unanimously elected Moderator, and Mr. William Proudfoot in like manner, Clerk of the Presbytery. It was agreed that the Roll of the Presbytery should be made up according to the order of their Ordination, which was as follows: William Proudfoot, Thomas Christie, William Taylor, George Murray, Robert H. Thornton, James Skinner, John Cassie, William Fraser, and Alex. McKenzie, all of whom were present, with the exception of Mr. Taylor, Montreal. The Presbytery sat nearly three days and transacted a large amount of business; interesting reports were given of the respective fields of labour, and with much prayerful consideration, arrangements made for the future. Without entering into any detail of the various important matters then under consideration, the following may with propriety be noticed. In regard to the settlement of ministers it was unanimously agreed that for the future "they be admitted, or ordained according to the established forms in the United Associate Synod; it being the opinion of the Presbytery, that the right of individuals sent out as Missionaries, to receive and accept of calls to the pastoral office, and which was indispensable before the establishment of a Presbytery, has ceased, now that said Missionaries have been constituted a Presbytery." It was also unanimously resolved to appoint a deputation consisting of two members of Presbytery, "to visit all the churches and stations under the care of the Presbytery, in order to examine into their state, to give such advice as may be found necessary, and to encourage, comfort, and strengthen them." Messrs. Proudfoot and Christie were wisely selected for this object, and instructed to "proceed in their mission with all convenient speed."

The minutes of the above meeting were speedily transmitted to the Synod's Committee on Foreign Missions in Scotland, in whose "Report," we find the following satisfactory remark. "These Minutes, the Committee are of opinion, exhibited on the part of the Missionaries, a judicious determination to act with order and regularity, and a harmony and zeal in the commencement of their existence as an organized church, giving the happiest omens of their future prosperity." The two brethren started on their tour on the 19th January, 1835, and were nearly two months in accomplishing their arduous task. They had to travel over 700 miles "partly in sleighs, partly in waggons, and sometimes, when neither were to be had, on