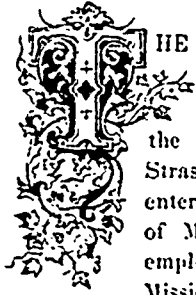


derstand that an appeal will be taken to the Privy Council in England, so that another year will pass away before we can have a final decision of this long pending suit.

News of our Church.



THE Synod's "Committee on the French Mission" have lately engaged the services of the Rev. J. Goepf, B.D., of Strasbourg, France: and he has entered upon his work in the city of Montreal. Mr. Goepf was employed, for a few years, as a Missionary in France amongst a population chiefly Roman Catholic: and the Committee have hoped that the experience which he thus acquired in his native country, will be turned to good account in Canada. Mr. Goepf comes to us with the highest testimonials, both literary and moral, from the Reformed Church of France, of which he is a Minister, as well as from *La Société Centrale Protestante d'Évangélisation*, Paris.

Ever since the misfortune to the Mission occasioned by the failure of Mr. Tanner's health, the Committee, chiefly through its Convener, has been trying to secure the presence and services in Montreal of a French Missionary. For a long time the search seemed hopeless, and the Committee were beginning to doubt their ability to continue the work with that energy and prospect of success which the Church had a right to expect and even to demand. In the mean time Mr. Tanner's health so far improved as to warrant his resuming a part of his work in the Dorchester Street Congregation; and, through the assistance so generously rendered by the Messieurs Doudiet, the public services were for some two or three months adequately sustained. This improvement in the prospects of the Mission gratified and encouraged the Committee, who, however, were still of opinion that Evangelical labour, beyond the limits of our small Church and Congregation, had become a necessity. When, therefore, the inquiry prosecuted by the convener in France and the United States, resulted in the recommendation to the Committee of Mr. Goepf who had lately arrived in New York from Strasbourg, they invited him to Montreal to confer with them. During his visit the Committee, with the Ladies' Committee, held a social meeting at the French Church to which the communicants and Congregation were invited and came. Addresses

were made by the Rev. Mr. Tanner, the Rev. Mr. Doudiet, the Rev. Mr. Goepf, Mr. Charles Doudiet, and the Convener. Mr. Tanner's address was interesting and touching, as it could not fail to be, in view of the long and intimate relation which has subsisted between him and his little flock, every member of which is deeply attached to his person and ministrations. As the result of this meeting, after also a free and frank private conference on the part of the Committee with Mr. Tanner and Mr. Charles Doudiet, it was resolved to engage the services of Mr. Goepf as the Committee's Missionary.

In the Report which is to be presented at the approaching meeting of Synod the past year's work will be detailed, as well as the views of the Committee as to the future prosecution of the Mission.

In the mean time the Committee respectfully and earnestly beg that the annual collections be remitted to the Treasurer, Archibald Ferguson, Esq.: and that the ministers of those congregations of our church in which no collection has yet been made for the year 1865-66 will repair the omission without delay.

JOHN JENKINS, D.D., Convener.

15th April, 1866.

INDUCTION OF THE REV. ALEX. MACDONALD, B.A., AT NOTTAWASAGA.—The Presbytery of Toronto met, according to appointment, in the West Church of Nottawasaga, on the 31st Jan'y, last, for the ordination of Mr. Macdonald. There was a small attendance of the members of the court, owing to a series of missionary meetings which were going on at the time in other sections within the bounds of the Presbytery. The trial exercises were performed in a highly satisfactory manner; and in the presence of a large attendance of the members of the congregation, Mr. Macdonald was duly ordained, and inducted into the charge of the congregation of Nottawasaga. The Rev. James Carmichael presided on the occasion. Mr. Alexander MacLennan addressed the minister respecting the duties of his office; Mr. Carmichael addressed the people in Gaelic, and Mr. McKee did the same in English, respecting their obligation to their minister.

The usual missionary meetings were held in the two churches, on the 30th and on the 31st, in aid of the Synod and Presbytery's Home Mission Funds, and were well attended.