

year:—viz; on the second Wednesdays of April, August and December.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Galt on Wednesday the 8th August at 11 A. M., and appointed the Rev. Mr. Hay to preach at the opening of the meeting. Various of the brethren of the Presbytery gave expression to their sincere sorrow on account of the painful circumstances in which Mr. Gibson is for the present placed and their cordial esteem for him, encouraging him to look forward to a happier state of things, which, in Divine providence, they hoped he would soon realize.

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

We have pleasure in being able to record in this issue, an accession to the number of preachers of the Gospel in our Canadian Church. The Presbytery of Bathurst met at Perth on Wednesday the 18th ult., and received from Messrs. Robert Campbell, A. M., and George Porteous, students of divinity in Queen's College, the subjects of trial for License, prescribed to them at a previous meeting.

The trials were sustained with much approbation by the Presbytery, and afforded pleasing evidence both of respectable scholarship, and of those higher and spiritual qualifications, without which, whatever may be the talents, and the literary and theological attainments of a preacher of the Gospel, he cannot expect to be either successful or happy in his high and sacred vocation.

The Presbytery then in the usual manner, licensed Messrs. Campbell and Porteous to preach the Gospel, and they were solemnly and suitably addressed by the Rev. S. Fraser of Lanark, Moderator, P.T., who specially urged upon them, at considerable length, and in a very affectionate and happy manner, the importance of making "Christ and Him crucified," the great theme of all their discourses, of preparing carefully for the pulpit, and of cultivating personally the spirit and habit of prayer. May the Spirit of God indelibly impress upon these two young and interesting sons of the prophets, the excellent counsels of wisdom and love then delivered to them. May He richly furnish them with His own gifts and graces, for the high and responsible office to which he has called them, and make them faithful and successful ministers of the New Testament.

Mr. Campbell has been for several years head Teacher of the Preparatory School in connection with Queen's College, and having been a very faithful and efficient teacher, has already in that capacity done good service both to the College and Church. With a view of qualifying himself still more highly for the work of the ministry, he purposes we understand, visiting Scotland, and spending some time in Britain and on the continent, before settling down in a pastoral charge in this his native land.

Mr. Porteous is likely to be ordained and settled immediately over a congregation, there being more than one anxious to obtain his services.

Are there no more young men of talents and piety in any of the congregations of our Church, willing to give themselves to the Lord, for the work of the ministry? Truly the fields are white unto harvest, and there are few to reap them. There is much work to be done for Christ, and in behalf of perishing souls in this country, so intensely given to the worship of Mammon, and there are few found willing to undertake it. There is no lack of young men for the mercantile, the medical and the law professions.

Young men, shall the Lord call you to take part in the work of the ministry for him,—this work which is in its object, the highest and in its results, temporal and eternal to individuals and to the whole community the most important of all works—and will you refuse him? There is little, in the character of worldly affluence, ease or honor to attract to the Ministry in this country, and there is much to repel from it, in the low estimate in which the ministerial office is held, and in the low and often suffering condition, as regards support, in which ministers are kept. But, be it so, Moses in his choice, had respect, not to the present, but to the future and eternal recompense of reward. Seventy years hence, and, of all who read this, he only will be rich, who is rich towards God and he only will be found wise, who has sought to win souls to the Lord.

Parents! have you son after son to devote to Mammon, and have you not one you can devote and encourage to give himself to the Lord for the work of the ministry, even although you should feel that he shall have much to suffer in that work?

Our College with its staff of efficient Professors, is ready to educate without any additional cost, four times the number of Students that have yet, in any year, presented themselves. Are the labors of the Professors to be to a great extent, thrown away? We expect also to have our Staff of Professors rendered still more complete and efficient, by the arrival among us, in a few weeks of our new Principal, whose established and well merited fame in the Universities and Churches at home, as an accomplished Scholar of divine and also as a person of great moral worth, has preceded him. Are we to encourage his heart when he comes amongst us, and strengthen his hands? Are we to afford him—that the hope of enjoying which, was, we believe, his great inducement in consenting to accept the appointment—viz:—the opportunity of advancing the educational and religious interests of this young and rising country, and especially, of our Church in it? Parents and young men! the answer is with you.

CONGREGATION OF VAUGHAN.

It is pleasing to observe the proofs of kindness and gratitude, which have of late been manifested by many of our churches towards their ministers. When gifts are the spontaneous expression of the esteem and love of a people, they cannot but be exceedingly gratifying to the heart of a pastor, for although, the faithful servant of Christ will be influenced by motives far higher than human gratitude, yet, the manifestation of this, cannot but cheer and console him in the discharge of his arduous duties. From the many notices of gifts from Congregations to their ministers, which have within a year, or two past appeared in the Presbyterian, it may be reasonably inferred that sentiments of esteem and love to ministers are acquiring greater force in many of our Congregations. The Congregation of Vaughan have of late given several substantial proofs of their respect for their minister; the Rev. D. Ross. Last winter, the young men of the Church presented him with an elegant sleigh as a new year's gift:—while a gentleman, who refuses to let his name be known, made him a present of a very fine horse. But in addition to these, and many other proofs of attachment, it may not be improper to state, that this Congregation have made the most laudable efforts to render the temporal condition of their minister comfortable. In 1858 they bought a very handsome and commodious house for a manse, and to make this a residence every way convenient and suitable for the home of a minister, the people have recently expended over \$400 on improvements;—so that the Manse of Vaughan is now inferior to few manses in the Province. As this Congregation was long without a settled pastor, it was at one time in danger of being utterly scattered and not only lost to the Church with which it had stood connected, but many, especially of the young, were in danger of being altogether lost to the Church of Christ. There were, however, in the seasons of adversity and despondency, a few energetic, prudent, and godly men, who strove to keep the Congregation together and preserve its ecclesiastical relationship. The Great Head of the Church appears to have signally blessed these efforts. Some of these admirable men have gone to their reward; but others of them still live to see that they have not laboured in vain. The Congregation is now numerous and harmonious, and contributes liberally to the various schemes of the Church: and one would fain hope that these, as well as other things, are cheering proofs of some measure of spiritual prosperity.

THE FRENCH MISSION.

We insert the translation of a letter from Mr. Baridon from which it will be seen, that he has been again visited with severe afflictions, but is, nevertheless, hopefully striv-