

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The Presbytery at Montreal on the 28th August. Rev. Mr Currie, Moderator.

There was a good attendance of ministers. The following were the chief items of business:—

The Clerk laid on the table a call from Farnham Centre and Faraham West, in favor of the Rev. R. McArthur, with subscription for stipend to the amount of \$100. Parties from the two congregations being present, were heard. It was agreed to postpone sustaining the call, and, in the meantime to re-appoint Mr. McArthur to supply these congregations for three months.

A petition was presented from Osnabruck, from the moderation in a call. The same was granted, and Mr Greenfield appointed to that duty on a convenient day.

A petition was presented from Winchester, &c., for the moderation in a call. The same was granted, and Mr. Thom appointed to that duty on a convenient day.

St. Louis and Valleyfield having agreed to unite as one charge, presented a petition for the moderation in a call. The same was granted, and Mr. Kemp was appointed to that duty on a convenient day.

The Clerk reported that English River and Durham congregations had agreed to unite as one charge.

The Rev. Mr Lewis of the Free Church, Ormiston, Scotland, being present, and it being understood that he was about to return home, the Presbytery, through the Moderator, expressed the pleasure they had enjoyed at Mr. Lewis' presence among them; their esteem and affection for him, and their best wishes for his welfare.

Mr. Redpath reported the supplies for the pulpit of Cote Street. The members of Presbytery resident in Montreal and the session of Cote Street were named a Committee of Supply.

It was agreed to continue Mr. Munroe's services at Harrington and Grenville on the same terms as before.

Mr. McQueen was appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Finch, on a convenient day.

Mr. Matheson was continued at Osnabruck, Mr. Coulthart appointed to Winchester, and Mr Fenwick to Finch till the meeting of the Home Mission Committee.

The Clerk was appointed to attend the Home Mission Committee, and to ask for such supplies as may be required.

The Rev. Daniel Clark petitioned the Presbytery for such employment within their bounds as he could overtake. The Presbytery agreed to appoint Mr. Clark to visit, encourage, and report concerning the Sabbath Schools in connection with the Presbytery, and especially within its western section.

Mr. Matheson and Mr. Coulthart having completed their trials to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, were licensed to preach the Gospel.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet on the first Wednesday of November next, in Cote Street Church, Montreal, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

ALEX. F. KEMP, Pres. Clerk.

The Presbytery, at a *pro re nata* meeting, on the 18th instant, appointed a moderation call to Cote Street Church. The call will be in favor of Mr. McVicar.

Corner for the Young.

A LETTER TO BOYS AND GIRLS.

Beloved young friends, I wish to write to you that I may, by the grace of the

Holy Spirit, lead you to Jesus, that you may get all your sins pardoned, and obtain the "new heart," which will make you love Jesus, and be happy, holy and useful.

A minister asked a happy-looking youth in Ireland, "What do you think of Christ?" "He is altogether lovely!" was the instant reply. I hope dear young reader, you can say so too, from what you feel in your own heart. But if you have not got the "new heart," I am sure you will not be able to say so with truth; for "the stony heart," which is in us all by nature, never sees anything "lovely" in Jesus.

A minister once saw a girl of eight years old, smitten down by the conviction of her sin, and she was crying out most earnestly, "O Lord Jesus, come down and take away this hard and stony heart! O take this hard and stony heart away!" This is a prayer which has been offered and answered in thousands of instances during the last twelve months, and more particularly in those places where God has been giving a remarkable outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

If yours is not the "new heart," it will make you care more for yourself, and for things which would please yourself, than for Jesus. I remember, when in Ireland, about a year ago, seeing a dear Irish girl of eleven years old, who, I believed, had then received the "new heart."

When asked what kind of a girl she was before she knew Jesus, she said, "I was a very naughty girl, I seldom went to church, but I went to Sunday school, and when I saw other girls better-dressed than myself, having nice frocks, and new bonnets with beautiful ribbons, I felt grieved and envious, and wished to have as good for myself. And although my parents were poor, and not able to give me such clothes, I fretted and cried on going home, because I couldn't get them; but now that I have Jesus, I am quite happy if I have clothes of any kind sufficient to cover me."

She spoke about Jesus, and what he had done for her, with much fervour and love; and as she was talking sweetly of his loveliness and glory, the setting sun broke out from between two clouds, opening his golden rays over the evening sky, and filling our room with his massive beams, when she exclaimed, "Oh, what a glorious sun, and He made that too." Jane's "new heart" made her forget self, and think of Jesus, and look at all things as his and as her's only in him.

Your parents are telling you almost every day what you should do, and what you should not do; and it is right that you should obey them: for God has said: "*Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*" But I know you sometimes feel their commands to be irksome, and you refuse in your heart to do what they bid you, even when you may obey with your words, your hands, or your feet. Now, if you had a "new heart," it would make you "obey from the heart," and you would be happy only in doing that which is right. The heart you bring into the world with you is about 6000 years old, for it comes all the way from fallen Adam and it contains the germs of all that is bad—all bad thoughts, bad feelings, bad words, and bad deeds; swearing, lying, stealing vanity, and all such things, as Jesus mentions in Mark, vii 1-23.

"Where does the thief lie?" said the thieves' missionary to a young rogue. "Does it lie at the tips of your fingers, at the tips of your toes, on the top of your head, or in your heart? Where does it lie?" The little thief responded, "*In my heart, sir.*" "Then what must we do to get the thief out of your heart? We must pray to Jesus to take the thief out of your heart; must we not?" To this the boy assented, and so they knelt down to pray that a "new heart" and a right spirit might be given to him.

My beloved young friends, I hope you will lose no time in getting your conscience purified by the blood of Jesus, and your hearts made new, holy, loving and obedient, "by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost; for in no other way can you be made to love Jesus who is altogether lovely, and get "the thief," and every other concealed evil "out of your hearts." Many young persons are now finding mercy, and are loving Jesus—praying, reading, and praising, with happy hearts and joyful lips, and living as those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb; and I should like all my dear young readers to join this "happy band," by coming to Jesus for pardon of sin and a "new heart." Will you do it? It is for eternity!—I am your affectionate friend. THE EDITOR.

P.S.—My dear friends, immediately after sending the above letter to the printer, I read a very interesting account of a work of grace going on at a mission station in the south of Africa. It tells of many among the colored people of that far-off land being awakened to see their lost condition, inquiring after Jesus, and finding salvation. But I add this postscript to quote that portion of the narrative which shows how happily a young person who knows Jesus can die. It is an awful thing for us to live unprepared to die, when there is only a step between the youngest of us and death. This dear little daughter of Ethiopia was ready to die, for she knew and loved the Lord.

The missionary's wife writes as follows, about this precious lamb of Jesus' fold:—"Ma Moely, about thirteen years of age, had come with her companions once or twice a week, through the winter, to read and pray with me. I recommended her to my husband for admission to his inquirers' class, and observed that she became much more serious after her admission.

"Suddenly she was seized with illness. We went to her, and on my husband asking her if she had chosen Jesus as her portion, she said, "Yes, it is in him I hope." Her disease increased. She said to her mother, holding out her hand to her, "Farewell! I salute you, give your heart to the Lord, He is God, and he alone. Serve him, love him. He alone can save you."

"Then she addressed herself to her father. "Here are the chariots of the Lord come to meet me; carry me out of doors." They did so. Immediately raising her eyes to heaven, she said, "O Lord, I am one of thy lambs: for the sake of Jesus receive me into thy kingdom; I am thine, take me."

"Her head sank down, and her spirit fled to her God. We hope her death will be blessed to her father. He prays with tears, an agonizing sinner."