

leading lay-member of it, "Baron Prisse," one whom we soon found to be as high in the confidence of the church, as prominent in general society by his social position.

Encouraged by the Baron's kind offer of introduction to the Synod, I returned from Antwerp to Brussels, and soon found myself at home among warm hearted christians, who welcomed me and my partner in life to their private hospitality and their sacred communings. The business of the day or of the two days was followed up, on the evening of the second, by a public meeting of a devotional kind, varied by addresses from some of the French and Swiss deputies. The church, one of moderate size, was crowded by a deeply interested auditory. At the forenoon or afternoon meeting, I was introduced, as also was Dr. Guthrie from Edinburgh, and though not formally commissioned, for he like myself had heard of the Belgian Synod after reaching the continent, we were received very much on the footing of delegates. The brethren listened with interest to our speeches, and the moderator addressed us in connection with the formally commissioned deputies from the countries above named, requesting us to convey to the brethren in Scotland and in Canada their affectionate greetings. I should mention that the addresses by Dr. Guthrie and myself were given in English, but through the kindness of a member of the Synod, the eminent Pastor at Liege, were rendered into French, paragraph by paragraph as we proceeded.

Students will feel interested when I add that Mon. Durant kindly placed at my acceptance, for the College Library, a copy of his work against the Immaculate Conception.

My notes with reference to Holland must be reserved for next month.

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A VISIT TO HURON AND ILLINOIS.

BY DR. BURNS.

MR. EDITOR,—At your request I jot down a few particulars of my recent wanderings, partly within the lines of our own "Dominion;" and partly within those of the Northern-United States. In the Autumn of 1864 I had spent three weeks and as many Sabbaths in the parts of our Province which lie on the great Huron Lake, and although it was but a limited portion of that territory I could visit, I saw enough to fill me with astonishment at the great physical and moral changes on the district from 1847 when I first saw it as one unbroken forest, to the time when the same district rose to my view with its million of acres "all taken up;" Lowlanders and Celts in hundreds, yea thousands, settled peaceably and comfortably along road lines judiciously marked out; schools and Churches provided to an extent that augured well. My visits to my brethren and friends three years ago were fresh in my memory, and the names St. Helens, Kinloss, Kincardine, Tiverton, Greenock, Paisley, Southampton, Elgin, and North Bruce, had taken familiar and firm hold of me, and gathered around them; a multitude of sincere good wishes; when in the course of events a second opportunity of a visit opened to me. It was readily embraced; and with the exception of Paisley and Southampton, and St. Helens, the localities already named were re-visited, and successful progress marked. In particular, I found that Kincardine had obtained the services of an able minister in both tongues, Mr. Fraser, formerly of Thamesford; and that a number of excellent men, principally from our own college, have been added to the list of pious pastors. The celebration of Communion at Kincardine and