

rised by a Majority of 11 to 4. From this decision Dr. Mackay and others dissented.

The Rev. Mr. McIntyre made the following motion:—"That a Committee be appointed to consider whether, in present circumstances, any steps ought to be taken, and if so, what steps, with the view of erecting and bringing into effective operation a College in connection with this Church, and which shall be conducted in accordance with its principles."

After some discussion, the motion was passed. Dr. Mackay and others dissented from this decision.

The Synod, after considerable discussion, passed the following deliverance:—"The Synod having heard the papers from the four ministers and three adhering elders in Victoria, in regard to their separation from the majority of the Free Church there, sympathises deeply with those brethren in the painful position which, as they believe for conscience sake, they have been constrained to occupy, while it declines to express an opinion on the merits of the question as between the aforesaid majority and them, both because it is not qualified to do so in the absence of all communication from the majority, and because such expression might be regarded as an attempt to review and judge of the procedure of an independent sister Church."

It being intimated to the Synod that there was a likelihood of a deputation from the Free Church of Scotland visiting the colony of Victoria shortly, it was unanimously resolved that the deputation be invited to visit this colony also. A Committee was appointed to arrange as to the time and manner of the reception of the said deputation, and to make all necessary arrangements as to the expenses and other matters connected with their visit.

The Treasurer presented his financial statement for the past six months, from which it appeared that the sum of £1319 10s 9d has been contributed for the Sustentation Fund for the last half year, which being divided among the ministers on the fund, affords to each of them a dividend for the half-year of £111 5s 10d., inclusive of the premiums of insurance on their lives; which sum the Synod ordered to be paid to each of these ministers accordingly.

The Synod adjourned, and appointed their next meeting to be held at Sydney in May next.

### Communications, &c.

#### CHALMERS' CHURCH, KINGSTON—INDUCTION OF REV. P. GRAY.

To the Editor of the Record.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—One of the most interesting and important periods of a congregation's history, involving, as it does, temporal and eternal interests, occurred in Chalmers' Church on last Tuesday evening. On that evening the Rev. Peter Gray, formerly of Beckwith, was inducted, by the Presbytery of the bounds, into the pastoral charge of this congregation. Almost all the ministers were present, but few, however, of the elders, whose presence on such occasions, as well as at all meetings of Presbytery is so desirable. There was a good attendance of the people, and the whole proceedings were interesting, solemn, and edifying.

The Rev. W. F. White preached an eloquent discourse, from Acts i. 11. The Rev. James Hume, Moderator, presided, put the usual questions and offered up the induction prayer. The Rev. Henry Gordon, in a happy, solemn and deeply affecting manner, addressed the Minister. From a rapid sketch of the duties and responsibilities of a Minister of Christ, and pastor of his people, he showed the importance of self-consecration to the work; constant and humble reliance for direction, wisdom, strength

and encouragement upon the great Shepherd and Bishop of Souls, who has promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The people were addressed upon the duties and obligations which the relation just formed imposes upon them by the Rev. A. Wilson. After congratulating them upon the happy circumstances in which they were that evening placed, and expressing his own and the presbytery's gratification at seeing them again, after so long a vacancy, settled with a pastor of their own choice; he pointed out the duty of respectful obedience to those whom the King of Zion has appointed overseers in his church, and into whose hands he has entrusted its government, showing that they were the more under obligation to submit to them in the Lord, not only from the express injunction of the Bible, but from their having been freely chosen, as their representatives and rulers, by themselves. Regular and punctual attendance upon the ordinances of Christ's appointment, was shown to be a duty implied in the pastoral relation, and urged alike by the respect which should ever be manifested to their pastor's feelings, their own spiritual benefit, and the influence which their example will exercise upon their families. The important duty of carefully guarding, while gross faults are not to be overlooked, the reputation of their pastor was also pointed out. He showed that the innocent, as even Christ himself did, may suffer from the tongue of the gossip and slanderer; and hence the importance of making all due allowance for him as a man of like passions as themselves; of listening cautiously to any evil report concerning him; of correcting as far as in their power, any prejudice that may arise against him upon light grounds; and of never, in any matter, condemning him unheard. The duty of aiding him in his arduous work by co-operating with him in his efforts to win souls to Christ, without officious intermeddling with his appropriate duties; and by their constant prayers, which will produce an affection towards him, and bring down that blessing upon his labours without which they will be vain, was also enforced. Nor was the duty of providing for their pastor an adequate support overlooked, but shown to be imperative, both as it respects his comfort, success and usefulness, their own profit, happiness and future prosperity.

The whole services were listened to with marked attention, and interest, and it is to be hoped that the good effects will be seen for many days, if not years to come. After the benediction was pronounced, the people gave their newly settled pastor the right hand of fellowship, and a hearty welcome at the door as they retired.

I must now mention what is not so common upon such occasions, but which if more attended to, both before as well as at such a time by congregations, might greatly tend to promote their prosperity. The following morning, at an early hour, a prayer meeting was held by the elders and people, at which fervent petitions were offered up to God, for his blessing upon the proceedings of the past evening, and their pastor. This was a good, and most appropriate beginning, and augurs well for the future, respecting this settlement.

A tea-meeting was given by the congregation in the City Hall, the following evening, which was very largely attended. The Rev. William Smart, who is the longest settled Presbyterian minister in Canada, and who himself inducted the first Presbyterian Minister West of Brockville, at a place then called, "Little York," presided. On looking upon this aged and venerable minister, one could scarcely help thinking of the stupendous changes both in church and state, which have taken place since he was first settled in Canada. But this is not to the

point. The speeches were short and appropriate, and the whole evening's proceedings passed off in a happy and agreeable manner to all, and in a way most encouraging and gratifying to the congregation, and newly settled pastor.

At both the induction services, and tea-meeting, Brock Street Church was largely represented, rejoicing with their brethren in their joy and prosperity, and tasting the good, and manifesting the comeliness spoken of in the Psalm:—

"Behold how good a thing it is,  
And how becoming well—  
Together such as brethren are  
In unity to dwell."

Kingston, March 11th, 1858.

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### SKETCH OF MISSIONARY TOUR.

MR. EDITOR,—I have no doubt but your readers have been much interested by the communications of your correspondent "A. C.," on the Home Mission Field of the Presbytery of London. It is necessary that our church should be made aware of the magnitude of the work before it, and that its members should be stirred up to use greater efforts for securing a larger supply of Ministers, especially by encouraging young men of promise to enter our own Theological College.

Believing that such statements as those furnished by your correspondent are useful, and that they may be the means of promoting the devising of more liberal things for our brethren who are rapidly filling up our wide western domains, I have taken the liberty of troubling you with the following lines.

By appointment of the Presbytery of Toronto, I recently visited the mission stations in the North Western portions of its bounds, and all that I intend, is to give a very brief account of the present state and prospects of our section of the Church in that locality.

The dividing line between the Presbytery of Hamilton and that of Toronto is understood to be that which separates the Townships of Arthur, Egremont, Glenelg, Holland, and Sydenham, from Luther, Proton, Artemisia, Euphrasia and St. Vincent, although in our labours we necessarily trench a little upon each other's territory.

The settled charges in the Presbytery of Toronto extend no farther North from Lake Ontario, than the townships of Esqueving, and Chinguacousy; nor West from Lake Simcoe, than the East side of the township of Essa. Thus within the proper bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto, there are in the North-West part alone, twenty townships in which we have no settled Ministers.

In some of these townships a reclaiming work is required, the presbyterians in them having been grievously neglected in the early stages of their settlement. For this purpose stations have within the last two years been opened in the East of Mono, Adjala, and in Essa, with every prospect of ultimately growing into pastoral charges. I preached at two of these stations on my recent tour, and found the friends very hearty in the cause.

The labours of the student who supplied these stations last summer seem to have been highly appreciated, and I have reason to hope that they were blessed both to old and young.

Leaving this older settled part, I turned westward passing between the townships of Mono and Mulmur into Melancthon, then northward into Osprey, where I spent a week preaching at a number of different places. This Township has been settled within the last eight years, and man are not been longer than from two to four years on their lands; but it is cheering to witness the extensive improvements that have already been made in