

INDUCTION OF THE REV. D. McALEESE, AT NORWOOD.

Tuesday the 7th Sept. being appointed for the induction of the Rev. D. McAleese at Norwood, we started the previous day for the scene of action.

We rested, however, and enjoyed the hospitality of the friends in Alnwick for the night, hoping easily to make Norwood the following day before 12 o'clock, the hour appointed for the commencement of the services. Fortunately the friends in Alnwick knew the circumstances better than ourselves, and they advised leaving our pony and carriage and accepting the comforts of a good waggon and pair, for the remainder of the journey. This turned out a favourable circumstance, as will appear from the sequel. Nine miles of the road lay through the township of Percy. This part of the township is settled with Romanists from the County of Cork, only two Protestant families, as far as we could learn, live in the whole district. They have been long settled here, under the superintendence of their spiritual guides. We have seen them in their native cabins, as well as in Percy, and can assure the reader, that though they have lived long in Christian Canada, they have not advanced one degree above the comforts of the parent stock. Travellers have assured us that in passing from the Protestant to the Roman Catholic cantons in Switzerland, or from Ulster to Connaught, the comfort of the one and squalid misery of the other, distinctly pointed out the separating line. But we can assure the reader that though he had lost his sight and retained the other sense of feeling, the ride in a waggon over this district would convince him that he was beyond the boundary of Protestant civilisation and comfort. There is no place where a better road could be made, at slight expense, than through this same district; yet we believe there are not nine miles of worse road on this great continent.

We would greatly court a ride over this same road with Cardinal Wiseman, that we might convince him of the power of his *holy religion* in stimulating the energy and promoting the comforts of his devotees.

But after nearly five hours ride we arrived at the scene of action, and a truly gratifying scene was presented. The Presbytery of Cobourg already met for the settlement of a minister of the everlasting gospel at Norwood. How far God can exceed our expectations, for who would have told us such joyful tidings twelve months ago.—As far as is known to us, a Presbytery had never before met, either as ordinary or for the settlement of a minister within twenty miles of this rising village. Truly God is lengthening the cords of our Zion; let us also pray that he may strengthen our stakes. But on entering the Church, which is large and nearly completed, the scene was more gratifying still. An immense congregation assembled—the church already crowded to excess—waiting anxiously until their eyes should behold their teacher. Crying to us, in God's name, "come over unto us and help us."

Mr. Andrews of Otanabee, the Moderator, commenced the services by singing and prayer, after which, Mr. Smith of Darlington preached a powerful sermon from a most appropriate text: "In the name of our God we will set up our banners." And during the delivery, we doubt not, but many of the sons of covenanting fathers, who have been nearly twenty years in the wilderness without a pastor, must have contrasted their peaceable condition with the time when their fathers erected the "blue banner," at the expense of their best blood.

The usual questions were then answered by Mr. McAleese, and the Moderator engaged in prayer, after which Mr. Smith of Grafton, a fellow student with Mr. McAleese, under Drs. Hanna and Edgar, briefly addressed the minister, and Mr. Roger of Peterboro', the people. This duty came well from Mr. Roger, as he had been almost

the only minister who had visited them for nearly twenty years.

The services were then concluded in the usual manner. After which the large congregation heartily welcomed their pastor as they left the house. Besides Norwood, Mr. McAleese has under his pastorate, two other Stations, one in Dummer and the other at Asphodel Bridge; the whole embracing a district of country of perhaps twenty miles by twelve, hitherto without any pastoral superintendence, except a visit once a month from Mr. Roger of Peterboro'. They are now united under the ministry of Mr. McAleese, and our prayer is that the union may be long and happy—that they may not only raise the "Blue Banner," but that under the *cross and crown* of King Jesus they may worship together with exceeding joy.

Sept. 14th, 1852.

PRESBYTEROS.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston met at Picton on the 11th August. The following is a brief account of some of the business transacted.

Messrs. William Reid and C. S. Patterson were appointed a Committee to receive quarterly returns of stipends, &c., from the treasurers of the different congregations.

Messrs. W. Reid and R. F. Burns, were appointed a deputation to visit the different congregations of the Presbytery, for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions and donations to the Widows' Fund. The deputation were authorised to associate with them such other individuals as they might deem proper.

The Presbytery agreed to memorialise the Legislature for the prevention of Sabbath desecration, in connection with the Post Office department; and also for the suppression of the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

A conference was held on the subject of revivals of religion. Various suggestions were made, and Messrs. Gordon and Burns were appointed a committee to consider and recommend such measures as might seem likely to promote a greater degree of spiritual earnestness among our people.

The subject of the *Missionary Record* was taken up, and ministers were directed to recommend it to their several congregations, and to endeavour to secure an agent in each.

A letter was read from Mr. Gordon, requesting the Presbytery to give him authority to collect funds for building a church in Gananoque. After deliberation, the Presbytery agreed that it was highly desirable that a church should be erected in Gananoque, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. They authorised Mr. Gordon to collect funds for this purpose, and agreed strongly to recommend the object to the liberality of the Christian community.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Huntingdon, on the fourth Wednesday of September, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

WILLIAM GREGG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The Presbytery of Montreal, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met in the Session House of Côté Street Church, on Wednesday, 1st Sept. There was a full attendance of members. Rev. David Black of St. Therese de Blainville was re-elected Moderator for the current year.

A call was presented to the Rev. Alexander Cameron, ordained missionary, from the congregation of Lochiel. A similar call was presented from the congregation of Vaughan, in the Presbytery of Toronto. Mr. Cameron expressed his mind regarding these competing calls, as also respecting an invitation from an another quarter in the Presbytery of Toronto. Thereafter the Presbytery resolved to give effect to the call from

Lochiel, when certain preliminary steps were concluded; and sanctioned, in the meantime, a proposed visit of Mr. Cameron to his native land.

In compliance with an application from the congregations of St. Eustache and Grande Freniere, for moderating in a call to the Rev. William Scott, Probationer, the Rev. Thomas Henry, of Lachute, was appointed to preach there and serve the edict on Sabbath, 12th Sept., and moderate in the call on the Monday following. The competing calls to Mr. Scott from Leds and St. Sylvester and from St. Eustache and Grande Freniere, to be considered and decided on at next ordinary meeting.

Commissions from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, in favor of two preachers of the gospel, the Rev. Hugh Campbell and Rev. Jas. Smith, were produced and read. Mr. Campbell labors in Montreal, in connection with Côté Street Church.

Petitions for organization and supply of services from Durham, Chateauguay Basin, and Winchester, were presented and read, and afforded gratifying evidence of the progress of the Church. Steps are taken to give effect to the prayers of these petitions.

Mr. Fraser, as Convener of the Home Mission Committee, reported an empty treasury, when it was resolved to enjoin all the ministers and missionaries within the bounds, to take up a Sabbath collection for the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund.

The subject of Sabbath Observance and various other matters of importance, engaged the attention of the court.

It was agreed to hold a Presbyterial Visitation of the congregation at Lachute, on Monday, 18th October. Closed with prayer.

OUR RECORD.

[FOR THE RECORD.]

The following communication is from a friend on whom we have several times drawn for an original article, and never in vain, when the famine for such matter rendered the application necessary. We feel particularly obliged to "Advance," for his opportune remarks on the *Record*, and we cordially endorse his suggestions for its support. His practical hints may now be advantageously adopted at the beginning of the new volume:—

It has surely by this time become manifest to the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, how important it is to support its *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*. I would venture to make a few suggestions as to how it should be more fully supported, both by the contributions of its subscribers, in the shape of money, and what is of equal importance, the contributions of instructive and interesting reading matter, as well as mere matters of fact and congregational statistics.

To begin, then, with the money part:—Every family in every congregation ought to take one copy at least, and where young men are not residing at home with their parents, they ought to take a copy for themselves. In like manner, young women not residing with their parents, will find the *Record* an interesting and instructive monitor, as well as a chronicler of the progress of the Church, and there are very few single persons of either sex who can with decency plead inability to pay three shillings and nine pence a year for a work of that description. A very simple plan to get subscribers would be, to request the Collectors and Deacons' Courts to take down the names of subscribers, and receive their subscriptions. It would cause no extra trouble, as it could be done while going their regular rounds, and where there are no Collectors, the Managers or their Treasurer could have a