

Mr. Macmillan gave in a Home Mission Report, which was received. As regards the condition of the mission field, the report was on the whole very favorable. At the request of Chesley, it was agreed that Chesley, West Bentinck, and Hanover congregations be put on the list of vacant congregations prepared to give a call to a minister, and Mr. Macmillan, mission agent, was instructed to procure for them the services of probationers.

The Clerk was instructed to grant the necessary certificates to the following students: Messrs. M. Danby, Wm. Martin, Samuel Acheson, and Stewart Acheson.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Durham, on the fourth Tuesday of October, at 11 o'clock a. m.

WM. PARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

Communications.

LETTER FROM REV. C. CHINIQUY.

St. ANNE'S, Kankakee Co., Ill, 12th Sept, 1871.

MR. EDITOR OF THE RECORD,—Please allow me to address again a few words to the venerable ministers and elders, and to all the kind brothers and sisters of the Canada Presbyterian Church who have already done so much for our dear missions of Kankakee.

I cannot sufficiently thank and bless them for the sacrifices they have made to help us. Though weak and powerless by ourselves, thanks be to their fervent prayers to the throne of grace, and to their admirable charity, we have not been destroyed by the diabolical malice of the enemy, whose merciless hands burned our college and our church on the nights of the 1st and 15th September, 1870. A new edifice has been raised on the ruins of the first, the upper part of which is used for a temporary chapel, and the lower part for the classes of our numerous pupils. We had the hope that the building would not cost more than \$5,000, but in spite of the strictest economy, we have expended \$6,000 on it, \$2,000 of which is still due.

As I told you before, the next day after that debt will be paid, I am determined, with the help of God, to go to Canada and pass a great part, if not all of my time in your midst, to unite my humble efforts with those of your admirable missionaries in spreading the Gospel among the French Canadians. The bleeding wounds of our dear brother Muraire, the cruel beating of our young friend (I was about to say our *beloved son* Soucy, for we have begotten him to Christ only two years ago); the ropes which were brought so near our necks at Joliette, the 9th of July last, to hang me and our dear brother Vernon; the blood shed on that day, under our eyes, tell you that your missionaries are not idle men, and that every sacrifice, even the sacrifice of their own life, will be cheerfully made to conquer Canada to Christ. But when your soldiers shed their blood, when they are exposed day and night to the most cruel treatment, will you forget that you have a duty to perform towards them? When you are in peace, in your comfortable homes, without anybody to trouble your rest, will you forget the soldiers who are fighting your battles and are exposed to every peril in the breach?

God knows it, it is not for the sake of money that we preach the Gospel, and suffer so many insults and indignities from the blind slaves of Rome. With manly and christian pride, we can assure you that if the