

Lord Jesus Christ, and soon afterwards, (2d September, 1841,) with the customary solemnities, ordained to the holy office of the ministry, and admitted a constituent member of the Presbytery of Quebec (now Montreal.) The services on that occasion were ably conducted in the French language, by the Rev. Professor Campbell; and the Committee are not without the conviction, that salutary impressions were left on the minds of many of the spectators of the Romish persuasion, both of a religious nature, and as affecting the prejudices they entertained respecting the object contemplated in establishing the mission; and that some departed persuaded that the Synod were animated with a zeal for diffusing the knowledge of the word of life, rather than making proselytes to their own opinions.

The ordination of Mr. Lapelletrie to the pastoral charge of the little flock which he had gathered around him, gave them the utmost satisfaction, and greatly encouraged them in the path on which they had entered, of seeking the Lord Jesus Christ in the simplicity of the gospel. From the time they had left the bosom of the Church of Rome, until he who had been the means of leading many of them to the knowledge of the truth, received authority to dispense to them the ordinances of the blessed gospel, they felt as if they had been thrust beyond the pale of the visible Church; and it was to them not a little gratifying, to be brought, by a solemn ecclesiastical act, into the bonds of brotherhood with the members of a branch of the Church of Christ, that maintained in purity the doctrines of his gospel, and to whose Christian sympathy they could look with hope, and on whose encouragement and support they could rely with confidence.

The details of the history of this infant Church will be best related in the language of their Pastor, in a statement he presented to the Committee, which they beg to embody in this Report, and crave that it form a part thereof.