

Georgetown, on the Chateauguay, while William was still a child. William's constitution was never robust enough for farming; and he spent several years in Beauharnois and Montreal in other employments, but cherishing all this while the purpose to qualify himself for the holy ministry. He was unable, definitely, however, to set about preparation, until he was four or five and twenty, and had then to undergo a course of somewhat severe training, which he received at the hands of Mr. Robert Campbell, then head master of the Queen's College Preparatory School. At his time of life the mind loses the capacity for mastering the minutiae of learning; but William made up by labour what he lacked. He was a perfect puritan in principle. Indeed, if he had had a little of the conserving spirit of frolic, he and other students of that period who have also passed away or may be in feeble health, might have been longer spared. He passed through College creditably; and after spending a year recruiting his shattered health in visiting Britain, he was settled in his late charge in July, 1866. It is not a little singular that he and Mr. Hunter, the late minister of Leith and Johnson, should both have made so excel-

lent an appearance at the last meeting of Synod, both taking the same view of the Temporalities' question and speaking in a manner to call forth the commendations of their brethren. He had been in feeble health for several months, and meditated giving up his charge in February. He preached on the 19th December, and would have preached on the 26th, the day preceding his death, but that some of his session prevailed upon him not to attempt it. On the following morning, as he was about to get up, a small blood-vessel in his lungs got ruptured. He seemed to wish to vomit, when the servant asked if she should bring him a basin: he said yes, and he spat out a mouthful of blood. gave one look at her, fell back, and instantly expired. His remains were conveyed to Georgetown and deposited in the kirk-yard there, on the 11th January, amid the tears and regrets of sorrowing kindred and acquaintances. He was unmarried. By his sudden death the congregation of Mono are called on to mourn a most laborious and faithful pastor, and the Presbytery of Toronto is deprived of an energetic member and reliable adviser.

Correspondence.

THE FRENCH MISSION.

To the Editor of the Presbyterian.

DEAR SIR,—The friends and supporters of our French Mission will be glad to hear that during the last six weeks the Gospel has been preached to some of the largest French Canadian audiences ever gathered here. About the beginning of December, all the French Ministers agreed to hold a series of union meetings in Craig street Church. The interest awakened by these special services increased steadily, until Father Chiniquy's advent, when the French Church was found far too small for the crowds who wished to hear this celebrated ex-priest. The Free Church kindly offered the use of their building in Coté street, and although the weather was remarkably unpropitious, it was filled night after night.

There I had the pleasure to address the immense audience on my favourite topic, "*The right and duty of every man to own, read and practice the Scriptures.*" I was listened to with marked attention, and Father Chiniquy, who followed me with an hour's discourse on the same subject, was

not interrupted as he had been on some previous occasions. We kept up the first week of the year as a special "prayer week," and rarely had fewer than a hundred people present. I may mention in conclusion, that my Sabbath school has considerably increased, the average attendance for the last month having been twenty-five.

I remain dear sir,

Yours sincerely,

CHAS. A. DOUDIET.

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THE MONTREAL LAY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this association was held on the 19th ult., in St. Paul's Session Hall. Mr. John L. Morris presided. The minutes of the last meeting was read and sustained. The Secretary read the Report for the year 1869.

Since the last annual meeting of the Association only one special meeting has been called, which took place in the Vestry of St. Paul's Church on the 24th November, 1869. The meeting was called to take into consideration the tawlers received from the