

The third day of this month has been appointed as a Day of Thanksgiving by the Moderator, as announced in the following terms:

REVEREND SIR:—In accordance with a Resolution of the Commission of Synod, I hereby appoint Thursday, the Third day of December next, to be observed throughout the Church, as a day of Thanksgiving

to Almighty God, for the late abundant harvest, and other National mercies; and to this appointment ask your respectful attention. I am, &c.,

ROBERT DOBIE, *Moderator*.  
Lindsay, 12th November, 1868.

Several editorial and other articles have been left over till next number.

## News of our Church.

### SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.



COMMISSION of Synod met in Montreal on the 4th ulto., at noon, Dr. Mathieson being chosen Moderator and Mr. R. Campbell, Clerk. Twelve members were in attendance. The Presbytery of Quebec reported to the Commission in terms of the injunction of the Synod on Mr. Forbes' case, intimating that they had dissolved the connection between him and the congregation of Leeds and Inverness. Mr. Forbes was commended to the sympathy of the Presbyteries. The Commission also requested the Moderator of Synod, to appoint an early day of thanksgiving for an abundant harvest and other national blessings to be observed by the whole Church. The meeting then adjourned.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—The Presbytery met on the 13rd ultimo. in St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. D. Ross, B. D., Moderator, in the Chair.

Commissions were handed in in favour of George Cruikshanks, of St. Gabriel Church, James Lang, of Beauharnois, and John T. Adams, of Laprairie, ruling elders, which were sustained.

The minutes of former meetings being sustained, Mr. Wallace stated that he was satisfied with the manner in which the Huntingdon congregation were implementing the promises made to the Presbytery on the occasion of the disjunction of Athelstan.

A call to the Rev. Mr. Lochead of Matilda, Ont., and relative documents being produced, as also an intimation from the Presbytery of Glengary of their acquiescence in Mr. Lochead's translation, the Presbytery agreed to meet in Elgin on Thursday the 12th ult., to proceed with his induction, Mr. Paul to serve the edict on Sabbath first, Mr. Barr to preach and preside at the induction, Mr. Wallace to address the people and Mr. Clarke the Minister.

Rev. Mr. Campbell made a statement of what had been doing in reference to the Griffintown mission since last meeting and of its prospects, for the future, which was declared to be satisfactory to the Presbytery.

Messrs. Carmichael and Doudiet, Students in Divinity, appeared before the Presbytery and were examined upon their studies of last year

according to the laws of the Church, and their examination was sustained.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at 7½ p.m.

The only business taken up, at the evening session, was the condition of the Church at Point St. Charles, from which Messrs. Forrester and Ross appeared as a deputation as the bearers of a memorial to the Presbytery, craving assistance and counsel in the embarrassing circumstances in which the Church is placed. It appeared from their memorial that, while their ordinary income barely meets ordinary expenditure, they found themselves obliged to meet several debts on the building, and in connection with the site, of the existence of which they had been ignorant, and they did not know how to proceed. Their own suggestion was that if the Church were enlarged so as to admit of a greater revenue, the difficulties of the Congregation might be surmounted. The Presbytery advised this step, and recommended the case to the generosity of the congregations within their bounds. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on Wednesday at ten a. m.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After routine business, on the recommendation of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, the report of which was given in by Dr. Jenkins, Rev. Mr. Anderson was appointed to supply the Griffintown station, and to visit the Hospital, the Gaol, the St. Andrew's Home and the House of Industry and Refuge, until next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Niven was also re-appointed to St. Louis de Gonzague for the same term. Arrangements were then made for holding the annual Missionary meetings within the bounds, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Elgin on the 13th instant at ten a. m.

ATHELSTAN AND ELGIN.—On the 12th ulto. the Presbytery of Montreal met in the Church at Elgin, and inducted the Rev. John S. Lochead, M. A., over the United Congregation of Athelstan and Elgin. The induction services were very solemn and impressive. The congregation, which was very large, listened with every indication of pleasure and profit. The Rev. John Barr, of Laprairie, preached on the occasion. The Rev. W. C. Clarke, of Durham, delivered a highly appropriate charge to the newly inducted minister, and the Rev. Mr. Wallace, of Huntingdon, in very affectionate and appropriate terms, addressed the people. We congratulate the above congregation on this happy occasion in their history.