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#### THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

##### NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

"The Synod appointed their next Meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Montreal, on the Second Wednesday in July, 1848, at Seven o'clock, P. M."—*Extract from Minutes of 1847.*

The time appointed for the Meeting of Synod is fast approaching; and it is hoped that all, who have business to bring forward, will be prepared in time. It is very desirable that there should be a full attendance of both Ministers and Elders: and it should be borne in mind that liberal contributions to the Synod Fund, and to the Synod's French Mission Fund, are expected to be forwarded by every Congregation.—*Communicated.*

##### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Since the writing of the notice in last "Presbyterian," there have been two meetings of the Presbytery of Hamilton. At the former of these, which was held at Hamilton, the principal matter of public interest was the reception of a call from Goderich in favour of the Rev. Alexander McKid, signed by about eighty persons. All the necessary steps having been taken, the Presbytery met at Goderich on Wednesday the 14th June, and inducted Mr. McKid to the charge of the Congregation there in connection with the Church of Scotland. Mr. Bell, of Stratford, preached a very able sermon on the occasion from Matthew xx. 6, "Why stand ye here all the day idle"? and the remaining services were conducted by Mr. Bell, of Dundas.

At the conclusion Mr. McKid received a very hearty welcome from the Congregation.

There is a large Congregation at Goderich, and their new Church, which is almost entirely finished, is large and commodious and very handsomely fitted up.

The journey was a long and very toilsome one to the Ministers who attended, but this was amply made up for by witnessing the deep interest taken by the Congregation in the advancement of the good cause, by the attention and kindness they experienced, as well as by the satisfaction afforded by the sight of the beautiful and interesting scenery around the thriving town of Goderich, where the sun sets in the blue waters of the Huron.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

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#### CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

##### LETTER II.

*Connection between Temporalities and Spiritualities.*

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN.

SIR,—The object of my present letter is to draw attention to the intimate and influential connexion which exists between the Financial system,—the method of managing the money matters of any form of Church Government, any organization of Christians into a body, and its efficiency for accomplishing the great ends of all Church forms, all Christian organizations or fellowships. The great end of all Ecclesiastical organization,—of all Church union, is the maintaining and promoting of the

cause of true religion in the Church, or Fellowship, and extending it in the world;—the building up of God's Spiritual Temple, the perfecting of the Saints, the work of the Ministry, the edifying of the Body of Christ. With this object individuals unite in Congregations, Congregations unite as Churches. With this object Preachers and Teachers, Elders and Deacons, and every other order of Office-bearers, are set apart in them. This is the great end of Missionary Societies, Sabbath Schools, Prayer Meetings, and in general of the dispensation and observance of all religious ordinances, of Sabbaths and Sacraments, of Preaching and Praying, of Church discipline, and mutual exhortation: and it will be found, that in all times and places there has existed an intimate connexion between the success of each and all of these means, and the liberality and penuriousness with which the things of this world have been contributed to aid the great spiritual work, and the wisdom or folly with which they have been distributed and applied. Yet there is a very prevalent feeling that the cause of true genuine spiritual religion can never very greatly depend upon such a thing as money or money's worth. It may perhaps seem strange that the advancement of that great Spiritual Kingdom of Christ in the hearts of men, the plan of which was formed from all eternity in the depths of the Divine Counsel, and to advance which is the grand aim of God's government of the world, and to secure which, all power in Heaven and on earth has been given to the Great Head of the Church; it may well seem strange that the success of such an enterprise should in any essential manner depend upon money or the management of money, so seldom con-