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RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA,—No. III.

Soon after the arrival of the two Preachers from Scotland named at the close of our last paper, viz., Messrs. Skinner and Cassie, the Revds. Messrs. Fraser and Mackenzie, of Nova Scotia, arrived. found that a strong desire to obtain preaching in Gaelic prevailed in some settlements in the Western Districts, earnest application was made to the Synod of Nova Scotia, for two labourers capable of meeting this demand; and the above named, were sent, being highly recommended by A better acquaintance with the Gaelic settlements, Dr. Macculloch. however, made all concerned aware, that nothing could be satisfactorily accomplished among them, owing chiefly, we believe, to their strong predelictions for the Kirk of Scotland, and an indisposition to make exertion for the support of the Gospel. At all events, it was so ordered, that neither of the brethren referred to had their lot cast among those who were in view, when Gaelic Preachers had been sought after. One of them, however, was settled where a number of his countrymen had previously located themselves in the Huron District, and with whom, his knowledge of Gaelic, was in the first instance, doubtless, no small recommendation.

On the 25th December, 1834, the Missionaries met in Toronto, and after a sermon by Mr. Thornton from these words, (Psalm xx, 5,) "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up