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PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

At Montreal, the first day of August, 1849, on which day the Presbytery of Montreal met, and was constituted. The Rev. Walter Roach, Moderator.

The minutes of former meeting were read and sustained.

The Presbytery having proceeded to the appointment of a Moderator for the present Synodical year, the Rev. James Anderson, of Durham, was elected.

A deputation, consisting of several gentlemen, from the Presbyterian inhabitants of the township of Sherrington, appeared before the Presbytery, and presented a memorial to the effect: That the Presbytery would institute an enquiry into their circumstances, and if it see meet,—as it was the desire of the memorialists—to organize them into a congregation, and receive them as such, within the bounds of the Presbytery. With this request, the Presbytery expressed its great satisfaction,—and also its willingness to comply. But owing to the state of the public health, it was considered expedient to defer taking any steps in the matter. It was, however, resolved, that a visitation to that people should be made at an early date by the Presbytery, of which due notice would be given.

The translation of the Rev. John Davidson of Laprairie, to the pastoral charge of New Carlisle, Port Daniel, and Cox, in the District of Gaspé, it was agreed, should be proceeded with on the 22nd instant.

A call was laid on the table, in favor of the Rev. A. Wallace, of Huntingdon,

from the Presbyterian Congregation of New Richmond. Mr. Wallace, on being asked if he accepted of said call, craved leave for a short time to consider the matter.

The attention of the Presbytery having been called to the alarming progress, and the desolating character of the epidemic then prevailing in the land,—it was moved and resolved: That Thursday the ninth of August, be observed as a day of humiliation and prayer, by the several congregations within the bounds;—and that the Rev. Mr. Muir be recommended, as Moderator of the Synod, to request the attention of the brethren, throughout the whole Church, to unite with their congregations, if practicable, on the same day, in offering up their supplications to the Throne of Heavenly Grace.

A communication from Saint Andrew's Church, Melbourne, was received, in which the members of that Church expressed their cordial approval of, and satisfaction with the Missionary efforts of the Rev. Robert McFarlane, who had been labouring among them for some weeks—and requesting the Presbytery, to continue him with them. To this request the Presbytery acceded—and Mr. McFarlane was instructed, to transfer his labours from the place of his former appointment to the congregation of Melbourne.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal was held in Saint Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the 7th day of November, last—the Rev. Jas. Anderson, of Durham, Moderator.

The minutes of last ordinary meeting—also minutes of several adjourned meet-

ings, were read, and approved of. The following minute, of a meeting held on the 28th day of August, was also read, and sustained,—and it was ordered, that it should be engrossed in the Records of the Presbytery.

“At the Church of Beauharnois, the 28th day of August, 1849, on which days, the following brethren met, after the funeral of their late esteemed brother, the Rev. Walter Roach, Minister of this Church, who departed this life, on the 27th inst, viz., the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and Wm. Simpson, Ministers, and Messrs. R. H. Norval and James Lang, Elders, and having chosen the said Dr. Mathieson, Moderator, *pro tempore*,—the meeting was constituted by prayer. The Rev. Jas. Anderson, Durham, was appointed to preach at Saint Louis, and the Rev. J. C. Muir, Georgetown, to preach at Beauharnois, on Sabbath, the ninth day of September—and after Divine Service, to declare the several Charges vacant, from the 27th day of August, last.” Several appointments for supply to these Congregations, were also made, at the above meeting.

The Presbytery, in reference to this minute, while they expressed their unfeigned sorrow at the sudden and unexpected removal by death of their late lamented brother—and at the bereavement endured by his family and attached Congregation, felt themselves called upon, not merely to express their regret at his decease, but to record also, their high opinion of his long and valuable services, in forwarding the interests and prosperity of the Redeemer's Kingdom—his untiring attention to the