

which was adopted, in regard to arrangements for the business of the conference. The Chairman then delivered a short introductory address, and called on Mr. King to speak on "the importance of a revived piety, and the means to be adopted to secure it." Addresses were also given on the same topic by Messrs. Pringle, Dick, Meikle, Monteath, Wallace, Drs. Jennings and Ewing, ministers, as also by Messrs. Brown, Smith, Staunton and Hossie, laymen; interspersed by devotions, which were conducted by Principal Willis, Mr. Glassford and Mr. Ewing.

The second diet was opened with prayer by Mr. Alexander Gemmel, elder. An address was delivered by Professor Caven on "the sacredness and importance of the duties of the Deacon or Manager." Mr. Topp followed with a paper on "the place and work of the Elder." It was then agreed to hold a free conversation on the functions of said office-bearers. The conversation was conducted by Messrs. Reid, Dick, King and Meikle, ministers. After prayer, conducted by Mr. Campbell, the conversation was resumed, when Dr. Jennings and Mr. Pringle, ministers, and Hon. J. McMurrich, Messrs. Gemmel, Smith and Brown took part therein. After singing two verses of a psalm, the Conference was addressed by Hon. J. McMurrich on "the Church's duty to the young." Addresses were given on the same subject by Messrs. Pringle, King, Croll, Meikle, and Topp, ministers, and by Messrs. Smith, Sproul, Miller, Hossie and Blaikie, laymen.

The third and last diet was opened with prayer by Mr. James Brown, Elder. Dr. Jennings then introduced the subject of "Religion in the family." The same subject was handled successively by Principal Willis, Messrs. Reid, Monteath, King, Pringle and Dick, ministers, as also by Messrs. Porter, McDonald, Staunton and Brown, interspersed with prayer, which was led by Mr. Topp. It was moved thereafter and agreed, that a committee of six persons be appointed to prepare a report on the conference which has just been held, embodying a statement regarding the subjects considered, and with such suggestions and recommendations as they may deem expedient. The committee was then appointed, to consist of Dr. Jennings, Mr. King (Convener), Messrs. Miller, Staunton, Brown and Smith. The meeting was then closed with the benediction.

In addition to the foregoing, the undersigned takes the liberty of stating that the Conference was felt to be one of considerable interest and profit, while several members expressed the hope that another of the like kind might be held at no distant day.

R. MONTEATH, *Presb. Clerk*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL:—This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting at Montreal, in Free Church, Côte Street, on the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth days of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Minutes being read, the Rev. J. M. Gibson was appointed Moderator for the next half year.

Free Church, Côte Street, Montreal, having sisted procedure in their Call to the Reverend D. Fraser, and petitioned for another Moderation in a Call, the Court granted their petition, and appointed "a special meeting of Presbytery to be held in said Church, on the ninth day of February next, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening; with power to adjourn from time to time till the matter be ended."

A Moderation in a Call having been petitioned for by the congregation of Roxborough and Finch, the same was granted by the Presbytery.

Petitions having been presented from St. Eustache and Grande Frieniére, praying for the ordination of Mr. Alexander Thomson, Catechist, the Presbytery Resolved—that these petitions lie on the table till next ordinary meeting of Court, and that Mr. Thomson be requested to appear at said meeting, to be conferred with respecting the object of the petitions.

The Presbytery put into the hand of the Rev. Duncan Cameron, of Lochiel, for his consideration, a call from Beaverton, regularly transmitted by the Presby-