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### CHURCH IN CANADA.

#### ORDINATION OF THE REV. JAMES T. PAUL.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at St. Lewis on the fifth of June for the purpose of ordaining the Rev. J. T. Paul to the pastoral charge of that Congregation. After an eloquent and impressive sermon by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson from the first verse of the third chap. of Second Thesalonians, Mr. Paul, having answered the several questions put to him, and assented to the declaration of the Synod of spiritual independence, was, by solemn prayer and imposition of the hands of the Presbytery, set apart to the office of the Holy Ministry, and declared Minister of the Congregation of St. Lewis in connexion with the Church of Scotland. Suitable addresses were delivered both to Minister and people. After the services of the day were concluded, Mr. Paul was presented with a handsome pulpit gown and cassock by the Ladies of the Congregation.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN CONNECTION WITH QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.—The Annual Examination and distribution of prizes of this flourishing institution took place on Thursday last. We are aware that examinations are often mere matters of display. Lessons are appointed and prepared with all possible care, and everything is cut and dry for the occasion. At this examination we could discover nothing of this nature. True, there were preparations; but they were the truly commendable preparations of the Session, not of the few days, or hours preceding its close. No task in particular was prepared for the day; but there were the courses of study which had

been pursued throughout the year, and there were the Scholars with their Homers and Horaces, and other text-books piled around them, ready for examination on any part of these courses! This was putting the faithfulness and talents of both Masters and Scholars to a severe trial; but it was one for which they were prepared,—one which they had contemplated throughout the year. The Scholars awaited the pleasure of the examiners with admirable calmness, though with evident anxiety.

We had just taken our seats when the Homeric class was called upon. The piece commencing with the 412th and ending with the 456th line, 1st book, was chosen by one of the gentlemen present for examination. Had the lesson been prepared for the occasion, we could not have been but pleased with the admirable manner in which they acquitted themselves; but, since it was only a specimen of their ability to read any part of Homer which they had studied during the year, all must have been highly delighted and satisfied with their performances. Their acquaintance with the dialects and the niceties and beauties of the Mæonian bard, shews that the attainments of those industrious and clever youths are of no ordinary character. We congratulate the Teachers upon their success and well-earned reputation, and would advise others, who occasionally get up exhibitions of their Scholars, to prepare for such examinations as we beheld on Thursday last.

Among those present on the occasion we had much pleasure in seeing the Rev. Dr. Machar, Principal Queen's College; the Rev. Professors Urquhart and George, and the Hon. Mr. Justice McLean. His Lordship, at the request of the Rev. Principal, addressed the assembly. Afterwards the Rev. Principal, by desire, proceeded to distribute the large and costly assortment of prizes, which the Master had awarded to the successful competitors. Among these was a Silver Medal, triumphantly carried off by Master W. S. Ireland. This is the second time that this youth has been crowned with the highest honours of the School.

We understand that all the Scholars (numbering upwards of fifty) set out on the following day, on a sailing excursion, on board the Steamer *Farmer*, in company with their Teachers and friends.—*Kingston Argus.*

As no official account of the last meeting of the Synod has come to hand, we give the following from the *Toronto Colonist*:

#### MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met in this city on the 3rd July, and closed its sittings on Tuesday last. There was a large attendance at this Session of Ministers from all parts of the Province, and a considerable number of Elders, although not so many as the importance of their being present should warrant us in expecting. Great harmony prevailed during the discussion of the various parts of the business which came before the Court, these being in many cases intricate and difficult. We notice a few of the more important items of business.

The affairs of Queen's College were found to be in an exceedingly flourishing condition, considering its limited resources. The Synod determined that the most energetic steps should be taken to keep up this Institution, and increase and extend its usefulness. And, in order to increase its pecuniary resources, it was agreed to make its support one of the Schemes of the Church, and an annual collection was appointed for this end in all the congregations of the Church.

On the subject of the Clergy Reserves, it was determined that strong remonstrances against interference with the settlement of this question made by the Imperial Statute should be addressed to Her Majesty and the Imperial Parliament; and also that the Church at Home should be requested to use her influence in the same behalf.

An important and painful case of discipline was brought before the Synod. Mr. Brown, the Minister of Scott and Uxbridge, had been suspended by the Presbytery of Toronto for drunkenness, which sentence had been appealed against, on the ground that the law of the Church provided for deposition in such cases, without leaving Presbyteries the alternative of suspending. After very full hearing of the whole case, the Synod sustained the sentence of the Presbytery, suspending Mr. Brown *sine die*, and separating him from his congregation.

Agreeably to Reports of Presbyteries upon enactments of Synod, the following remitted to Presbyteries last year were enacted into Standing