

## FRENCH PROTESTANT MISSION.

By extracts from the Minutes of the Committee of the Synod for conducting the French Protestant Mission in Canada East, we learn that the two Missionaries, Messrs. Jacquesmort and Baridaw, whom the Rev. Mr. Lapelletrie had, in compliance with instructions given him, engaged in Europe, have recently arrived here, and, upon their certificates of character and status being sustained as satisfactory, have been respectively located in the districts of Montreal and Quebec. While communicating this gratifying intelligence, we regret to perceive that the Committee, on taking into consideration the fact that the general Fund is burdened with a debt of £240 16s 4d, have been under the necessity of complaining of the supineness of many of the Congregations, especially within the last two years, in supporting this interesting Mission. They have accordingly instructed their Convener to send circulars to these failing Congregations, and the various Presbyteries, impressing upon them the urgency of exerting themselves in raising means in behalf of a cause so worthy of their support. We sincerely trust that this appeal will be liberally responded to, when it is considered that *three Missionaries* are now dependent on the Fund.

## LAY ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL.

THIS Association, which commenced its labours at the close of the year 1845, held its second annual meeting on the 29th September last, the Hon. Mr. M'Gill, President of the Association, in the chair. After the meeting had been opened by prayer, the annual reports of the Office-bearers and of the Treasurer were read. The former of these documents alluded, in its first paragraph, to the discontinuance of the *Missionary Record* from Edinburgh, in June last; the proposed substitution of a religious periodical under the auspices of the Association; and the difficulties which had hitherto prevented its commencement, but which are now happily surmounted. The Report adds: "It is gratifying to know that the Synod of our Church, at its late meeting held at Toronto, approved heartily of the design; the more so, as to the Reverend gentlemen of that Venerable Court the Lay Association must necessarily look for no inconsiderable or ministering portion of its contents; and their exertions amongst their flocks will be needed to ensure for it an extensive circulation." The next subject touched upon is the relief afforded to congregations in want of assistance to complete their churches. We quote the Report: "During the year numerous applications have been received for aid from distant and weak congregations. These have, in all cases, met with attention; and, where the title-deeds and other circumstances have appeared satisfactory, that aid has always cheerfully been accorded; though, from the necessary delay in inquiries, particularly as to the nature of the title-deeds, it is feared that it may have appeared to some of the parties applying, that such relief has been somewhat tardily afforded. Upon that account, however, no complaints have been made; on the contrary, the greatest gratitude has in all cases been expressed towards the Association."

The following statement exhibits the aid which the Association has been enabled to extend since its institution:—

To Simcoe Congregation, Canada West,	£10	0	0
To Saint Eustache Church, to assist in paying debt,	10	0	0
To Rev. Mr. M'Pherson, for expenses in visiting Melbourne,	5	0	0
To Catechist at Melbourne,	10	0	0

To Huntingdon Church, in aid of building fund,	10	0	0
To the Congregation at Chatham, Canada West, in aid of finishing the Church there,	25	0	0
To the Congregation of Melbourne, being the half of a sum necessary to pay off a mortgagee, and clear the Church from debt,	25	0	0
To the Catechist employed in and near Melbourne, [second payment.]	10	0	0
To the Congregation at Chatham, Canada East, under the Rev. Mr. Mair,	25	0	0
To the Rev. Mr. Shanks, for expenses while engaged on Missionary work,	5	0	0
To travelling expenses of Missionaries, &c.	12	10	0
To the Congregation at Richmond, Canada East,	15	0	1
To the Congregation at South Gower, Canada West,	25	0	0
	£187	10	0
To which add; vote at Annual Meeting to aid in re-building Laprairie Church, destroyed by fire,	50	0	0
Total,	£237	10	0

The amount expended from the Publication Fund in circulating *Missionary Record*, &c. during the same period, amounts to £92 8s. 1d.

The steps taken by the Lay Association, in correspondence with a Committee of the Synod of the Church, to form a Provincial Lay Association, are next detailed. We quote the Report: "In the early part of the present year, and in compliance with the wishes of the Association, a correspondence was opened with a Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of forming a Provincial Lay Association; and it was at first hoped that a successful result might have been arrived at. For this purpose a Committee was appointed, which met repeatedly, and drafted, after many alterations and amendments, a Constitution for the contemplated society. This was, after the approval of the Office-bearers, sent to Upper Canada for the suggestions and co-operation of the parties interested there. The result showed that, until the organization of District Lay Associations in that part of the Province, it would be impossible to form any system of representation in a Provincial Association, which could meet the views of individuals treating with a society already formed. And this your Office-bearers, after much deliberation, were compelled to state to those parties with whom the correspondence had been carried on, intimating, at the same time, the hopes entertained that an awakened interest on their part would lead to the formation of such District Lay Associations, and so enable us to resume the subject, and succeed in this most desirable object. Hitherto nothing has been done, which is greatly to be deplored."

The visit of the Deputation of the Church of Scotland, (the Rev. Messrs. Fowler, of Ratho, Stevenson, of Dalry, and Mackintosh, of Aberdeen,) is next alluded to in the Office-bearers' Report. "In common with all Presbyterians throughout the Province, your Office-bearers have again to express the high gratification which they have derived from the recent visit of the members of the Deputation from the General Assembly of the Venerable Church of Scotland. From them they have received much encouragement; and the warm approbation expressed of the Association's objects and usefulness will, doubtless, be felt by every member as an additional stimulus to persevere in the work that has been so well begun, and which, if persevered in, must, under God's guidance, lead to great and permanent good. It is a further subject of congratulation that the suggestions of the Deputation have opened up another and a most important line of usefulness, that is to say, that the General Assembly has it now in its

power to increase greatly the number of Ministers in the Province, and will be enabled to supply the wants of many, and, it is hoped, of all, Congregations that apply to them for Clerical teaching; and that all such applications, properly recommended, will meet with every attention and consideration. This is a subject upon which we cannot congratulate ourselves alone: it is a prospect which must awaken the heartfelt gratitude of every Presbyterian, may we not say of every Christian, in Canada?"

From the remaining portion of the Office-bearers' Report, and of that submitted by the Treasurer, we find we have no room for making extracts; but, the principal expenditure of the Society, under its two schemes, having been already alluded to, the omission is of less consequence. The Association have invested £275, arising from donations, in City Bank Stock, of which the interest only is available for current expenses.

After the reading of the Reports, and their approval by the meeting, the annual election of Office-bearers took place, and resulted as follows:—

President—Hon. Peter M'Gill.

Vice Presidents—John Frothingham, John Fisher, Dugald Stewart, and Hew Ramsay.

Treasurer—Andrew H. Armour.

Recording Secretary—John Greenshields.

Corresponding Secretary—H. E. Montgomerie.

Managers—Neil Macintosh, John Smith, Wm. Edmonstone, T. A. Gibson, James Scott, Hugh Allan, John Birss, William Gunn, Alex. Simpson, John Armour, Walter Benny, W. G. Mack, and J. G. Mackenzie.

Chaplains—Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and Rev. R. M'Gill.

## MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

BY THE SYNOD CLERK.

1846. July 11.—Mr. Robert Penney appointed by the Presbytery of Kingston to labour as a Catechist at Belleville and its vicinity.

July 18.—Dr. Liddell ceases to be a member of the Presbytery of Kingston, having resigned the office of Principal of Queen's College.

August 5.—Mr. John B. Mowat appointed to labour temporarily as a Catechist by the Presbytery of Kingston.

August 18.—The Rev. Peter M'Naughton, formerly Minister of Vaughan, having returned from Scotland in consequence of an urgent call from his former congregation, accepts of the same, and his induction is appointed by the Presbytery of Toronto.

August 20.—The Rev. William Brown, an ordained Minister from the Presbytery of Ahoghill, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, was received by the Presbytery of Toronto as a Minister in good and regular standing, admitted as a Probationer within their bounds, and appointed to act as an ordained Missionary in the Townships of Scott, Uxbridge, and Reach.

August 20.—Mr. James Colhoun, a Missionary from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for the Presbytery of Toronto, arrived.

September 10.—The Rev. Peter M'Naughton inducted as Minister of Vaughan by the Presbytery of Toronto.

October 7.—The Rev. Archibald Colquhoun has his sentence of suspension from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry removed by the Commission of Synod, and is appointed to labour as an ordained Missionary in the Townships of Dummer, Belmont, Asphodel, Otanabee, and Percy, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston.

October 14.—The Rev. Alexander M'Kid, of Hamilton, released from Dundas and Ancaster, as part of his pastoral charge, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

November 17.—Mr. William Barr, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Glendernot, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, admitted by the Presbytery of Toronto as a Probationer within their bounds.

November 18.—Mr. James Colhoun, a Licentiate