

kept in view by the friends of order and of truth. While the Committee saw no immediate prospect of any scheme going into operation, which would obtain the cordial concurrence and support of men of every denomination, they were fully persuaded that the measures recommended by the Synod in reference to the matter, were not only sound in principle, but would be efficient in operation; and that they would be able more effectually, consistently, and perseveringly to conduct the mission under their own immediate direction and control, than if they had to abandon important principles, for the purpose of securing the coöperation of others who might not on every point be of one mind with them, either with respect to the great object in view, or the mode proper to be pursued for accomplishing it. While they heartily pray that the exertions of all others may be crowned with abundant success, who are engaged in holding forth the light of divine truth to a people who are walking in the darkness of superstition and error, they would solicit the prayers of others, that the Divine favour may continue to prosper the work entrusted to them, whose agency, thus far, they desire humbly and gratefully to acknowledge.

The Committee soon after the rising of the Synod proceeded in their Presbyterial capacity with the preliminary examinations requisite, before putting Mr. L. in trust with the glorious gospel of the blessed God. After the Presbytery were fully satisfied with his qualifications, he was subjected still further to a rigid examination in theology and the Latin and Greek languages, conducted in the French tongue, by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, in the presence of several of the members of the Committee. It is but justice to Mr. L. to state, that he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of all who were present, especially in theology; and with respect to his classical attainments, he far surpassed the expectations they had formed, from the modest statement he had previously made of his own proficiency, and the circumstances, which, in Providence, he had been placed for several years by-past.

Mr. Lapelletrie was licensed to preach the gospel of the