

## SOIREE OF ST. PAUL'S S. S., MONTREAL.

A meeting of the Teachers and Scholars of the above School was held on the evening of April 4th. The Teachers and Scholars of St. Andrew's S. S. of this city were present as guests; as were the Teachers of the Point St. Charles and St. Joseph Street Schools.

After partaking of an abundant supply of coffee and tea with the usual more solid accompaniments in the schoolroom, the scholars, to the number of upwards of 300, withdrew to the area of the Church.

Under the able presidency of the worthy pastor of the congregation, who introduced the proceedings with devotional exercises, the evening passed very agreeably and profitably.

The superintendent, Mr. T. A. Gibson, read the Report, which was very satisfactory, although presenting few features calling forth special observation in a brief notice as this.

Messrs. Alex. Morris and R. Hay, superintendents of St. Andrew's and St. Joseph St. Sabbath Schools respectively, addressed the children in feeling and forcible terms. Thereafter the pastor in like manner addressed them at considerable length. Between these addresses the children sang well several hymns which they had been practising for several weeks under two of the Female Teachers more especially.

After the benediction, which was preceded by the singing of the National Anthem, the children retired happy after receiving a parting supply of oranges and *bonbons*.

## HOME MISSION FUND.

The Secretary Treasurer of the Temporalities Board has received \$42 75 contributed in Valcartier in the Presbytery of Quebec in aid of the Home Mission Fund. \$8 contributed in Laprairie, and \$55 contributed in Ormstown in the Presbytery of Montreal. These are first instalments of payments to extend over 5 years; and they will be more specially acknowledged hereafter. The Ormstown subscription amounts in all to the sum of \$551. It is gratifying to find that in the country parts as well as in the towns there is a hearty sympathy with the Church extension movement now being agitated, and a willingness to assist in the good work of building-up our beloved Church in Canada.

## THE SYNODICAL HOME MISSION SCHEME.

We understand that congregations in the Presbyteries of Quebec, Montreal and Glenora, that have not yet reported the result of their efforts on behalf of this Scheme, would advance its interests by at once communicating to the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Cook, Quebec, what has been done by

them, and that, *whethersubscriptions have yet been taken up or paid or not.* It is desired to report the position and progress of the Scheme to the meeting of Synod as fully as possible. We hope then that no congregation will omit to give the requisite information at as early a date as possible. We are rejoiced to believe that this Scheme will, with faithful work and liberal giving, prove of great value to the Church in Canada.

## THE APPROACHING MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod is to meet in Kingston on Wednesday, the 30th May, 1860, and we are glad to learn that arrangements are now in progress for the reception and accommodation of members in attendance.

The Trustees of Queen's College will place the College Building at the disposal of the Synod, should it be deemed advisable or convenient to hold the sessions in the New College Chapel, a large room capable of accommodaung from 250 to 300 persons. In this case the members of Synod would have the advantage of being able to use the College rooms for meetings of the various Committees or Presbyteries, &c.

Ministers and Elders are invited to communicate either with Mr. Andrew Drummond or Mr. John Paton, Kingston, in order that suitable accommodation may be provided for them during their stay in that place.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company having agreed, with much liberality, to convey Elders to and from Kingston for one fare during the meeting of Synod, the necessary vouchers, entitling the bearer to the privilege, can be had on application to either Mr. Drummond or Mr. Paton. Ministers of course travel for one fare as usual.

## STANDING ORDER OF SYNOD.

## INSTRUCTIONS ANENT PREPARATION OF BUSINESS.

The Synod at their Annual Meeting shall nominate a Committee on Business for the following year, to meet at seven o'clock, P. M., of the day immediately previous to the meeting of that year, at the place where the Synod shall be appointed to be held, to arrange as far as possible the whole business of the meeting and prepare a printed docket in a sufficient number of copies for the use of members: the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, the Presbytery Clerks, and nine other members of the Synod, of whom five must be Elders, the best qualified for this purpose that the Synod can select, shall compose this Committee. Papers of every description without exception intended to be submitted to the annual meeting of Synod must be laid before the said Committee at their said meeting, and accurate intimations of their contents must be for-

warded to the Synod Clerk at least four clear days before the meeting of Synod; nevertheless this order shall not be held as preventing any papers from being presented and received by permission of the Synod at any time in the course of the meeting, when they refer to matters arising out of the proceedings of the meeting to which they are presented, but such papers only shall it be competent to receive in this way.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR 1860.

The Synod appointed a Committee on Business for next Session, namely: the Moderator, Synod Clerk, Presbytery Clerks, Dr. Cook, Dr. George, Dr. Barclay, Rev. T. McPherson, and Rev. J. Bain, and the Representative Elders from Montreal, Brockville, Kingston and Toronto.

## THE MEETING OF SYNOD.

The meeting of this, the highest judiciary of our Church, is drawing near. The proceedings are growing year by year in importance. We have elsewhere expressed our hope that there will be a large attendance of members, as there will be business to transact of real value to the best interests of the Church. Foremost among the matters to be dealt with we place, as will our readers, "The Home Mission Scheme," no longer a theme for mere words but now for active work.

We rejoice that a commencement has been made, and that real progress will be reported. Three Presbyteries have been visited by Deputations, and we understand that a Special Report on the Home Mission Scheme will be presented by those in charge of it. We believe it will recommend itself to the sympathies of our people, and prove of great service in promoting the maintenance and extension of our Church, and enabling her to overtake her growing evangelistic work.

Then and next in importance as a means of advancing the common work will come the consideration of the Second Annual Queen's College Report, which will, we believe, detail gratifying progress. The relations between the Church and the College ought to be made more intimate, and we therefore accept the presentation of these Reports as a token for good.

Closely connected with the well-being of the Church and second in importance to none of our other efforts, stands the Bursary Scheme. We are satisfied, as the experience of the past proves; and as a somewhat extensive consideration of and inquiry into the subject have convinced us is likely to be the case in the future, that the Church must look to her own membership for the larger portion of her Ministers. It is increasingly difficult to induce young men to leave Scotland for this country. An active and judicious Bursary Committee could advance in many ways the interests of our Church, and the first Report of the