

tle of the power of the gospel present either with speaker or hearers. According to a very kind invitation from Mr. Stewart, I lodged with him while in the neighbourhood of Cayuga; nor shall I soon forget the kindness, nor the Christian piety, which I saw exhibited there. I read, while in his house, the able, affectionate, and faithful report of my friend and brother, Mr. Macintosh, of his missionary tour a few years ago in the Presbyteries of Hamilton and Toronto, with much satisfaction; and I trust and pray that the seed originally sown by him in many a place may now be reaped by the missionaries. On the evening of the 26th I left Cayuga for Dunnville, and arrived by the steamer at a late hour. I stop in the house of Mr. Martin, the elder, and have much pleasure in reckoning him and his wise followers of the Lamb; and I dare say the Presbytery are aware, long before this time, how he strains every nerve for the Presbyterian cause. On sabbath, the 29th, I preached two sermons in Dunnville, when I was enabled, I trust, with faithfulness and affection to unfold the message of eternal life. I never saw such a solemn audience since I came to Canada; and from the way I felt during the day in my own mind, as well as from the symptoms exhibited by others, I doubt not but that the Holy Spirit was present in an unusual degree. As for that day, if spared, I will often look back upon it as a green spot in the wilderness; and certain am I, that the day of Christ will evidence it to have been a marked day in the sanctification of believers in this place.

And if our fellowship below

In Jesus be so sweet,

What heights of rapture shall we know

When round the throne we meet.

God grant that that day may also show that yesterday has been the means of making new creatures of unregenerate men. Some of the Episcopalians were present, who appear remarkably devout Christians. The house was full in the forenoon; and though additional benches were got for the afternoon, it was full again, and more still would have been present had they known: persons also were present who used to lounge about bar rooms during divine service on the Lord's day. Though I know that Satan, to a considerable extent, may destroy the good beginning,—yet I know also, that if God's people continue instant in prayer, the bud shall one day, under the fostering care of the Holy spirit, be converted into the full-blown flower. I had a letter from Mr. Macintosh to exchange pulpits with him for the ensuing sabbath; and sent a letter to him agreeing to that; but after what has taken place, neither conscience nor Christian friendship permits me to go. Mr. Martin observes, that when the congregation was dismissed on sabbath, there was an uncommon stillness and solemnity among the people. They went away, I believe, as if an arrow had reached them. O that every one of them may be found mourning apart—each for his own and for her own sins. Too long has the Grand River been neglected. Dear Friend and Brother, our work on earth with ourselves and others is very great, and our time is very short. Awake, ye saints, everywhere: help the building up of Zion in all places, that God may appear in his glory. May we be instrumental in winning many a soul to Christ before we die,

'Till changed from glory unto glory

At last in heaven we take our place.

"On sabbath (5th) I preached at the school-house on the Lake shore, in the neighbourhood of Mr. Chalmers. The season was very refreshing and sweet, and very similar to what had been felt in Dunnville on the previous sabbath. I suppose the Dunnville people henceforth are to give them part of their sabbath-day service, and Mr. Windecker on the alternate sabbath. Mr. Martin deplores the circumstance that the Grand River has been so long without the dispensation of the Lord's Supper: I believe the American Presbyterians once dispensed it, but we have never dispensed it yet. I regret the sending of unordained mission-

aries through the Province: the ordinance of baptism, for instance, cannot be dispensed by them, and thereby our people are subjected to a great privation or delay in regard to the dedicating of their infant offspring, and our cause suffers injury. There is another idea with which I have been considerably impressed since coming here, viz., the loud call that there is upon ordained ministers to come forth to the help of the missionaries in the way of preaching, when on any occasion it may be practicable for them to leave their own congregations; for we may say of the missionaries, as the disciples did of the bread and fishes, 'what are they among so many?' But I shall pass over these points now, and leave them to the consideration of the Presbytery.

On the afternoon of the 5th, I preached in Dunnville. The attendance was good, but the spirit of the Lord was less sensibly felt amongst us. It was intended that a sermon should again be given in the school-house at night, but this was, by the place of meeting being otherwise occupied, unexpectedly prevented. However, at the wish of some private friends, a sermon was given in Mr. Martin's house. On the following Tuesday evening, Mr. Macintosh preached a sermon in the school-house: the season was refreshing, and the attendance considerable. Having now finished my mission with respect to Dunnville, I wish to add a few more words respecting it: and first, with respect to the Presbytery, it is evident that they should go on to cultivate the field as far as possible; and second, with respect to the people they would need to get a place of worship erected for themselves as speedily as possible, since the present place is open to all, which occasions frequent interruption to our services.

"(Sabbath, 12th) I preached in the forenoon in York: I experienced but little satisfaction on the occasion: the attendance was quite small. I understood that sufficient warning had not been given. A considerable number, perhaps, might be got to attend under more favourable circumstances, but all things considered, I do not think that, for a time at all events, this will be found an encouraging station. On the afternoon of the 12th I preached in Caledonia: the attendance was considerable, and I trust that the season was one of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. I received your letter yesterday (viz. on the 12th) and the only thing that I regret for the coming sabbath is that Mr. Windecker's has been substituted in place of Caledonia. I met Mr. McLung between Caledonia and York, and made the arrangement with him. With respect to the next missionary, I agree with you, that he should confine his sabbath-day services the one-half of the time to Caledonia and Cayuga, and the other half to Dunnville and its vicinity; and I shall intimate next sabbath—if God will—in Cayuga to that effect. On sabbath the 19th, I preached a sermon in Mr. Windecker's: the attendance was very limited. In the afternoon, a sermon was preached in Cayuga: the number who attended was considerably less than when I preached there on a former sabbath: but I trust that the blessing attending the preaching of the Word was greater. I intended to preach an evening sermon at Indiana on the evening of the 19th, but for want of a public audience, I had to content myself with giving a brief domestic sermon. There was a wish expressed that I should preach on a week-day in the vicinity of Caledonia, but circumstances occurred which prevented it from being fulfilled. A family or two in the course of my mission I saw who have been exercised with heavy trials: may the Lord grant the sanctified use of such dispensations. I have thus finished the tour assigned me by the Presbytery, including five sabbaths; and have retired from that laborious but very interesting field of labour; and my prayer is, that the servant of the Lord who is to succeed me, may find there the pleasure of the Lord prospering in his hand, and that I may find the same wherever Christ may be pleased to send me. There have been some exer-

tions making to rear a Presbyterian place of worship for Indiana. Were all parties agreeable, the church should rather be erected at Cayuga, it being a more central and more Presbyterian locality. In concluding these remarks, I have just to add that the sooner an ordained missionary or missionaries, as the case may be, can be procured for the Grand River the better. The people in Dunnville, Cayuga, and Caledonia, are awake upon the subject to a considerable extent. Wishing you all success in the good work of our Lord,

"I remain, &c."

PRESBYTERIES.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met, by permission of Synod, at Toronto, on the 15th instant, and, a separate Presbytery having been constituted at Toronto by an act of Synod, proceeded to adjust the rolls of Presbytery, according to existing circumstances. The Presbytery was thereafter principally engaged in receiving reports and making further arrangements in regard to the supply of destitute places. The Committee of Presbytery formerly appointed to visit the congregation at Guelph, having failed to accomplish that object, was reappointed and instructed to fix an early day for the discharge of the duty devolved upon them. Provision was also made for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper at Woolwich, and the Western Committee (Mr. Donald McKenzie convener) was instructed to make arrangements for the ordination of Mr. Graham at Tucker Smith, and for the dispensation of the ordinance of the Supper at London, St. Thomas, Aldborough and Ecdiff, on the arrival of Mr. McMillan of Cardross in that quarter. Mr. Steele, the Presbytery, Missionary, was directed to proceed to the London and Western Districts, after visiting the congregation at Darlington. The Rev. Mr. Mackintosh was temporarily relieved from his pastoral charge at Thorold, with the view of enabling him, at the request of the Presbytery of Toronto, to spend some time as a Missionary within their extensive bounds.

In addition to the numerous Mission stations previously claiming the attention of the Presbytery, an interesting statement was made to them on this occasion, by an individual belonging to the recent settlement at Owen's Sound, on the shores of Lake Huron, in regard to the religious wants of the Presbyterians there. It appeared that there are several hundred adult members and adherents of various branches of the Presbyterian Church in that settlement, who had agreed to compromise the differences of feeling among them, arising from their previous Church connexion, by a common adherence to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The Presbytery resolved that this settlement should be visited by a Minister or Missionary, during the ensuing winter. The Presbytery had also under consideration the report of a Committee previously appointed to confer with the Rev. Wm. Lumsden, heretofore a Minister of the Independent, or Congregational communion. The report spoke favourably of Mr. Lumsden's attainments as a scholar, in the various branches of literature and science, which he had prosecuted in various seminaries in this Colony and in the United States, for a series of years; as also of the general conformity of his theological views to the standard of this Church. It further bore that Mr. Lumsden had declared his sincere and conscientious attachment to Presbyterian order, as most agreeable to the word of God, and that he had under the influence of these views withdrawn from the communion in which he was ordained, in order to seek a connexion with the Presbyterian Church. This report was sustained, in and consideration of the importance of the case, the Committee were instructed to confer further with Mr. Lumsden, to ascertain from the proper quarter his previous standing in the Independent Church, and to visit the congregation in which he has been labouring.