

Report of the Kirk-Session, 1882.

It is matter for congratulation and thankfulness, that notwithstanding the lengthened "vacancy," the Church services have been efficiently maintained during the year, and the congregation has kept well together. Much, under God, must be set down to the able administration, during the greater part of the year, of the affairs of the Session and congregation, by the Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A., Minister of St. Gabriel's Church, the interim Moderator of the Kirk-Session by appointment of the Presbytery of Montreal. To Mr. Herridge also, and to his acceptable pulpit services, no less than to his faithfulness in visiting the sick and dying, much of the present satisfactory condition of the congregation is due. Especially would the Kirk-Session record its thankfulness that our late Pastor, Dr. Jenkins, has in the good providence of God returned to take up his residence among us with restored health and strength, that he has been able to visit the members of the congregation as in former years, to preside over the deliberations of the Kirk-Session, to dispense the Sacraments, and to preach the Word of Life with as great acceptance and power as during any former period of his ministry. The Presbytery of Montreal have also the sincere thanks of Kirk-Session and congregation for the leave considerably granted them of appointing their own pulpit supplies during the past year. The readiness and the ability also with which other clergymen, in addition to those which have been named, have, from time to time, responded to the invitation of the Kirk-Session in conducting the services of the sanctuary call for grateful recognition. Amongst those were the Revs. Dr. Cook of Quebec, Dr. Bell of Walkerton, Messrs. Morrison of Owen Sound, E. D. Maclaren of Brampton, John Thomson of Sarnia, James Ross and Malcolm McGillivray of Perth, R. J. Laidlaw of Hamilton, Louis H. Jordan of Halifax, Kenneth MacLennan of Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Dr. Cochrane of Brantford, Mr Hoskin of Inverness, George H. Wells, Dr. J. F. Stevenson and Professor Murray of Montreal. Besides these, the following members of the Presbytery of Montreal preached for us with much acceptance:—Rev. Principal MacVicar, Messrs. A. B. Mackay, J. S. Black, C. A. Doudiet, James Fleck, John Jones, James McCaul, W. R. Cruikshank, Colbourne Heine and W. J. Dey, of Montreal, and the Rev. James B. Muir of Huntingdon.

The Communion services have been held at the usual seasons. There were present, at the January Communion, when the Rev. Robert Campbell, interim Moderator, officiated, 317 communicants; at the May

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