

can describe the agony depicted in his look and the sorrow that racked his bosom at thus seeing his only child? The pride of his life (from his own foolish indulgence) disfigured if not cut off in the prime of life. As they approached the house, his fears increased, he could not meet his wife's reproachful look. But ah! she had received a lesson not soon to be forgotten. The seed had been that night sown deep in the soil of her heart, which was to bring forth abundantly to the honor and glory of the most High. When the bruised and bleeding body of her son was brought in. Not a word of reproach escaped from her lips, but with tender solicitude, she watched day and night by his sick couch. Nor did she watch alone. The Bible, now her favourite friend and guide, was also her constant companion. Having herself tasted of the benefits of religion, she rested not until her husband had been led to the same source of heavenly consolation and true happiness. How changed and interesting the scene, two individuals, formerly careless about all, save the fleeting pleasures of earth, now brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. With what anxious care did they, day after day, and week after week, strive to lead their beloved child to the same Saviour, whom they had found. Long, tedious, and trying was the task, but with puerful hearts they persevered, and richly were they rewarded by seeing the son of their love, raised from his sick-bed, and rejoicing in his God and Saviour.

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 12th of January and continued during the following day.

Mr. Smellie reported that he had moderated in a call from the congregation of Chalmer's Church, Owen Sound, and that Mr. John McMechan had been unanimously elected. The call to Mr. McMechan was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to him.

Messrs. Middlemiss and McLean of E. Puntlinch, were appointed to visit Minto, and to organize a congregation there, application to that effect having been made on behalf of the members and adherents of the Church in that Township.

Agreeably to notice given at last ordinary meeting, Mr. Cheyne moved that the Presbytery transmit the following overture to the Synod:

"Whereas it is understood that a diversity of practice exists to some extent in the mode of ordaining Elders and Deacons, more especially in reference to the imposition of hands; it is hereby respectfully overtured by the Presbytery of Hamilton, to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, that the Synod take such steps as to their wisdom may seem fit, for the securing of uniformity of practice in the ordination of Elders and Deacons within the bounds of this Church."

A motion was also made that the overture be not transmitted, and after discussion Mr. Cheyne's motion was carried by a majority.

Leave of absence till the next meeting of Synod was with the concurrence of the McNaughton Street Kirk Session, granted to Mr. Inglis. Mr. James Whyte, formerly a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of England, being present was requested to sit with the Presbytery.

The attention of the Presbytery was occupied for a considerable time with the Report of the Committee appointed at the previous ordinary meeting to consider the Financial affairs

of the Presbytery's Home Mission, and a series of Regulations drawn up and recommended by them for adoption by the Presbytery, was, after mature deliberation, adopted and ordered to be engrossed in the Record with a view to their being strictly followed in the future management of the Home Mission Scheme.

Messrs. John Chai and John Benton Elders, Port Dalhousie, were appointed Assessors to Mr. R. F. Burns.

A Presbyterial certificate in favor of Mr. Julius Strauss, licentiate of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.) of the United States, was had before the Presbytery and ordered to lie on the Table till next ordinary meeting.

Dr. Irvine and Mr. Andrew McLean were appointed to dispense the Communion at Mount Forest, on the 13th February and to moderate in a call on the following day.

Mr. James Cameron having completed his trials to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, his ordination was appointed to take place in the Sutherland Church, on Wednesday, the 16th of February.

The Presbytery agreed to take up at next ordinary meeting, the consideration of overtures sent down by the Synod.

J. MIDDLEMISS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This Presbytery met at Montreal, on the 20th January. The following are the chief items of business:—

Mr. Campbell of Cornwall, was elected Moderator for the next six months.

An appeal was heard against a decision of the Session of Lancaster and was dismissed with instructions.

The petition of the congregation of Roxboro praying to be separated from Indian Lands, and constituted into a distinct station was considered. Parties having been heard, and no objections being offered on the part of Indian Land Session, the Presbytery agreed that as soon as all pecuniary claims were settled on the part of Roxboro congregation, it should be constituted into a regular station in connection with the Presbytery, and receive the usual supply of ministrations.

An appeal from a decision of the Session of Lancaster, refusing to grant a certificate of membership, was heard and sustained with instructions.

Mr. Kemp was appointed to preach Cote St. Church, vacant on the 1st sabbath of March. Messrs. Campbell, Anderson, and Kemp Ministers, and Mr. Redpath, Elder, were appointed a committee to provide supplies for Cote St. Church; Mr. Kemp, Convener of Committee, and Moderator of the Session during the vacancy.

The Clerk intimated that Mr. Milloy had accepted the call to Lingwick and that he now appeared for ordination trials. After prayer, Mr. Milloy delivered the usual discourses, and having been examined on the usual topics, with all which the Presbytery were much satisfied, it was agreed that he be ordained at Lingwick on the 2nd February; Mr. Gordon to preach and preside, Mr. Crombie to address the Minister, and Mr. McLean the people.

Application was made on behalf of Mr. McKerracher to be taken on preliminary trials for license, which was granted, and he was appointed to appear at next meeting.

Mr. McMechan was appointed to supply Martintown and Williamstown for six weeks. Mr. McKerracher to supply Winchester till next meeting of Presbytery, and Mr. McKay, Richmond. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was appointed to be dispensed by Mr. Campbell, at Winchester; Mr. Anderson, at Williamstown; and Mr. McLean at Farnham Centre on convenient days.

Mr. Kemp was appointed to represent the

Presbytery at the next meeting of the Home Mission Committee and to obtain Missionary supplies for Winchester, Williamstown, Guelph, Martintown and Williamstown, Lequetre, Fienh, Valleyfield, Farnham Centre, and Kennebec.

A petition was received from Richmond, praying for moderation in a call to Mr. McKay, the same was granted for Thursday, the 4th February, Mr. Gordon to preside, and Mr. Crombie to preach, on the understanding that the congregation shall pay at least \$360 for stipend. The Presbytery agreed to grant supplementary aid for three years, to the amount of \$100 per annum. Other amounts were granted from the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund to aid weak stations.

Mr. Clarke, Mr. Crombie, and Mr. Scott, Ministers, and Mr. Hossack elder, were appointed to visit the congregation of Leeds.

The Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund gave in his report for last year from which it appeared that after defraying all claims there was a balance on hand of \$240.

The Clerk reported the receipts and disbursements of the Fund for the business expenses of the Presbytery which were approved of, and the assessment for the next year sanctioned.

Mr. Crombie and Mr. Kemp were appointed to prepare a Report on the French Canadian Mission, in accordance with the views of Synod, to be considered at next ordinary meeting.

Mr. Gordon was appointed to superintend the Missionary supply for Harrington, and Mr. Cameron and the adjacent brethren to take charge of Alexandria.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Montreal, on Tuesday, 10th May, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

A. F. KEAR, P.

REV. D. FRASER'S DEPARTURE FROM MONTREAL.

The services connected with the Rev. D. Fraser's removal from Montreal, to the pastorate of the Free High Church, Inverness, have been of a very interesting kind. At the conclusion of his last Wednesday evening meeting, the large congregation there present were deeply affected at the prospect of the approaching separation from their pastor. The Bible Class presented Mr. Fraser with the large and beautiful Illustrated Bible, lately published by Collins of Glasgow, and a valuable writing desk, mounted in Russia leather, as a token of their appreciation of his labours for their spiritual welfare. On the Thursday afternoon following, at a meeting for public baptism, the Ladies of the congregation, presented Mrs. Fraser, with a beautiful and costly gold watch and appendages.

Mr. Fraser preached his farewell sermon on sabbath evening, the 26th ult. The large church in Cote St. was crowded to overflowing and many failed to gain admittance. The text chosen for the occasion, was the last verse of the last chapter of Revelations: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen." At the conclusion many among the audience were affected to tears.

We understand that the congregation have testified their attachment to their pastor and regret at his leaving them, by presenting him with sum of \$600.

The Ministerial Association of Montreal, comprising sixteen evangelical ministers, representing six different denominations, resolved to invite the several congregations under their charge to a public service on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of affectionately bidding Mr. Fraser farewell, and of commending him and his family to the care and protection of Almighty God. The Church was filled with representatives from all the gran-