

to tell. This providence is one of those mysterious ones which perplex our feeble faith. Man proposes however and God disposes, and we can but bow in submission to the afflicting dispensation in the belief that all things "work for good" to them that love the Lord. In His own good time, if it be His will, another labourer will be raised up to grasp the standard which has fallen from the hand of this young Missionary of the Cross. His aged parents deserve our warmest sympathies and most earnest prayer that God would, in His mercy, lighten to them this sore bereavement.

In this loss of the *Hungarian* with the crew and passengers, on the Nova Scotia coast, is there not a rebuke, loud-toned and trumpet-tongued, to that over-weening national pride which we had begun to cherish? Prosperity is hard to bear, and our country needed, it may be, the reverse which has befallen it, to lead us to a more general recognition of the great Ruler of events as working in the affairs of men, and to a more simple faith and more earnest Christianity than were generally prevalent among us. Well would it be for us, as a people, if we ever remembered that "the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."

#### INDUCTION AT BRANTFORD.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met in St. Andrew's Church, Brantford, on Wednesday, the 21st March, for the induction of the Rev. David Stott. The congregation having executed and signed a bond for £100 sterling, the Presbytery resolved to proceed with the induction. The Rev. John Hogg preached from 1 Corinthians, xiv. 8, "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" thereafter proposed the questions in the formula, and offered the Induction prayer. The Rev. Mr. Gibson addressed the Minister and the Rev. Wm. Masson the congregation. The members of the church gave their minister the right hand of fellowship at the conclusion of the service.

Brantford is a town of about 8000 inhabitants, and is situated in a beautiful country. The members of our Church, though yet few, are very spirited. They have purchased the old English Church and fitted it up in a suitable manner for Presbyterian worship. They have besides two acres of land in the town of Brantford, given by the Indians to our Church in the time of the celebrated Captain Brant, and for this valuable property a deed is daily expected from the Indian department. The prospects of our church are exceedingly good, and with the blessing of God, we may soon expect to have a large and flourishing congregation.

#### THE PRINCIPAL ELECT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

It is pleasant to find that the appoint-

ment of Mr. Leitch recommends itself to the Church at home. Under God's blessing the Church in Canada may look to derive much advantage from his earnest labours. The "Home and Foreign Record of the Church of Scotland" for February thus speaks of the selection:

The appointment of the Rev. William Leitch, of Monimail, as Principal of Queen's College, Canada, is, as our readers will agree with us in thinking, a most creditable appointment to all parties concerned. Our Colonial Committee and their Convener could not, we think, have pointed out a more suitable individual to the Deputation from Canada, and, although Mr. Leitch changes the sphere of his labours to the regret of friends at home, the notice of his appointment which we give below proves how cordial a reception he may expect from the steadfast supporters of the Church in Canada.

Such are the abilities of Mr. Leitch that we believe he is capable, through the blessing of the Spirit on his teaching, of making his appointment a notable era in the history of the Canadian Church and its rising ministry.

We are sure that many will unite with us in desiring the blessing of God for our worthy brother both now and when he enters on the duties of his most responsible office.

"*The Parochial and Missionary Miscellany*" of Glasgow, in an article reviewing, by the aid of the statement which appeared in our January number, the position of our Canadian Church, incidentally refers to the appointment of Mr. Leitch in the following cordial terms.

The College of the Church in Canada, Queen's College, Kingston, has been referred to above. It has secured an admirable Principal in Mr. Leitch of Monimail—in whom the cause of evangelisation in Canada in all its departments will find a zealous friend, and, although we are sorry to lose Mr. Leitch's services at home—especially as Convener of the Sabbath School Committee of the General Assembly—we must congratulate our friends in Canada on what they are gaining, and must rejoice that one so well qualified is to occupy so important an office—where his own earnest and loving Christian character may, with God's blessing, impress itself on the future native ministers of the Canadian Church.

We rejoice to find that a missionary spirit is cultivated at Queen's College, and that the students are giving expression to it in the way most of all satisfactory—by their personal exertions. The *Presbyterian* furnishes us with a report of the Queen's College Missionary Association, from which we take the following interesting extracts from the president's address, earnestly commending them to the attention of our students at home.

#### ST. GABRIEL STREET CHURCH, MONTREAL.

In the February number of the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, a monthly periodical in the interests of the denomination commonly known as the Free Church, there is an article professing to give some interesting facts and documents brought to light "in the course of investigations arising out of the suit now pending for the possession of the Manse and Church property of St. Gabriel Street Congregation, Montreal." The suit referred to was instituted some two years ago, the clergyman

at present officiating in the church being the plaintiff. We are perfectly satisfied that the design of the founders of the Church and of the Rev. James Somerville, the first minister ordained over the congregation therein, by whose will £1000 were bequeathed for the erection of a Manse, was that both Church and Manse should be inalienably connected with the Church of Scotland, and we think that the whole history of the matter, including the facts and documents in the article under review, afford ample confirmation of this position. It is for the plaintiff to prove, in the face of the obvious tenor of this whole history, that the minister of that Church may belong to any denomination to which the congregation may attach themselves, provided only "the usage of the Church of Scotland as by law established in Scotland" be observed. The writer of the article referred to, having the question wholly to himself, of course makes out a capital case, and finds himself in a position to explain "without the possibility of a doubt the meaning of the terms found in the original deed of purchase." But, when he wrote that article, he was not in Court.

We have no difficulty in discovering the object of the writer in the "Record." He wishes, it is clear, to excite some public sympathy in his behalf. He seems to be of opinion also that, whatever the Judge or Judges may decide after him, the public ought to know just now from himself the only fair judgment the case admits of. To our minds the wisdom and taste displayed in this procedure are very questionable. "Having appealed to Cæsar," we are inclined to say, "first listen with respectful deference to the judgment of Cæsar and then, if need be, review his decision on the true merits of the case."

The case is an important one. We have no doubt it will receive due attention from the parties conducting it. For us to enter upon the discussion of it here in its present stage, would be unreasonable, much more so to treat our readers to only one of its many chapters.

#### TESTIMONIAL OF RESPECT.

On the morning of the 6th instant the Rev. W. Johnson, M. A., of L'Orignal, was waited on in the the Manse by a deputation from the Directors of Mechanics' Institute of that town, consisting of David Pattee, Esq., one of the Vice-Presidents, and Alex. McNaughten, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer, when the following address and reply were delivered in view of his departure to a larger and more prominent sphere of ministerial usefulness:—

L'ORIGNAL, C. W.,  
March 6th, 1860.

To the Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON, M. A.,  
Late Pastor of the Scotch Church,  
L'Orignal.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—

We, the undersigned, Directors of the