

Synod appointed to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the first Thursday after the first Wednesday in November at noon; in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the first Wednesday after the third Tuesday in February at noon, and oftener by adjournment when and where the Commission may choose.

The Synod recorded their thanks to the minister, elders and members of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, for their generous hospitality to the members of the Court during the session. The Synod was then closed by the Moderator after an able address, which appeared in our last number.

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

We welcome the addition to our periodicals of late by the accession of more than one, projected apparently in the interest of no particular denomination, but with the view solely of upholding a free Gospel.

While, as we have said, we welcome this addition, as we would welcome any advance in the cause of Truth or of proclaiming it, we cannot forego our position as laborers in the same blessed cause. As a denominational organ, we chronicle such matters as are of peculiar interest to our own body. But this is not all, and, while we hold with others our own opinions upon Church government and discipline, we extend the hand of fellowship to those who conscientiously have arrived at different conclusions in these matters.

In truth the field is wide and the laborers few, and we trust we do not lose sight of our work as some of those reapers who shall be the means of gathering souls into Christ's flock. This is and must be our effort, and in such an effort we need the utmost co-operation, and, we say again, we welcome the addition to our literature of the periodicals alluded to.

Think for a moment of the portent of those

words! "A free Gospel." No soul so lost but this offer may be made to him! No heart so hardened but grace may open it to receive the message! This is not for one section of mankind. It is for all. And the universality of Divine mercy renders it necessary that we should be ever proclaiming it. The word may be spoken to-day in vain, but to-morrow it may win back a lost soul to peace and hope. The brazen serpent was kept lifted-up that whoso looked might live. Let us not forget continually to exalt the cross, and, as we pursue our journey along a world debased by sin, let us continually point to that cross. The sinner may learn what sin is by looking at that cross. The saint may renew his strength by a glance at that cross. No person can be in any possible state or condition but we can point him with confidence to that cross. For he that looks shall live and live forever.

Blessed message, simple and yet comprehensive; a theme of wonder to lost man, of gratitude to the redeemed and of praise everlasting in that place where sorrow and sin shall be no more forever.

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

"When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

"When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds new lustre to the day.

"Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

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The Church in Canada.

SYNOD MINUTES.

The Acts and Proceedings of last meeting of Synod have been printed in the usual pamphlet form, and distributed according to the recommendations of the Finance Committee, which were approved of by the Synod. One of these recommendations is that they should not be furnished to Sessions, that have fallen two years in arrear, until they have liquidated their indebtedness. This rule has been acted upon, so that certain Sessions will understand why they have not received copies of the Minutes and what is necessary to be

done in order to get them. Any mistake that may have occurred in the distribution of the Minutes will be corrected when represented to the Synod Clerk.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF A CHURCH EDIFICE AT ARTHUR.

Formerly acknowledged.—Waterdown and Nelson, \$39.25; Guelph, \$98; Hamilton, \$20; Vaughan, \$54; Scarborough, \$55.25; Markham, \$110.40; Scott and Uxbridge, \$72.50; Pickering, \$25; Kingston, \$58.

Martintown, \$27; Williamstown, \$13.84; Lachine \$12; Montreal, \$363. Total, \$948.24.

Mr. T. S. Scott, architect, Montreal, has put only the above value on the plan and specifica-