

be found a congregation, or the nucleus of a congregation, professing attachment to the Church of Scotland, yet altogether disinclined to contribute even a small portion of a missionary's salary; but such will be exceptional cases to whom the Presbytery may say "deceive us once, it is your fault; but if you deceive us a second time it will be our own fault."

We are glad to observe that the *entente cordiale* seems to have been established between the Colonial Committee and the Canadian Synod's Committee of correspon-

dence. We feel sure that if our committee give themselves earnestly to the work entrusted to them—uninfluenced by fear, favour, or affection—with a determination that our trans-atlantic benefactors shall know the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and we may add that we have every confidence in the wisdom and prudence of the Synod's Committee—then may we expect the best results. The Church of Scotland will be encouraged in giving, and the Church in Canada will reap lasting benefit

News of our Church.

THE PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH—This reverend court, which during the last eight years has done such good service to the Church in the way of missionary extension, and which by the decision of last Synod has terminated its brief but honourable career, the northern section of it having been constituted into the new Presbytery of Saugeen, and the southern reunited to the Presbyteries of Niagara and Hamilton to form with them a reconstructed Presbytery of Hamilton, held its last meeting in Guelph on the 1st ult.: Sederunt, Rev Mr. Muir, Moderator, Rev Messrs Macdonnell, Hogg and Thom, Ministers; and Messrs Allan and Rintoul, Elders. The meeting was held by direction of Synod for the purpose of completing unfinished business and winding up the affairs of the Presbytery. The congregations merging into the Presbytery of Hamilton resolved to augment the balance of funds on hand to \$30 towards aiding the new Presbytery of Saugeen in sustaining the catechist labouring within its bounds, who had been engaged by the Presbytery of Guelph, leaving it to the northern brethren to make up the deficit of \$10, the whole being the usual proportion paid by the Presbytery towards implementing congregational support of catechists within the bounds.

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH, MONTREAL—It will no doubt afford gratification to very many to learn that the plan of improvements at present carrying out by the city council does not embrace, as was at one time feared, the demolition of this venerable edifice, one of the old landmarks of Protestantism in this country. Wherever one goes, to the Townships, to the Chateauguay valley, to Glengary, or to the remotest corner of the western peninsula, he meets with large numbers of Protestants and especially Presbyterians, whose first enjoyment of religious privileges in Canada were reaped in St. Gabriel Street Church, as it was then called. Standing as it did on the threshold of the country, and most families tarrying for a longer or shorter time in the town or their way to the *settlements*, it was there the tender recollections of the Sabbath privileges of their native land were first awakened in the new world, and so it is yet regarded by them, after the lapse of perhaps half a century, with warm affection.

FERGUS, ONTARIO. PRESENTATION TO A. D. FORDYCE, Esq.—On the 15th of June last, the friends of this gentleman, to the number of 152, presented him with a gold hunting-watch and chain, valued at \$127, accompanied by a complimentary address testifying their personal attachment to him and specially their appreciation of his earnest zeal and indefatigable devotedness in the cause of the Church in that locality. Mr. Fordyce made a suitable reply, acknowledging the kindness of the donors. It is not often that space is demanded in these columns for items like the foregoing, but when laymen are found, as a few here and there are, giving largely of their time and energies to forwarding the interests of the Church, to the best of their judgment and ability, it is only meet that a record of the fact should be made.

HEMINGFORD AND RUSSELLTOWN FLATS.—A man named *Charlie Adams* of Havelock, lately deceased, has left a cow each to seven clergymen of the neighbourhood, and among others to Messrs. Masson and Patterson. The deceased in his lifetime sometimes undertook in a small way the duties of a parson himself, being a Methodist local preacher, and the fellow feeling thus established caused him to remember in his last will and testament those with whom he delighted to take sweet converse in the time of health.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS TO THE 78TH HIGHLANDERS.

At the presentation of colours to this splendid regiment, which took place in Montreal lately, the Rev. J. Fraser, Presbyterian Chaplain, offered the following prayer:—

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—Amen.

Almighty and most merciful Father, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, we come before thee in a deep sense of thine exceeding Majesty and our own unworthiness, praying thee to shed upon us the light of thy