

public services with praise and prayer, and preached a most appropriate sermon from the first clause of Acts, xx. 19. He thereafter narrated the proceedings connected with Dr. Burns' call and translation in the Presbytery of Toronto and that of Paisley, and having then obtained from Dr. Burns satisfactory answers to the questions appointed by the Synod to put in such cases, he did in the name of the Presbytery, after solemn prayer, admit and induct Dr. Burns as Minister of the congregation of Knox's Church—being joined by the brethren of the Presbytery, and the Elders of Knox's Church, in giving him the right hand of fellowship, and a cordial welcome to take part with them in this work. Suitable exhortations were then addressed by the Moderator to the Minister and congregation severally,—and the public services having been concluded, the members of the congregation in retiring, welcomed their pastor amongst them in the usual manner. The formula approved by the Synod, was afterwards read over to Dr. Burns, and he having declared his readiness to sign the same, whenever judiciously called upon to do so, his name was added to the Presbytery Roll. The Presbytery after some conversation and arrangement respecting the duties connected with the meeting of Synod requiring their attention, adjourned until Tuesday, the 3d June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—then to meet at the Hall of the Theological Seminary, James Street, Toronto.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Montreal, 14th May, 1845.

This day the Presbytery of Montreal in connection with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met within St. Gabriel Street Church.

Present Rev. Messrs. Henry (Moderator), Black, and Clugston. The Rev. Mr. Bonar, of Larbert, as officiating Minister in Montreal, was added to the Sederunt. The Rev. Dr. Burns, late of Paisley, and the Rev. Wm. Hamilton, of Bellast—being the one an ordained Minister of the Free Protestant Church of Scotland, and the other of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, were requested to sit with the Presbytery; Mr. Leslie, Elder.

The Moderator reported having, since the last meeting of Presbytery, written to the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland with reference to a Minister for Montreal, and that he had received an answer to his communication. The letter and answer thereto were then read, and ordered to be engrossed, and the cordial thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the Moderator for his excellent letter.

A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Clark, of Indian Lands, apologising for his absence. A letter was read and laid upon the table from the Rev. Mr. Esson, with respect to St. Gabriel Street Church. The Presbytery resolved to delay taking any steps in the matter, and instructed the clerk to transmit an extract of all the minutes relating to Mr. Esson's congregation, and all papers connected therewith to the approaching meeting of Synod, whose judgment and advice in their present circumstances the Presbytery crave.

The Presbytery further recommend the congregation of St. Gabriel St. Church to transmit a copy of the constitution, title and trust deeds, minute books and other documents, and in particular a copy of any deed of adherence of the congregation of St. Gabriel St. Church to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, together with a list of the members and adherents, and a Minute of any proposal for the purpose of bringing the constitution into a conformity with the Synod. Mr. Leslie dissented.

Mr. Leslie moved that the Rev. Mr. Leishman be appointed to supply the vacancy at present existing in St. Gabriel St. Church. Mr. Black seconded this motion.

It was stated that Mr. Leishman was the only available preacher at present within the bounds of this Presbytery, for the supply of country Districts, and that both the Rev. Mr. Bonar and the Rev.

W. C. Burns were necessarily detained in town on the Sabbath. and it was suggested by Dr. Burns, that the congregation should be left to supply the pulpit as they had done since Mr. Esson had gone to Toronto: until it should be decided by the Synod whether the Church could be received as a Church in connection with the Synod of Canada. Mr. Black stated that he did not understand before that both Mr. Bonar and Mr. Burns were to be in Montreal on the intervening Sabbath and begged leave to withdraw his seconding of Mr. Leslie's motion—which was granted.

Mr. Leslie's motion having thus fallen to the ground, the suggestion of Dr. Burns became the judgment of the Presbytery, against which Mr. Leslie entered his dissent.

The Rev. Mr. Leishman read the report of his Missionary labours within the bounds of the Presbytery, which was highly approved. A copy of a call from the adherents of the Synod at Huntingdon, to Mr. Leishman, to settle amongst them as their pastor, was then read and laid upon the table. The call was signed by 112 individuals. Mr. Leishman having been asked by the Moderator, whether he felt inclined to comply with the call addressed to him, asked further time for deliberation, whereupon the Presbytery resolved to delay further consideration of the matter until to-morrow, when letters from Huntingdon and other papers would be laid before the Presbytery.

The case of the vacant stations, Inverness and Leeds, was communicated by Mr. Clugston, and the Presbytery impressed with a sense of the destitution existing there, requested Dr. Burns to correspond with Mr. McMillan, who was at present in Canada West, and induce him if possible to visit these stations.

The Rev. Mr. Bonar reported to the Presbytery that he had opened, on Sabbath last, 11th May, the new Church in Cole Street, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and that on Tuesday last the congregation had met and elected as office-bearers, four elders and four deacons, according to a minute which he produced and laid upon the table of the Presbytery. The Clerk was directed to keep this paper "in retentis," and Mr. Bonar was authorised to serve the edict next Sabbath, and to proceed to the ordination of the gentlemen nominated, on the succeeding Sabbath, 25th May.

The Presbytery appointed the Moderator, Dr. Burns, and Mr. Bonar, to be a Committee to converse with some young men in Montreal, who had expressed a wish for advice, as to entering upon a course of study—and any others who might afterwards express a similar wish.

After prayer the Presbytery adjourned, to meet at No. 10, George Street, to-morrow, Thursday, (May 10th.)

Montreal, May 15th, 1845.

This day the Presbytery of Montreal held an adjourned meeting in No. 10, George Street, Montreal.

Present—Messrs. King (Moderator,) Clugston, Black, Bonar, Ministers. The Presbytery was constituted with prayer, by the Moderator. Dr. Burns, late of Paisley, being present, was requested to sit with the Presbytery. In the absence of Mr. Black, Mr. Bonar was chosen Clerk. *pro tem.* Mr. Redpath produced and read a report of the proceedings of the Presbytery's Missionary Committee, which was approved of, and the Committee were requested to take the charge of the Missionary operations of the Presbytery in terms of the Minute of Presbytery, of date, 9th November, 1844, and to associate with them in these labours any minister of the Free Church, who may be officiating in the Free Church, Cote Street.—Mr. Clugston stated that it was the opinion of himself and the friends in Quebec, that there ought to be a separate Mission Committee for Quebec and its vicinity.

The Presbytery appointed the Moderator to apply to the Treasurer of the General Home Mission Fund for the sum of £50 to aid the Mission Fund

of this Presbytery. The Presbytery instructed the Missionary Committee to pay Mr. Scott, lately employed by them, for the services he had given.

Mr. Leishman having been asked whether he had any thing further to state relative to his views on the subject of the call to Huntingdon, stated that he was willing to accept the call.

The Presbytery left thankful that Mr. Leishman had been led to take this view of that important station, and resolved to proceed with his settlement with all convenient speed—and subjects were presented for his discourse.

The Presbytery then after prayer adjourned, to meet, with the permission of Synod, at Coteau, in the vestry of the Synod House there, on Friday, the 6th day of June, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

Home Missions.

CORRESPONDENCE OF MISSIONARIES.

REV. WILLIAM RINTOUL'S MISSIONARY TOUR IN KING, WEST GAWLAMBURY, ORO, &c.

Mr. Editor.—You have requested extracts from the journal of my recent Missionary Tour to the North of Lake Simcoe. Such a journal, however, does not exist; as, after the fatigues of the day in traveling and preaching, I was not always in a mood to record what I had observed or done; and seldom in circumstances favourable to writing, had I been disposed to do it. I now, however, willingly sit down to note a few things respecting my recent journey, which, I trust, may not be altogether uninteresting to your readers.

My Mission, as you have mentioned in last month's *Record*, was by appointment of the Presbytery, to make arrangements for stationing one of our Students, as a Catechist, in the Townships to the S. W. and N. of Lake Simcoe. Some of your readers may require to be informed that in the status of Catechist, in which several of our more advanced Students have been placed, they have yet been acting as Preachers, and it is believed that we have been in all respects justified in thus employing them,—our want of labourers is very urgent—and the occupation itself, to the young men, when not too constant—as it is not our desire that it should be so—is all in the direct way of fitting them for the work of the ministry. It is indeed the commencement of an important department of that work, while the application of the most intelligent of the Christian people among whom they have been labouring, is an additional confirmation of the propriety of so employing them.

But while making arrangements for stationing a Missionary, I was myself acting, by the good Providence, and grace of God, that, in the course of 12 days, I was enabled to travel, on an average, upwards of 17 miles every day, and to preach 11 times; and returned, after experiencing all kinds of weather and every variety of road, from snow that would have admitted sleighing, to the deepest mud-holes—in perfect soundness of health. In all directions through the woods, the roads were strewn with the wreck of broken or fallen trees, and in many places interrupted from the same cause, and I heard of several lives having been lost, in neighbourhoods where I was, from the falling of trees, yet in all my journeying I did not see one tree fall.

On Monday, the 7th April, the day on which I left home, I preached in the Free Temple Church, Chinguacousy. My audience consisted chiefly of the official members of the Church. I addressed them from the words, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth, &c." The people here have shewn great disinterestedness in abandoning their claim to the old place of worship, and have been amongst the first in the Province in erecting a new one. They have a promise of sharing in Mr. Buchanan's ample donation for Church building, which would enable them to finish their Church,