

the other not accepting this offer, that his services be equally divided between the two consenting Congregations, who will be expected to contribute an equal sum to his support. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Representative Elders of Dalhousie Mills and Lochiel, intimating the Presbytery's decision, and requesting them to make known to him their intention before the meeting of Synod on 30th inst. Mr. Currie was appointed to labour as Catechist meanwhile among the three Congregations.

There was also laid on the table of Presbytery a Petition from the Congregation of L'Orignal, praying the Presbytery to adopt whatever measures might in their judgment appear most effectual for promoting an arrangement whereby the Congregations of L'Orignal and Hawkesbury Mills be united as one charge, and placed within the same Presbytery. The Presbytery received this Petition favourably, and unanimously agreed to give their consent to the union, but deferred farther consideration of the matter until they should confer with the Presbytery of Montreal at meeting of Synod.

A letter from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland was read, intimating that they had agreed to give £10 sterling in aid of the building fund of Matilda Church, as soon as they are certified, through the Presbytery, that the building is quite completed, and that all debt on it is liquidated, except what will be defrayed by the said grant.

Mr. McLaren presented a written report of his labours as Missionary during the past three months in the vacant Congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, which was sustained, and he was appointed to labour in Martintown until the meeting of Synod. In this report Mr. McLaren states that "the demand for services in the Gaelic language at Lochiel is very great, greater than ever I saw it in any other place in Canada, being similar in this respect to one of the Highland parishes in Scotland. This Congregation (as will be seen from another part of this abstract of the doings of the Presbytery at its recent meeting) will in all likelihood during the present summer enjoy the services of a Catechist having a knowledge of the Gaelic language, and we trust the time is not far distant when their steadfast adherence to the Church of their fathers and deep seated love for the same will be rewarded by their obtaining a settled minister among them, who in their own language will be able to tell them of the wonders of Redeeming Love."

Circular letters were read, intimating the intention of certain Presbyteries to take the following young men on probationary trials for license:—Messrs. James Carmichael, George Porteous, Alexander H. Boyle and Robert Campbell.

The Presbytery took into consideration the Interim Act anent Maintenance of Ministers, and approved of the same be-

coming a permanent law of the Church, one member dissenting. Mr. Dobie was appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Martintown on the second Sabbath of June, and Mr. McPherson was appointed to discharge the same duty at Dalhousie Mills on the last Sabbath of said month to the Congregation of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery of Glengary will be held at Cornwall on the second Wednesday of August.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

We learn that at a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton several excellent and encouraging Reports were given in and approved of from the Rev. Messrs Herald, Gibson, Thom and others, who were appointed to the Missionary field towards the Peninsula and Borders of the Lakes. We have been furnished with the ensuing Report of a Missionary journey in that quarter, as submitted by the Revd. James Thom to the Presbytery.

In starting for the discharge of the Missionary duties, imposed upon me by this Court, on the 12th of January last amid the deep snow and extreme cold of our Canadian region at this season of the year, I would have shrunk from the task at my time of life, and after long service on this Continent since the 25th of Dec., 1840, yet I felt encouraged by the promise of our Divine Master to His disciples, "Lo! I am with you,"—by a sense of that duty which every minister owes to the Church of Christ, and to the scattered members of our Zion who have gone to provide for their families in the widely spread forests of our country. I was not only strengthened for this long journey of 300 miles, to and fro, by the example of Paul, who was ready to lay down his life for the sake of Christ, but also by the words of the late Dr. Chalmers to his hopeful Missionaries, "Oh, ye Orators and Philosophers, ye may jeck the theme with the praises of your unsubstantial eloquence, but these are the men who are to accomplish the business."

It is about 100 miles in a straight line from our Church at Woolwich to Leath and Johnstone, the terminus of my journey. And it is necessary to stop at certain distances, at Durham or Mount Forest. By reason of the cold I had endured for 30 miles, and to enquire after the welfare of our brethren by the way, I staid all night at Mount Forest, the most promising of our Missionary stations. Arriving at 7 p. m., I found our worthy Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Hay, at the post of duty with ministers and people of various denominations in prayer for the cause of benighted India. From the earnestness and solemnity of the assemblies of all Christian people offering up their united devotions to the God of heaven for the spread of the knowledge of Christ in the Eastern world, who can doubt but that many of the same wish are registered in Heaven? At the request of the presiding Minister I had another opportunity of addressing the people. It may not be less satisfactory to the members of this Court than to the Colonial Committee that the services of their Missionary are highly appreciated at Mount Forest, Durham, Allan Park and other spheres of his labors. Still it is a matter of deep regret to many that so few and small remittances are made to the Colonial Committee to relieve and to encourage them in their unwearying works of benevolence in behalf of our colony.

On Saturday, the 14th, I arrived at Leath, where I was kindly welcomed by the friends of the Church. Leath is a thriving place. It is beautifully situated on the shores of the Georgian Bay, with a fertile and well cultivated region around it. The day is not far distant when it shall be an emporium of trade to Liverpool and to Lake Superior. By the enterprise of Mr. Ainsley a wharf is in course of erection to admit vessels drawing 12 feet of water. But here also are men of a benevolent and Christian spirit, who have offered freely of their abundance for the Gospel, if a Missionary of our Church can be sent unto them. The same spirit animates our friends at the station at Johnstone 8 miles distant from Leath. In both places, very large and respectable audiences attended Divine worship during the two Sabbath days which I spent amongst them. It is to be hoped that the Presbytery of Hamilton will both labor and pray for the welfare of this corner of the Lord's vineyard, for I still seem to hear their cry; Come over, ye men of Macedonia, and help us. Indeed one of our members here said, I will look for a report in the next number of the "Presbyterian."

At Paisley the assessors for the ordination of Elders met according to Presbyterial appointment. I travelled 40 miles from Leath during the week to be present at the ordination. 3 elders were ordained in the neat and commodious new church erected since the induction of the Rev. H. MacLennan as their Minister. The interest we felt on this occasion was heightened by the administration of baptism to the infant son of the Minister of the Paisley congregation. 10 children of members of our Church were baptised by me in the course of my tour. All which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES THOM.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The regular quarterly meeting of this Court was held in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, 2nd May.

The members present were Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, Moderator, the Rev. A. Mathieson, D.D., James Anderson, James C. Muir, D.D., William Simpson, Alexander Wallace, James T. Paul, John McDonald, Frederick P. Sym, James Patterson and John Livingston, Ministers, and Messrs. Alexander Morris, Daniel McDougald, John Greenshields, John McIntosh and John M. Browning, Elders.

The minutes of last ordinary meeting and of special meetings at Longueuil and Laprairie on the 15th, and at Laprairie on the 29th of February, were read and sustained.

Dr. Mathieson introduced to the Presbytery the Rev. James Kerr, recently come to this country as his assistant. Mr. Kerr was cordially received, laid upon the table a presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Dundee, Scotland, and was admitted a probationer within the bounds.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Waddell, Hawkesbury, also a letter from Mr. H. Urquhart, accompanying a memorial for the disjunction of Hawkesbury from the Presbytery.

Dr. Mathieson, seconded by Mr. McDonald, moved—"that, Mr. Mair being *de facto* minister of Hawkesbury and a member of this Court, it is *ultra vires* of the Presby-