

ner, Principal Snodgrass, for Tuesday, the 27th, in the same place at 11 o'clock, at which time and place, it is expected the Committee of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, will also meet.

The following, from the Occidental, refers to a son of a respected minister of our church, the Rev. Thomas Fraser:—

The Synod of the Pacific unanimously recommended the Rev. Thomas Fraser to the District Secretaryship of Domestic Missions for the Western Coast. This nomination was received with a warmth that proves how admirably adapted Mr. Fraser is, in the opinion of the Synod, for this very important position. For two

years he has travelled all over our coast, from Victoria to San Diego, and is familiar with the wants of the field. His disinterestedness is shown in the fact that the miserable pittance hitherto received by him has hardly sufficed to pay his travelling expenses—and yet he has laboured most earnestly, and generally successfully, to obtain for others what was denied to himself. His own experience enables him to sympathise with the missionaries, and each of them personally finds in him a warm-hearted friend. At the same time his love for the Church renders it certain that no appropriation will be recommended where the interest of the cause do not urgently demand it. The nomination affords very great satisfaction.

Correspondence.

SAUGEEN CONGREGATION—INDUCTION OF REV. MR. MACDONALD.

(To the Editor of the Presbyterian.)

SIR,—The Presbytery of Saugeen has during the last few numbers of your interesting magazine occupied a prominent position in a series of short historical sketches of the congregations within its bounds. The writer of these telling sketches believing that "truth is stranger than fiction," has evidently thought, and very properly, that nothing more was necessary than a true statement of the facts connected with each congregation; leaving these facts to speak for themselves. There is a special interest attaching to the history of this the most remote of the Presbyteries of our Church in Ontario. In it, unlike other flourishing Presbyteries of the Church in Canada, our Church was last in the field, and was altogether without that "prestige" which numbers and wealth can give to a church. Throughout the West popular opinion was against us as compared with the other Presbyterian denominations, whose leaders, wiser than ours, sent men at all hazards to occupy the land; even in places throughout the West, where congregations remained strongly attached to the Church of their fathers, it seemed as if through unfavourable circumstances all vestiges of the "Kirk" would have disappeared. The present Presbytery of Saugeen is but weak; embracing but seven self-supporting congregations, besides two or three flourishing mission stations, all of which are in

vigorous working order. Each of its congregations has been literally *won* by hard and continued labour in fields already occupied; and as another feature worthy of note, each congregation is at present in a flourishing condition, is under the charge of a minister trained in our own theological institution. Pardon me, sir, for such a long introduction, for my remarks are quite warranted by the subject. The 13th day of July last will, we have reason to believe, be regarded by us as a red-letter day in our calendar as a Presbytery. On that day the ecclesiastical career of an entirely new church and congregation was fairly inaugurated by the induction into the pastoral charge of the new Presbyterian church in the township of Saugeen, of the Rev. Donald McDonald, late parish Minister of Sleat, Isle of Skye, Scotland, a minister trained in our own college. The Rev. Mr. Ferguson of Kincardine preached and presided, the Rev. Mr. Fraser of Priceville addressing in a few well-chosen words the minister, and Rev. Mr. Maclean of Paisley the people—after which the newly inducted minister received a hearty welcome from his congregation. All the circumstances connected with the settlement are of the most pleasing character, the residence, the locality, the assurance of a respectable maintenance being arranged to the entire satisfaction of all.

I will, Sir, but supply a link in that fragmentary history of the late Presbytery of Guelph which has appeared in your pages, by stating some of the facts in con-