

months. It was not to be supposed that so popular a preacher and excellent a man could finish his tour without exciting an earnest desire in those, who enjoyed the benefit of his temporary ministrations, to retain him permanently among them. Accordingly there was laid on the Table a Memorial from Woodstock and Norwich on the subject of his being secured to fill up the protracted vacancy in that quarter; and our adherents in Brantford deputed a representative to advocate their claims, and to state their conviction, that Mr. Whyte would be able to collect a Congregation in Brantford, which would soon be scarcely surpassed in size and influence by any within our bounds. The only regret felt by us in connection with these appeals was occasioned by the necessity of disappointing our people in one or other of the localities. It is of course for Mr. Whyte himself to determine on the respective importance of these and the other places to which he has been invited. All that the Presbytery can do is to expedite his settlement in whatever portion of the Vineyard he may deem most eligible. We therefore resolved to moderate in a Call to Woodstock as soon as we shall receive from the Colonial Committee their consent to the withdrawal of the application for a Minister, made to them a considerable time ago, by the Congregation there. And the Clerk was instructed to urge upon Mr. Whyte the propriety of occupying in the mean while the field of usefulness that is open to him in Brantford.

The Presbytery appointed Messrs. A. Bell and King to dispense the Lord's Supper in Saultfleet on the 25th of May. Mr. Shand has been employed here since last Meeting, and the people are desirous of his continuance among them.

Mr. McClatchey, being compelled by his delicate state of health to leave home for a few weeks, was directed to preach as often as convenient, and administer baptism to the fit recipients of it in Adelaide, Westminster, London, and other parts of that District. The Presbytery felt much sympathy with this brother on account of the recent destruction of his house, and a portion of his books and furniture by fire.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Hamilton on the 18th of June.

The success of our efforts to furnish with the public means of Grace some of our people, who have long had to mourn the absence of them, afforded as much satisfaction to us as to them. We have deplored as deeply as they their deprivation of the regular preaching of the Word; and most of the members of Presbytery have given them as much assistance as was in their power. But what are we among so many? Our labours, when diffused among more than a dozen destitute Congregations, are little felt, and, as each participates so slightly in them, often

are not appreciated by any of them. But a very simple calculation will show how very seldom, consistently with their duty to their own people, six or seven Ministers can visit double that number of vacant charges in the course of a year. As new Ministers join us, we will be able to perform more Missionary work. And it is to be hoped that those Congregations, which are now supplied with ordinances, after being long without them, will remember how much they used to feel their wanting the opportunity to assemble themselves together for the worship of God, and sympathizing with such as are not yet provided for, and being willing to do unto others as they wish had been done unto them, will cheerfully part with their Minister occasionally, that he may proclaim the Message of Redeeming Love to those whose hearts are seldom gladdened by the invitation to go up to the House of the Lord.

The following are extracts from the Reports of Missionary labours lately performed under the direction of the Presbytery:—

Woodstock.—Preached here on Sabbath the 2nd February and during the week in Norwich: again in Woodstock on Sabbath the 9th, morning and evening. Visited almost every family belonging to the congregation. All are extremely desirous to have an acceptable Minister settled amongst them. Gaelic is the general desideratum when an unacceptable preacher visits them. But the decided judgement of the best informed and most influential of the members is, that a faithful, energetic, and pious English Minister is incomparably the best suited to the congregation, and calculated under the Divine blessing to do most good in the locality, and that with such a man there would not be a seat in the Church unoccupied in the course of twelve months.

London.—Preached here on Sabbath, 16th February, and evening in Westminster. On a weekday preached about ten miles East of London. Sabbath the 23d preached about four miles West of London at ten o'clock, A.M.; in London at two and six o'clock, P. M. Obtained the use of the United Presbyterian Church. After five years' wavering and indecision the people have now put their case relative to the Church and property in London into Chancery. A few applications made for Baptism.

Williams.—There is a numerous body of our adherents here; preached twice to a large and attentive audience each time. The Church is in possession of the Free Church party; but, if stimulated by the occasional visit of a Minister or Missionary, our people would at once take steps to recover it. Numerous applications for Baptism. The people are obliged to apply for Baptism to Ministers of other denominations.

Brantford.—Your Committee having appointed me with a view to organize a Congregation there, I proceeded thither with the least possible delay, and endeavoured to the utmost of my power to carry out my instructions. The use of the High School having been kindly given by the Directors, Divine service was celebrated there forenoon and afternoon on Sabbath the 16th and 23d March. Attendance good on the afternoon of 16th and forenoon of the 23rd. Preached in Mount Pleasant during the week in the United Presbyterian Church. There found a few families who expressed themselves most willing to cooperate in the organization of a Church in Brantford. Visited all the families (whose address I could learn), who were supposed to be adherents or favourable to your Committee's project, in

town and neighbourhood. Held a meeting after the forenoon's service on the 23rd when 18 heads of families gave in their names as ready at once to enter into the object of your Committee, and elected five of their number a Committee of Management, or Trustees *pro tempore*, to look after the property (about two acres of land situated in a most eligible part of the town) belonging to our Church, and to take any measures that might seem to them conducive to the interest of the Congregation being formed in Brantford. Few entertain a doubt that the number of families (40 I believe,) which our Synod recognizes as the nucleus of a Congregation, would be organized in the course of three months, if an acceptable Missionary were stationed here for that time.

Wherever I have been, a warm feeling of attachment exists towards the Church of Scotland, and all that seems wanting to foster this feeling, and give consolidation to these congregations, is their periodical visitation by Members of Presbytery, or its Missionaries, with which parental culture they would all, I believe, very soon be in a condition to support a stated Minister.

OBITUARY.

Died at Lachine near Montreal on the 23rd April, aged 66 years, Donald Duff, Esq., a native of Ross-shire, Scotland.

The deceased emigrated to Canada in 1809. He was distinguished by a strict regard to honesty in all his transactions, both commercial and private. He held the responsible office of the Collector of the Customs of Lachine Canal from its commencement until his death. A more faithful and upright servant the Government never had.

For a long series of years he discharged the duties of a Justice of the Peace in a becoming and faithful manner. From his influence in Lachine he prevented much litigation; all classes of the community highly respected and esteemed him.

He took a deep interest in the welfare of the Church of Scotland in this Colony; while free from bigotry, allowing to all the right of private judgement, he was a staunch adherent of the Presbyterian form of Church government. When he left his native land, he forgot not, neither did he abandon the Church of his fathers; amid good and evil report he was the steady and unflinching friend. Much did it grieve him to see so many of his countrymen, from whom other things might have been expected, in the day of worldly prosperity abandoning the principles and ministrations of the Church of Scotland in Canada. The deceased was a Presbyterian from principle, and not from accidental circumstances.

He was an Elder of the Church in Lachine from the time it was organized. He loved the House of God and all connected with it. In every possible way he sought to advance its interests. The Congregation, with which he was connected, looked to him as a father, and entrusted to him the management of its temporal affairs.

As a man he was unostentatious, modest, and retiring; as a Christian he sought to advance the interest of the Re-