

Rev. Robert Macdowal of Fredericksburg presented himself for admission, before the Presbytery; on being quite satisfied with the testimonials he produced, the Presbytery did, in terms of the minutes of Synod 1833, authorizing them so to do, duly admit him as a member, gave him the right hand of fellowship and ordered his name to be added to the roll.

In joining our church Mr. Macdowal has forfeited voluntarily his right to the government allowance which he enjoyed as a minister of the United Synod of Upper Canada; and as the government grant to the Synod of Canada, is too small to allow us to extend the benefit of it to all the brethren Mr. Macdowal has evinced the strength of his attachment to our church, and his disinterestedness in uniting with us in those circumstances.

Having been disappointed in their exertions to procure missionaries from Scotland to labor within their bounds, the Presbytery wishing to lessen the evil as far as lies in their power, resolved to appoint one of their number to act as corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, to receive all missionary funds and appropriate them under the direction of the Presbytery, to correspond with the different brethren from time to time and to collect all the information possible respecting the state of the different places within the sphere of their observation, and to report the result at the different meetings of Presbytery; as also to correspond with Societies in Scotland, for the promotion of the missionary cause in Canada, and the Presbytery appointed the Rev. Thomas Alexander to the said office. Towards the further advancement of these objects the Presbytery appointed Messrs. Roger and Alexander, to visit the Western part of the Newcastle District—Messrs. Ketchan and Alexander, the Eastern part together with the District of Hastings—Messrs. Macdowal, Machar, and Gordon, the Midland District and the District of Prince Edward, and to report at next meeting of Presbytery, if possible, the spiritual state of these parts.

J. K.

THE PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Beauharnois, 12th Nov. 1837.

At Montreal 18th Sep. 1837. The Presbytery of Quebec met by appointment. When the various papers and documents laid on the table at a former meeting by Dr. Black, relating to his exertions for the Scottish church in Canada, both with the Government and the General Assembly were taken into consideration, and were ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

It was unanimously agreed to that the thanks of the Presbytery be offered to Dr. Black for the zealous, diligent, able and successful manner in which he exerted himself to promote the interests of the Scotch church

in this Province, both with the Government and the General Assembly, during his late visit to Britain, also for his generosity in disclaiming all remuneration for the expenses which in the prosecution of that object he necessarily incurred—which thanks were given by the Moderator.

The Presbytery expressed their regret that the General Assembly did not see fit to memorialize the King in Council as suggested to Dr. Black, at the bar of that Venerable Court, as the Presbytery is of opinion that it might have been of benefit to their cause.

It was unanimously agreed to that the thanks of the Presbytery be offered to the Rev. David Brown late of Valcartier, for his zeal and promptitude in proceeding to London to meet with Dr. Black, and for the assistance he rendered him in pleading the cause of our church in this Province.

It was unanimously agreed to, that the warmest thanks of the Presbytery be respectfully offered to the Right Honorable E. Ellice M. P. for the countenance and support which as Seigneur of Beauharnois, he has hitherto given to the Clergy of the Scottish church in this Province, and more especially for his zealous and cordial co-operation with Dr. Black in his recent transaction with his Majesty's Government.

It was unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Presbytery be respectfully offered to J. C. Colquhoun Esquire M. P. of Killermont, for his zealous and active co-operation with Dr. Black, in his recent transactions with his Majesty's Government in reference to our church in Canada, and for the attention he has on all occasions shewn to the interests of the Scottish church in the Colonies.

The Moderator, Dr. Black, and Mr. Blackwood were appointed a committee to memorialize the Colonial Secretary to fulfill the promise made by Lord Bathurst of date June 1825, until the Clergy Reserves are available and to transmit the same to Mr. Mathieson.

The Presbytery again met on the second October.

When Mr. David Black preacher of the gospel delivered the several pieces of trial prescribed to him in the prospect of his ordination to the holy ministry, to the congregation of the Scotch church at Laprairie, in all of which he was approved, and Thursday the 19th of Oct. was appointed for the Presbytery to meet at Laprairie to proceed with his ordination according to the laws of the church.

A minute of a meeting of the congregation of St. John's church Quebec, was read granting leave of absence to Mr. Clugston for 6 months to visit Scotland; also a letter from Mr. C. requesting the Presbytery to sanction the said leave of absence was read. Where-