

"Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet were our first missionaries to the North-West. They entered upon, and prosecuted their work among the North American Indians, with an earnest and self-denying love for the Lord Jesus Christ, and with a deep and strong affection for the souls of those to whom it was their chosen privilege to carry the message of salvation. During the eight years of their residence on the Saskatchewan, it was theirs to dissipate the prejudices and secure the good-will of the Indians, and thus to prepare the way for the entrance of the truth among them. As pioneers, they had to endure privations which only those in like circumstances can appreciate; but, through all, they were sustained by a sense of the Master's presence. While acknowledging the hand of God in the severe trial with which, in His infinite wisdom, He has seen fit to visit our Church by their removal, we humbly pray that others may be early raised up to enter upon their labours, and to secure the harvest for which they have sown the seed. Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet have left four children, the youngest being only two and a half years of age. In this sore bereavement, these helpless orphan children are affectionately commended to the care of the God of the fatherless, and to the practical sympathy of the membership of the Church."

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery met at Montreal, and in the Presbyterian College there, on the 7th and 8th days of April, 1875. Eighteen ministers were present, and seven elders. The sittings were three. From minutes read, it appeared, that since last ordinary meeting the Rev. Peter Wright had been settled in Chalmers' Church, Quebec, and the Rev. Joseph Elliot in Nazareth Street Church, Montreal. Presbyterial extracts were read, bearing that the Rev. John C. Baxter, Dundee, Scotland, had accepted the call to be minister of Stanley Church, Montreal; whilst the Rev. Adam McKay, Middle River, Cape Breton, had declined the call addressed to him by the congregation of Kenyon. Mr. Baxter's induction was appointed to take place on the 7th day of May next; the Rev. John Scrimger to preach, and preside on the occasion; Mr. James Watson to address the minister; and Mr. John Macalister to address the people. A call from the congregation of Roxboro', to the aforesaid Adam McKay, was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted, with relative documents, to the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond. It was arranged that the Rev. Kenneth Macdonald continue to give half of his pastoral services to the congregation of Lancaster. The Rev. Daniel Coussirat, A.M. and B.D., French Professor of Sacred Criticism in Presbyterian College, having intimated his return to France, his native country, to exercise the pastoral office there, the Presbytery granted him a Presbyterial certificate, accompanied with a well-earned testimony of the Presbytery's esteem and affection. Dr. Taylor was appointed to moderate in a call in Chalmers' Church, Montreal, on the 3rd day of May next. The Presbytery nominated the Rev. William Caven, Principal of Knox College, Toronto, to be next Moderator of the General Assembly; and the Rev. John Crombie, of Smith's Falls, to be next Moderator of the Synod of Montreal; appointing, at the same time, Mr. D. Paterson minister, and Mr. J. C. Becket, elder, to sit in the General Assembly's Committee of Bills and Overtures; Mr. John Scrimger, minister, and Mr. Peter McLeod, elder, to sit in the Montreal Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. Messrs. Charles Brouillette, W. F. Dey, B.A., Thomas Muir, W. M. McKibbin, D. McRae, E. D. Pelletier, and A. F. Tully, having passed a preliminary examination, the Presbytery agreed to apply to the Gene-