

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

A special meeting was held at Indian Lands, Gengary, on the 17th August, for the induction of the Rev. Daniel Gordon, late missionary at Lingwick.

Rev. J. C. Quin, of Osnabruck and Cornwall, preached an appropriate sermon from Psalm LXXX. 12. Rev. T. Henry of Lachute, as Moderator, *pro tem*, conducted the solemn induction service, and addressed pastor and flock on their reciprocal duties. Before the services closed, the Rev. Daniel Clarke, formerly Minister at Indian Lands, gave a brief address in the Gaelic language.

The occasion was one which awakened lively interest, and the prospects are full of encouragement.

The ordinary quarterly meeting of the Presbytery was held at Montreal, on the 7th September. Mr. Inglis, of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, was elected Moderator. In his absence Mr. Black, of St. Thereso de Blainville, continued in the chair.

The Rev. Mr. Forsyth, an ordained minister presently in connection with the American Presbyterian Church, (O. S.), being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery.

The principal items of business transacted are the following:—

The Rev. R. C. Swinton was loosed from his pastoral charge at St. Louis de Gonzague and North Georgetown, to be stationed hereafter at Richmond, in the Eastern Townships, as ordained missionary, giving half of his time to the congregation at Richmond, and the other half to various stations scattered over that section of country.

The congregation of North Georgetown were, at their own request, conjoined with the congregation of Durham, Ormstown; St. Louis de Gonzague, hereafter to be a field by itself, with the new preaching station at St. Timothy affixed to it.

The Rev. William Troup asked to be loosed from his pastoral charge at English River; consideration was deferred till next meeting.

The Rev. J. C. Quin intimated his intention, at next meeting, to tender resignation of his pastoral charge over the congregation at Cornwall, actuated, in so doing, by a desire to promote the best interests of that portion of his present charge, and to see the town of Cornwall occupied by a resident Minister of the Church. The congregation of Cornwall are notified to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting.

Mr. E. McLean, preacher of the Gospel, was instructed to divide his services between the congregations of Lingwick and Winslow. It was further agreed to take Mr. McLean on trials, with a view to his ordination as a missionary, and subjects were duly prescribed.

The trials for license of Mr. Nicol Nicolson, student, were transferred, at his own request, to the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Mr. Gordon, of Indian Lands, was appointed to dispense the Lord's Supper at La Guerre. Mr. Swinton, of Richmond, and Mr. Scott, of St. Eustache to dispense the same ordinance at Leeds and Sylvester. Mr. Clark, of Quebec, reported (by letter) that he had fulfilled a similar appointment at Inverness.

After lengthened conversation on the remuneration due to preachers, and ministers without pastoral charge, when supplying vacant congregations for a brief period, it was decided that congregations should in such cases pay to the missionary not less than six dollars for every Sabbath, besides travelling expenses.

Mr. Fraser, as Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, was authorised to apply to the Synod's Committee for six missionaries at the distribution in October.

D. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The last meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 7th and 8th of September, and was attended by twelve Ministers, and two Elders. The following is an outline of the more important matters before the Court:

A call from the congregation of Aldboro', in the Presbytery of London, in favour of Rev. D. McMillan, of Caledon and Erin, was laid upon the table; also a letter from the Clerk of London Presbytery, stating reasons for Mr. McMillan's translation. Due notice having been given to the congregations in Caledon and Erin, although no commissioners appeared, the call was put into the hands of Mr. McMillan, who signified his acceptance of the same.

It was then resolved that Mr. McMillan be translated to Alborough, and that his connexion with the congregations of Caledon and Erin be dissolved, from and after his induction, as minister of the congregation of Alborough.

The Presbytery at the same time resolved to enter in their minutes a testimony of their unfeigned regard for their brother Mr. McM., and their regret at losing his services amongst them. The Presbytery, also, resolved to do everything in their power in behalf of the people of Caledon and Erin.

A protest and appeal on the part of Mr. David Duff, one of the elders of Oakville congregation, came before the Presbytery. This case arose out of some difference of opinion in reference to a case of discipline, and subsequent want of harmony that has existed for some time between Mr. Duff, and the rest of the members of the Session.

This case, in another shape, was formerly before the Presbytery, when the Court found nothing in the case to warrant the continuance of alienated affection among the members of Session, or to prevent harmonious co-operation in the common cause.

The appeal was now made in consequence of the Session having refused to grant Mr. Duff a certificate.

The Presbytery having heard both parties, renewed their recommendation to Mr. Duff to withdraw his resignation, and to both parties to walk together in unity. In case Mr. Duff shall insist on withdrawing, the Presbytery recommend that a general certificate should not be withheld, such as Mr. Duff's Christian character and past services justify—the Session not being precluded from stating in their minutes, or in the body of the testimonial, any qualification necessary to exonerate themselves in reference to the misunderstanding that has existed.

Mr. Wm. E. McKay, student, gave the last two of his trial discourses, which the Presbytery unanimously sustained, but delayed coming to a decision on a conjunct view until next meeting.

The report of collections for the French Canadian Mission, according to instructions of Synod, was called for, when Mr. Reid, agent, reported, that the following congregations, within the bounds, had sent out collections, viz.: York Mills and Fisherville, Whitby, Boston and Acton, Scarboro' and Highland Creek, Streetsville, Caledon, East and West, and E. Brown's Corners, Markham, King and Vaughan, (English) and Oakville.

The Records of the various Sessions within the bounds were called for, when the following were given in, examined and attested, viz.: the Records of the Sessions of Knox's Church, Toronto, Oakville and Dundas Street, Oro and Orillia, Erin, York Mills, Scarboro'. Several cases of finance were decided on, and appointments were made for supplying vacant congregations till next meeting. The Presbytery then adjourned to the 12th of October.

THOMAS WIGHTMAN, Clerk.

## PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH.

## CARTWRIGHT.

There is good cause, in every age of the world's spiritual history, to admire the gracious providence of the wonder-working God. Clouds and darkness do at times surround the throne of the Eternal; but when the Lord hides his face for a little on his people, it is only that they may see it again in still clearer light. With wonder and delight may we review the ways of God in respect to our native Scotch, English and Irish Canadian population, many of whom have the happiness to have been brought up by pious christian parents, in whose happy company they were wont in youthful years to ascend the holy hill of gospel ordinances, in their father land. But when called, in the providence of God, to leave it and settle in Canada, there were no such gospel privileges here to be enjoyed by many of them for many years. But let all glory be given to God for establishing and enlarging his Church in the midst of us. With the cultivation of the rough and pathless forest, the wild immoral wastes of sin are being reclaimed. The gospel of the blessed God is spreading from forest to forest, reverberating from hill to valley, finding its way to the hearts and homes of thousands throughout the length and breadth of the land. It is matter of joy and thanksgiving to any lover of Emmanuel, and friend of man, to hear of the rapid progress of the Church in every corner of the land, and in few places is its progress more signally manifest than in Cartwright. It is now about two years since the township of Cartwright and Manvers were formally constituted into missionary stations. At that time, the number of Presbyterian people recognized as such in those townships was few; but, through the blessing of God, their number so increased that they were able to support their missionaries in a manner which does credit to themselves and the Church. They have erected a new, comfortable place of worship, without leaving themselves in debt. It is but justice to those people to observe, that during Mr. Boag's missionary labours of fifteen weeks previous to his settlement amongst them he was treated with the utmost kindness; and as a substantial evidence thereof, he was paid by them at the full rate of his present salary. This was a satisfactory evidence (and one worthy of imitation) of their zeal for a preached gospel; and accordingly it pleased the Lord to establish it amongst them. Since that time they have experienced the good hand of God upon them. The congregation has rapidly increased in numbers and, I trust, in spiritual life. They evince much interest in the spiritual well-being of the young. Three promising Sabbath-schools are regularly kept up. They show no want of zeal for the spiritual and best interests of their fellowmen. That valuable and interesting periodical, *The Missionary Record* is read by very many of them, and they seem to have imbibed much of its spirit, as they have given willingly and largely to the support of missions, as they have had opportunity. But, above all, I cannot but allude to the large and constant attendance on the public services of the sanctuary. The several places of worship are well filled on each Lord's day. But on one specially happy and interesting occasion there was not nearly room to receive them. I allude to the observance of the Lord's Supper. On that occasion the day was unusually fine. A large congregation had filled up the church before the hour appointed for public worship, so that before the services commenced the church was not able to receive all who had come together. The passages were filled up to the pulpit, with many outside around both door and windows. The services of the day were commenced by the minister of the congregation, who addressed his people from Isaiah xxv. chap. 8 v. The Rev. Mr. Smith assisted in dispensing the sacred ordinance to a large and deeply solemn-