

these localities. By arrangements previously made I had the pleasure of addressing large and most respectable audiences both in Melbourne and the Gore in the English and Gaelic languages, amongst whom I recognized "old and familiar faces," with many of whom I had in former times held sweet converse and enjoyed holy communion in this country and in Scotland. It afforded me much pleasure and encouragement to observe in many of them the same unchanged, friendly feeling and warm attachment to our Church which existed when I visited them five years ago. They, as is generally the case with the People of the West and North of Scotland, are much attached to their Sabbaths and Sabbath privileges, and sincerely feel the want of, and ardently wish for, the stated ministrations of the Gospel among them by the appointment of a Minister of the Church of Scotland by the Presbytery of Montreal. It was most gratifying to observe that the praiseworthy and pious habits of their fathers in Scotland were observed in *this*, the land of their adoption; for scarcely a family could be met with that did not surround the Family-Altar morning and evening, thus teaching their children the *good, old path* in which they and their fathers worshipped the Head of the Church. Melbourne is in a rolling country, which by its hill and dale reminds every Scotchman of the land of his birth. Its eligible situation, by the facility of intercourse with Montreal by the Atlantic Railroad passing through it, and the respectable number of adherents to our Church in spite of the trying and painful circumstances in which the Congregation has lately been placed, renders it a most interesting and important station. Besides it commands all the neighbouring Townships, where many of our countrymen are located.

The congregation of Melbourne have the fullest confidence in the watchful care of the Presbytery of Montreal over them; and they sincerely trust that they will, as they have hitherto done, continue the same, and confidently hope that, as early as possible, they will secure for them the services of an able and pious minister. They in particular look to the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, of Montreal, to enable them to obtain this boon, to whom they are warmly attached, and deeply indebted for his labour of love among them in times past, when they were, like many other waste places of our Zion, weak, scattered, and without a Pastor. They also feel much indebted to the Rev. Mr. McGill, Montreal, and to the Rev. Mr. Simpson, Lachine, by whose recent visits to them they have been much edified and encouraged.

It would be uncourteous were I to overlook the kind attention evinced by my old and attached friend, Mr. McIver, and his amiable family, and by Mr. Ross, of Melbourne. Mr. McIver is a warm and much attached friend to our Church, and is now, like the patriarch of old, aged and blind, but a man of God. May the Lord

reward them for their kindness, and soon grant them their hearts' desire in obtaining a faithful Pastor.

Lancaster, 16th April, 1852.

INDUCTION OF THE REV. THOMAS SCOTT.

On Friday, the 2nd April, the Rev. Thomas Scott, formerly of Camden East in the Presbytery of Kingston, was inducted into the charge of the Congregation of North Williamsburg, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, in the Presbytery of Glengarry. The Rev. Thomas McPherson, who by appointment of the Presbytery presided on the occasion, delivered a lucid and a spirit-stirring discourse from Jer. chap. xiii, v. 16, after which the several questions, prescribed by the government of the Church of Scotland, were put to Mr. Scott, and duly answered by him; and also his assent given to the Act, declaring the spiritual Independence of the said Church, passed by the Synod in 1844. Earnest and impressive addresses to minister and people were given by the Rev. gentleman, and their minister was cordially welcomed by a numerous and most respectable congregation.

Mr. Scott is a person of no ordinary talent as a preacher and a scholar; and from his zeal as a minister his former congregation became warmly attached to him. There is every prospect, from his present settlement, of his being a most useful servant in this part of the Vineyard of his Lord, and of the congregation of Williamsburgh duly appreciating his services.

It would be uncourteous, were we to overlook the generous hospitality evinced on this occasion by WALTER BELL, Esq., and others. Mr. Bell is a very influential, spirited, and most useful member of society. Bell's Corners, from the fertility of its soil, its eligible situation, and through his influence, is destined at some future period (and, we think, not far distant) to become a large and populous village in Williamsburgh. We wish him every success.—*Cornwall Constitutional.*

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

We are exceedingly gratified to learn that the Managers of this excellent Scheme of our Church at a late meeting felt themselves warranted in making an addition to the Annuities payable from the Fund consisting of Ministers' individual Subscriptions equal to £2 10s. to each annuitant yearly, so that the amount in future will be £12 10s. instead of £10. The allowance from the Fund formed of Congregational Collections remains as before. The Board have made a further alteration which, we are sure, will gratify our readers. In the case of Orphans, the same annuity as payable to a Widow, from both Funds, will be continued till the youngest daughter attains the age of 21, or the youngest son 16, unless he is prosecuting his studies with a view to the Ministry, when the same annuity will be continued until he attains the age of 21. Such collections as have been received from congregations show an advance on the contributions of previous years; but not a few Ministers have failed, even at this advanced period, to transmit their collections. This, we understand, seriously inconveniences the Board, and throws much unnecessary labour upon its members in preparing statements, estimates, &c., just as the Synod is about to meet without having sufficient time to examine them.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

This Presbytery met on the 14th of April. Notwithstanding the very bad state of the roads only two Ministers were absent.

The Presbytery resolved to overture the Synod to reconsider the plan adopted by the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and sanctioned by the Synod at its last meeting, proportioning the annuities paid to widows and orphans of Ministers to the amounts contributed by the congregations of such Ministers. This plan was considered unsatisfactory, as by it the smallest allowance would be given to those widows who would in general stand most in need of the aid which the Fund affords.

The Presbytery also agreed, in accordance with the Barrier Act, to report to the Synod their disapproval of the Act, which requires Students of Queen's College to spend a year after being licensed under the superintendence of such Ministers as may be appointed by the Synod, before they be eligible to a pastoral charge. The Presbytery were desirous of the suspension of this Act rather than of its repeal. They thought that in present circumstances, when the destitution of the Ordinances of Grace is so extreme, it would be highly injudicious to delay unnecessarily the settlement of our young Licentiates.

The Clerk was instructed to issue circular letters to the other Presbyteries on behalf of Mr. F. P. Sim and Mr. William Johnson, Divinity Students of the third year, it being the intention of the Presbytery to apply to the Synod at its next meeting for leave to take these young gentlemen on trials for licensure.

Mr. James Gordon, Student of Divinity, was engaged to labour as a Catechist in Fredericksburgh, Big Creek, and neighbourhood, under the superintendence of the Rev. George Bell.

It was announced that our Church in Williams, which has been in the possession of the Seceding Brethren since the Disruption, has been recovered by a suit in Chancery.

Mr. King, Dr. Mair, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. Gibson were instructed to attend the next meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto as corresponding members.

After the usual supplies for vacant congregations had been appointed, the Presbytery adjourned till the first Wednesday of June.

The following is an extract from a Missionary Report:

In obedience to the injunction of the Presbytery, I proceeded to Puslitz on the second Sabbath of February to discharge the duties of my mission, and have preached at the same place on the second Sabbath of March and the second Sabbath of April. I was welcomed by the liveliest demonstrations of gratitude on the part of the audience, and certainly, if a large at-