

feel free to state in fuller detail, why the grant to Metis was not renewed.

In the hope that my statement would be accepted, "that the continuance of the grant had not been asked by the representative of the Quebec Presbytery," I refrained from saying anything that might compromise parties concerned. And were it not that the action of the Committee, and my own veracity are called in question, I should still remain silent. I cannot accept Mr. Wright's statement that he has been simply "correcting a mistake of the Convener." Mistakes I am apt to make like other men, but when Mr. Wright asserts in face of my allegation and the expression of the Committee at its recent meeting, that he did ask for a renewal of the grant, and that the Committee refused it, I feel that my action and the action of the Committee, if as represented by Mr. Wright, demands much stronger language. As a committee, we are willing to have our mistakes corrected, but we cannot have our candour and truthfulness impugned.

And now for the reasons that led the Home Mission Committee to discontinue the grant to Metis. When the case came up, Mr. Wright stated that he hardly knew what to say about this station; that the Presbytery had been endeavoring for some time past to effect a change, which they felt necessary for its greater success; that it was reported that many Presbyterians who lived a portion of the year in the locality, passed the Presbyterian Church and attended other denominations; and that probably the best thing the Committee could do was to withhold the grant for a time, in the hope that such action on the part of the Committee would bring about the change that seemed to the Presbytery so desirable. This is the substance of Mr. Wright's statement, which I have put in the very briefest and mildest form possible. Should Mr. Wright challenge my statement, then other members of the Committee are prepared not only to substantiate it, but to add to it certain other remarks made by the Presbytery's representative on the floor of the Committee.

That the Presbytery of Quebec had contemplated the removal of Mr. Fenwick from Metis for reasons that doubtless seemed good to them is now no secret. In a letter before me from Mr. Fenwick, dated April 24th, he says among other things, "I declined to fall in with the resolution of the Presbytery some time ago to remove me, as I had been condemned on anonymous evidence. I had been sixteen years as the pastor of the place. I would have had to sell at a great sacrifice, and I would not submit to this for any anonymous evidence. I have unearthed this evidence. A person privately made gross misstatements regarding me to certain members of Presbytery, using as an argument among others, that if I were removed certain fugitives from discipline would come back."

In view of this statement, which I presume is substantially correct, it is easy to understand, why the Presbytery may have found difficulty how to act. But in the face of Mr. Wright's statement, the Committee could not renew the grant. Presbyteries as a general rule are the best judges, as to whether a mission station should be aided or not, or whether the grant should be continued or withdrawn. And to continue the grant, when it was distinctly stated, that its withdrawal for a time at least, would best meet the wishes of the Presbytery, would have been a reflection on the judgment of a body of men, best qualified to advise the Committee how to act in the circumstances.

When I took exception to the minute of the Quebec Presbytery, which regretted that the Committee had withdrawn the grant, without any mention of the facts stated above, the Presbytery replied that they had given no such instructions to their representative, and expected that the grant to Metis would be continued as the others were. This is a matter, however, for the Presbytery of Quebec and Mr. Wright to settle. But of one thing I am assured, that had the Presbytery known the reasons that led to the discontinuance of the grant, they would not have framed the minute, which on behalf of the Committee I had occasion to criticize.

I most heartily concur in Mr. Wright's eulogy that the "members of the Home Mission Committee perform in a quiet, unostentatious way, a great amount of work in their respective Presbyteries." No one better than the convener, knows and values their self-denying labors in behalf of Home Missions. And it is just because I cannot allow the character and actions of such men, to be misrepresented however unintentionally, that I have in the present instance, endeavored

to defend their cause in the discontinuance of the grant to Metis. The grant has again been made by the Committee and the amount for the last six months added, nor would it ever have been discontinued but for the reasons stated.

Should my brother, Mr. Wright, see fit to reply, it will greatly hasten the end of the present correspondence, should he plainly say, whether or not I have truthfully represented his statements, before the Committee. Personal controversy is to me exceedingly distasteful. I have neither the time nor the relish for such work. I am, yours faithfully,

WM. COCHRANE.

Brantford, May 6th, 1878.

LADIES' FRENCH EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY.

So quietly and unostentatiously does this Society carry on its work that many of the readers of the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN may not even be aware of its existence. Established about three years ago for the purpose of ministering to the temporal, moral and spiritual interests especially of the wives and children of French Canadian converts from Romanism, it has by God's blessing done not a little to elevate these classes and has rendered good service in the cause of French Evangelization. It has enlisted the sympathy and practical co-operation of many of the active Christian ladies in the various congregations of Montreal, and deserves the cordial support of the friends of French missions throughout the entire Dominion. The Society conducts weekly sewing classes in both the Eastern and Western sections of the city, for French Canadian mothers, at which religious instruction is given. These have accomplished much in fostering a spirit of self-reliance among the converts, an illustration of which is found in the fact that steps are now being taken by the Russell Hall congregation to organize a self-supporting Dorcas Society to provide for their own poor.

The Society also conducts sewing-classes every Saturday afternoon in both sections of the city, for French Canadian girls. These have been well maintained and have been a means of blessing, it is believed, to not a few of the young. In addition to the personal services of its members in connection with these classes and in other ways, the Society employs a number of paid laborers. One of these, Miss Bean, besides visiting the homes of the converts, giving religious instruction and inquiring into and relieving extreme cases of poverty, etc., spends much time in obtaining work for those desiring it, and in procuring situations for the unemployed.

Another, a Bible woman, devotes her time to visiting chiefly with a view to gathering recruits for the Societies, day and Sabbath-schools and the other classes for religious instruction. Last autumn the Society opened two mission day-schools, one in connection with the Russell Hall congregation and the other in the Canning Street church. These are taught by lady teachers supported entirely by the funds of the Society. To maintain all this work involves an expenditure of about \$1,200 annually, to meet which the Society is wholly dependent upon the Christian liberality of its members and friends. The revenue heretofore has been derived almost exclusively from the city of Montreal. The work being a national one, the Society takes this opportunity to present its claim and to appeal for pecuniary help to the friends of the work throughout the entire country. To meet present pressing liabilities and close the year free from debt about \$500 are required. On behalf of the Society liberal contributions are respectfully solicited. These should be forwarded without delay to the Treasurer, Miss M. H. Gordon, care of Joseph Mackay, Esq., 1059 Sherbrooke Street, Montreal, from whom, or from the President, Mrs. Dr. Jenkins, copies of the last year's report or any other information as to the Society's work may be obtained. All contributions will be duly acknowledged in the next annual report, to be published in October, a copy of which will be mailed to each contributor.

At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, Dr. Cochrane was unanimously nominated Moderator of the ensuing General Assembly.

WE regret having to hold over Rev. John McEwen's second letter on the International Sunday School Convention at Atlanta, Ga. It will appear next week.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE congregation of Sarawak and North Keppel have given a unanimous call to Mr. Alexander Stewart to be their pastor.

THE Rev. J. B. Muir of Huntingdon, (Q.), has just returned from a trip to Europe. The rev. gentleman made the round trip of Italy, and was several days in Rome.

REV. D. M. MUNRO, formerly of New Glasgow, has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Kintore. Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson preached and presided on the occasion.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Kincardine, have unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. J. L. Murray of Woodville, Ont. The salary offered is \$1,200 a year and free manse.

THE treasury of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, has received from a generous member of the congregation a cheque for \$350 to be devoted to wiping off the debt on the church.

ON Monday evening, 22nd ult., Miss Forman, who has acted as organist of the congregation of Prince Albert and Port Perry for some five years, was waited upon by a member of the Prince Albert part of the congregation, and presented with a writing-desk, work-box, cake-basket, napkin ring, and gold pen with pearl handle, accompanied by an address expressing the feelings of the donors in very kindly terms.

ON the 29th ult. a few of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian congregation of Prince Albert and Port Perry met at the house of Rev. Jas. Douglas, their late pastor, who is about to proceed to Manitoba, and presented him with a purse of considerable weight in gold, and an address expressing appreciation of his work and character, tendering words of encouragement and hope regarding his prospective career in his new and distant field of labor, and commending himself and his family to Divine protection and guidance.

ON Thursday, the 2nd inst., a social was held in the basement of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, for the purpose of congratulating the pastor on his having the degree of D.D. conferred upon him by Queen's University. Mr. David Stirton presided; and Rev. Mr. Torrance having opened the proceedings with devotional exercises, the guest of the evening was presented with an address accompanied by \$100 in gold and a handsome silver inkstand and gold pen. The inkstand bears the following inscription: "Presented to Rev. Thomas Wardrope, D.D., by the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, congratulatory on his having received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, May 2nd, 1878."

THE resignation of the pastorate of Knox Church, Toronto, by Rev. Dr. Topp, took the public by surprise. It was generally known for some time back that, owing to the heavy duties connected with so large a charge, Dr. Topp desired a colleague; but his resignation was not anticipated. However, it is still possible that some arrangement may be made which will render it unnecessary for the resignation to take effect. Our readers will learn from the report of the proceedings of the Toronto Presbytery, in another column, that with Dr. Topp's consent his resignation lies on the table of that court in the meantime, and that a committee has been appointed to confer with the office-bearers of Knox Church congregation anent the matter.

A DEPUTATION from the Presbytery of London, consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. Rennie of Ailsa Craig, and J. A. Murray of London, met last week, with the congregations of Knox and St. Andrew's Churches, Parkhill, with the view of uniting the two into one pastoral charge. The latter has, during the past two years, been supplied by probationers and students sent by the Presbytery. The Rev. Mr. Sage, of Knox Church, at a late meeting, magnanimously tendered the resignation of his pastorate in order to facilitate the union. Although nothing definite was arrived at the presbyterial conference, yet, from the good feeling manifested, it is hoped that a union may soon be effected. The congregation of MacGillivray, hitherto connected with Knox Church, has also greatly prospered under Mr. Sage's care, and now seeks to be erected into a separate charge.

ON the evening of the day on which Rev. W. A. Mackay was inducted into the pastoral charge of