

Mr. James Croil intends beginning his work as Agent for the Church at once. It is to be hoped, that his labours will be successful, and that he will meet the support of our clerical brethren, who will no doubt afford Mr. Croil their personal aid in carrying out the ends the Church has in view in the appointment.

News of our Church.

INDUCTION AT DUNDEE.



ON Tuesday last the Presbytery of Montreal, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met in the church at Dundee, in order to give effect to the wishes of the people there, and to take steps for the settlement of the Rev. Donald Ross, formerly of Fingal, among them as their pastor. After Divine Service, conducted by the Rev. W. C. Clark, of Ormstown, Moderator of Presbytery, the form of a call which had been previously prepared was produced, and having been numerously signed by the Elders, Managers, Members and adherents of the church, was along with a guarantee of stipend, put into the hands of Mr. Ross, who accepted of the same. The Presbytery having sustained said documents and acceptance, it was then arranged that God willing, the Presbytery meet again to proceed to his induction, as pastor of this charge, on the following day.

Consequently, on the day following the Presbytery again met. Citation having been given that if any person or persons were present who had aught to object to the life, learning, or doctrine of the Rev. Mr. Ross, the Presbytery was now convened for the purpose of hearing and considering their objections. None being offered the Rev. A. Wallace proceeded to the pulpit where he preached from Cor. vi, 1, to a large and attentive audience. After sermon, the Rev. W. C. Clarke put the questions always asked on these occasions to the minister elect, to which satisfactory replies having been given, the Rev. Mr. Ross was then set apart by prayer to the pastoral charge of the congregation; and was afterwards most ably and suitably addressed as to the duties and responsibilities of his holy office—the congregation being also addressed on kindred subjects.

We congratulate the people of Dundee upon the happy and auspicious settlement that has now taken place. For several months through various circumstances that have arisen, this church has not enjoyed the services of a fixed pastor, and their destitution has been the occasion of very much anxiety to the Presbytery of the bounds. But that period of trial has now passed. And we sincerely trust that the happy union brought about on Wednesday last will be of long continuance—that it may long abide in strength—with the richest benedictions of the Great Head of the Church resting and abiding on it.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—The annual social meeting of this congregation was held on Wednesday. The Rev. Dr. Jenkins made the following statement respecting the progress of the congregation during the last year. As to the pews, 22 additional pews, besides 49 sittings, have been rented: and the receipts for the last half year have reached \$2226. Last year the receipts from pews for the whole year reached only \$1979. The church debt has been reduced by \$72. The Contingent Fund collection reached \$481; The Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$218, against \$171 last year. The French Mission collection, \$134, against \$100 last year; the Bursary fund, \$120; the Sunday School \$118. About 60 new members have been received into the communion of the church; and in January last 292 members received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The scheme of a new church is in progress, and \$21,000 have been already subscribed towards the erection. Dr. Jenkins referred also to the system of pastoral visitation, which has been lately adopted with such beneficial results to the Congregation. The city is divided into districts, each of which is apportioned to a member of the Kirk Session. After announcement from the pulpit on the previous Sunday, the Minister during the week following visits a district in company with its Elder. Every family is called upon, and in each a short service is conducted by the Minister. Dr. Jenkins stated that four hundred of such visits have been paid since last September, and that it is his purpose, so long as he is able for the work, to make two thorough visitations of the Congregation in each year.

Altogether this meeting was pleasant and successful. Addresses were given by the Rev. Dr. Taylor, the Rev. A. Paton, and the Rev. J. Fraser. The ladies of the Dorcas Society cleared, we understand, \$170 by a table of needle-work.

ST. GABRIEL STREET CHURCH.—The Congregation of this church have resolved to give a call to the Rev. T. G. Smith of Melbourne, to become their minister.

MELBOURNE—PRESENTATION.—At the Sabbath School Anniversary at Brompton Gore, a testimonial was presented to the Rev. T. G. Smith, as a token of the kindly feeling existing between him and those over whom he is pastor. The testimonial, a purse of money contributed by the Congregation, was presented by Mr. William Morrison, Sabbath School Superintendent, who briefly but earnestly addressed Mr. Smith, as representing the donors. Mr. Smith returned an acknowledgment in suitable terms.