

dence commend him to the Christian sympathy and kindness of Protestants in all countries and of every denomination.

Commending him also to the grace and protection of Almighty God, these Presents are subscribed in the name and by the authority of the Committee on French Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, &c. &c.

THE CONVENER.

In a subsequent Letter the Convener writes to Mr. Lapelletrie thus:

"In the way of instruction to you I can say nothing; circumstances with you must be continually changing, and consequently a rule, that might suit you in one case, might not apply in another. Seek counsel from God; endeavour to feel the importance of the Mission on which you are gone forth, and follow the advice of those friends whose experience and wisdom entitle them to give you counsel."

In the last Number of the *Missionary Record* we find the following Notice of a Meeting in London, to hear from Mr. Lapelletrie an account of the Mission:

A meeting was held in the course of November last at the Scottish National Church, Swallow Street, London, for the purpose of hearing an address from the Rev. Mr. Lapelletrie of Montreal. Mr. L., as is well known, is a convert from Romanism, and has for some time past been employed as an efficient Missionary and Minister of the Gospel in Canada by the Presbyterian Church there in connection with the Church of Scotland. The Reverend gentleman's address was exceedingly interesting, showing the process by which his mind became gradually disengaged from the delusions of Popery, and enlightened to behold the beautiful simplicity of divine truth. He is labouring successfully among the Catholics in Canada, a number of whom have been led under his ministry to embrace the Protestant faith. A permanent place of worship is about to be erected at Montreal, in which they may meet to serve God in spirit and in truth according to the simple forms of the Church of Scotland. Mr. L. is now making collections to liquidate the expenses. He has already been highly successful both in the United States and in Scotland.

It is gratifying to perceive that, while there prevails in England such a perverted leaning towards Puseyism, which is little else than Romanism in disguise, and which surrenders all that is peculiar and distinctive in Protestantism, and while many are actually going over to Rome, there should exist such a decided reaction in other countries, especially in France and in different parts of the Colonies. The conversion of one like Mr. Lapelletrie, a man of clear intellect and sound judgement, and who was actually trained up in youth with a view to the priesthood, is of more significance than that of many others who, under a system of imperfect training, ignorant of the gospel, and unacquainted with their own hearts, have fallen a prey to the delusive snares of Romanism, and have seized with avidity the delusive opiate which it administers to the conscience. Such is the case of many who have left the Church of England to enter the Church of Rome.

The Rev. Mr. Fisher, the Minister of the Church, presided, and commenced the services with praise and prayer. The Rev. Dr. Cumming also addressed the meeting with his usual eloquence, exposing many of the gross absurdities of Romanism. The church was quite full, indeed crowded; and altogether the Meeting was highly interesting. A good collection was obtained at the close.

THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, met by appointment in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, the 19th ultimo. From some misunderstanding in respect to

the time of meeting, and the present state of the roads, only a few of the Members were present, who declined taking up any question that could safely lie over till another meeting. The subjects which called for their immediate consideration were not of public interest, but related chiefly to matters of routine and finance. The Commission adjourned to meet again in the same place on the first Tuesday of March at the hour of twelve o'clock.

SOIREE AND EXAMINATION OF PUPILS.

The Annual Soiree of the Sabbath School of the Scotch Church at Three Rivers took place at Three Rivers on the 5th January; and, though the evening was stormy, there was a goodly attendance of both parents and children.

At five o'clock forty-three children of both sexes, from four to fourteen years of age, sat down to tea, &c. It was an interesting sight to see so many of the rising generation, who are in course of Providence to fill our places, met together in social happiness. After their repast was ended, and thanks returned to the Great Author of all our mercies, they all repaired in order to the Church. The services of the evening were commenced with praise and prayer. The examination of the girls was conducted by the two female teachers. The recitation was of a moral and religious nature; the pieces were carefully selected from the most celebrated poets in the English language. The mental culture of girls is by some too much neglected, but in the female department of this Sabbath School it is made a principal object. Their appearance on this occasion was creditable both to themselves and their teachers.

The boys were also examined on the principles of religion; the exercises were from the Psalms, Hymns, and the Sacred Scriptures. Portions of the Shorter Catechism, of Thomson's Sacramental Catechism, and pieces of poetic celebrity were recited. The doctrines of the Bible were illustrated by anecdotes of a religious character. Sacred Geography formed also a part of the evening exercises. The examination of these classes elicited applause from men of various denominations who were present. And we trust that through the Divine blessing such a meeting will have a benign influence on the youth of this school, as well as on the community at large.

At the same time, in course of parochial visitation, as in the Church of Scotland, the children of the Sabbath School at Black River, in connexion with the Congregation at Three Rivers, were examined. From six to fifteen years of age, there were none who did not repeat under thirty-two questions in the Shorter Catechism, with Psalms, and portions of Scripture. This School has not been long in operation. Only last summer a Library of one hundred volumes was got from Montreal, and may be the means of doing much good. Let the two male and one female teachers continue their labours; and the Lord shall crown them with success.

This is a distant and destitute locality; and for four years past their moral and religious progress is considerable. They had a female teacher for the last twelve months; but without some aid from the Government School fund it is to be feared, they are not able to support a qualified teacher.

The various classes of both these Sabbath Schools have been repeatedly examined by the Rev. James Thom, of Three Rivers, and were affectionately addressed on their progress and appearance on this occasion.

RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARIES.—These meetings took place in this city during the past week, and were for the greater part well attended, and the proceedings gave general satisfaction. It was our intention to have devoted several columns to a *resumé*

of the labours of the different Societies during last year, but the sudden illness of the gentleman who kindly undertook to furnish it has prevented our doing so. Our omission is the less to be regretted, as full reports of the different Meetings appeared in the *Montreal Herald*.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

THE LATE DEPUTATION TO NORTH AMERICA.

In our last issue, we had the pleasure of informing our readers that the Deputation from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to the Presbyterian Churches in British North America, after having faithfully accomplished their arduous and important Mission, had arrived in safety in their native land. Exposed as they were, to hardships, fatigue, and dangers, both by sea and land, they have, in the good providence of God, been preserved from accidents, and restored in perfect health to their families and attached flocks. In grateful remembrance of their able and effective ministrations and sweet Christian intercourse, we thank God that He put it into their hearts to visit us, and that He graciously watched over them during their perilous journeyings; and we pray that the good seed of the word, which they scattered in the wilderness, will with the divine blessing, in the abundant fruits of righteousness, be a perpetual memorial of their Christian visit. While the thanks of the Colonial Churches are due both to the Venerable Assembly, who had sent them forth, and to the Members of the Deputation themselves, they are also due to their flocks, who for a short season kindly lent their services to others far more destitute of the means of grace than they could be, even during the absence of their affectionate pastors. Instead of being injurious to their spiritual interests to have been deprived for a short time of the care and instruction of their Ministers, we trust it will only conduce to their pleasure and their profit; and that in an enlarged appreciation of their own Christian privileges, a deeper interest in the spiritual welfare of their expatriated countrymen, and an increased zeal for the extension of Christ's Church, they may in their experience realize the truth "it is more blessed to give than to receive." By newspapers which we have received, we rejoice to learn that the Deputation has been conducting the sequel of their Mission with the same indefatigable energy they displayed in the discharge of its delicate and difficult duties. Large meetings have convened in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, to receive from these gentlemen, information respecting the religious condition of the Colonists, and the wide field of Christian enterprise which the British American Possessions present.

We will not fail to lay before our readers the Report, which the Deputation will pre-