

adopted in Synod, expressive of our loyalty to the British Throne, and of our respectful and devoted attachment to the Person and Government of Her Majesty the Queen.

That Almighty God may bless Your Excellency with every temporal and spiritual blessing, and finally prepare you for His everlasting Glory, is our earnest prayer.

Signed, at Montreal, this Sixth Day of June, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five Years:—In name, in presence, and by the appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The French Mission in Canada.

We trust that the Report of the progress made in the working of their Mission during the past year, (an abstract of which was contained in our last month's supplement) received the attentive consideration of our readers. The Protestants of Canada have a deep interest in this matter. Even if they were not so closely associated with the French Canadian people in consequence of the union of the Provinces, their path of duty would be plain. But, as it is, for their own sake they may not say, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We fully believe this enterprise of our Church to be a vitally important one, and trust that it will receive such a large and cordial measure of support as may enable the Committee to extend its operations. Especially we hope that they may see their way also, to assuming the responsibility of securing the services of a minister from Europe of standing, ability, and, above all, earnest piety. We are firmly persuaded that, if they take this step, they will be warmly sustained. We would suggest that, in making their inquiries for the man best suited for so important a position, it would be well for them to have in view, besides the French and German Churches, the Waldensian Synod. It may be that out of that long tried, struggling Church, but which is now happily extending its borders, the Committee might obtain a suitable minister. But, wherever the application be made, we are convinced that the suggestion of the Committee is a deeply important one, and we hope that it may be carried into effect. The period fixed by the Synod for taking up this collection is past, but we trust that ministers will select a suitable day for urging its claims upon the Christian sympathies of their flocks.—*Presbyterian*.

Presbytery of Montreal.

ORDINATION AT THREE RIVERS.

We learn that the ordination of the Rev. G. D. Ferguson and his induction to the pastoral charge of the Congregation in Three Rivers, then vacant in consequence of the translation of the Reverend Mr. Thom to Woolwich, took place on Wednesday evening, the 16th of May. The Rev. Dr. McGill, of Montreal, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Haig, of Beauharnois, and the Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Point Levi. Dr. McGill delivered a very impressive discourse from 1st Corinthians, 3rd Chapter, 11th to 15th verses; pointing out the qualifications of the Ministry, some of the difficulties with which a Minister may have to contend, the responsibility of his position, and concluded by remarking upon the encouragement to his work. The vows were then administered, and the ordination prayer was very solemnly offered up during the imposition of hands. Dr.

McGill then respectively addressed the Pastor and Congregation upon their several duties, and at the close Mr. Ferguson was cordially welcomed by the members of the Church. We trust that the pastoral relation thus established may prove a happy one, and that the minister of Three Rivers may be long spared to go in and out among his people, rightly dividing the Word of Truth, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. We learn that the people are making most commendable exertions towards the erection of a new church.—*Id.*

Presbytery of Bathurst.

This Presbytery met at Buckingham, on the 7th June, to proceed with the induction of the Rev. Peter Lindsay, of Richmond, to the charge of the United Congregations of Buckingham and Cumberland and also for other necessary business.

The deliverance of a former meeting of Presbytery anent the case of the Rev. John Whyte, Minister at Brockville, having been affirmed by the Synod, and the pastoral connection between that gentleman and the congregation at Brockville being now dissolved, the Presbytery appointed the Reverend Duncan Morrison to preach at Brockville on Sabbath, 10th June, and to declare the church vacant. The Presbytery likewise appointed the Reverend Solomon Mylne to preach at Brockville on the second Sabbath of July, the Rev. William Bain on the second Sabbath of August, and the Rev. David Evans on the second Sabbath of September.

The Presbytery appointed the Rev. Mr. Sinclair to act as a Missionary at Huntly, with the understanding that he would preach at Richmond for a month till next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

There was laid before the Presbytery a memorial from certain persons, residing in the Township of Oxford and South Gower, praying that Divine ordinances should be dispensed among them. It was agreed to lay the document on the table till next ordinary meeting, and in the mean-time the Rev. Mr. Anderson, of South Gower, was appointed to visit the locality, to preach occasionally there, and to obtain all the information in his power respecting certain Church property said to exist, and also to ascertain the state of the feelings of the people generally in regard to our Church, and to report to next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

There was likewise laid before the Presbytery, a memorial from certain adherents of the Church in the Township of Ross and neighbourhood, praying to be received into the bounds of this Presbytery. The Rev. Mr. Thomson, of Renfrew, was instructed to watch over the spiritual interests of memorialists in the mean-time, and the further consideration of this matter was delayed till next ordinary meeting.

The Presbytery sanctioned the employment of Mr. George Porteous, a student at Queen's College, as Catechist during the summer months in Ross and Cobden.

The Presbytery then proceeded with the induction of Mr. Lindsay. The Rev. John Lindsay, of Litchfield, preached from Matthew xi. 28-30, "Come unto Me all ye that labour, and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest, &c." Mr. Lindsay was then inducted by Mr. Spence of Ottawa, who presided as Moderator *pro tempore*, and afterwards the minister and people were respectively addressed by the Rev. Mr. Thomson, of Renfrew, and the Rev. Mr.

Mann, of Pakenham. This sermon was excellent and the addresses were eminently practical and impressive.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Ottawa on the second Wednesday of September next.—*Id.*

Synod of New Brunswick.

The Synod of New Brunswick in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, held its Annual Session, in St. Andrew's Church, City of St. John, on Thursday the 16th Aug., and following days. The Rev. William Henderson, A. M. of Newcastle, Miramichi, Moderator, preached an excellent and appropriate Sermon from Mat. ix, 37, 38, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few, &c."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer and the Roll made up. The Rev. Dr. McGill of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, and the Rev. George Weir, A. M. Professor of Classical Literature, Queen's College, Kingston, produced a commission from the Synod of Canada, and the Rev. G. W. Sprott, B. A. a commission from the Synod of Nova Scotia, appointing them corresponding Members and Delegates to attend this Synod; whereupon it was moved and unanimously agreed heartily to receive the Brethren named, and to accord them all the rights and privileges of corresponding Members, during the sitting of the Synod.

The Synod then proceeded to elect a Moderator, when the Rev. John M. Brooke, D. D. of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, was unanimously elected, and took the Chair accordingly; after which he spoke to the following effect.

Fathers and Brethren:

Permit me to thank you very warmly for the honour you have done me, in calling me to preside over your deliberations on this occasion. I am forcibly reminded at this moment of the first time I took my place as a member of this Court, fourteen years ago. Amongst those who then sat down with me, many changes have occurred. A number are still labouring in other portions of the Lord's vineyard in other lands, and some are in the grave; one only, the Father of this Synod, the Rev. Mr. Steven of Restigouche, still holds his place among us, and long may he do so!

I esteem it a matter for devout thankfulness that I have been permitted to see this day, when an object which I have long sought to accomplish has been realized by the presence of corresponding members from our Brethren, on the right and on the left, from Canada and Nova Scotia. I consider it as an auspicious era in the history of our Church in this Province, that this fraternal intercourse has been commenced; and I have the most perfect confidence, that by the blessing of God, its results will be most beneficial.

If I may be permitted to refer to a matter that regards myself personally, I would say that the choice of Dr. McGill, as one of the corresponding members from the Synod of Canada, has been to me the source of very great pleasure. Our meeting here recalls forcibly and pleasingly the days of my early youth, when we were fellow students at the University of Glasgow, and little dreamed that after a separation of more than twenty years, our next meeting should be on this side of the Atlantic. From the long experience of my old and esteemed friend, and from the acknowledged abilities of our other brethren from a distance, I am sure we shall derive great assist-