

quently from one store to another. Recently a few friends of the congregation belonging to others of the city churches, resolved to undertake the erection of a church, and formed themselves into a Building Committee, with the Rev. R. H. Warden as chairman. An eligible site was purchased on Champlain street, and contracts let for a substantial brick church with stone foundation, capable of seating about 350 persons. The edifice which presents a handsome appearance is a marvel of cheapness, its total cost being about \$3,200. The new church was opened on the 7th ult., Rev. Principal Macvicar preaching in the morning, Rev. J. S. Black in the afternoon, and the Rev. Dr. Jenkins in the evening, the attendance on each occasion being large. The opening services were continued on the 14th, Rev. Prof. Campbell preaching in the morning and Rev. R. Campbell in the evening. On Thursday, 19th ult., a social gathering was held. The chair was occupied by the Rev. R. H. Warden, who announced that the Building Committee had collected the entire amount requisite and that the church was free from debt with a small balance on hand. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Wells, Fleck, R. Campbell, Jones and Wright, and Messrs. Warden King and W. D. McLaren, both of whom gave much time as well as money in aid of the building, as did also Mr. John Miller and Rev. J. Jones who at present has charge of the congregation. The architect, Mr. A. C. Hutchison gave his professional services gratuitously, and Mr. W. Drysdale presented the church with a handsome Pulpit Bible and Psalm and Hymn Book. There is a Sabbath school, numbering about 100, under the superintendence of Mr. James Brown. We congratulate the congregation on its improved prospects and hope that by God's blessing it may have a successful future. We may add that this new church is upwards of a mile east of any of the other churches of our body in Montreal and is situated in a district where the English-speaking population is likely largely to increase ere long.

**HURON PRESBYTERY.**—The regular meeting of this court was held in Clinton on the 9th ult. The report of delegates appointed to confer with Bayfield and Bethany congregations was received and final action upon it deferred until next meeting of Presbytery. Discussion on report on the State of Religion was put off until same date. Report of Sabbath School Convention held in Goderich on 26th and 27th of last month was adopted. There are 2,874 scholars attending Sabbath schools within the bounds of this Presbytery. The following parties were appointed members of the General Assembly, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Hartley, Musgrave, Danby, A. D. McDonald, A. McLean, and Messrs. Carnochan, A. Matheson, S. McCaughy, Kerr, and Capt. Gibson, elders.

**PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.**—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Mount Forest, on the 16th ult., and transacted a good deal of business. Mr. Campbell read the Home Mission Report, which was received, and the different items were carefully considered. Arrangements were made for the supply of the different mission stations during summer. The following were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly:—Ministers: Messrs. Morrison and Fraser, by rotation; and Messrs. Macmillan and Campbell, by ballot. Elders: Messrs. Wm. Kerr, Geo. Crow, Saml. Neil, and N. D. McKenzie. It was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting at Harriston on the 13th inst., at three o'clock p.m. The next regular meeting to be held at Durham on first Tuesday of July, at eleven o'clock a.m.

**PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.**—This Presbytery met in Chalmers' Church, on the 17th ult. The attendance of members was very good. The report of the Committee appointed to consider Mr. Duclos' application to be received into the Presbytery, and to inquire into the state of the French congregation of Quebec, was given by Dr. Mathews. In connection with the report there was also laid on the table a petition from the congregation to be received into the Presbytery as a mission station. The report recommended (1) that Mr. Duclos' application be granted, (2) that the petition of the congregation be also granted. The report and its recommendations were adopted, and Dr. Cook, Dr. Mathews, Prof. Weir and James Ross were appointed as the Presbytery's French Evangelization Committee, with powers. A petition from a number of families residing at Rivière du Loup, desir-

ing to be organized into a mission station and to receive stated supply, was read. Steps were taken with the view of granting the prayer of the petition. Mr. McKenzie reported that missionary meetings had been held throughout the group of congregations assigned to him as Convener, and that the financial condition of these congregations was in a very satisfactory condition. An overture to the Assembly anent the division of the Presbytery was presented by Mr. Tully. After the different members of the Presbytery were heard on the matter it was agreed to adopt the overture and transmit it to the Assembly. It was agreed to adopt the principle of rotation according to date of induction in all appointments to office in connection with the Presbytery. The following were appointed as delegates to the Assembly: Ministers—John McDonald and John McKenzie by rotation, Dr. Cook and Dr. Mathews by ballot. Elders—Aeneas McMaster, the Hon. David Ross, Rev. J. G. Tanner and John R. McDonald. The Rev. D. McRae, of St. John, New Brunswick, was nominated for Moderator of the next General Assembly. The remits from the Assembly, not previously considered, were taken up. It was decided that ordination by the Church of Rome should be regarded as valid. The overture anent the mode in which ministers from other Churches, seeking admission into the Presbyterian Church, shall be received, was approved of.—F. M. DEWEY, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.**—This court met on March 16th. It was resolved to apply to the Home Mission Committee for an increased grant of \$200 for Dunnville. Arrears of stipend at Vittoria were considered; in view of the effort now being made to provide a manse, and the pleasing fact that the congregation had paid during the past year something more than the amount promised, the Presbytery resolve that it is not well to press immediate settlement of arrears. The following were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly: ministers, by rotation: Messrs. Fenton, Walker, Fletcher, Laing, McGuire; by ballot: Messrs. Lyle, Bruce, Goldsmith, Grant, McMechan; Elders: Dr. McDonald, Messrs. A. Wilson, R. McQueen, David McLellan, Wm. Henderson, A. J. McKenzie, J. Charlton, Jas. Hutchison, John Stewart, A. Chapman. Port Robinson was put under the pastoral oversight of Mr. McDonald, of Thorold. Mr. Goldsmith gave in a report on the returns on the state of religion. The Committee was reappointed to complete the report and send it to the Synod. Leave of absence for three months was granted to Mr. Thynne. After much discussion, the following resolution anent the remit on a Presbyterian University was adopted by a vote of ten to three: "That the principle of the proposed Act be approved so far as to affirm the expediency of having opportunity afforded to the students in our theological colleges of obtaining degrees in Divinity in connection with the institutions in which they have studied." An overture anent travelling expenses for Commissioners to the General Assembly, by Mr. Root, of Paris, was sent to a committee for consideration, to be reported on at next meeting. An overture on public education was adopted and transmitted to the Synod; Dr. James and Mr. A. Grant were appointed to support it. Dr. George Bell, of Walkerton, was unanimously nominated as Moderator for the next Assembly. Mr. Bruce was appointed member of the Synod's Committee on Bills. The remit on the validity of Romish ordination was disposed of by adopting the following resolution on a vote of nine to one: "That, in the opinion of this Presbytery, Roman Catholic ordination to the priesthood should not be regarded as valid in such sense as to be equivalent to ordination to the office of minister in a Reformed Church." The Act anent reception of ministers was laid over for next meeting.—JOHN LAING, *Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.**—The regular March meeting of this Presbytery was held in the First Presbyterian Church, London, on the 16th and 17th ult., the Rev. Mr. Thompson, Moderator. There was a large attendance of members. A good part of the business was only of local importance. After the Camlachie and Aylmer cases had been disposed of, the election of delegates to the General Assembly was proceeded with. The following ministers were selected from the roll as delegates: Revs. L. Cameron, John Thompson, George Sutherland, M. Fraser, K. Macdonald. In addition to these ministers the following were chosen by ballot: Revs. Dr. Proudfoot, Neil McKinnon, J. A. Murray, P. McDermid and

George Cuthbertson. The following elders were elected lay delegates to the Assembly: Colin McDougal, Thos. Gordon, Hon. A. Vidal, Adam Murray, Duff, W. Cole, Alex. Brodie, D. Turner, Gilbert Telfer, W. McLaren. Rev. Mr. Thompson brought before the Presbytery the claims of Knox College upon the Church, and in view of the deficit this year in the funds of the College, asked the members of the Presbytery to use every effort to increase the subscriptions of their congregations for that purpose this year. The Report of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery was read. It told of a large amount of work done. The debate on the report of the Committee appointed to consider the remits of the General Assembly anent the admission of Romish priests into the Presbyterian Church without re-ordination, which was adjourned from the last meeting of Presbytery, was resumed. The motion of Dr. Proudfoot, recommending the adoption of the report of the Committee, which allowed Romish priests to be admitted without ordination by the Presbytery, and the amendment of Rev. N. McKinnon demanding that they be ordained by the Presbytery, were read. The Rev. Mr. Milloy resumed the debate, denouncing the Romish Church as not being a Christian Church, and therefore argued that a priest of that Church should not be recognized as an ordained priest of Christ's Church. The Rev. A. Fraser thought a distinction should be drawn between the Catholic Church as a body and the Papacy. He maintained that the Catholic Church, although it had its errors, was a Christian Church. The Rev. J. H. Paradis did not want to say anything against the Romish Church, as he had been brought up in that Church until at an early age he had to struggle out of it under great difficulties. He regarded the Church of Rome as teaching corrupt doctrines and as a masterpiece of Satan. He would like some one to shew that the Romish ordination was not valid. They were ordained by Romanism to preach the Gospel of Christ as they understood it, although according to Presbyterian faith they might be wrong in their understanding. The Rev. D. Urquhart contended that the doctrines of the Romish Church on repentance and confession to God, faith in the blessed Trinity, salvation through the Son of God, and justification by faith, was corrupt. These doctrines being opposed to the fundamental principles of the Protestant faith, he maintained their ordination was not to preach the Gospel as Presbyterians understood it. The Rev. Mr. Wells, whilst fully agreeing with previous speakers upon the errors and corruptness of Roman Catholicism, saw great constitutional difficulty in receiving them other than as ordained priests. Rev. Mr. Sutherland drew a distinction between a Church which was found in error and a Church which was not only in error, but whose very constitution cherished and nurtured these errors. He thought the Romish Church at this date had corrupted the whole of the doctrines, and was for that reason cut off from Christ's Church, and occupied an exactly similar position to that which the Jewish Church occupied at the time of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The debate, which lasted for some four hours, was very interesting, the benches being full, thus evincing the importance which the members of the Presbytery attached to the subject. Upon a vote the recommendation of the Committee which makes ordination by the Romish Church valid, was carried by a vote of 19 to 13, the Rev. K. Macdonald entering his dissent. The division of the Presbytery and the applications of certain persons for admission to the Church as ministers, were then disposed of, and the Presbytery adjourned.

THE "Home Missionary" for January tells of a prosperous salesman, in a large Boston house, a college graduate, with a salary of \$2,000, who hearing one of the secretaries of the Society speak of the needs of the great west, gave up his business, and has gone into one of the smallest Home Missionary churches at a salary of \$600.

THE Rev. Dr. Henry M. Jessup, writing from Beirut, Syria, says: "The Turkish minister of foreign affairs announces officially to Mr. Layard that hereafter no Moslem shall be allowed to leave his religion and become a Christian, under penalty of death; that no one shall be allowed to teach doctrines subversive of Islam; and that (in defiance of treaties) any foreigner engaged in such teaching may be arrested and imprisoned, without consulting the foreign consuls or ambassadors." He says in Syria intelligent Moslems condemn the course of the Porte.