

would be given. They feel now that they have been mocked; they are told that some concessions would be made, if they would unite in destroying the education system of Upper Canada and imposing on it a yoke which they themselves are unable to bear. Since the Upper Canadians declined to sacrifice themselves to the priesthood, they are told to have faith in the *liberality* of the French Canadian Roman Catholics, and to trust in their spirit of fair-dealing. Such advice no doubt is kindly meant, but past experience gives little reason to trust much to the result. Let meetings be called throughout the country, it is not yet too late, and before being handed over to the tender mercies of the priesthood, let such a remonstrance be sent to the foot of the throne as will be heard. Let a full statement of the true merits of the question be sent to the press of the mother-country, and circulated by every possible means, and, strong as may be the influence of the priesthood here, it is not likely that our demands will be treated with the contempt and indifference they have met with at the hands of our own legislature.

#### WILSON'S PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL ALMANAC.

With the view of preparing a complete clerical and congregational record for *The Presbyterian Historical Almanac*, packages of "Circulars of Inquiry" were, in June last, placed in the hands of Presbytery Clerks, that through them they might reach our ministers. The publisher respectfully asks Presbytery Clerks to distribute these circulars, one of each kind to every minister, and at his request Principal Snodgrass will receive them, when filled up, for transmission to the office of the Almanac. This periodical is a most valuable publication, devoted exclusively to the interests of Presbyterians on the American continent. The labour and expense of issuing it are very great, and the proprietor deserves every possible encouragement in his endeavours to make it the medium of full information respecting the various Presbyterian churches. Attention to the filling up and forwarding of the "Circulars of Inquiry" will be gratefully accepted as proof of a disposition among us to favour the enterprise.

### News of our Church.



**PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.**—The regular meeting of this reverend court took place on the first of August, and was constituted by the retiring moderator, Mr. Clarke, of Durham. The attendance of members was good. Commissions in favor of Representative Elders were read and sustained. The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of St. Paul's, Montreal, was unanimously elected moderator for the current year; he being present, took his seat. A large amount of routine business was transacted.

Dr. Jenkins, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission, submitted a report of their work, from which we learn that Mr. John Barr, a licentiate of the Church, has been appointed to the mission of Laprairie, for one year, and Mr. Elias Mullan, a student of theology in Queen's College, to the vacant charge of St. Louis de Gonsague, both these appointments dating from the 1st of May last. Also that Mr. Balmain, an ordained minister within the bounds of the Presbytery, was appointed to labor in the city of Montreal, to be directed by the convener of the committee. The reports of Messrs. Barr and Mullan gave much satisfaction to the Presbytery, and indicate good results.

Upon requisition from the mission at La-

prairie, and upon representations made by members of the court, the Presbytery, upon mature deliberation, in view of the isolated condition of Laprairie, judging that it would be for the good of the Church, and of our people there, agreed to ordain Mr. Barr to the work of the holy ministry, with a special view to Laprairie, which they did after careful and lengthened examination on the prescribed subjects. Mr. Barr was suitably charged by the moderator relative to the solemn duties of his office, as a minister of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Cochrane, missionary at Elgin, reported verbally on matters there. The Presbytery felt much pleased in learning that the mission at Elgin is taking steps to be received as a congregation, in the view of calling Mr. Cochrane to become their pastor. It is confidently expected that by next regular meeting of Presbytery Elgin may be in a position to become one of our settled charges. It is gratifying thus to see the work of the Presbytery going on so favorably.

**PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.**—The Presbytery of Perth, at a meeting held at Smith's Falls on the eighteenth day of June last, received the trials for license previously prescribed to Mr. R. Jardine, B.D., Queen's College. The trial-discourses delivered by Mr. Jardine, and the other examinations to which he was subjected, in accordance with the laws of the Church