

experienced during the past season, especially for the favourable harvest, and for deliverance from the pestilence which has proved so fatal in several other places. The Presbytery further recommended the last Thursday of October as a suitable day for thanksgiving.

The following distribution of Missionary labour was then made, viz —

For Thamesford—Mr Allan, on the last Sabbath of October; Mr McKenzie on the last Sabbath of November, and Mr McDiarmid, on the last Sabbath of December.

For Port Burwell—Mr King, on the first Sabbath of November, Mr Wallace, on the third Sabbath of November, and Mr Tolmie on the first Sabbath of December.

For Dorchester—Mr McMillan, on the last Sabbath of October, Mr L McPherson, the third Sabbath of November, and Mr Sutherland, on the first Sabbath of January.

For Yarmouth—Mr McMillan, on the Monday and Tuesday after the last Sabbath of October, Mr L McPherson, on the Monday and Tuesday after the third Sabbath of November, and Mr Sutherland, on the Monday and Tuesday after the first Sabbath of January.

For St Thomas—Mr Scott to give one Sabbath, and Mr Doak two Sabbaths before next meeting.

For Fingal and Dunwich—Mr Currie to remain in these stations in the meantime.

For Bosanquet—Mr Ferguson to labour until opening of Knox's College.

For Port Sarva—Mr Porterfield, the first Sabbath of November, Mr Ball, the fourth and fifth Sabbaths of November, and Mr Doak, the third Sabbath of December.

For Bear Creek—Mr Scott, the third and fourth Sabbaths of October.

For Wallaceburgh—Mr McColl, the second Sabbath of November.

For Howard—Mr McColl the fourth Sabbath of November.

The Presbytery appointed Mr King to act as Moderator of Session at Tilbury, and Mr McColl as Moderator of Session at Howard.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to take place at London, on the second Wednesday of January.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

An ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton, was held at Hamilton on the 10th and 11th days of October, at which a considerable amount of business was transacted, though the attendance of members was small.

The induction of Mr McRuar, late of Paris and Blenheim, to the Congregation at Ayr, was reported.

The Rev Mr McCaughey, Missionary from Ireland was received. Various Missionary appointments were made. Interesting statements were given in reference to the prospects of our cause at St Catharines, and a meeting of Presbytery was appointed for the organizing of a Congregation there on the 24th of October. Mr Cheyne resigned the conveyance of the Hume Mission Committee, and Mr Alexander, of Brantford, was appointed to act in his stead. Interesting and encouraging reports were given in, in regard to the stations in the Townships of Wellesley and Mornington. The Deacons Courts, or Managers of the various congregations, are requested to send in as soon as possible to the Clerk of Presbytery, statements of what has been paid during the last half year, as stipend to their respective Ministers, and to continue the same half-yearly. A committee of five men was appointed in reference to the subject of Ministers' stipends, and to deal with congregations in the matter when they may see fit.

The lamented death of Daniel McNab, Esq. Treasurer to the Home Mission Fund of the

Presbytery was noticed, and a resolution drawn up in reference to it, as also a request that his son would accept of the office. Certificates were granted to Mr Blount, Mr Edie, Mr Coulter, and Mr White, students. The trials of Mr David Wardrope, and Mr Rennie, students for license were sustained, and they were accordingly licensed to preach the Gospel. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held at Hamilton on the second Tuesday of January, 1855, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

On, Wednesday, 20th September, this Court met at Cornwall; the Rev. W. B. Clark, Moderator, p. 1.

The trials of Mr. Hugh Campbell, Probationer, were proceeded with, and on a conjunct view of the whole, were sustained. It was agreed to proceed to his ordination, an account of which will be found in another column.

At a subsequent meeting, held on the same day, Mr. Cameron laid on the table a Call to Mr. John Anderson, Probationer, from the Congregations of Lancaster and Dalhousie Mills. A Call to Mr. Anderson, from the Congregation of Thamesford, forwarded by the Clerk of the Presbytery of London, E. W., was also tabled. Mr Anderson being present, and being called on by the Moderator, declared his acceptance of the Call from Lancaster and Dalhousie Mills. Trials for ordination were then prescribed, and the Presbytery resolved to meet at Lancaster on the 11th of October.

The office bearers of the Congregation of Laguerre presented a petition for moderation in a Call to Mr. Robert McArthur, Probationer. The petition was granted, and Mr. Campbell, of Cornwall appointed to attend to this duty.

Mr. Gordon reported, that, as appointed, he had visited, in conjunction with Mr. Cattanach, the Presbyterians of Granville, and ordained three Elders and two Deacons over a young and promising Congregation.

Messrs. McKay and McDiarmid, students, were examined by a Committee of Presbytery, and certificates allowed them on their return to Knox's College.

ORDINATION AT LANCASTER.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Lancaster, on the 11th of October, Rev Duncan Cameron, Moderator, *pro tem.* The Rev. Thomas Wardrope, of Bytown, being present, was invited to sit and act with the Presbytery.

The trials of Mr. John Anderson were proceeded with, and on a conjunct view of the whole, were sustained. It was then agreed to ordain him to the office of the Ministry, with pastoral care of the flocks at Lancaster and Dalhousie Mills.

Mr Cameron preached an excellent Sermon from Matthew v 8, and afterwards explained to the Congregation the steps taken toward the present settlement. Mr Wardrope proposed the usual questions, which were satisfactorily answered. Mr Anderson was then solemnly ordained by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Messrs Wardrope and Campbell severally addressed the Pastor and people on their respective obligations, difficulties, and encouragements. Mr Cameron also gave a closing address in the Gaelic language. The Church was crowded to the close by a most attentive Congregation, who, as they retired, gave Mr Anderson a warm Highland welcome.

A petition was read from the Congregation of Lochiel, praying for the moderation of a Call. Mr Anderson of Lancaster was appointed to attend to this duty on the 25th instant.

The Presbytery then adjourned.

ORDINATION AT CORNWALL.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Cornwall, on Wednesday, the 20th September, to proceed with the ordination of Rev Hugh Campbell, to the Pastoral charge of the Congregation there.

The Rev W B Clarke, of Quebec, commenced the services of the day, and preached an excellent and suitable discourse from Exod. iii. 13, "and certainly I will be with thee." He unfolded the Scriptural qualifications of the Gospel Ministry, and the promise of Divine assistance in the discharge of the duties thereof. After Sermon, the Rev. Mr Cameron of Vankleek-Hill, gave a succinct narrative of the preliminary steps taken by the Congregation and Presbytery, to promote the settlement of a Pastor, then he proclaimed the edict, and no objections being offered, he put the questions proposed to Ministers before ordination, which being satisfactorily answered, the Presbytery proceeded by solemn prayer and laying on of hands, to set apart the elected Pastor to the office of the holy Ministry, and afterwards gave him the right hand of fellowship.

The Rev. Mr. Quinn, of Osnabruck, and Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Indian Lands, addressed the Pastor and people in very suitable, affectionate, and earnest terms. At the close, the people, on retiring, gave their Minister a cordial and affectionate welcome.

This settlement promises to be a happy and prosperous one. Mr Campbell is no stranger to the people. He has laboured among them for nearly ten months with encouragement and comfort, and possesses the esteem and attachment of his people. The field is very important as to town and country. Cornwall has a population of 1,500, and a considerable rural population. With such abundant materials near and around us, we have encouraging prospects that a large and flourishing Congregation will soon be formed and found here. Our cause just now presents a very cheering aspect.

The Congregation worships in a neat and commodious Church which was opened about two years ago. It is but justice to Mr. Quinn to mention, that it was through his assiduous and arduous efforts, that funds were raised to carry on and finish it. However, it is not quite free of debt. If the efforts of the people were aided by a little assistance from without, we should soon relieve ourselves of the burden. Feeling the importance of this charge, and sensible that his divided labours were not sufficient, Mr Quinn resigned his charge of it, to give the Congregation an opportunity to call a stated Pastor. This has been accomplished. We hope from time to time to have it in our power to send you good news of the success of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among us.

OPENING OF THE NEW CHURCH AT CAVAN.

The new Church, Cavan, was opened for public worship on Sabbath, the 24th September last. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. Smith, Bowmanville, who preached from Mat. xiii, 45-46. The day was fine and the congregation exceedingly large. All the aisles and seats in the Church were crowded, and I believe many remained outside who could not gain admission. The Collection amounted to £40, which was exceedingly liberal for a country Congregation. The Church is a good substantial building, with a large and commodious gallery.

The Congregation in Cavan is at present in a very prosperous condition. Their Pastor, the Rev. J. Douglass, has laboured long and faithfully amongst them, and now it is comforting for him to see that his labour has not been in vain in the Lord. About twenty years ago he commenced to preach to a mere handful of people, and now through his instrumentality, the Con-