

than we are in the habit of thinking. If we work because God commands us, then God will be with us, and if God be with us, we shall, sooner or later, be successful. *Persevere*; do not be disheartened or yield to discouragement. The seed that is buried deep and hidden long, often produces the most vigorous and fruitful plant. Be not weary in well-doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not. Be patient, and wait like the husbandman, for the rain, sun, wind, and proper season for reaping. The fruit of patient, persevering working for God, may appear, and often does appear, after the laborer has gone to his rest. The Apostle reminded the Corinthians that they knew that their labour was not in vain in the Lord. Does not this say, expect success—persevere in your work—and patiently wait the Lord's time, who will ultimately give you to reap in joy.

To conclude; leave off complaining; say no more, "I am useless," but make up your mind that you may be useful, that you will be useful; seek grace from the Lord to qualify you to be useful, and his blessing to render you useful; then go to work, in order to be useful; and, finally, expect to be useful, persevere, persuaded that you can not labor in vain, and patiently wait on the Lord, until he crowns your poor efforts with success.

If an unconverted sinner reads these lines, faithfulness requires me to say to him, that not only is he useless, but he is positively injurious. Every day, every hour, he is doing mischief, rendering a wrong impression, and encouraging his fellow-sinners in their unbelief and rebellion against God. O, my fellow-sinners, let me beseech you to come to Jesus, who lovingly calls you, is waiting for you, and will willingly save you! You have been a curse, but you may be a blessing. You are God's enemy but you may be his friend; for, after all you have done against him, he still beseeches you to be reconciled unto him, and pledges his word, that in the judgment he will not place your trespasses to your account. Believe, then. O, believe in Jesus, and God and your soul will be friends forever!

## Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

A special meeting of this Presbytery, was held at Wallacetown, on the 27th April, for the ordination and induction of Mr. Archibald McDiarmid, Probationer. The Rev. Alexander Young, preached and presided, the Rev. John McMillan, gave an exposition of the principles of Presbyterian Church Government. The Rev. John Scott addressed the Minister, and the Rev. Wm. Doak addressed the people. The attendance was large, and at the close of the services the Pastor received a cordial welcome from the congregation present. On the following day the Presbytery met at Clinton, to ordain and induct Mr. A. D. McDonald, Probationer. The Rev. David Beattie, preached, the Rev. Thos. McPherson, stated and explained the nature and principles of Presbyterian Church Polity, the Rev. Wm. Graham, put the usual questions and offered up the ordination prayer, the Rev. James Findlay addressed the minister, and the Rev. John Ross, addressed the people. At the close of the services, Mr. McDonald, was cordially welcomed by the congregation present.

The Presbytery met again at London, on the third and fourth days of May, the Rev. Duncan McDiarmid, Moderator. Messrs. Duncan McRuar, and John Gillespie, being present were invited to sit and deliberate with the Court.

The report of the Committee appointed to induct the Rev. James W. Chestnut into the pastoral charge of Mandawmin and En-iss-

killen, was called for, but the Committee had failed to send in a report.

The Rev. James H. McNaughton applied for a Presbyterial certificate, which the Presbytery agreed to grant. The Rev. William Doak's resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation at Port Stanley, was accepted. The call from Mount Forrest to the Rev. John McMillan of Fingal, was taken up. Messrs. McKuar and Gillespie appeared to prosecute the call, and Messrs. Steelo and Turner, to oppose his translation. After hearing all the parties, the Presbytery agreed that Mr. McMillan should be retained in his present charge.

The Rev. Duncan McMillan of Aldborough, received leave of absence for four months, to recruit his health, and his pulpit should be supplied by the Presbytery, so far as practicable, during his absence.

Mr. Rennie, as previously instructed, submitted an overture for transmission to the Synod for a division of the Presbytery. After some discussion, a committee was appointed to consider this overture, and to report at a future meeting. The Presbytery approved of the overture on licensing Students, and also of the overture on the calling and ordination of Probationers.

Messrs. G. Bremner, Alexander McKay, Wm. Matheson and Alexander Fraser, having presented their certificates were examined, and the Presbytery agreed to apply to the Synod for leave to take them on trial for license. Mr. James Greenfield having forwarded his certificates, but not being present at this meeting, the Presbytery agreed to meet on the 18th May, for his examination. The Rev. David Beattie gave in a Report from Mornington, Elma Boundary, and Wallace, and Messrs. McMullen, and A. D. McDonald, were appointed to preach at these stations on Sabbath, and to meet on the following Monday at one of the stations and organise a congregation there, and to report at the meeting of Presbytery in July.

Messrs. John Ross and A. D. McDonald, ministers, and Mr. R. Carnochan, Elder, were appointed to elect and ordain Elders at Manchester.

Messrs. Scott and Clark were appointed assessors, in a special case, to the kirk session of Mitchell.

Messrs. Ross, Carnochan and G. Walker, were appointed Assessors with Mr. McDonald to form a Kirk Session at Clinton.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was appointed to be dispensed by the following ministers viz. Mr. Walker at Woodstock, Knox's Church; Mr. Fraser assisted by Mr. Greenfield and Mr. Young on week days, at Yarmouth; Mr. Young assisted by Mr. Fraser on week-days at Frampton. Mr. Young's pulpit to be supplied by Mr. Matheson; Messrs. Ross and McDonald, at St. Helens, Wawanosh, Mr. Stewart to supply Mr. McDonald's pulpit; Messrs. John McMillan and A. McDiarmid at Chalmers's Church, Dunwich, Mr. Matheson to supply Mr. McMillan's pulpit. At Frampton on the last sabbath of May, at Yarmouth on the second Sabbath of June, and at Woodstock, St. Helens and Dunwich before the meeting in July.

Mr. Rennie was appointed to supply Knox's Church Woodstock, until the meeting of the Synod, preaching morning and evening at Woodstock and at Beachville in the afternoon. Mr. Doak was appointed to Downie for three Sabbaths in May.

Mr. McMechan, to give four Sabbaths to Wardsville, one to Port Stanley, and the rest of the time to Westminster and Frampton until the next meeting, Mr. Bremner was appointed to Paisley, Dunblane and Port Elgin. Mr. Fraser to Tara and Arran, Mr. A. McKay to Culross and Carrick.

Mr. Matheson to Chulmer's Church, Dunwich, and Mr. Greenfield to Belmont and Yarmouth until next meeting of Presbytery, and Mr. Findlay to give one Sabbath a month to Elma. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at London, on the first Tuesday of July, at Ten o'clock A. M.

W. DOAK, Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Knox's Church Oro, 10TH MAY 1859.

The Presbytery met this day according to appointment to ordain Mr. James Stewart over the Gaelic Congregation in Oro, and was duly constituted. Sederunt Rev. J. Gray, Moderator, and Rev. T. Wightman Ministers, and Daniel McCallum and Colin McKilulay, representative Elders.

Mr. Wightman was appointed Clerk pro tem. The Moderator read a letter from Mr. McEavis intimating his inability to attend, on account of the state of his health.

It was agreed that since no Gaelic speaking minister was present, Mr. McKilulay member of Presbytery, and Mr. L. McMillan Student, conduct the greater part of the devotional exercises in the Gaelic language; also, that the address to the people be interpreted.

The Edict of Mr. Stewart's ordination having been returned, and no objections offered, the Presbytery proceeded to the special business of the day. After devotional exercises, Mr. Wightman preached on Isa 64. 1. "Oh that, thou would'st send the heavens' &c.

After briefly narrating the steps taken in this case, the formula was read, and Mr. Stewart signified his willingness to sign it whenever judicially called on to do so. The prescribed questions were then put, to which satisfactory answers were given.

Mr. James Stewart was then, by solemn prayer and imposition of hands, ordained, and inducted as Pastor over the Gaelic Congregation in Oro; and received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren of the Presbytery (present), and his name was ordered to be added to the Presbytery Roll.

Thereafter Mr. Gray addressed the minister and Mr. Wightman the people on their respective duties. The address to the Congregation was interpreted by Mr. McMillan, student. At the close of the services Mr. Stewart was welcomed in the usual manner by his Congregation.

After the Congregation was dismissed, the Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Craw, student of Divinity, (acting as a Catechist within the bounds), with a view to his being taken on trial for license. Mr. Craw having produced certificates, showing that he had finished the usual course of study at Knox College, was examined in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Philosophy, Biblical Literature, Theology, Church History and personal religion.

The Presbytery being satisfied with the examination agreed to ask leave of the Synod next month to take Mr. Craw on trial for license, and the Clerk was instructed to write the usual circular letters forthwith.

J. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk. P. T.

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Montreal, on the 10th May, the Rev. H. Campbell, Moderator. The following were the chief items of business:—

A commission was read from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, appointing the Rev. B. J. Greig, as a deputy to this Presbytery, and to officiate in Cote Street Church for four months. Mr. Greig being present, was welcomed by the brethren, and, according to the law of the Church, was re-