

make them skillful workmen to help to "build the temple of the Lord."

It is a satisfaction to make known to the readers of the Record, that a correspondence has been opened up with Messrs. Ross and Livingston in Canada, who are near the completion of their studies, and are to be licensed in April first. We perceive by a report of a meeting of the Presbytery of Glengary, in Canada, that Mr. Livingston's labors have been much appreciated by the people of a missionary district in that Presbytery, and have received high commendation from that church court. The people there, have it in view to secure his services, as their future pastor, but of course no arrangement has been entered into to this effect. Of Mr. Ross, we know from personal intercourse, that he would be a great acquisition to us here. During a short visit of his, made more than twelve months since, we believe that our people were highly gratified with his services in the Gaelic tongue, in which he exhibits great fluency and proficiency. The Presbytery of Pictou, have entered into a correspondence with these gentlemen, and a reply has been received from them, in which they do not promise to come here in the spring, but do not wholly reject the appeal. With a promptitude, that does all concerned much credit, arrangements have been made for guaranteeing a salary of £200, to both of these gentlemen for a year. The Lay-Association and the Presbytery, looking to the people for the required support, have jointly come under the obligations to which we have referred. This shall afford at least a temporary supply, and we can venture to hope that they may permanently reside among us. If these gentlemen should come, we are to some extent supplied for a year. Thus the dark gulf of absolute spiritual famine is bridged over till the arrival of the students from Scotland. Then we hope to receive a stream of accessions from the spirited band of Nova Scotians now in Queen's College, Canada, an institution, which is worthy of the support and confidence of all our people, and growing up to be a noble "school of the prophets."

We have put our readers in possession of these facts. They may come to a different conclusion from ourselves. Still, we are confident, that we have rather under-rated our prospects for the future. Only let our ministers and people be firm to their duty. Parents lie under a heavy responsibility. They ought to consecrate members of their family immediately to the Lord's work. If they consider *money the one thing needful*, then, we have nothing to say to them, except that they are taking the best way to make themselves ultimately poor in every sense of the word. But if, through grace, they think that the service of Christ, the cause of Christ, the salvation of souls and the welfare of the church of our beloved Redeemer, are the highest interest of individuals, families, communities, nations and the world, they will be proud to devote even the very choicest of their little flock to the

spiritual office. Let them also remember, that they have many reforms to effect, before they can be called an *organised and working Church of Christ*. They must be more zealous in their *personal* efforts. They must look for work not only in the pulpit, but also in the pew. They must support the schemes of the church more liberally. This, and more they must do; lest gospel ordinances again perish out of their midst, and there be again a famine of the bread of life, and a hopeless thirst for the waters of life.

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THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

From the last yearly report of the Trustees of this Church, which was read at the annual meeting of the congregation, held on the 6th day of September last, and which has since been printed and distributed among the members and sitters, we extract the following statements:—

"The Trustees are happy to be able to notice the continued satisfactory condition of the temporalities of the Church, considering the late unfortunate commercial difficulties, which always affect, to a greater or less extent, religious institutions voluntarily maintained, and for proof of this they beg to refer to the accounts of the Treasurer.

The Trustees have much pleasure in stating that there exists an increased demand for sittings and pews.

The revenue has again been handsomely supplemented by the valuable and untiring efforts of the ladies of the Dorcas Society, in connection with the Church, to reduce the debt; and the Trustees hope that in so laudable a work they will, in future, have their hands strengthened and hearts encouraged by the countenance and aid of the congregation generally. To the ladies of the Dorcas Society, for their valuable addition to the funds of the Church, the Trustees desire on behalf of themselves and congregation, to return their grateful thanks.

The repairs of the Church, which the Trustees had in contemplation at last annual meeting, have been completed, and the result, the Trustees venture to say, is satisfactory, both as regards appearance and comfort; and particularly in the heating of the Church. The cost exceeded the first estimate, but this was owing to a much larger extent of work having been found necessary, as the improvements originally contemplated, progressed. The amount collected being insufficient to meet the expense of repairs, the sum presented the past year by the ladies of the Dorcas Society, which had usually been applied to the liquidation of the original debt on the Church, was by them generously handed to the Trustees to cover the deficiency. The cost of repairs and improvements amounted in all to about £450—£93 7s. of which was contributed by the