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Chaplains.—Rev. Alex. Mathieson, D.D., and Rev. Robert McGill, D.D.

A vote of thanks to the Office-Bearers for their services during the year having been unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.—*Presbyterian*.

The Congregation of McNab and Horton.

On Saturday, the 25th of January last, a deputation of the congregation of McNab and Horton waited upon the Rev. George Thomson, their minister, and in the name of the Ladies of the congregation presented him with a set of handsome Buffalo Robes, as a mark of their esteem and gratitude. A few days before, Mrs. Thomson had conveyed to her a very tasteful token of their regard.—*Id.*

Presbytery of Montreal.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the 6th day of February, 1856 the which day the Presbytery of Montreal, in connection with the Church of Scotland, met and was constituted with prayer. Sederunt Alex. Wallace, Mod., P. T., Alex. Mathieson, D. D., James Anderson, James C. Muir, William Simpson, James T. Paul, Thomas Haig, John McDonald, Frederick P. Sim, Ministers; Hew Ramsay and Alex. Morris, Esqrs., Ruling Elders. Inter Alia.

Mr. Ramsay, Ruling Elder of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, intimated to the Presbytery that the Rev. Dr. McGill, D. D., Minister of St. Paul's Church, departed this life on the 4th instant. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Simpson, and seconded by Mr. Morris, that a Committee of Presbytery be appointed to draw up a minute, expressive of the sympathy of this Presbytery with the bereaved family and destitute congregation of their late brother. Dr. Mathieson, Messrs. Sim, Ramsay, and Morris were named as a Committee by the Moderator.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on Saturday, the 9th of February, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the Presbytery of Montreal met before the funeral of their late brother, the Rev. Robert McGill, D. D., Minister of St. Paul's Church in this city, and was constituted. Sederunt Rev. Wm. Simpson, Mod., P. T., Alex. Mathieson, D. D., Thomas Haig, Ministers; Messrs. Ramsay and Morris, Ruling Elders. The Committee, appointed at the regular meeting on Wednesday last to draw up a minute, expressive of the sympathy of this Presbytery with the bereaved family and destitute congregation, laid the following upon the table, which, being read by the Clerk, was ordered to be inscribed as part of the regular minutes of Presbytery, and is as follows.

The Presbytery agreed to record the following expression of their sentiments and profound sorrow on this occasion.

While the Presbytery desire to humble themselves before God, and to recognise in the present dispensation His righteous and all-wise decree, they at the same time, with

entire submission and resignation to the Divine Will, express their poignant sorrow under the heavy bereavement that has thus come upon them, and record their deep sense of the high personal and ministerial character of their departed brother, and of the great loss sustained by them as individuals and as a Presbytery, as well as by the Church in general, in the dissolution of those bonds of affection, of Christian brotherhood and ministerial co-operation, which many years of fellowship have united and confirmed.

And the Presbytery further take the present opportunity, while recording the decease of their beloved brother, to express their warm sympathy with the bereaved widow and children, commending them affectionately to the grace and consolation of their Heavenly Father, and with the congregation of St. Paul's Church, who have been deprived of the services of a wise, zealous and affectionate Pastor.

THE MONTHLY RECORD.

APRIL, 1856.

New Church at Moncton, N. B.

THERE are few occurrences, we should think, which will afford greater satisfaction to the genuine philanthropist, and the true christian, than the formation of new congregations, and the erection of new places of worship amongst our rapidly increasing and widely dispersed population in these Colonies. These events are surely signs of intellectual and moral progress and improvement, they manifest an ardent desire for religious instruction and christian fellowship, and a determined purpose to establish and maintain a stated ministry in the country.

If the erection of Beacon and Light Houses on our coasts, are sure indications of increasing civilization and extending commerce, is it not evident that the erection of these sacred structures—the ecclesiastical Light Houses in our villages and settlements—ought to be viewed as convincing proofs of the necessity for supporting public worship, as well as indications of a growing attachment to the ordinances of religion. Every new Church which is erected, every new Congregation which is organized, and every new Sabbath School which is opened, are additional agencies and instrumentalities in support of Christianity, centres for diffusing light, instruction and comfort amongst the surrounding population,—fountains which send forth living waters for the refreshing and healing of thirsty and diseased souls.

It has been our happy privilege to have had the opportunity, again and again, of recording in our pages, pleasing accounts of the formation of new congregations, and the erection of additional churches, since the commencement of our Editorial labours. And we have now the renewed pleasure of advocating the interests of another of these

new erections, in a most promising and thriving locality, and in connection with our Church.

The Bend of Petitcodiac, now the city of Moncton, has attracted the notice of Presbyterian Ministers for many years, and its inhabitants enjoyed, as is well known, the stated services of the Rev. William Henderson, of Newcastle, Miramichi, for a considerable period. After a protracted and gloomy vacancy and amidst the conflicting agitations of hope and fear, the prospects of the Presbyterians of Moncton are again beginning to brighten and they think that the time has now arrived, when they ought to make a united and vigorous effort to establish a permanent congregation and a settled ministry in that city.

Through the attention and liberality of the Colonial Committee, they have once more obtained the services of an acceptable and faithful pastor, to labour among them, and take the spiritual oversight of their dearest interests; and with a view to retain his services, and enjoy religious communion and fellowship with each other, they are now making arrangements for the erection of a suitable place of worship for the accommodation of their congregation. The object is a most laudable one, and we trust it will be speedily and completely attained.

"At present," it is stated in a circular issued by the managing committee, to evince the sympathy and liberality of their friends, "the congregation has no regular place of worship. They meet in the Temperance Hall, where they have two services every Sabbath. But as this accommodation is only temporary, they are anxious to build both a church and a manse, and, if possible, to purchase a few acres for a glebe. They have already got a site, which cost £100, as yet unpaid, and the church they intend to erect on it will cost, it is estimated, about £700 currency. To meet these and other demands, all that the Trustees have, is a grant of £50 sterling, from the Colonial Committee. They expect to be able to raise a little among themselves, and from among the presbyterians in the province, but unless they have extraneous aid, they feel convinced that they can hardly hope to succeed in their object. In these circumstances the friends of the undertaking have judged it advisable, not only to use every exertion to raise funds on the spot, but also to correspond, through their minister, with clerical friends and others at distance, soliciting their co-operation. The sooner assistance is rendered, so much the better, as they are anxious to have the Church so far finished by next winter, as to be able to meet in it for public worship. Through their own exertions, and the assistance of friends, they are very sanguine of success. Moncton is known to be a rapidly rising town. Already there are sufficient number of Presbyterians in the place to form a good congregation, and they have every reason to expect, in course of time, a large increase, as the trade of Moncton