

labours, and through the blessing of God upon them, many were led to give themselves to the Lord, and then joined themselves to the Church by the will of God.

The attainments of the late Rev. James Anderson were highly respectable. He had a well balanced mind, an education well-fitting him for the position which he filled, an aptness to teach, an earnest and unfeigned faith, and all the other requisites that go to make the useful man. And useful he unquestionably was. We are persuaded that the congregation of which he was so long the pastor, were it necessary, would bear cheerful testimony to his usefulness, would testify that he was a scribe well instructed in the things of God—a Minister of Christ not needing to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth.

The Session records of Beauharnois, Hemmingford and Russeltown were revised and attested.

Collections on behalf of the French Mission Fund were reported to have been made by the congregations of Lachine, Huntingdon, Beauharnois, St. Paul's, Montreal, Hemmingford and Ormstown.

The Moderator introduced the Rev. Allan Pollock of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and in the name of the Presbytery invited him to take part in the deliberations of the meeting.

The Committee on the Fleming Bequest reported that in their opinion the legacy should be invested in the name of the Moderator of the Presbytery for the time being on some good security, and that the interest be appropriated to the support of such missionary as may from time to time be labouring within the city under the superintendence of the Presbytery. It was agreed for the meantime to deposit the amount of the bequest in the Savings' Bank Department of the Bank of Montreal in the name of the present Moderator and his successors in office.

According to notice given at last meeting, Mr. Snodgrass moved that the Presbytery, having taken the present undefined state of their boundaries into consideration, and deeming it desirable that these should be fully determined by geographical marks, agree to overture the Synod at its next annual meeting to specify what the boundaries of this Presbytery should be.

The following appointments were made for the supplying of vacant pulpits:—**LA PRAIRIE:** *May*, Mr. Haig; *June*, Dr. Muir; *July*, Mr. Simpson. **DUNDON:** *June*, Mr. Snodgrass; *July*, Mr. McDonald. **CHATHAM:** *May*, Mr. Paterson; *June*, (two Sabbaths) Mr. Black; *July*, Dr. Mathieson—these appointments being (with the exception noted) for any one Sabbath of the month specified.

The Session of Ormstown were enjoined to use diligence in fulfilling the function entrusted to them by the Court for supplying the pulpit there.

A communication from certain office-bearers and members of the congregation at Chatham, pledging the payment of \$400 annually by the congregation for the support of a minister, was read and ordered to be kept *in retentis*.

The Moderator read a letter which he had received from the Rev. T. H. Mackerras, Assistant Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto, together with an extract minute adopted by that Presbytery, suggesting the propriety of taking steps to raise a subscription throughout the Church for the purpose of expressing its appreciation of the course pursued by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Moderator of Synod, in connexion with the presentation of the Synod's Address to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. The Presbytery cordially approved of the suggestion, but, in order to secure unanimity in action, think it better that the matter be taken up at the ensuing meeting of Synod after Dr. Mathieson has given in his report of his fulfilment of the Synod's instructions.

Circular letters were read from the Presbytery of Glengary in favour of Mr. Archibald Currie, from the Presbytery of Toronto in favour of Mr. Alexander McLennan, and from the Presbytery of Kingston in favour of Messrs. William Darrach and James S. Mullan, Students of Divinity, whom the said Presbyteries severally propose to take on public probationary trial. No objection being offered, the letters were laid on the table.

A letter was read from Mr. Alexander Campbell, Corresponding Secretary of the Students' Missionary Association, Queen's College, Kingston, of date Feb. 4th, informing the Presbytery that, if they wish to employ students as Catechists during the ensuing summer, an early application should be made.

Mr. Black reported on the missionary operations at Pointe St. Charles and St. Joseph Street, and represented the desire of many members of the congregation to have the communion dispensed at the former station. The Court directed Mr. Black to dispense the ordinance at such time as he might deem fit before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and to procure the assistance of elders from the congregations of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Montreal.

The next ordinary meeting will be held at the usual place and hour on the first Wednesday of August.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

SEALKOTE.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Taylor, 30th Jan., 1861.

(H and F. Mis. Record for April.)

You would be gratified to learn from Mr. Paterson's last letter of the zeal of John (the convert who was baptized shortly after our arrival) in his efforts amongst his fellow-servants,

and of the success which has attended these in the marked change which has taken place on one of them, an old sweeper. I learned from Harriet (John's wife), who called on me to-day, that previously they had experienced great annoyance and persecution from the old man. Now he is constantly with them, desiring to know more of the Gospel from that store of it which they have, limited as it is. He is most earnest, she tells me, in prayer, and he is most regular in his attendance at the Hindustani service on Sabbath morning. Harriet was giving me an account of the manner in which she adds to his knowledge.

Almost daily the old woman Mrs. Campbell, who was under God the instrument of their conversion, comes to their house and gives Harriet a lesson in Tamil, which she translates into Hindustani for the benefit of the old sweeper. I may say here that Harriet is desirous to learn to read Hindustani, and she has offered to come daily for that purpose, and Mrs. Taylor is now so far advanced in the study of the language in the Roman character as to be able to give her lessons. The zeal in spreading the Truth, which is manifested by these converts, is a matter for thankfulness to God, and is likewise a stimulus to a greater earnestness and fidelity in seeking to instil into their minds the truth as it is in Jesus. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Of the inquirer Abdul Raheem, to whom Mr. Paterson referred in his last letter, I have very good accounts to give. He lives on my compound, and from close observation of his daily life I have reason to believe that he has no worldly motive in coming to us. I have given him only what is sufficient for his maintenance, and I require of him that he render an equivalent in services done to me. He is present at our family devotions, which are partially conducted in Hindustani, and from these prayers on these occasions I have reason to hope that God has influenced his heart. He is daily taught a lesson in Hindustani, and one from Scripture, either by myself or the native catechist, who also lives on my compound. Since the arrival of the intelligence regarding Mr. Hill he has kindly granted to us one of his preachers, and the one given is the most valuable to us, inasmuch as he is perfectly familiar with the Persian and Arabic languages. We have been visiting all the villages within 5 or 6 miles from cantonments for the last month or 6 weeks, always 4 and sometimes 5 days in the week. I am only sorry that the want of a tent and other materials for itinerating prevents us from doing much more in the way of preaching than we are now doing. We cannot say that we have met with any manifest tokens of success. Frequently, however, we have had quiet and attentive audiences, and some seemed to enter into the spirit of the remarks and evinced their interest by proposing many appropriate questions upon the subject.

We have still on some occasions to deplore the opposition of the Mohammedan portion of the population, but we must not be discouraged but rather regard this as an indication of their fear for the safety of their faith. It was when the craft was in danger that the craftsmen cried out, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" Mr. Paterson is at present out on a mission or tour with the Rev. Mr. Bruce of Amritair, who was at Sealcote on a visit a short time ago. He is an agent of the Church Missionary Society, and a most indefatigable labourer. The tour, I doubt not, will be of great advantage to Mr. Paterson in introducing him to the work. He has been out for 2 weeks, and will probably continue for 2 weeks more.

The school, I am sorry to say, does not increase as we could wish; and, as the Government proposes to erect a larger one in the city