

the Synod, and the Rev. A. Young, Clerk. Several matters of importance were before the Synod for consideration, such as the "Marriage License Law," especially in the Province of Quebec; the cultivation of sacred music in families and congregations; home mission work within the bounds; and conferences were held in the matter of union with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, the state of religion, and the subject of Temperance. The Synod closed on Thursday, the 21st, to meet again within Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on the second Tuesday of May next, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. A fuller report of the proceedings will be given in the next number of the RECORD.

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—At Montreal, the sixth and seventh days of October, 1869, the Presbytery of Montreal held an ordinary meeting, the Rev. Daniel Patterson, of St. Andrew's being Moderator *pro tempore*, and the attendance fourteen Ministers with three Elders.

Inter alia :—

The Rev. R. Torrance, of Guelph, was asked to sit as a Correspondent member of Court.

Moderations in a call were granted to the congregations of Inverness and New Glasgow; Mr. William Grant, probationer, accepted a call addressed to him by the congregations of Vankleekhill and East Hawkesbury, and the Presbytery took steps for his ordination on the eighteenth inst.; whilst the Rev. John McDonald laid on the table the resignation of his pastoral charge at Winslow, and the Court cited the parties interested to appear before it at Montreal, in Erskine Church, on the twenty-first day of October current.

John Cochrane, John M. McAllister, B.A., Matthew Hutchinson, and James Wellwood were admitted as Candidates for the Holy Ministry, and certified to the Board of Examiners of Presbyterian College, Montreal; F. McLeod having read an Exegesis on John viii.: 28, which the Court approved, was also certified to the said Board; and Colin Campbell Stewart, B.A., having passed the usual trials, was duly licensed as a Probationer.

The Rev. J. M. Gibson gave in the quarterly Home Mission Report, which was received and considered.

The Rev. Alexander Young, returned from the late meeting of the General Home Mission Committee, reported that said Committee had agreed to grant \$100 per annum to the congregation of Lancaster, and \$200 to the congregation of New Glasgow, for one year from the date of their obtaining a minister.

The following Overture, brought in by Mr. W. B. Clark and Dr. R. Irvine, was adopted and ordered to be transmitted, viz.:—

"Whereas the law of marriage, more especially as administered in the Province of Quebec, in as far as regards Marriage Licenses, and the effects and consequences of the same, is defective in securing the important end contemplated by such Licenses, and oppressive, partial and unjust in its operation so far as Protestant Ministers are concerned,—it is humbly Overtured to the Reverend the Synod of Montreal, of the Canada Presbyterian Church, that a Committee be appointed to draw up a Petition to the Parliament of Quebec, praying that the present law regarding Marriage Licenses should be so amended that the same privileges may be extended to the various Protestant Churches as are enjoyed by the Church of Rome."

The Reverend J. M. Gibson having introduced the following Overture, the Presbytery agreed to adopt and transmit it, viz.:—

"Whereas the state of the mission field under the care of this Presbytery is such as to call for the adoption of some special measures, not only to foster the