

method, it seems to us the most true and profitable manner of dealing with God's great book. Their plan is to offer exegetical remarks upon the separate verse or paragraph, and then to deduce the "doctrines" or grand truths therein expressed or implied. Modern expositors, especially of the German school, seem almost systematically to neglect this latter operation, as if unworthy of modern scholarship and science. This we deem a great mistake. The "doctrines," or general truths contained in a passage, are its very heart, spirit, worth; and the man who cannot bring them out clearly to the common sense of the common reader, lacks the fundamental qualifications of a biblical expositor, however deeply read he may be in philological lore, or skilful in hermeneutical tactics. The notes of these writers then meeting us at every turn like finger-posts, and pointing us into glorious districts of common sense sentiment and divine truth, give their works an immense charm, and afford a sufficient guarantee

for the continuance of their popularity through coming ages. We therefore cordially recommend our readers to enrich their libraries with this magnificent and wondrously cheap edition of the works of the Puritan divines.

THE GOLDEN HOUR; CONWAY. Dawson Brothers, Great St. James Street, Montreal.

In this little volume, the writer very Yankee-ishly, and in his own opinion very convincingly, attempts to prove that the American war was undertaken with a view to suppress slavery. He urges his countrymen to improve the Golden Hour, and assures them that if they do so, victory will be theirs. We do not pretend to be able to say whether, should they act up to his suggestions, such would be the result, but would ask our readers to purchase the book (which, on the whole, to give it justice, is a very interesting one) and decide for themselves.

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PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The usual quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the 1st Wednesday of August.

The members present were the Rev. William Masson, Moderator, the Revs. Alexander Mathieson, D.D., James C. Muir, D.D., William Simpson, Alexander Wallace, James T. Paul, Frederick P. Sym, James Patterson, James Black, and William Darrach.

The minutes of last ordinary meeting and of the meeting held at Toronto, on the 3rd of June, were read and sustained.

Commissions of representative elders were read and sustained.

Messrs. Morris, Larmont and Greenshields being present, took their seats as members of Court.

Rev. James Black of Chatham, C. E., was chosen Moderator for the current year.

Rev. James Patterson, was appointed Presbytery clerk.

Messrs. Wallace and Sym were appointed to examine the financial statement of the clerk. They reported the same as correct.

The report of the committee on the subject of a Presbyterial Home Mission Scheme

was read. The report was adopted and the Presbytery resolved that the committee, consisting of the Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, Convener, the Revs. Dr. Mathieson, Simpson and Darrach, and of Messrs. Morris, Greenshields, Larmont and Melville, be a standing committee of Presbytery to take such future action as they may deem proper; also that the above be the committee on supplies.

The Moderator reported that he had written to the Colonial Committee requesting them to send out another missionary with a special view to the St. Joseph st. district. There was read a letter from the Secretary intimating that the committee were looking out for a suitable missionary.

Mr. Wallace desired the Presbytery to consider the propriety of disjoining the districts of Athelstan and Elgin from Huntingdon and erecting them into a separate congregation, on the ground that his present field of labour was too extensive.

The Presbytery agreed to meet at Huntingdon on the 17th of September next at 11 o'clock, A.M., to make enquiry and report to next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. The Moderator to preach and preside.

Dr. Mathieson requested leave of absence for 3 months. The Presbytery being