

A meeting of the subscribers was held yesterday at the Botanic Garden, when Professor Balfour gave a brief account of Dr. Lawson's history, and of the various situations which he had filled in Edinburgh, such as Assistant Secretary and Curator of the Botanical Society, and of the Caledonian Horticultural Society, Assistant-Secretary of the Royal Physical Society, and of the Arboricultural Society, and Assistant Librarian of the Royal Society. Professor Balfour alluded to the various lectures Dr. Lawson had delivered in Edinburgh, and to the duties he had discharged as Histological Assistant in the Botanical class at the University, as well as to the mode in which he had conducted the Botanical part of the Chair of Natural Science in the New College after the death of Dr. Fleming. Dr. Lawson's various writings were noticed, and his contributions to numerous periodicals, and more particularly his work on mosses, which is now in the press, and which is being illustrated by nature picturing, under the auspices of Mr. Bradbury. Professor Balfour concluded by stating that in all the situations which Dr. Lawson had filled he had acquitted himself in such a manner as to secure unqualified approbation. His scientific merits are well known to all the members. He is enthusiastically fond of Natural Science in all its departments, and to Botany he has devoted special attention. We feel that by his departure from this city we lose one whose place in our various societies cannot be easily supplied. His kind and obliging manners, his modest deportment, his indefatigable zeal, his laborious and painstaking exertions, and his thorough scientific knowledge, have deservedly placed him in an eminent position in the Scottish metropolis, and have secured for him a large circle of friends. He carries with him to the land of his adoption our best wishes for his success. May he be the means of advancing Science in the College of the Far West, and may he obtain that support and encouragement which he so richly deserves. May he be long spared to act as the instructor of youth, and to adorn a chair of Science whether in America or in Britain. The fact that the announcement this day of the completion of the Electric Telegraph communication between Britain and America brings the two countries very close to each other, and on parting with Dr. Lawson we feel that the connection between us is scarcely severed. In bidding Dr. Lawson farewell for the present, we look forward to the prospect of again seeing him among us, crowned with new honors and with a well-earned Western reputation. May God bless him, keep him in all His ways, and make him an instrument of much good in his day and generation.

Professor Balfour then presented a silver salver to Dr. Lawson with the following inscription:—"Presented to Dr. George Lawson, on the occasion of his departure from Britain to fill the chair of Chemistry and Natural History in Queen's College, Kingston, Canada, by some of his friends who desire thus to testify their regard and esteem for him, and their high appreciation of the services which he has rendered to Science in Edinburgh. August 5, 1858."

Dr. Lawson suitably acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him. He concluded as follows:—"I accept the testimonial which you have now presented to me as an earnest that I shall be held in remembrance after I have gone from among you; and, although there are naturally painful feelings called up at the prospect of leaving one's native shores, still I shall have great consolation in feeling that I have not lost, but have only parted from, my many friends. I shall feel during life that I am connected with Scotland by the strongest ties of friendship—stronger indeed than any telegraphic cable, and which the agitation of the boisterous Atlantic cannot break. With

regard to the future, it would be vain to say much. It has been the ambition of my life to occupy a useful position as a teacher of Science. I have long looked forward to it, and I have had the good fortune to be now selected for such an appointment. I feel very grateful indeed that my hopes have been realized; and my best thanks are due to Dr. Balfour and other gentlemen who promoted my application. I have also to thank you, gentlemen, for your good wishes in my new sphere of labour. I have the near prospect of entering on my duties. They are duties of great responsibility, and require exertion on my part. I have much reason to be thankful for past success, and I trust that, with God's blessing, I shall be enabled to perform my duties in such a manner as will justify the confidence that has been placed in me, and will promote the best interests of the University with which I shall be connected.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

An ordinary meeting of this Court was held in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the 4th ultimo. There were present—Revs. John Macdonald, *Moderator*; Dr. Mathieson, James C. Muir, Alexander Wallace, James T. Paul, Frederick P. Sym, and William Snodgrass, Ministers.

Commissions of Representative Elders being called for were read and sustained, in favor of Alexander Morris for St. Andrew's, Montreal, Hugh Barr for Huntingdon, William Paton for St. Louis de Gonzague, Hugh McLeod for Beechridge, Adam J. Reay for Russeltown, and John Greenshields for St. Paul's, Montreal. Mr. Morris being present took his seat as a member of court.

The Presbytery elected the Rev. Frederick Petry Sym, Minister at Russeltown, to be their Moderator for the ensuing year, and he being present took the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Urquhart, Minister at Cornwall in the Presbytery of Glengarry, and the Rev. James Sieveright, Minister at Melbourne in the Presbytery of Quebec, being present, were invited to take part in the deliberations of this meeting.

The minutes of last regular meeting and of meetings held subsequently thereto were read and sustained.

The Rev. James Rannie being present was asked what are his views with reference to the call from Laprairie and Longueuil in his favor. He stated that though at one time he was fully resolved to accept this call, yet, in consequence of communications connected with personal affairs recently received from home, he now felt himself obliged to decline it. A Committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Rannie, and they having done so, reported that in their judgment his reasons are very cogent, and yet very respectful to the congregation of Laprairie and Longueuil.

The call from Hemmingford was put into the hands of the Rev. James Paterson, who laid upon the table a letter of acceptance which was read. Mr. Paterson having received instructions to preach before the congregation and the Presbytery, his Induction was appointed to take place on

Wednesday the 8th inst., Mr. Snodgrass to preach and preside, and the Moderator to serve the edict on the 22nd ult.

There was read an extract from the minutes of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, replying to the Presbytery's application for a Gaelic Missionary, that "the Committee, while regretting that they had no Gaelic Missionary to send, agreed to send an English Missionary to officiate within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal, with a special reference to the vacancy at Dundee." The Presbytery agreed again to record their deep sense of gratitude to the Colonial Committee, and in view of their still extensive and urgent demands for Missionary labour, instructed the Clerk to make immediate application for another Missionary, appointed Mr. Wallace to preach at Dundee on Sabbath the 15th ult. and call a meeting of the congregation there, to be held on the following day, and instruct him to submit to the congregation then the result of the Presbytery's endeavours to secure the services of a Gaelic Minister, and to ascertain from them whether they will now be satisfied with an English Minister—Mr. Wallace to report to the Presbytery at their meeting on the 8th inst.

The following extract from the minutes of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, of date 28th June, 1858, was read and ordered to be engrossed:—"Read extract minute of a meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal of date 8th May, 1858, presenting the Colonial Committee with a copy of 'Lovell's Canada Directory.' The Directory was laid on the table and exhibited to the members of the Committee present. It was unanimously agreed that the thanks of the Colonial Committee be returned to the Presbytery of Montreal for their very handsome and useful gift, and for the gratifying terms in which the endeavours of the Committee to promote the religious welfare of their countrymen in Canada are referred to in the minute accompanying it. It was also resolved that a copy of the Presbytery's minute be inserted in the Missionary Record, and that an extract of this minute be transmitted to the Presbytery of Montreal. Extracted by me, John Keith, *Clk. Col. Com.*"

It was then agreed that the thanks of the Presbytery be conveyed to Mr. Lovell for the very handsome and liberal manner in which the above copy of his Canada Directory was prepared by him.

There was read a letter from the Secretary to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, of date 28th May, 1858, acknowledging the receipt from the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund of a contribution of £100 stg. to the funds of the Colonial Committee, and stating that "the Committee will be particularly gratified at this substantial recognition of their exertions on their behalf, and the more so that it comes oppor-