

Synod of Nova Scotia consists at present of three Presbyteries. That of New Brunswick is defective to the extent of one Presbytery, but we observe it is under the consideration of this court to organize a third. In Canada we might easily have 15 Presbyteries even with our present numbers, consisting at an average of 6 or 7 clerical and as many lay members. A dozen members will form a respectable and efficient court of Presbytery, for all local purposes, for one of the advantages of this system is that the lay members would be more likely to attend the meetings of a court, held at short distances from their places of residence, than when they have long and expensive journeys to accomplish while their interest would be proportionably excited and maintained. The same applies to clerical members. These fifteen Presbyteries would afford materials for the organization of the five Synods in the Province of Canada. In all then we would have twenty-one Presbyteries, and the number would speedily increase by this more effective occupation of the land. Supposing two representatives, one clerical and one lay, to be furnished by each, we have a result of forty-two members for the annual meeting of a General Assembly. Say thirty, as an average attendance. We conceive there would be that in the very fact of the representative element which would invest their position with a degree of influence, responsibility, and seriousness not at present felt, that would be most advantageous for the deliberations in which they would engage and the measures which they would pass. The number would not be too small to divest the court of solemnity and importance, nor too large to occasion protracted discussion and inefficiency of despatch.

The advantage of all this would neither begin nor stop at this point. The Presbyteries then would be smaller and more local. A fuller attendance would be insured. The expense would be trifling. The work would be better done, the destitution more thoroughly overtaken. Presbyterial visitation and superintendence of sessions and congregations would not be a hopeless undertaking, for the work could be admirably and easily executed by a meeting in each Church in succession every two months or so. In the local Synod, which might meet twice a year, although once would probably be sufficient, ministers of adjoining Presbyteries would come together more frequently and to better advantage for consultation and deliberation. While the meetings of the different Synods could be so arranged as to time that a most wholesome and beneficial system of mutual representation would be maintained throughout the whole organization. The general result would be apparent in a more satisfactory performance of work, in the better dispensation of justice, in the maturer fruits of frequent deliberation, in the origination of wise and necessary measures, in the mutual interchange of communication, and in the operation of a joint but universal dependence, so essential to the maintenance of an effective Scriptural Presbyterianism.

We are in earnest in this matter. We hope the Church will be in earnest. We have given the subject a long and anxious study, and we throw out this brief indication of our views for consideration and, we would fain hope, adoption by our friends.—*Presbyterian*.

The Hamilton German Mission Sabbath School.

We have laboured in the humble hope of exciting an interest in the Foreign Mission work

among our young readers, believing that the support of Missions is a Christian duty, but while we think thus, we also believe that the home work should not be neglected. We have therefore great pleasure in chronicling a home effort on the part of a school that is also active in the Orphanage effort. The Hamilton school, under the pastoral superintendence of the Rev. R. Burnett, is a flourishing one. The numbers on the roll exclusively of the Mission school, being 116, and the average attendance 118. My teachers and taught by pervaded by a large portion of their Master's spirit. While attending to the interests of the children of the Church, the sympathies of the teachers were drawn out towards the neglected German children of one of the quarters of the city, but we shall let their report tell its own tale, earnestly the while trusting, that the bread thus cast upon the waters may be found again.

“Impressed with the duty of communicating the blessings of Religion to the ignorant and children of the city, a district inhabited chiefly by poor Germans was selected as the field of our labours, and on Sabbath afternoon, 1st June the first meeting of the children took place. The beginning was small, 23 Bohemian and 16 English scholars, under 5 male and 4 female teachers. Not one of the foreigners on entering the school knew a single letter of the English alphabet, but their improvement has been most rapid and several of the elder pupils read very well in the New Testament, a copy of which is presented to each as soon as he can read; they also learn the Mother's Catechism, and many of them repeat fluently several of the hymns in use among the English scholars, which they have also learned to sing correctly. The roll now consists of 49 German and 62 English scholars, under 8 male and 8 female teachers. The average attendance is 32 German and 21 English scholars. A difficulty has lately arisen to prejudice the attendance from the evident interference of the sisters of charity with the Roman Catholic portion of the parents, some of whom have been induced reluctantly to withdraw their children from our school, but in all cases against the inclination of the children. During the visits of the teachers, some of the children have been seen tearfully beseeching their parents to allow them to continue their attendance, and much gratitude has frequently been expressed by the parents for the kindness of their teachers, who feel that their labors are very generally appreciated by them.”—*Canada Juvenile Presbyterian*.

Induction at Arthur.

On Tuesday, the 3d March, the induction of the Rev. John Whyte to the Pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Congregation of Arthur, in connection with the Church of Scotland, took place.

A representation of the Presbytery of Hamilton met, and was constituted by the Moderator's offering prayer. After the preliminary business had been disposed of, the solemn services of the day were conducted by the Rev. Hamilton Gibson of Galt, who presided and preached an excellent discourse from Mark iv. 30—32, and put the usual questions to Mr. Whyte, to all of which satisfactory replies were returned.

The Rev. George Macdonnell, of Fergus, then addressed the new minister upon the special nature and obligation of the Gospel ministry, alluding also to the particular field of ministerial work upon which he was enter-

ing, which is very much of a missionary character.

The Rev. James Thom, of Woolwich, afterwards addressed the assembled people as to their duties, responsibilities and privileges, and referred to the fact that from that day forward the village of Arthur and its vicinity became, in consequence of the present settlement, a more desirable place of residence, than it had been before to the Christian and to the parent.

Mr. Whyte's induction has, it is believed, given general satisfaction in Arthur and the neighbourhood. To the Presbytery under whose auspices Mr. Whyte accepted his harmonious “Call,” the progress it indicates, in affording a supply of the word and ordinances of spiritual life to their numerous members and adherents in the “back-woods,” is refreshing. In the present success the result of several year's labour for the Christian good of the population in that district of country, and in other gladdening tokens, the Presbytery see some fruits of prayerful, humble and persevering effort. Doubtless they will be animated to do homage to the Divine Sovereign, whom all Christians worship as their King and Head by obeying His commandments, especially in seeking to christianise by “the Word of Truth” the precious souls to whom in this impressively vast land He, in His Providence, is affording them “an open door.”—*Fergus Frecholder*.

Presbytery of Bathurst.

The Congregation at Beckwith, in the Presbytery of Bathurst, having unanimously called the Rev. William McLuchison, who arrived from Scotland last autumn, to be their pastor in the room of the Rev. D. Morrison, who was translated to Brockville last summer, and all preliminaries having been duly despatched, the Presbytery met in the Church there on the 18th of March last, and ordained him with the usual procedure. The Rev. James Sinclair, of Huntley, preached an appropriate discourse. The people and their new minister were respectively addressed on their relative duties by the Rev. Solomon Mylne, of Smith's Falls, and the Rev. John McMorine of Ramsay. The settlement has been throughout a harmonious one. We wish the young clergyman much success in his ministerial work, and have every hope that the congregation entrusted to him will prosper.

St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Montreal.

A meeting of the children attending St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Montreal, and of that Congregation, was held in the basement of that Church, on the evening of the 20th of March last. The children of St. Paul's Church with their teachers were also present, as were also many members of both congregations. The spacious Hall was very tastefully decorated with garlands of evergreen, interspersed with appropriate texts of Scripture, and the effect produced was very good. The chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Matheson, who after calling upon the children to sing an opening hymn, read a portion of the Scriptures, and offered up a prayer. He then called upon the Superintendent, Alexander Morris, Esq., Elder, to read the Report.

After reading of the Report and singing by the Choir of the Church, who were present and kindly assisted at intervals in the engage-