

Report of the Deputation for the Gore District.

THE Rev. Messrs. Roy and Barrie, have, in fulfilment of the appointment of Presbytery, held meetings with the our congregations, in Nichol, Eramosa, and Paisley-Block; and have endeavored to stir them up to aid more effectively our missionary efforts in this Province.

The meeting with Nichol congregation was held on the 13th of June, at 6 o'clock, P. M.,—with Eramosa congregation on the 14th, in the evening,—and with Paisley-Block congregation on the evening of the 15th of June. The several meetings were as numerously attended as could have been expected. The addresses were listened to with, profound attention, and seemingly produced a strong impression in favour of the object of the Presbytery. At the close of the meeting, in all the three congregations, a congregational missionary society was formed, collectors, secretary, and treasurer, were chosen, and the contributions were appointed to be sent, every six months, to the Treasurer of the missionary fund. The success of the deputation, in these congregations, has greatly exceeded their expectations. Let all the other congregations under the inspection of the Presbytery only evince a similar spirit, and we shall soon have a very flourishing church in Canada West.

The Associate Reformed Synod of New York.

FROM the minutes of the Synod which met in June, we learn that there is little or no hope that the A. R. will be able to agree to the "Basis of union agreed upon by the convention of Evangelical churches." The following selections from the report of the committee (which report was adopted) will explain their views,—“they would rejoice were all the acts and proceedings of the convention of such character, as to warrant the hope, that such a union could be accomplished, in a way that would promote the purity and peace and prosperity of the church of Christ,—we cannot but express our fear that an organic union of the different churches, represented in the convention, cannot be effected by a tenacious adherence to, and preservation of certain clauses in the Westminster confession of faith, as originally adopted; in reference to the power of the civil magistrate *circum sacra*, which in their obvious meaning, interfere with the rights of conscience, and the jurisdiction of the church of Christ, acting in the name and by the authority of her Divine and Glorious Head. We have ground to fear also, that the proposed extension of the terms of communion, beyond the articles contained in the Westminster confession of Faith as received by the Synod, would throw a great, if not, insurmountable obstacle in the way of accomplishing an organic union.”

We are glad to see that the Synod contemplates the establishing of a Periodical at Newburgh. In these times, such an instrument of good-doing is indispensibly necessary to the prosperity of any denomination of the Church of Christ.