

matters purely of a religious nature is a medium through which Christ exercises the authority, with which, as King of nations, he is invested.

2. That the second part of this article, having reference to the duty of the civil Magistrate, is to be understood, as simply expressing what the Committee of the United Presbyterian Church believe to be the general sentiments held by that Church on the subject, for no declaration of sentiment regarding it has been required by her as a term of communion, and their instructions forbid their acknowledging it now in that character.)

D. FRASER, Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

This Presbytery met at Owen Sound, on the 4th of August, for the ordination of Mr. Alexander Grant, as minister of the new Congregation in Sydenham. After sermon by Mr. Middlemiss, Mr. Andrew McLean of West Puntine put the usual questions to Mr. Grant, and offered up the ordination prayer, after which Mr. Geikie addressed the minister, and Mr. McLean the people, the latter address being delivered in Gaelic. Mr. Grant received a cordial welcome at the close of the service.

The ordinary meeting of Presbytery was held at Hamilton, on the 10th of August, fourteen ministers being present, and three elders.

Mr. McAulay of Nassagaweya, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

Mr. A. D. McDonald, at present laboring at Galt, as assistant to Dr. Bayne, having concluded his trials to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, was licensed to preach the Gospel.

The following appointments were made for the supply of vacant congregations and stations:—Mr. McCuaig to labour at Mount Forest; Mr. McDiarmid at Niagara; Mr. Park at Durham; and Mr. Thomson at Walsingham; Mr. Smellie to preach at Garafraxa on the 29th instant, Mr. Middlemiss on the 12th September, Mr. S. Young on the 26th September, and Mr. Cuthbertson on the 10th October; Mr. Hodgskin to preach at Wellesley on 29th instant, Mr. A. D. McDonald on the 12th September, Mr. John Irvine on the 26th September, and Mr. Geikie on the 10th October; Mr. McLean of East Puntine, to visit Minto in the beginning of September.

Mr. Craigie was appointed to organize a congregation in the Township of Walsingham, application to that effect having been made to the Presbytery.

Mr. John McNab having tendered his resignation of the Treasurership of the Home Mission Fund, the Presbytery entered upon their minutes, an expression of their sense of obligation to Mr. McNab for his valuable services. Mr. D. Galbraith was appointed to succeed Mr. McNab.

Mr. McRuar gave notice that, at next meeting he would move a series of resolutions with a view to the establishment of a scheme of Colportage within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned after appointing their next ordinary meeting to be held at Hamilton, on Tuesday the 12th October.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Montreal in St. Gabriel St. Church, on the 11th August, 1858. There was a good attendance of Ministers. The following are the chief items of business:—

The Clerk intimated the decision of the Synod on the Reference regarding the indiscriminate sale of intoxicating liquors. The same was received, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes,

and a copy to be transmitted to the Cote Street Church Session.

The following Missionaries received appointments till the opening of College, viz.—Mr. Greenfield to Marintown and Williamstown, Mr. Kennedy to Winchester, Mr. Matheson to Osnabrock, and Mr. Coulthart to Valleyfield. Mr. Milloy was appointed to Lingwick, Mr. Stewart to Richmond, and Mr. McQueen to Finch, for the next three months.

Mr. McQueen, after examination, was licensed to preach the Gospel.

It was reported from Laguerre that Mr. Kennedy had labored there for the past three months, with much assiduity and acceptance.

The Clerk intimated that as regarding the call to Mr. McDiarmid of Woodstock, from the congregation of Richmond, he had no official intelligence from the Presbytery of London; he only knew from private report, and from the "Record" just received, that Mr. McD. had declined the call, and that his Presbytery had dismissed the case. The Presbytery under these circumstances agreed to consider the call as talien for ever. The Clerk further intimated, that Mr. Stewart had been labouring in Richmond, with acceptance, for the last two months. He also presented a petition from the elders of this Church, requesting the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, and moderation in a call at an early day. Mr. McConechy was accordingly appointed to dispense the Communion on the last sabbath in September, and to moderate in a call on the following Monday.

A petition was presented from the congregation at Kenyon, requesting the moderation in a call to Mr. McQueen at an early day. Mr. Gordon was appointed to this duty on such day as may be most convenient for parties.

The Clerk reported that he had received intelligence from Harrington, that Mr. Kenneth McLennan, who had been appointed to labour in that field had been accidentally drowned in the Rouge. In these circumstances, the Clerk was appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the Presbytery's sorrow at this event, and to transmit the same, with a letter of condolence, to the widow.

The minute is as follows:—

The Presbytery deeply sensible of the valuable services rendered by the late Kenneth McLennan to the Church, in his devoted labours as a Catechist and Missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal, appreciating also his zealous and earnest endeavors as a student, to prepare himself for the work of the Holy Ministry; remembering also with much satisfaction his amiable disposition and right-hearted desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, and to advance his cause, would in the afflictive dispensation of Providence, by which the Church has been deprived of a faithful servant, and a wife and children of an affectionate husband and father, express their heartfelt sorrow at his loss, and also their sincerest sympathy with the bereaved widow and children, commending them to the care of the Father in Heaven, and praying that they may realize his blessed promise to be a Father to the fatherless, and a Husband to the widow, and that they may enjoy the comforts of Christ's saving presence.

The Ministers in the Glengarry district agreed to keep up a ministerial supply once a fortnight at Alexandria.

The Clerk intimated that three elders had been elected for the congregation at Winchester. Mr. Clark, of Quebec was appointed to ordain them on an early day, and an edict to this effect was appointed to be served.

A petition was presented from N. Williamsburgh, praying to be recognized as a station of the Church, and to have Ministerial services supplied. Mr. Campbell of Cornwall was appointed to visit and preach in the locality, and to report at next meeting of the Presbytery.

The question of a Mission Fund for supplementing weak and infant stations was considered. Finding from the decision of last Synod, that there was no hope of the Church at large undertaking such a scheme, the Presbytery unanimously agreed that a circular be drawn up setting up the wants of the Church within their bounds, and the nature of the scheme required to meet these necessities, recommending also that Missionary Associations should be established in the various congregations. Messrs. Fraser, Kemp, and Redpath were appointed a Committee for this purpose. The following records of Presbytery were ordered for examination at the next ordinary meeting, viz.: Cote St., St. Gabriel St., Montreal; Quebec; Marintown and Williamstown; Indian Lands; Leeds, St. Sylvester; English River, Laguerre; Grand Frieniere; Vankleekhill.

Mr. Milne, of English River requested six months leave of absence on account of the serious illness of his wife, requiring her to visit her native country. The Presbytery expressed sympathy with Mr. Milne in his affliction, and granted his request, praying that the blessing of God may accompany him and his partner on the voyage, and that they may return in renovated health.

A petition was received from the Chaudiere station praying for the moderation on a call to the Rev. D. Black. Mr. Fraser was appointed to do so at an early day.

Mr. Fraser's term of office having expired, Mr. D. Gordon was appointed Moderator of the Presbytery for the next six months.

The Presbyterial sermon was preached in St. Gabriel St. Church, by Mr. Allan, of St. Eustache, &c., from Acts xxvii. 22-31.

Mr. Currie was appointed to preach at next ordinary meeting in Cote St. Church.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Cornwall, on Tuesday, the 5th October, for the examination of students; and for ordinary business, to meet at Montreal on the second Wednesday in November.

A. F. KEAR, Pres. Clerk.

### Synodical Reports.

#### REPORT OF COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee in presenting their Report for the past year, have, in the first place, to record their gratitude to God for permitting both the Professors and Students of Knox College to prosecute their labours during the Session, without any inroads being made on their number by death, or any serious sickness.

The number of regularly matriculated Students in attendance was forty-four, viz: nineteen in the Preparatory, and twenty-five in the Theological classes. Besides these there have been several pre-centants, making the gross number about fifty.

Of this number, five have completed their curriculum, and are ready to be received on trial for license by Presbyteries. This is a smaller number than usual, but it will probably be more than compensated for at the close of next Session, when, in the ordinary course, fourteen Students will have completed their curriculum.

The Reports furnished by the different Professors will shew the course of instruction pursued in the different classes.

A regular Tutor having been dispensed with, advantage was taken of the class taught in the University by Mr. Wickson, who very kindly consented to accommodate his instructions in Greek and Latin to the acquirements of our Students. Mr. Hirschfelder continued to give instructions in Hebrew, as in former years. A class in Mathematics was efficiently conducted by Mr. John Thomson, one of the Students. The expenses connected with all these classes were £42.