

in the way of the congregation. A little more than \$2.00 per family would pay off the whole sum.

However, the action of the Trustees in moving for an additional \$200.00 to the minister's salary was a move in the right direction. Heretofore it has been only \$1600.00, without a manse, a sum at the present day utterly insufficient to sustain a clergyman in the city of Montreal. \$2000.00 should be the minimum salary of ministers without manse in any of our cities. In the charges of Halifax and St. John, where house-rent is so expensive, our ministers should be in receipt of the above sum.

We are glad to see again the Annual Report of St. Gabriel's. It is pleasant to see the work of the Lord prospering in the hands of the faithful. We look upon Montreal as the stronghold of the Church of Scotland upon the continent of America, and we look upon St. Gabriel's as one of the important charges of that large and flourishing city.

In the last number of the *Record* we referred to the appointment of Dr. Wallace to the Chair of Church History in the University of Edinburgh. Taking the same view of the matter as we did, the *Presbyterian* gives the following:—"Supposing the appointment to have been a very injudicious one, and that Dr. Wallace is the last man that the Crown should have thought of elevating to the Chair of Church History in Edinburgh, the questions naturally arise, who is to blame? and how is the blunder to be rectified? At the meeting of the Commission of Assembly convened for the purpose of memorializing the government thereabout, or taking such steps as may be necessary, Mr. Milne Home concluded a very lengthy and desultory speech by a motion to the effect "that the appointment was one against which it behoves the Church to protest as likely to be prejudicial to the interests of religion in Scotland," and that a committee should be appointed to communicate with Her Majesty's government on the subject, and to report to next meeting of the General Assembly. Dr. Cook of Haddington opposed the motion, not because he sympathized with Dr. Wallace, but because he held the discussion to be *ultra vires*. Dr. Cook took unas-

sailable ground when he said, in substance, if Dr. Wallace was heretical in his views and unsound in his principles, it was the duty of the Presbytery of Edinburgh to have taken cognizance of his heterodoxy and to have deposed him from the office of the ministry. They had not done so, and the government could now say we choose for this office a man holding a high and distinguished position as a metropolitan minister of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland—a man who was appointed by the Presbytery themselves to hold that appointment—a man in whom they had found no fault. Mr. Milne Home's motion, however, was carried by a vote of 55 to 38 in the Commission of Assembly. The last ray of hope that Dr. Wallace might see it his duty to decline the appointment, in view of the loudly expressed disapprobation of his countrymen, has disappeared, for, at a subsequent meeting of the Presbytery, when Dr. Stevenson moved the appointment of a committee to consider what steps, if any, should be taken in regard to the matter, to the surprise of the reverend doctor, Professor Wallace instantly rose to second the motion, in support of which he is said to have made "a brilliant speech." That Dr. Wallace will be libelled for heresy forthwith seems pretty certain, but that this will only be the beginning of the end may be equally true. Meanwhile, Dr. Wallace, having presented his commission appointing him Professor of Church History in the University of Edinburgh, has been formally inducted by the *Senatus Academicus*."

PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOLS.

—The number of scholars in all the Presbyterian Sabbath schools throughout the world has lately been estimated at 1,750,000.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—About 55,300 persons have been received into church fellowship in these islands on profession of faith, or about 1400 to each ordained missionary.

DIAMOND DIGGINGS, AFRICA.—At these recently discovered diggings, there has been much disturbance of late to the mission work through the numerous robberies of diamonds. For a short time lynch law prevailed.