

the most eminent men in Britain as "unsurpassable," must of itself add greatly to the number of medical students of next session.

Whilst referring to Dr. Lawson's connection with the Medical Department of Queen's College, we cannot refrain from glancing at the great benefits to be derived to a new country like Canada from the talents and acquirements of such a man. Besides being a distinguished Chemist and Naturalist, Dr. Lawson is a Scientific Agriculturist, Horticulturist, and Arboriculturist.

As an Agriculturist, we may refer to the work "British Agriculture" edited by him, and to papers on the following subjects which have been contributed by him to Agricultural periodicals;—"Chemistry of the Farm;" "Nitrate of Soda—its History and Agricultural uses;" "The Wheat Fly;" "Origin and Formation of Soils, and the conditions upon which their Fertility depends;" "Use of Lime in Agriculture;" "The Physiology and Chemistry of Milk, Butter and Cheese;" "The Turnip Fly;" "On the Rotation of Crops;" "Improvement of Waste Lands."

As a Horticulturist, we may mention the following numbers of the new edition of "Chambers's Information for the People," edited and in great part re-written by him:—"Vegetable Physiology;" "Systematic Botany;" "The Kitchen Garden;" "The Fruit Garden;" "The Flower Garden."

As an Arboriculturist, we refer to the number of the same periodical, styled "Arboriculture."

Dr. Lawson is also a highly gifted, popular lecturer. "I have attended some of his public lectures delivered in Edinburgh," writes Mr Rose, Lecturer on Mineralogy, "and can bear testimony to the accuracy of his descriptions, the clearness and simple elegance of his language, and his plain and effective delivery, by which he interests and carries his hearers along with him."

To mental gifts and acquirements Dr. Lawson adds the Christian graces. "His amiable disposition and gentlemanly deportment," writes Mr Syme, Lecturer on Botany at Charing Cross and Westminster Hospitals, London, "are sure to give him a personal influence over his students." And Dr McLetchie, Minister of High Church, Edinburgh, writing from Edinburgh in January last, thus says:—

"From his talents, his acquirements, his earnestness of purpose, his vigor of perseverance, and his high conscientiousness, I am persuaded he will earn a reputation for zeal and efficiency in any situation to which he may be appointed."

We congratulate the country generally, and Queen's College in particular, on the acquisition of the talents, the attainments and the energies of such a man.

INDUCTION AT HEMMINGFORD.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Hemmingford, according to appointment, on the 8th ult., for the induction of the Rev. James Patterson to that charge. There were present the Rev. F. P. Sym, Moderator; Alexander Wallace, John Macdonald and William Snodgrass, Ministers; and Adam J. Reay, Elder. Although it was a very precious harvest day, the people showed their interest in the settlement of Mr. Patterson by attending in large numbers. The church was full. Mr. Patterson having preached before the Presbytery, according to appointment, and it having been reported that he preached, as required, before the congregation on the 15th Aug., the edict for his induction was re-

turned duly attested, as having been served agreeably to instructions. Proclamation was then made three times at the church door, that, if any person had any objection to offer against the life, doctrine or conversation of the Rev. James Patterson, he should immediately repair to the Presbytery and lodge certification with proof why the said Rev. James Patterson should not be inducted. No one having appeared to object, the Rev. William Snodgrass went to the pulpit and preached a sermon suited to the occasion. Thereafter he gave a history of the vacancy and the steps taken by the Presbytery to supply it, and then in the face of the congregation put to Mr. Patterson the questions required by the Church to be put to Ministers at their induction, to which satisfactory answers were received, read the Act of Synod declaring the spiritual independence of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and received Mr. Patterson's assent thereto, and then, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Head of this Church, and in the name of the Presbytery, inducted Mr. Patterson to this charge, investing him with the full character of minister of this congregation, and conveying to him, by prayer, all the powers and privileges implied in that character. Prayer being ended, the right hand of fellowship was given to Mr. Patterson by the brethren present, and Mr. Snodgrass then addressed him and his congregation on their respective duties. After the services were finished, the congregation had the usual opportunity of welcoming their newly inducted minister. Mr. Patterson subscribed the Formula prescribed by Act 10, Assembly 1711, and Bonds in duplicate for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Funds, and his name was added to the Presbytery Roll. The Clerk was instructed to intimate this induction to the Secretaries of the Temporalities Board, the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. The Presbytery then made inquiries into the state of the session, church, manse, glebe, and management of the temporal affairs, and agreed to record their satisfaction with the interest and efforts manifested in connection therewith.

The Presbytery having made arrangements for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper to the vacant congregation of Dundee, the Moderator closed this meeting by pronouncing the Benediction.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

This body held its ordinary meeting on the 18th and 19th of August with a very full attendance of Ministers and also of Elders. The latter fact is gratifying, as showing an interest in Presbytery business, which will prove highly beneficial to

our Church. Dr. Skinner was appointed Moderator.

The Rev. Charles Campbell, missionary, recently from Scotland, and transferred from the Presbytery of London, was received. Also the Rev. John Hay, bearing a commission from the Colonial Committee, was received and cordially welcomed as a missionary, and appointed to labour in the missionary field in the Counties of Bruce and Grey.

The Clerk reported that, with the aid of members formerly appointed for the purpose, he had prepared and forwarded to the Colonial Committee a detailed statement of the wants of the great field in the North-west part of the bounds, with an explanatory letter, copies of which papers were read and approved of.

Application was made by the adherents of St. John's Church, Hamilton, to be organized into a regular congregation, and also to have a call moderated in. Mr. Herald was appointed to both duties.

The Rev. John Hogg, recently of the United Presbyterian Church, Detroit, and formerly of Hamilton, appeared and applied for admission to our Church, presenting a Presbyterian certificate, Glasgow College tickets, &c. A Committee was appointed to confer with him, whose report as to his reasons for seeking admission, as also his examination, being highly satisfactory, he was received, subject to the approval of the Synod, and appointed to Guelph as a missionary until next Synod.

Mr. Hugh J. Borthwick delivered in the presence of the Presbytery the public probational trials for license previously appointed, and was examined in the various branches of study required of students for the Ministry. His discourses and examination being very satisfactory, he was, with the usual forms, licensed to preach the Gospel.

A Committee was appointed to examine the students of Divinity within the bounds.

Several Session Records were examined and attested.

Mr. Bell reported his having moderated in a call at Niagara in favour of Mr. Campbell. The call was absolutely unanimous, was sustained, accepted, and Mr. Campbell's induction appointed.

Mr. P. L. Leger, licentiate of the Presbytery of Quebec, made offer of his services to the Presbytery for a few months. The Presbytery accepted the offer, and appointed him to Beamsville till next ordinary meeting.

Reports of the fulfilment of a large number of appointments were made by the members of Presbytery and Missionaries. The Report of Mr. Stott on his mission at Brantford was peculiarly interesting. Brantford is an important place, and it is pleasing to see the readiness of our friends to rally around our missionary, after years of want of supply from the utter impossibility of obtaining it for them.