

been discharged in a way which gives promise of great usefulness in his new sphere of labour. Mr. Bell leaves this Presbytery with the best wishes of the Members for his personal welfare and his success in proclaiming the glad tidings of Salvation."

Mr. M'Morine and Mr. Bain were appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Smith's Falls on a Sabbath to be agreed upon between them and the Kirk-Session. Mr. W. Bell was appointed to preach at Smith's Falls on the 2nd Sabbath of October, Mr. Robb on the 1st Sabbath of November, and Mr. Smith on the 1st Sabbath of December.

Mr. M'Morine was appointed to preach at Brockville on the 3rd Sabbath of October, and Mr. Bain on a Sabbath to be agreed upon between him and the Elders at Brockville.

Mr. Spence was appointed to preach at Cumberland and Buckingham on the 2nd or 3rd Sabbath of October (the particular Sabbath to be intimated by him in due time to Mr. Petrie, Elder), and Mr. Evans on the 1st Sabbath of November.

The Presbytery agreed to employ Mr. Joseph Lowry as a Catechist, for two months from this date, in M'Nabb, Horton, and neighbouring Townships, under the direction of Mr. Mann and Mr. M'Nabb, Elders. Mr. Mann and Mr. M'Nabb having power to continue Mr. Lowry, if to them it seems expedient, in the same localities until the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery prepared Reports in reference to the proposed Act of Incorporation for holding Church property, and also in reference to the Form of Process anent the calling and settling of Ministers in Congregations.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF DUNDEE CHURCH, BEAUHARNOIS.

This Congregation is the second in order of formation, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in the County of Beauharnois. For a topographical and statistical account of the Township itself we refer our readers to our remarks in the May number of "The Presbyterian" on the County of Beauharnois. The Township began to be first settled about the year 1817 by French Canadians and Americans, when, afterwards having been surveyed, several Scotch and Irish families took lands, part of each being Presbyterians and Roman Catholics. For many years no religious ordinances were enjoyed by those of either creed. The Sabbath was not observed as "Holy unto the Lord, honourable." Hunting and fishing were the chief employments wherewith to beguile that day which otherwise "was a weariness unto them." For several years previous to 1832 the Presbyterian settlers were much indebted to the Rev. John M'Kenzie, of Williamstown, Glengarry, whose many acts of Christian kindness in attending to the Spiritual wants of

the Township, in occasionally preaching the glad tidings of Salvation and the way of life, and baptizing the children of parents longing to dedicate them to the Lord, are remembered with grateful affection. Sometimes services were administered by Baptist Preachers, but the attendance was comparatively small on such occasions.

In the summer of 1832 Mr. Duncan Moody, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Ayr, Scotland, arrived in Canada, and, speaking the Gaelic language, was directed to this Township, when with great joy on the part of the people, the majority of whom are Scotch Highlanders, a harmonious call was given to him to become their Minister; which with a memorial from the newly forming Congregation to be received within the bounds, with other necessary papers, were laid before the Presbytery of Quebec on 31st October. The Presbytery granted the prayer of the petitioners, and on the 28th December, 1832, Mr. Moody was ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry. A Kirk-Session was afterwards formed by the Presbytery on 21st March, 1833. From that time till now Mr. Moody has continued to labour amongst a very attached people. Like most other Ministers, who are the first settled in a wild country locality. Mr. Moody had a share of the ordinary trials to be met with whilst acting as a Ministerial Pioneer in the forest amongst people suffering, as mostly all new settlers do for a time, under poverty and many privations, coupled with, what made his duties more onerous to him, very delicate health. From want of roads tending to deter many from going a distance to a regular place of worship, and without a Church sufficiently large to accommodate the whole Congregation, he was necessitated to preach alternately in four different stations. In progress of time, however, as the families began to improve in their circumstances, efforts were made to erect a House to the Lord their God. Though unaided by any foreign assistance, yet by united perseverance they have been able to raise a large and comfortable building, which, though unfinished and requiring about £70 to complete it in plastering and erecting pews, is in its rude simplicity highly prized by the Congregation. In this Church for the last two years Mr. Moody has regularly officiated in Gaelic and English to a respectable attendance, the two-thirds of the Congregation requiring the former language. The number of families adhering to his Ministry is eighty. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is yearly dispensed and Ministerial Visitation of families is also regularly observed.

This Congregation has happily enjoyed what rarely falls to the lot of others—peace and unity. For nearly sixteen years they have continued steadfast to the faith and principles of the Church of their Fathers—free from schism. Living, it may be said, in a retired part of the country, and seldom brought into con-

tact with the world beyond their own narrow circle, they are generally characterized by that quiet simplicity of life and manners—a common trait of many of the remote Scottish Parishes, which, while it renders them more contented with their temporal state, embues them with the same spirit in matters of religion. They enjoy the highest boon in the house of their pilgrimage,—the Ordinances of the Gospel. Their eyes see their teacher. They can point to their Church as the House of Prayer for themselves and their families, and to that other house appointed for all living, which, though but of recent history, is yet endeared to them by the recollection of there lying the remains of many of their beloved friends and brethren, as well as by the accompanying solemn thought—that there too they shall sleep and mix with kindred dust.

The writer of the above happened to be present in May last at a meeting of the Congregation called in consequence of a Visitation of the Presbytery of Montreal, accompanied with two Members of that of Glengarry; on which occasion the attendance was much greater than anticipated, notwithstanding it was a week-day and the people generally busy with their spring-work. The Presbytery expressed themselves satisfied at the results of the meeting, and the large, orderly, and Christian-like deportment of the Congregation. The Services continued for upwards of three hours; and it was a matter of gratulation to witness from the examinations which took place both of the Minister, the Session, and the people, the cordiality which was universally expressed to exist between them, and to hear of the marked improvement in religious duties during Mr. Moody's Ministry—that family worship was generally maintained, and that as an evidence of their attachment to their Minister, the people contributed to his support according to their means, while at the same time there was expressed a universal feeling of sympathy with their Pastor in the delicate state of his health, though occasionally causing a vacancy on the Sabbath. As has already been stated, what can be said of very few others, their church has been raised solely by their own unaided efforts, though on several accounts they are to be considered as having a claim upon the Christian assistance of their Scottish brethren in completing their praise-worthy undertaking.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

In our June number will be found a list of the prizes awarded at the close of the seventh session of this Institution. The lengthy reports of the proceedings of the General Assembly and of the Synod, which occupied so much of our succeeding numbers, have prevented us from sooner calling the attention of our readers to an account of the examination of the students, and to the address of the Rev. Mr. Urquhart to