

was the beginning of his trials. Soon afterwards he lost his wife, whom he loved most tenderly. "I have lost her," wrote he to Viret, "I have lost her,—her who would never have deserted me, neither in exile, poverty, nor death. You understand my grief, oh! my friend." "I should never have been able to bear it," wrote he to Farel, "if God had not sustained me." But how did God sustain him? A faint glimmering of concord showed itself at Zurich. At this sight Calvin set out after the funeral of his wife, he crosses Switzerland, conferences are held at Zurich; they grope at first in darkness. Calvin prays, and all at once light breaks upon the obscurity. "We agree," cried Calvin; "we are in the living faith of the same Christ." In all the Churches of the Confederation, in France, in England, it is repeated that the Church has found in living communication with Christ its chief inner unity."

GEMS FROM HENRY.

When God has a work to do, the mountains that stand in the way of it, shall dwindle into mole-hills.

In God's work, the day of small things is not to be despised; the grain of mustard seed may become a great tree.

We must not think, that God is so taken up with the affairs of the world as to neglect His church; but it is cheering to know, that the same all-wise and almighty God, who governs the nations, is specially concerned about the church.

When we begin to make conscience of our duty to God, we may expect His blessing.

When we pray, it must be with a readiness to receive instruction.

A good method of religious services, which we have found beneficial to ourselves and others, ought not to be altered without good reason.

Those, who come to inquire of their duty must be willing first to be told of their faults.

True grace hates monopolies.

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

The Presbytery of Paris held their usual ordinary meeting at Paris on Tuesday the 3rd instant, when there was a very full attendance of both ministers and elders.

Mr. Young's term of office as Moderator having expired, the Rev. David Caw, the next in order upon the roll, was unanimously chosen Moderator for the ensuing six months, and took his seat accordingly.

Mr. Gillespie reported that in accordance with the instructions given to the Committee at last ordinary meeting, they had organized the congregation in Burford on the 3rd of October last, when twenty-five names were put upon the communion roll, and four elders were elected, two of whom had since accepted office and been regularly inducted. The congregation was placed under the care of Mr. Gillespie for the present, who was also appointed interim Moderator of the Kirk Session.

Mr. Gillespie also reported for the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, that only one preacher had been obtained for the current three months, who had since been engaged in supplying the vacant congregation in Paris, but that two missionaries were assigned to this Presbytery for the ensuing three months. The report was approved, and further appointments were left in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. Gillespie further reported, that the Presbytery of Ontario had resolved not to translate Mr. King from Columbus to Zion Church, Brantford.

A motion to reconsider the resolution of last ordinary meeting, requiring reasons from those who had left that meeting before the close of the business and without leave of the Moderator, was carried, after considerable discussion, by the casting vote of the Moderator, and it was agreed unanimously to substitute the following in its stead, viz: "That henceforth members, absenting themselves from any ordinary