

Hornby, April 27, 1861.

Messrs. Ruxton & Lyon,

Gentlemen—I beg to tender to you and through you to the Milton Congregation my grateful acknowledgments for the valuable and timely gift of a Horse and Harness. I feel very highly favored by this token of regard and by the warm expressions which accompany it of the acceptance of my ministerial labours, and I hope it will stimulate me more and more to pursue my course with joy. I feel deeply sensible of the great responsibility attached to the wide and arduous field of duty which has devolved upon me, but I trust, through the grace and strength of Heaven and your countenance, it will still be found that I have not run in vain neither labored in vain. With the increase of facility of intercourse which your kindness has afforded me it must still be kept in view that the time of merciful visitation both of Pastor and people is but short, and so requiring all to be "diligent in business, fervent in spirit serving the Lord." In the words of the Apostle, "I think it meet, so long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance of those things, though you know them, and be established in the present truth." I desire as a steward to be found faithful and that my labours may ever tend to the furtherance of your faith and joy, and to the praise of our common God and Redeemer.

I am

Sincerely yours

WILLIAM STEWART.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

The ordinary quarterly meeting of this Presbytery took place in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on the 8th May. Present: the Rev. Thomas Scott, Moderator, Hugh Urquhart, D. D., Robert Dobie, Peter Watson, John Davidson and James Mair, Ministers; Messrs. Alex. Robertson, F. B. McLennan and Walter Colquhoun Elders.

The minutes of last ordinary meeting together with those of two *pro re nata* meetings were read and sustained. Commissions from the Kirk Sessions of Osna-bruck, L'Orignal and Hawkesbury, appointing Mr. Richard Loucks and Mr. Charles P. Treadwell respectively, Representative Elders for the current year, were presented.

The Committee appointed to make a selection of Catechists reported that, before they had been able to make a selection, the Gaelic students had all been engaged by other Presbyteries.

Mr. Archibald Currie, Student of Divinity, being present and having offered his services as Catechist, the Presbytery appointed him to labour as such in the vacant Gaelic congregations of Lochiel, Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George, with the understanding that the people remunerate him upon the terms of his engagement with them last year.

Extracts from minutes of Presbytery of Toronto in reference to a call from the congregation of Lochiel in favour of the Rev. Donald Ross, minister of Vaughan, were read, wherein it was stated that Mr. Ross, after having given anxious and careful thought to the subject, had come to the conclusion that it was his duty to re-

main in his present sphere of usefulness. The Clerk was instructed to communicate the result of their call to Mr. Ross to the Kirk Session of Lochiel.

The Session Records of Cornwall, Martintown and Matilda were examined and attested as carefully and correctly kept.

The Presbytery then entered upon the consideration of an extract minute of the Presbytery of Toronto transmitted to them, expressive of the desire of that Presbytery to obtain the concurrence and co-operation of the various Presbyteries of the Church to express the high sense they entertain of the conduct of the Moderator of Synod in maintaining with so much dignity the position of our Church on the occasion of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. After due deliberation the following resolution was unanimously agreed to.—That this Presbytery do heartily respond to the expressed desire of the Presbytery of Toronto, and do cordially approve of the movement initiated by them to draw forth the expression of the approval of the Church in the matter referred to, and do hereby engage their co-operation in carrying out the object so laudably proposed. But, inasmuch as this measure requires, as it deserves, the concurrence and co-operation of the whole Church, this Presbytery deem it proper to suspend action in the proposed movement until the initiatory is taken by the Church in Synod assembled, which course this Presbytery regard as most befitting the dignity and importance of the contemplated movement.

The Presbytery next took into consideration the Interim Act (anent the maintenance of Ministers) and unanimously approved of the same being made a permanent Act of the Church. In regard to the 2 Bills sent down by the Synod for the consideration of Presbyteries, and Dr. Cooke's overture anent Representative Elders, the Presbytery agreed to the following deliverance,—That this Presbytery regard the Bill anent the Representation of the Eldership in the Superior Church Courts as unnecessarily cumbrous and complicated in its structure, and as too stringent and exacting in its requirements; and, considering the well understood character and duty of a Ruling Elder, and the responsibility of Sessions in selecting and appointing a proper person to fill that office, this Presbytery are of opinion that the overture of Dr. Cook presented to the Commission of Synod, and transmitted to Presbyteries, is amply sufficient to call Presbyteries to a sense of their duty, and do therefore recommend that the same be made a permanent Act, with the distinct understanding that Sessions make an annual appointment.

With the exception of the renewed declaration of the duty of Ministers to give attendance at Superior Church Courts, this Presbytery regard the Act anent the same, submitted to their consideration, as

unnecessary, and, as regards the requirement in both Acts, that the expenses of Ministers and Elders in attending Church Courts be provided for by Kirk Sessions, however reasonable and proper, the Presbytery consider the same unattainable in the majority of Sessions, and attainable only in such cases as are least needful. Nevertheless the Presbytery recommend that the duty of congregations in this matter be kept before all congregations.

After the dismissal of a few other items of business of lesser general importance, the Court adjourned to meet in Cornwall on 2nd Wednesday of August. The meeting was closed with prayer.

ROBERT DOBIE,
Pres. Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The ordinary meeting was held on Wednesday, 1st May. *Sederunt*. Rev. James Patterson, Moderator; Revs. Dr. Mathieson, Wm. Simpson, Alex. Wallace, Fred. P. Sym, Wm. Snodgrass, Wm. Masson, Ministers; Messrs. Alex. Morris and Samuel Baird, Elders.

An extract of the election of Mr. John Greenshields on the 10th June, 1860, to be Representative Elder of the Session of St. Paul's, Montreal, was read and sustained. Mr. Greenshields took his seat as member of the Court.

Mr. Wallace reported that he, Dr. Muir and Mr. Paul were present on Monday, the 8th day of April, at the funeral of the late Rev. James Anderson of Ormatown, who died on the 8th of the said month in the 64th year of his age, leaving a widow and several children.

The Presbytery desires to acknowledge the hand of God in the dispensation with which it has been recently visited. It has seemed good to Him to remove another of its respected members from their number. With utmost humility and submission would this Presbytery acquiesce in His holy procedure, persuaded that all His determinations are for the best. Amid the loss of useful men and Ministers of Christ, it would rejoice in the assurance that Infinite Wisdom presides over all, and regulates all things and makes them to work together for good to those who love God; and, although there is much that we cannot fully understand in His procedure, still in faith and confidence we would bow our heads and worship. "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

With reference to the late James Anderson, the Presbytery would place on record its high estimate of his zeal and earnestness in the work of the Gospel Ministry. He was a good man. We believe that he faithfully laboured in the work of his Divine Master. We regard him as having been eminently devoted and painstaking in the discharge of the duties of his high office, and we cherish the pleasing conviction that, as the result of these