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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

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Ministers are, also, respectfully requested to draw the attention of their Congregations from the pulpit to the objects which "The Presbyterian" has in view, as it has been ascertained that many of our brethren are ignorant of the existence of such a Religious Periodical, and of the low price at which they can procure it.

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THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

A Meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal was held on the 12th July last, attended by twelve Ministers and one Elder.

After some business of a mere routine nature being transacted, Mr. Roach reported that he had officiated at Beech-Ridge on the fourth Sabbath of May last according to the appointment of the Presbytery ; that the attendance was far greater than the Church could accommodate ; that most earnest requests had been made to him by several members of the Congregation to use his endeavours through the Presbytery to obtain for them a Minister from Scotland ; and that the following Memorial had been committed to his care to be laid on the table of the Presbytery :

"Unto the Reverend the Presbytery of Montreal in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Memorial of the undersigned Members and Adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Beech-Ridge in connection with the Church of Scotland

Humbly Sheweth,

"That your Petitioners have been long destitute of the dispensation of the Word and Ordina-

nances ; that they acknowledge with gratitude the attention paid them by your Reverend Court for three-and-a-half years during the vacancy caused by the translation of their late Pastor to Lancaster until August, 1846 ; that, though at this last period the Congregation was much distracted on the subject of difference between the Established and Free Churches of Scotland ; yet in consequence of that difference they have been left wholly without Divine Service ; that, remembering the blessed privileges they formerly enjoyed, when supplied with the Pastoral Services of a Minister of your body, and still attached to the Presbyterian Faith and Worship of their Forefathers, they would humbly crave your Reverend Presbytery to take their case into your favourable consideration, and to apply in their behalf to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland for a Minister to preach in the Gaelic and English languages being sent them.

Though unable to state exactly what amount of money might be raised on the part of the Congregation as yearly stipend until a Minister were present, yet your Petitioners flatter themselves with being able from their numbers and anxiety to enjoy a renewal of past privileges to raise on their part such an amount as shall be satisfactory to the Presbytery, as commensurate with their means.

"In the meantime your Petitioners would pray that such occasional supply might be rendered them as in the power of your Reverend Court to grant, in return for which your Petitioners guarantee the payment of at least one pound currency for defraying travelling expenses on each occasion when supplied. That your Court will take these premises into consideration and act in their behalf, your Petitioners will ever pray.

D. Finlayson, Elder,
John Ainslie, Elder,
Roderick M'Leod,
James Black,
George Ainslie,
Norman Finlayson,
D. A. Livingston,
Hugh M'Leod,
Robert Stewart,
Alexander Ross,
Alexander Finlayson,
William M'Gillivray,
Duncan Stewart,
Duncan M'Gillican,
Kenneth M'Leod,
John M'Lennan,
Farquhar M'Lennan,

John Stewart,
Isaac Struthers,
Alexander Dewey,
John Smail,
Andrew Fenton,
James Black,
Robert Linus Walker,
Donald M'Kinner,
Thomas Atkinson,
John Stewart, Jun.
Archibald M'Donald,
James Walker,
John M'Lennan,
John Finlayson,
John G. Humble,
Kenneth Stewart,
Henry Duncan,

John M'Rae,
William Dewey,
Charles Jackson,
Alexander Chisholm,
James Struthers,
Kenneth M'Donald,
Duncan Munro,
Roderick M'Rae,
Thomas Chisholm,
Thomas J. Jukerman,
David Henderson,
Robert Henderson,
Donald B. Finlayson,
Lachlin Stuart,
John Stuart.

The Presbytery agreed to transmit the above Petition with a strong recommendation to the Colonial Committee.

Mr. Muir was appointed to preach at Beech-Ridge on the last Sabbath of July, Mr. Moody on last Sabbath of August, Mr. Simpson on last Sabbath of September, Mr. Davidson on last Sabbath of October, and Mr. Marlin on last Sabbath of November.

Mr. Wallace reported that he had preached at St. Eustache according to the appointment of Presbytery, and that the attendance was about fifty.

A Petition from the Presbyterians (not connected with this Church) of St. Eustache was read, requesting the permission of the Presbytery to be allowed the use of the Church, at times when not required by the adherents of the Church of Scotland, for which use they were willing to pay an annual rent. It was resolved that the Petitioners be informed that the management of the property of the Church of St. Eustache belongs to the Trustees of that Church, to whom the Presbytery refer them ; and that the Trustees be informed that it is the desire of the Presbytery, that they should give every reasonable accommodation to the Petitioners ; reserving the use of the building by this Presbytery at any time it may be required.

The Presbytery afterwards met in Committee on the French Mission. When, among other matters, it was resolved that