

2nd. In the month of July last the congregation of Pakenham presented their pastor, the Rev. Alex. Mann, M.A., with a horse.

3rd. The ladies of the Middleville congregation of Lanark presented their esteemed pastor, the Rev. W. C. Clarke, on the 16th of August, with an elegant pulpit gown and cassock.

TRANSLATION.

The Rev. William Barr, of Hornby, in the Presbytery of Toronto, is, we hear, about to be translated to the vacant charge of Wawanosh in the Presbytery of London.

INDUCTION.

The Rev. John Rannie, M.A., till recently an ordained missionary within the bounds of the Montreal Presbytery, was inducted on the 15th ult. by the Presbytery of London to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Chatham, C.W., vacant by the death of the Rev. John Robb, late incumbent. The Rev. William Miller, of Stratford, presided and preached on the occasion, choosing for his text these words of Psalm 74, v. 22, "Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause." The Rev. James McEwen, of Westminster, addressed Mr. Rannie on his duties, and the Rev. Mr. McEwen, of North Dorchester, exhorted the people in regard to theirs. The congregation on retiring gave their new pastor a very cordial welcome. This settlement, we understand, is a very harmonious one, and we anticipate good results.

ORDINATION.

On Tuesday, the 20th ult., the Presbytery of Montreal met in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Robert H. Story to the office of the Holy Ministry. Mr. Story has for some time been assisting the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, and the Presbytery, having been memorialized to ordain him, did, after due deliberation and the usual public trials, which were sustained as being highly satisfactory, agree to do so. We observed the following members present on the occasion: Rev. W. Snodgrass, Moderator, Revs. Dr. Mathieson, William Simpson, John McDonald, Frederick P. S. Sym, Jas. Patterson, John Moffat, Ministers, and John Greenshields and Dr. Verity, Elders. The solemn services were conducted by the Moderator, Mr. Snodgrass. After public worship he stated the reasons and object of the meeting, and, having received from Mr. Story satisfactory answers to the questions required to be put to inquirants, and his assent to the Synod's Act of Independence, he offered up an ordination prayer, by which and "the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery" Mr. Story was set apart to the office and work of the ministry, and thereafter received the right hand

of fellowship. The attendance of members from both city churches was considerable. The general public was also represented to some extent. After receiving a very cordial welcome from the congregation, Mr. Story signed the formula prescribed by the Church.

PRINCIPALSHIP OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON, CANADA.—We learn that the Rev. J. Barclay, D.D., of Toronto, and Alexander Morris, Esq., barrister-at-law, of Montreal, Canada, are at present in Scotland, having been deputed by the Board of Trustees of Queen's College, Kingston, to confer with the Colonial Committee and with other friends of the Church of Scotland, with the view of securing for that rising institution the services of a duly qualified Principal. We trust that they may succeed in their responsible mission.

The above extract is copied from the *Edinburgh Evening Post and Record*, of 20th August, and we have since heard of the receipt of letters from the deputation, intimating the great kindness and attention shown to them by the leading ministers of the Church of Scotland. A duly qualified Principal for Queen's College is most earnestly to be desired, and we believe that the sending of this deputation will also be the means of making known in Scotland the position and wants of Canada, and of increasing the interest felt in this Branch of the Kirk.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, OTTAWA.—A Bazaar in connection with this Church was held on the 13th Sept. and following days, partly for local purposes and partly to assist the missionary and religious schemes of the Church. It is gratifying to know that it was successful and did great credit to those ladies who took such a lively interest in an undertaking so laudable.

The sum realized was \$321.83, which has been appropriated at follows:—

Towards the outfit and passage money of the Jewish Missionary, . . .	\$40 00
In aid of the Temporalities Fund of the Church or Scheme of the Synod for the support of the newly settled ministers, . . .	40 00
To provide a Bursary for a Student in Divinity, at Queen's College, . . .	40 00
Towards the erection of a Church at Paisley, C. W., . . .	35 00
For a Library for Sabbath School, . . .	20 00
Necessary expenses connected with Bazaar, . . .	11 83
Balance for improvements in Church and School Room, &c., . . .	135 00
Total,	\$321 83

(From News of Female Missions.)

CANADA.

Mr. Morris to the Rev. Mr. Nicholson.

MONTREAL, 26th February, 1859.

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—I had the pleasure of forwarding to Mr. Paton lately 12s. 6d. for the Calcutta Canadian School, the gift of a class of children who are cared for by Christian charity, and live in "The School of Industry," a charitable institution, being the proceeds of their work.

After perusing your letter to Mr. Paton, I directed the *Juvenile Presbyterian* to be forwarded regularly to you, as it was to Mr. Wright. This little periodical I had the privilege to originate, and its editing has been a labour of love to me for three years past. It has a circulation of 3000, and is the organ and advocate of your Society. I am glad to see that you contemplate the issue of such a periodical. It will do good.

This juvenile missionary effort will do our Church good. Depend upon it, if the children are trained to give, the habit will follow them into after life, and their peace will grow into pounds. You are very fortunate in your Treasurer. He discharges his duties with great fidelity and zeal.

I am glad to say that our Canadian Church is active. The field is very large, and we are extending our borders as rapidly as we may. But, while prosecuting the home work, the missionary spirit is looking abroad also. We have a missionary in training, whom we expect to go forth to some portion of the Jewish field next autumn—a medical missionary and preacher.

We have also a French mission to the French Canadian Catholic people. I enclose you a circular, and prefer to you a request I made last year to Mr. Wright, and which he kindly responded to—viz., to bring the claims of the French Mission under the view of the Ladies' Association or other friends, and solicit for us a few offerings, however small.

Reciprocation in good works should be cherished, and an exchange of missionary contributions will encourage our people to persevere in the support of the Orphanage Scheme, which I presume you know is now a recognised Scheme of our Synod.

Earnestly trusting that the Church of our fathers may faithfully occupy the vast field in India, and continue to be blessed, and prove a blessing.—I am &c., ALEX. MORRIS.

[The two following, but from being inadvertently mislaid, should have appeared in a former Number.]

INDECENT PUBLICATIONS.—We had the gratification of hearing an admirable discourse in St. Andrew's Church by the Rev. Professor Mowat last Sabbath, in which the paramount importance of keeping the mind "pure and undefiled" was earnestly dwelt upon. In connection with the subject, he denounced in warm and eloquent language the destructive and demoralizing tendency of reading impure publications, thereby corrupting the mind and raising up an almost impregnable barrier against which even the most repentant Christian would have a life-long and difficult struggle to contend. The discourse was eloquently delivered and, as a specimen of pulpit literature, was such as might be expected from the position which the Rev. gentleman holds in the University; but its marked feature was the earnestness with which its truths were brought home to the hearts of his hearers. The community ought to feel grateful to Mr. M. for thus taking the initiative in denouncing from the pulpit and warning his hearers against an evil which is indulged in to a larger extent than is generally known, propagated as it is and sown broadcast in the community by the sale of indecent publications, not only surreptitiously by shameless vagabonds who peddle them about in holes and corners, themselves even ashamed of their disgusting trade, but even by respectable booksellers unknowingly, into whose hands they come, certified by the names of respectable authors and publishers, falsely assumed. It is an alarming and growing evil which, as Mr. M. said, should cause the heart of every Christian father and mother to thrill with terror at the contemplation of the fearful