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CHURCH IN CANADA.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

On Tuesday, the 4th March, the Presbytery of Montreal met at Beauharnois for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Thos. Haig into the Pastoral charge of that Congregation, vacant by the death of their late Pastor, the Rev. Walter Roach. An eloquent and impressive sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. Wallace, of Huntingdon, to an attentive audience from the 16th chap. of the Gospel of Mark, and 15th verse. After the usual questions were put to Mr. Haig, and answers returned, suitable addresses were then delivered by Mr. Wallace to Mr. Haig and the Congregation. We were much gratified to see so many elders present from the neighbouring Congregations.

After the services connected with the induction of Mr. Haig were finished, the Presbytery entered upon the consideration of some important matters connected with the general interests of the Church. Its attention was directed to the subject of Family worship; a duty the performance of which it is to be feared, too many professing Christians partially discharge, or neglect altogether. The Presbytery require every Minister within the bounds to preach upon this important subject, and earnestly inculcate upon their congregations the duty and necessity of Family prayer, before its next Ordinary Meeting.

A petition from the Congregation of Laprairie, craving a further supply of services, was granted; the Rev. Messrs. Paul, of St. Timothy, and Haig, of Beauharnois, to officiate to that vacant Congregation before the next meeting of Presbytery.

CONGREGATION OF WINDSOR.

On the 26th ult. the Reverend Robert Macfarlane, Minister at Melbourne, was presented by the members of a congregation in the neighbouring township of Windsor, among whom he stately labours in Sacred things, with a large and elegant Pulpit Bible, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. Robert Macfarlane, Minister of the Presbyterian Church in connexion with the Church of Scotland, by the members of his congregation worshipping at Windsor, in testimony of their sense of his efficiency and faithfulness as their pastor, and of his laborious endeavours to promote their spiritual and eternal welfare." The gift was presented by Mr. Mungo Douglas, one of the oldest settlers in the township, in feeling and suitable terms at a numerous meeting of the congregation assembled for the purpose.

This congregation is chiefly composed of settlers from the Lowlands of Scotland, who have emigrated within the last four years; and from their steady attachment to the Church of their fathers, and their regular attendance on Divine ordinances, though their homes are scattered far and wide amid the almost unbroken wilderness, it bids fair to become a flourishing station of our Church, and renders the present testimony of their gratitude alike creditable to pastor and to people.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

A soiree was given in the Lecture Room of St. Paul's Church on the evening of Tuesday last to the pupils of the Sabbath School, who were joined by several former pupils, and a few of the young of the Congregation who do not

attend the school. The number amounted to upwards of 120. We learn that the school is attended at present by upwards of 70 pupils, and is taught by 7 female and 6 male teachers, including the superintendent. The guests assembled at 6 o'clock, and shortly thereafter in a very happy and orderly manner partook of the good things which some kind friends had amply provided, and which their teachers now distributed amongst them. At half-past 7 the pupils in their classes with their respective teachers withdrew to the Church for the purpose of singing several hymns, which they had been practising for some weeks for the occasion. They occupied the extremity of the gallery, while the side-galleries and the body of the Church around the pulpit were filled with parents and friends. At the interval betwixt the 1st and 2nd divisions of the hymns the Rev. Mr. McLoud, of the American Presbyterian Church, in his usual earnest and felicitous manner addressed the scholars. We wish that we could have transferred to paper the address, which was so appropriate and commanded throughout the close attention of his youthful audience. Mr. McLoud, we may remark generally, stated that he did not know in what manner God could do more for them than He is doing, inasmuch as He has cast their lot in a Christian land, and furnished them with His Bible, and the instructions of the Sanctuary and Sabbath School; emphatically impressing upon them, however, never to forget that, although their parents might be anxious and faithful for their well-being here and hereafter, JESUS CHRIST, the Son of God, and Saviour of sinners, is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, the only Guide and Protector from