

the Theological classes of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia were opened agreeably in order of Synod, and in presence of the Com. of Superintendence. Several clergymen in the neighbourhood and a large assembly of deeply interested auditors were also in attendance. There were eleven students present—eight of the second year and three of the first year. An introductory lecture was delivered by Professor Smith, on that most important subject of Biblical Exegesis, "disinference from Thron," "Highness of God," and certainly this was no ordinary effort. It was most refreshing to witness the critical acumen, the clear and able statements with which the good old way of Scripture doctrine on this most vital point of Christianity, was sought out and defended from the many ingenious counterfeits by which it has been belated in modern times, and under the authority of the most influential names. Not less gratifying to it to mark the close attention and deep interest which the students manifested, thus evincing their ability to appreciate such faithful and able tuition. Professor Keir followed with a brief synopsis of the course to be pursued under his direction, as Professor of Systematic Theology. The several students were then called upon to deliver Presbyterian certificates of conduct and proficiency during the past year; after which the Committee met privately for the despatch of business.

Thus ended another of those delightful and profitable seasons of ecclesiastical oversight, which the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia has lately received after a long and painful pause in the rearing of her own elite.

More than enough has already been elicited to satisfy any unprejudiced mind that her recent movements have been richly crowned with the blessing of her alone King and Head.—*Missionary Register.*

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We have received a few letters, intimating that in some quarters the monthly parcel of the Magazine had not been received, or that some subscribers had not received their numbers, while others had. We have, in reply, to state, that we regularly mailed all, according to the address given; but so many new post offices having been made, and some of these bearing the same names as old ones, that temporary confusion and "mis-send" have been the consequence. We have used means to find the parcels that have not gone forward; but if we fail, our friends will oblige us by writing, and we shall supply the numbers wanting.

Mr. JAMES SCOTT, from the congregation of Ayr, and lately licensed by the Presbytery of Fife, applied to, and was accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, as a Missionary to Jamaica. He, and Mr. Scott, left Toronto on Nov. 1st, for New York, on their way to Edinburgh, and thence to proceed to the scene of labour. It is to be regretted that Mr. Scott did not see his duty to remain in Canada, where ministers of our Church are so much required, but his mind was set on a field where the *teaching* missionary was as necessary as the *preaching* one; and he is peculiarly qualified for such a work, and perhaps has made the wiser choice. We have "gifts differing one from another," and Mr. Scott's gifts are well adapted for the field he has preferred. He is a pious, devoted man, and we trust will be long spared, and eminently successful in the work of the Lord in that island of the sea. He has promised to be a correspondent to our Magazine, and we hope to have many communications from him of an interesting and instructive nature.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The regular meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto took place on the 4th current. Mr. Pringle, moderator.

The Convener of the Committee for Students appointed at last meeting of Presbytery, reported that they had met with and examined those Students presently under the inspection of the Presbytery; and that they approved highly of the diligence and ability manifested by them in their various studies. The Presbytery received the report of the Committee and approved of their diligence.

After having read and disposed of applications from the congregations of Caledon and Brampton, for aid from the Synod's Mission Fund, the Presbytery received the remainder of the exercises assigned the Students at the last regular meeting.

Mr. Denbar read an essay on the argument of the Apostle, in the first chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, which was highly approved and sustained. Mr. McDonald also read an essay on the statement of the Apostle contained in Rom. 1, 12, 23, which was also approved and sustained. These were then examined at considerable length on Mental Philosophy, the Inspiration of the Scriptures, and Church History. In all these subjects of study the diligence and ability of the Students was manifest and commendable.

The Presbytery then agreed that since Mr. Denbar had passed the regular course of study prescribed by the Synod, he be taken on trials for licence. With a view to this and the following exercises assigned him, Sermon, 1 Cor. 1, 21. Lecture, Heb. vii. 6. A Critical Exercise on 1 Cor. x. 1, 2. Church History—An Examination on the 15th and 17th Centuries. Hebrew—Psalm 18. Greek New Testament—*ad aptumam bibi.*

The following exercises were also assigned to Mr. McDonald:—Latin, Horace, 13—20, ideas of 1st book. Greek, 1 Peter, chap. 2, 3. Logic—1st part of Syncretical Logic. Mental Philosophy—on Association and Memory. Theology—to be examined on the Scottish controversy. Church History—Centuries 1—6—an Essay on the life and character of the Palatine David.

The Presbytery having finished the examination of the Students, read a report from Mr. Sharp, respecting his labours as a Catechist. He had travelled and laboured during the last three months, in the townships of Mono, Mulmur, Melancthon, Oppy, Collingwood, Ephraim, and St. Vincent. He speaks of the Presbyterian population in these townships as in a very destitute condition as regards the regular supply of Gospel ordinances.

The Presbytery having finished the business before them, appointed the next meeting to be held in Toronto on the Tuesday after the first Sabbath in February, 1852.

JAMES DICK, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

On the Tuesday after the last Sabbath of August the members of the Presbytery of Wellington held their first meeting according to appointment of Synod, in the church at Elora. Mr. Barrie, who was appointed to act as Moderator, commenced the proceedings with prayer and prayer, and then delivered a short discourse from 2 Cor. x. 12—16.

In this discourse Mr. Barrie directed attention, I. To the *Missionary*, (Paul as an example) and here noticed the sublimity of his official character; his pre-eminent service among his fellow men; and the glorious results of his mission: II. To the *Mission Field*, and here noticed that the whole Church was to be whole, and that to the individual *Missionary* it was some particular locality or localities; and here he referred to the extension of our Mission field as a Presbytery to the back settlements, all the way to Owen Sound: III. The *Missionary's Work*, "to preach the gospel in the regions beyond." Here he noticed, that although the noblest, the holiest, and the most Godlike work in which a created being could be engaged, it was an arduous work, and often required great physical strength; it was a difficult work, and required extensive knowledge, wisdom, and prudence. It was a work of great self-denial and humility; and a work in which he followed the footsteps of Christ and his Apostles: IV. His *Auxiliaries*—"having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you, according to our rule, abundantly." And here he noticed that his auxiliaries are the settled Churches, sustaining missionary operations by their prayers and their contributions, and that in proportion as settled congregations increased in faith, so would be the success of missionary enterprise; and that no truly Christian man or woman could be a Missionary and not sympathize with the cause of the missionary, sympathizing with him, and cheering him on by their own self-denial, and contributing liberally for his support. In the conclusion of his discourse, Mr. Barrie applied his subject to the circumstances in which the Presbytery was placed as a local call in Providence, to do something for the "regions beyond" the present boundaries of the Wellington Presbytery.

Mr. Barrie then read from the Synod's minutes the minute appointing the Wellington Presbytery to meet for the first time this day in the church at Elora. He then constituted the Presbytery by prayer, after which it was unanimously agreed that he should continue to officiate as Moderator for the ensuing term.

Mr. Torrance having been appointed Clerk, proceeded to make up the roll, when it was found that all the members were present. Mr. Thomas Armstrong of Ennismore, was chosen Treasurer. A petition was then read from the Presbyterians of the townships of Sullivan and Holland, contiguous to Sable River, signed by forty-five individuals, to be formed into a congregation; and another from the township of Grant, signed by thirty-three, embodying a similar request. The Presbytery, after deliberation, granted the prayer of these petitions, and appointed the Moderator to preach among the requisitionists in each of these localities; to make enquiries as to the propriety of immediately congregating them, with full power to do so as he shall see prudent, and to instruct the people that we are a voluntary Church, and expect that they will contribute according to their ability for the support ordinances among them. The Presbytery