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CHURCH IN CANADA.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

"The Synod appointed their next Meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Montreal, on the First Wednesday in July, 1851, at Seven o'clock, P.M."—*Extract from Minutes of 1850.*

The time appointed for the Meeting of Synod is fast approaching; and it is hoped that all, who have business to bring forward, will be prepared in time. It is very desirable that there should be a full attendance of both Ministers and Elders: and it should be borne in mind that liberal contributions to the Synod Fund, and to the Synod's French Mission Fund, are expected to be forwarded by every Congregation.—*Communicated.*

In making this announcement, we warmly recommend to our readers the prayerful perusal of the article in our present number from the *Edinburgh Christian Magazine*, headed, "Prayer in behalf of the Church of Scotland." We are persuaded that many, who may peruse the article in a right frame, will be induced to lift up, not only their hearts but their voices in prayer to the Giver of all Grace for His abundant blessing on the ministers and elders, members and hearers, of that portion of the Christian family in this Province, to which, as a Church, we belong.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Commission met to-day. There were eight members present. Mr. Duncan Morrison, Theological Student of Queen's College, appeared before the Examining Committee, and underwent a thorough examination in the subjects pre-

scribed by the Act of Synod. The Committee were fully satisfied with his attainments, and unanimously agreed to furnish him with the necessary certificate, that he may be taken on trials for license by the Presbytery of Kingston without delay. No other important business was taken up.

TORONTO, May 21, 1851.

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

The Ordinary May Meeting of this Presbytery took place at Perth on the 14th inst. There was a good attendance both of Ministers and Elders, all the Ministers being present except two.

The Presbytery had the melancholy duty to perform of recording the death of their much esteemed and worthy brother, the late Rev. John Smith, Minister of Beckwith.

In putting his death upon record, the Presbytery expressed their sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased, and with the congregation of Beckwith, on the removal of one so worthy of their tender and affectionate regards. They also felt called on to testify their own sense of his talents and usefulness, of his sincere and humble piety, of the many amiable qualities possessed by him as a Minister and a man, of the regard which they individually entertained for him, and their deep regret at the loss which the Presbytery and Church have sustained by his death.

Mr. McLaurin, Elder of the Beckwith Church, was present, and laid on the Table of the Presbytery a Petition from the Elders, Members and Adherents of the Church, adopted at a congregational meeting recently held, in which they ex-

pressed great regret at the loss of their late much beloved and excellent Pastor, and requested the Presbytery to grant them supplies of preaching, and to direct and aid them in getting a Minister as speedily as possible, that they may have restored to them the precious privilege, as they express it, of having the Gospel preached, and the Ordinances of Religion dispensed to them. Mr. McLaurin, who produced to the Presbytery a Subscription List for stipend to a Minister in course of being signed by the congregation. From the number of signatures then attached to the List and the liberal sums subscribed, the congregation felt that they would be able to offer to a Minister an adequate stipend in connection with the manse and glebe possessed by them.

The Presbytery highly approved of the spirit and conduct of the Petitioners, and agreed to give them every encouragement and assistance in their power.

The Presbytery appointed Mr. Bell to preach at Beckwith and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the third Sabbath of June, Mr. Anderson to preach on the third Sabbath of July, and Mr. Mylne on the third Sabbath of August.

The Rev. D. Shanks of Valcartier having duly received and accepted a call to the United Congregations of Cumberland and Buckingham, the Presbytery appointed his induction to take place on Wednesday, the 18th June next, Mr. Mylne to preach, Mr. Evans to address the Minister, and Mr. Spence, the Congregation.

A call was laid on the Table of the Presbytery at its last meeting by the United Congregations of McNab and Horton in favour of the Rev. A. Mann of Pakenham. The importance, however,