

congregation of Roxburgh Church were then heard. They referred to the great loss which they would sustain if their beloved pastor were removed. When Mr. Topp came among them they were a very small congregation; but they had continually increased since he began his ministrations. Formerly they were not receiving, but now they had got beyond the self-sustaining point. Since his appointment, the congregational funds had increased nearly threefold, and every year they had been going forward. Knowing the delicate and perplexing position in which Mr. Topp was placed with this call before him, they left the matter in his hands, as they were confident he would act as become a faithful ambassador of Christ, and would be guided by a strict sense of duty.

Mr. Topp said, he had given no encouragement to the presentation or prosecution of this call. On the contrary, when a call to come and minister to this congregation was presented to him some time ago, he declined to entertain it. This, however, being the second call he had had from the same quarter, he felt that it was his duty to consider the matter seriously, and to arrive at a conviction of what was his duty in reference to this proposed translation. He had in consequence been led to look at the claims of Toronto, and the more he had done so the more had he been impressed with a sense of its importance. Over against these claims he had set the strong feelings which existed in his own mind, leading him in the direction of shrinking from the responsibility of such a charge. Since he had been inducted over his present congregation, he had experienced the greatest kindness from all the members and office-bearers, and he could not but feel a strong attachment to every one. All their proceedings had been carried on with the utmost harmony, and there had been no jarring or discordant elements; and along with this there had been great outward prosperity, and he also trusted that, through the blessing of God, some spiritual good had resulted from his ministry. It should, however, be the desire of every minister to be as useful in the service of his Master as he possibly could; and when a call of this nature was presented to him, his natural feelings should give way, and he should be ready to do what duty to their great Head demanded. In these circumstances, after prayerfully considering the whole matter, the conviction was forced upon him that Toronto presented a much greater sphere of usefulness than the charge he at present occupied, and he felt that, even against his own personal feeling, he was not at liberty lightly to dismiss this call. If he were to consult his own personal feelings, and those of some of his friends, and perhaps also the wishes of his congregation, he would dismiss the matter at once; but he felt that there was a necessity laid upon him to act differently. It was a personal sacrifice which he made in breaking up associations which he had long formed and fondly cherished. He made a sacrifice, too, in disconnecting himself from the Free Church of Scotland, with whose ministers he rejoiced in bearing a humble part at the Disruption, in behalf of those principles which they believed to be the principles of eternal truth. He made a sacrifice, too, in parting with his own congregation, to whom he felt strongly attached, and for whom he would venture to bespeak the affectionate sympathy of the Presbytery, if they saw fit to carry out this translation. And he had further to say, that he had a sacrifice in separating himself from intercourse with his fathers and brethren in the Presbytery; but duty, he felt, called upon him to face all this. (Mr. Topp's address was listened to with the deepest interest.)

Parties being removed, Dr. CLASON, seconded by Dr. BRUCE, moved that Mr. Topp, be inducted

from his present charge, with a view to being settled in Knox's Church, Toronto.

Dr. CLASON and Dr. BEGG, and also Mr. DAVIDSON, Dr. BURNS, and Mr. PHILIP of Portobello, expressed their great regret at having to part with Mr. Topp, as he had endeared himself to every member of the Court; and also spoke as to his great qualifications for such a sphere as that which he had been called. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Presbytery adjourned till Wednesday next.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The fifth annual meeting of the Congregational Union, was held in the second week of June, at Brantford. There were present as members of the Union, 40 ministers and 21 delegates. The Annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Marling of Toronto, who was chosen Chairman. Various matters connected with the Ecclesiastical and missionary operations of this denomination engaged the attention of the meeting. A day was appointed for special prayer for colleges. A recommendation was agreed to, having reference to a stated day for thanksgiving. The third sabbath of October was appointed as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Union expressed its sympathy with the minority at the annual meeting of the American Tract Society. The next meeting of the Union was appointed to take place in Toronto.

SYNOD OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church met at Hamilton, the first week of June. The Rev. Mr. Aitkins of Smith's Falls was chosen moderator.

The question of Union was one of the chief subjects which engaged the attention of the Court. The resolutions formerly adopted, our readers will find in the Report of the proceeding of our own Synod.

The next ordinary meeting of the Synod, is appointed to take place in Toronto.

SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNEXION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This Synod held its annual ordinary meeting at Montreal. The Rev. G. Bell was appointed Moderator. The Synod has engaged the Rev. E. M. Epstein as a Missionary to the Jews.

PERCY AND SLYMOUR.—The Rev. T. Alexander has been inducted as minister of these congregations. He commences his labours with the prospect of extensive usefulness.

WARDVILLE.—OPENING OF NEW CHURCH.—A commodious and handsome new Church was opened at Wardville, on Sabbath 20th ult. The Rev. Dr. Burns, and the Rev. J. McMillan of Fingal, officiated. There was a large attendance at all the services. A Soiree was held on the following day, when the above named ministers, and several other persons took part in the interesting proceedings.

MEETING FOR UNITED PRAYER.—ENGLAND.—Daily prayer meetings are held in Exeter Hall, London, from 4 to 5 o'clock P. M. It has been necessary to adjourn from a smaller to a larger room.

JAPAN OPENED TO MISSIONARY LABOUR.—It is believed that in a short time there will be permission for American Citizens, and consequently for American missionaries to reside at Hakodadi.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND.—The general assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church will meet this year at Londonderry, on 6th July.

MISSIONARIES FOR AFRICA.—Four missionaries with their wives have sailed from London with the view of occupying the new field opened by the discoveries of Dr. Livingstone on the banks of the Zambesi.

SOUTH GOWER AND MOUNTAIN.—The Rev. D. E. Montgomery has been inducted as minister of the congregation of South Gower and Mountain.

KNOX COLLEGE—INCORPORATION BILL.—There is every probability of this Bill passing without any opposition. Some modifications have been made, which, while not compromising the principles contended for by the Synod, have had the effect of removing the objections of those who felt difficulties on the subject.

MELVILLE CHURCH, MARKHAM.—A few young men have lately presented Mr. George Bruce with an elegant Pocket Bible, as a small token of their appreciation of his services as precursor of Melville Church, Markham.

STATISTICAL RETURNS.—The Statistical Returns will appear in the August number of the Record. Ministers who have not yet sent in their returns, will be kind enough to do so without delay, that they may be included in the general table.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.—The minutes of Synod will be printed and distributed without any unnecessary delay. As in former years they will be sent in parcels to the addresses of the several ministers, who it is hoped will distribute them among the office-bearers. A number will be kept in the office to supply such as may not obtain copies otherwise.

PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD.

The Synod met according to appointment, in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, on the evening of Tuesday, 15th June, when a suitable and excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Smellie, Moderator for the past year, from Isaiah, 26th Chapter, verses 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The thanks of the Synod were tendered to Mr. Smellie for his sermon.

The Synod Roll having been made up and called, the Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator, when Mr. Thomas Wardrope, of Ottawa, was unanimously chosen, and took the chair