

Reports were called for from Sessions on the question of a General Assembly as sent down from Synod, when only one report was handed in, namely from Prince Albert, counselling no such change (as the overture contemplated) to be taken in the meantime. It was then moved and seconded, that the Presbytery report to the Synod, that in their opinion the formation of a General Assembly, would, in the present circumstances, be altogether premature. It was moved in amendment and seconded, that Sessions be instructed again to report on the question of a General Assembly, and that the Presbytery come to a deliverance on the matter at next meeting. On the amendment and motion being put, the amendment carried.

The state of Religion was afterwards brought up, and on motion made by Mr. Monteath, it was agreed that the Presbytery consider that important subject at next ordinary meeting, immediately after the call from Toronto shall have been disposed of, and that no other business shall be allowed to interfere with it.

Some other matters were disposed of, but they do not require particular notice.

R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk, pro tem.*

P.S.—At the previous meeting of Presbytery, Rev. J. Baird of Claremont was nominated Moderator, to fill the chair at next meeting of Synod.

Book Notices.

NARRATIVE OF THE WORK OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT HOME AND ABROAD.
No. 1. London: Alexander Strahan & Co.

The publication named above is the successor of "The News of the Churches," or, rather, it is the same work under a different name and in a somewhat different form. It continues in the same hands, and is simply an improvement of the former publication. The first number augurs well for the character of the work. It contains a number of admirable papers relative to the present condition and prospects of the Christian Church in almost every part of the world.

The publication is cheap, considering the amount of matter, and may be ordered through the Booksellers. Mr. McLellan, Hamilton, or Messrs. Rollo & Adams, Toronto, will be happy to supply subscribers with the successive numbers.

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, with a special view to the delineation of Christian faith and life (from A. D. 1 to A. D. 313); by the Rev. Islay Burns M.D., minister of St. Peter's, Dundee. London: T. Nelson & Sons, 1893.

The volume before us is part of a larger plan, embracing the whole of Church History from the advent of Christ to the present time. This field the author looks upon as naturally divided into five parts, indicated by the terms, the *Apostolic Church*, the *Martyr Church*, the *Imperial Church*, the *Mediaeval Church*, and the *Modern Church*. The present work embraces only the first two of these periods; but, as these constitute "the great formative age of the Church," after which it entered on an entirely new career, the book may be viewed as complete in itself.

The subject of Church History is one which is too much regarded as of interest only to those who make theology their special study; and it has been the aim of the author so to treat his subject as to remove this erroneous impression, and to show that the History of the Church of Christ is full of interest and instruction to every Christian. This aim the author has admirably succeeded in realizing. He does not deal in dry details, which are read only to be forgotten, and useful only for reference; but, scanning his field with the eye of a philosophic historian, he seizes upon the leading events and characters, and gives us comprehensive views of the one, and graphic delineations of the other. By this means he places before us a vivid picture of that Church, "which, through so long and weary ages, was persecuted, but