

### Ministers and Churches.

The *Lumberman* learns that the Rev. David Watson, M.A., of Beaverton, has been requested to preach a Gaelic sermon at Gravenhurst during his intended visit to the Lakes in July.

Rev. Mr. BAKER, the esteemed minister of the Fort Stanley Presbyterian congregation, is quite ill, and is obliged for a short time at least to give up preaching.

In consequence of the resignation of Rev. Dr. Proudfoot as Convener of the Presbytery of London, the Presbytery of London have appointed Rev. Mr. Outhbertson, of St. Thomas, to that office. All communications on Home Mission work must be addressed to him at St. Thomas.

THE Rev. D. Anderson having by last General Assembly been transferred from the Presbytery of Saugeen to that of Guelph, he has resigned his convener'ship of Home Mission Committee of Presbytery of Saugeen. All communications on the Home Mission business of that Presbytery, therefore, are now to be addressed to Rev. Hugh Crozier, Holstein P. O., Ont.

The annual excursion and picnic of the Bay Street Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Sabbath-school teachers took place on Tuesday, at Prospect Park, Niagara Falls. The party left by the City of Toronto at 7 o'clock for Lewiston, thence to the Falls on the American side, and spent a very pleasant day notwithstanding the downfall of rain which lasted nearly two hours. The excursionists landed in the city at 8 o'clock, having enjoyed a pleasant sail across the lake.

THE Rev. Mr. Wardrope, of Teeswater, was recently the recipient of a valuable carriage, "presented to him by members of his congregation as a slight acknowledgment," in the language of the accompanying address, of their "appreciation of his indefatigable labours and earnest pastoral work since his settlement; and also, as an indication of their good wishes for his future prosperity." In the course of a feeling reply, Mr. Wardrope said: "You give me a proof this evening of one thing, which is better than gold and silver, namely, that I have a place in your affections. This is a cause of thankfulness. I may mention in this connection that you strengthen my hands very much by the efforts you are putting forth in the Sabbath School, and I believe you can already say from your own experience, that Jesus will not accept of any service without rewarding it. Your kindness to myself, and your diligence in the work of our blessed Master are to me a source of daily comfort. I thank you all very much, and I heartily respond to the prayer in the concluding part of your kind address, 'When our work here is done, may we all enter on the rest which remains for the people of God.'"

### Book Reviews.

#### A BOOK WORTH HAVING.

A small volume entitled "FAITH AND MODERN THOUGHT," has lately issued from the publishing house of G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

This volume is written by Rev. Ransom B. Welch, D.D., LL.D., Professor in Union University, and contains a valuable introduction by the well-and-worthily-known Taylor Lewis, LL.D., and fellow-professor with Dr. Welch.

The volume, though small in bulk, has compressed into it a rare amount of clear, calm thought, tersely expressed, and on topics of present and important interest to theologians and literary men in general.

"Dr. Welch is a very calm writer: he is also remarkably clear. Both of these qualities of style are characteristic of strength."

"The great strength of this book is in its higher psychology, its view of man's spiritual and of its divine origin, as not only overruling the low conclusions of the physicist, but as confirming the glory of this divine human, this redeemed human, by the closest comparison with those alleged scientific statements that would make man nothing but dust, nothing but nature."

"It is not formally laid down anywhere in Dr. Welch's book, but it is, nevertheless, a thought suggested in every chapter, and in almost every argument: Only let our psychology be high enough, and we need never be afraid of naturalism. Let our view of the human spirit only be in accordance with the teachings of the Scriptures and the noblest human philosophy; let it take into account the greatness of man's rational and moral being, his insight of eternal and necessary truth as reflected from the infinite on the finite mind,—in a word, his reason, comprehending not merely the halting sense-induction of a first cause, but the *a priori* necessity of an eternal personal mind, the ground and source of all truth, of all rationality, making as certain as that preposition, *cogito ergo sum*, the belief in a higher mind, a higher thought, as the most necessary of all truths (if there be any truths to which the laws of our thinking compel us to give that name)—let us hold fast to this—let us study our

souls, look into our own souls, until we see if there, and we need have no fears of *nebular principles*, or evolution, or development, or any of the bugbear names by which a certain class of scientists may assail our faith. 'As Jehovah liveth and as thy soul liveth.' This sublime Hebrew oath contains all that we need." \* \* \*

"We have expressed this in our own way, and, perhaps, very imperfectly, but it gives us the spirit and substance of Dr. Welch's strong reasoning, not as confined to one chapter, but as pervading the whole book. God and soul present themselves as directly to the reason, or to faith, which is reason in its highest or divinely quickened exercise, as nature mirrors itself in the eye of sense."

These quotations are from the excellent introduction, and contain an honest recommendation of the book which we heartily endorse. In these times of speculation and debate it is truly refreshing and stimulating to read such a book. We therefore introduce it to the notice of our ministerial readers.

GETTING ON IN THE WORLD, by Prof. Wm. Matthews, LL.D. Toronto: Belford Bros. 340 pp.

This is a valuable work, containing much suggestive reading and variety of points. To young men, especially, it cannot fail to be exceedingly useful, and we trust it may have a large number of readers. The book is neatly printed, and is for sale by all booksellers.

THE "MIDSUMMER HOLIDAY NUMBER" OF SCRIPPER is an attempt at something new on the part of the publishers, who announce that all the care that is usually bestowed upon the Christmas issue has gone to the making of this warm-weather number. The subjects dealt with have an out-of-door interest, and the illustrations (of which there are nearly one hundred) are quite in sympathy with the text. There are five articles of summer travel: the localities described being Niagara, Colorado, Nova Scotia, the city of Trier on the Mosel, and Hide-and-Seek town, a New England summer resort of great attractiveness, the true name of which is left to be guessed. John Burroughs writes in his own delightful language about Birds, and Miss Bridges, whose bird-paintings have been so much admired in New York, has made her first wood-drawings to illustrate this article. There are two remarkable short stories in this number: "The Living Mummy" by Tourgueneff, the Russian novelist, (which it is believed has not before appeared in English), and "Crawford's Consistency," by Henry James, Jr. In the editorial department, Dr. Holland writes about "The Manufacture of Doctors," "The Social Evil," and "The Dead Beat Nuisance." "The Old Cabinet" contains midsummer songs, etc. The publishers claim that this is "the most beautiful number of a magazine ever published in this country," and offer it as their contribution to the "glories of the Centennial year."

### Sensational Preaching

We have far too much of this irreverent and flippant handling of the word of God in our American pulpit. Dogmatic contradiction of old truths, and mischievous caricature of the Christian experience of former generations, for the sake of a smile or a laugh among the auditors, is not the scriptural way of preaching the gospel. Extravagant assertion of one's own opinion or theory in direct antagonism to the plain teachings of the Bible, is not the way to establish truth, honor God, or save souls. Picturesque word-painting of beautiful material scenery, or brilliant coruscations of fancy amid the stars and the flower gardens, however it may satisfy the yearnings and win the approval of the world, is not true pulpit eloquence. Moody, with his rough and homely phrase, but "blood-earnestness" and devotion, resting every utterance of his own on the testimony of God, is much nearer the true standard of Christian eloquence, as exemplified in such preaching as Paul, or Augustine, or Luther or Chalmers, than all this fine garniture of art, intellect, and æsthetic culture, which in many pulpits of our day, is employed rather to conceal than to expound the truth.—*The Interior.*

THE error is great of supposing that the mind is making no progress and acquiring no knowledge, when it is not conversing with books; and it is one of the errors of bookish men. There are pauses amidst study, and even pauses of seeming idleness, in which a process goes on which may be likened to the digestion of food. In those seasons of repose, the powers are gathering their strength for new efforts; as land which lies fallow, and recovers itself for tillage.—*Dr. J. W. Alexander.*

It must be Christ first and commerce afterward. Dr. Moffat says of Southern Africa, "There was once only one plow in the country, and that belonged to the missionary, now there are hundreds of plows everywhere." He says the traders followed the missionary three or four hundred miles out of the colony, trying to sell dry goods, but the men wouldn't put their legs into bags (pantalons) nor the women get into a sock. The traders failed to sell a handkerchief, a pound of thread or a thimble. But now how different. There passes through mission stations to the tribes beyond, that are partly civilized, sometimes as much as £90,000 worth of British manufactures every year. Missionaries to a barbarous people of this kind deserve a vote of thanks from the commercial world.

### Presbytery of Kingston.

The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Brook Street Church, Kingston, on the 11th and 12th days of July. Rev. Andrew Wilson was appointed Moderator for the ensuing twelve months. Rev. Patrick Gray informed the Presbytery that although his health was in some measure restored he was still unable to resume his wonted duties, and requested the continuance for a time of Mr. Lang's services. The Presbytery were gratified to learn of the improvement in Mr. Gray's health, and were satisfied with the proposal in reference to the temporary supply of his pulpit. A claim for arrears of salary against the Trenton congregation, preferred by Mr. Watt, their late pastor, was taken up a second time, and after deliberation was left over to the next meeting for further consideration, the congregation in the meantime to be notified of the present state of the case, and required to appear at an adjourned meeting to be held in Brook Street Church, Kingston, on Thursday the 3rd day of August next, at 3 p.m. to give further information. Leave being granted by the General Assembly to take Mr. M. A. Lang, M.A., on trials for license, he was after an examination that was declared to be eminently satisfactory, licensed to preach the gospel. The Session records of St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, Napanee; Brook Street Church, Kingston; and St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, were presented for examination and duly attested. The records of the other Kirk Sessions within the bounds were enjoined to be produced at next meeting. Mr. Wilson tabled a call from the congregations of Glenvale, Harrowsmith, and Wilton, in favor of Mr. James Cormack, Probationer. The people offer \$500 per annum, and a supplement of \$200 is to be sought. The call was sustained and accepted. Subjects were prescribed to Mr. Cormack for ordination trials to be heard at the adjourned meeting to be held on the third proximo, and in the event of his examination being sustained his ordination was appointed to take place in the Presbyterian Church, Harrowsmith, on the Tuesday following at 11 a.m.; Mr. Young to preach, Mr. Wilton to address the ministers, and Mr. Chambers the people. Mr. Gallaher's claim for arrears due by the Glenvale section of this charge was remitted to a committee for settlement. The Presbytery revised the list of grants, approved of the amounts formerly given in aid of the Mission Stations, but reduced in some instances provisionally, the amounts of supplement to weak congregations, and instructed the clerk to notify the congregations concerned, that they may appear for their interests, if they see fit, at the next meeting. The following were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the whole matter of ministerial livings within the bounds, and to select deputations to visit the congregations in which an increase of salary seems needful, namely, Principal Snodgrass (Convener), Messrs. Andrew Wilson, T. G. Smith, and D. S. Chambers, Ministers, and Messrs. R. M. Rose, and George Davidson, Elders. Mr. Donald Kelso, preacher of the gospel, tabled a commission from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, designating him to the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was received as a Licentiate within the bounds. Assessors were appointed to take charge of the election of elders at Napanee and Mill Point, those previously in office in the former place having resigned to allow of an appointment that would represent both sections of the now united charge. A motion in regard to Sabbath funerals was submitted by Mr. Wilson, and adopted after premising that a large amount of Sabbath desecration is occasioned by the practice so frequent of having unnecessary funerals on the Lord's day, it exhorts members and adherents to guard against appointing funerals on that day, and to refrain from attending any that are not strictly works of necessity, and enjoins ministers and missionaries not to attend any that could easily be held on another day. It was agreed to suspend for this time the standing rule in regard to the fall meeting, and hold it a month earlier than usual, that full opportunity may be given for the adjustment of all matters that are to be brought by this Presbytery before the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Kingston for competent business on Thursday, the 3rd day of August next, at 3 p.m. THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

### Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery met in St. Paul's church, Hamilton, on the eleventh inst. Eighteen ministers and ten elders were present. Mr. Burson was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Rev. W. Stephenson was received as a minister of the church. Mr. Wilson was appointed Moderator of Session at E. Ancaster, and Mr. Laing was empowered to moderate in a call at Flamboro'. A call from the congregation at Clifton to Rev. James Gordon, promising \$700 stipend, was sustained and sent to Mr. Gordon. A call from the congregations of Welland, Cumberland and Port Colborne, to Rev. W. T. Clarke, was sustained and by him accepted; the induction was appointed for Thursday, July 25th—Mr. McNeil to preach, Mr. Burson to preside, Mr. S. O. Frazer to address the minister, and Mr. McBain the people. The clerk was instructed to write to all sessions that have not sent their records for examination. Mr. Frazer reported that a new congregation had been organized at Morriton, which is to be associated with the congregation of Thorold. Mr. Laing resigned his place as convener of the H.M. Committee, and Mr. Little was appointed in his place. The other members of the Committee are Messrs. Fletcher, Smith, Bruce, McGuire, McBain, Laing. Messrs. McGinn and McBain were appointed to visit Fort Erie and Ridgeway, and report to next meeting. JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

### Presbytery of Montreal.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, opened on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock in St. Paul's Church, Rev. Dr. Muir presiding. The Home Mission Committee met at ten o'clock, Rev. Mr. Campbell in the chair, and compiled its report, which contains an account of missionary work done during the quarter by the missionaries. The Committee draw the attention of the Presbytery to the state of matters at Lachine, in order to obtain for the congregation the right to call a minister. Arrangements have been made by the Cote Street Church and by Dundee for supplying ordinances irrespective of the action of the committee, and it is for the Presbytery to say whether it will continue to allow such freedom of action to any vacancies. The General Assembly having resolved to meet the pressing claims of missionaries, to liquidate the debt of the Home Mission scheme, and to distribute the same among Presbyteries, the amount to be subscribed being \$1,147, the Committee present a scheme for its collection among the different churches. The Committee have that the Church Association, which has and taken to provide a edifice for the East End Mission, will carry out their intention, as it is generally required. The Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Watson, after prayer, read two minutes, which were adopted. The roll of membership was read, and the following answered to their names: J. C. Muir, D.D., William Taylor, D.D., John Irvine, John Urquhart, Joseph Elliott, James Watson, John Mackie, James Patterson, Robert Campbell, M.A., James B. Muir, M.A., Donald Ross, B.D., J. S. Lochard, M.A., William Mitchell, Chas. A. Doudiet, F. S. Livingstone, B.A., James McFarlane, George Mackay, D. W. Morrison and Jas. Kerr. The elders' commissions were then read. On motion of Rev. Mr. Patterson, seconded by Rev. Mr. Muir, it was carried unanimously, that the Rev. Joseph Elliott be appointed Moderator for the next six months. Rev. Mr. Muir, of Morrin College, Quebec, who was present, was requested to sit and deliberate with Presbytery. The Home Mission report—a very interesting one—after having been read by Rev. Robt. Campbell, was adopted. The meeting then adjourned till 2 o'clock. At the afternoon sitting Rev. Mr. Watson presided in the absence of the Moderator. A petition from the congregation of Zion Church, Dundee, praying that Mr. Oatman, a second year student of Morrin College, be allowed to remain, and officiate until September next in their church, was read. Messrs. D. McMillan, Allan McMillan and Stewart, delegates from Zion Church, spoke in favor of the petition. Rev. Robert Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Taylor, that the petition be acceded to with the understanding that this in future should not be cited as a precedent. The motion was carried. The Rev. Mr. Campbell drew attention to the church in the village of Rawdon, near New Glasgow, which had gone into disuse of late. A Roman Catholic has commenced to desecrate the graveyard by pulling up the tombstones and ploughing the ground, and it was time some action was had in the matter. On motion, Mr. Wm. Holiday, W. Cultra and James Melrose were clothed with the necessary power to look after the Presbytery's interest. The following gentlemen were on motion appointed Committee on Home Missions: Robert Campbell, Convener; D. Patterson, James Watson, J. S. Black, J. Strimmer, W. Mitchell, J. B. Muir and D. Ross, Ministers; Messrs. Jas. Croil, James Ross, Warden King, George Rogers, and James Little, Elders—the members resident in the city to be the Executive Committee. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the Committee, including Mr. Campbell, for his diligence in prosecuting his duties. Rev. Mr. Lochard asked for the utmost supply the Presbytery could give his charge. The question of the Memorial from the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's, Montreal, being a prayer to restrain Rev. Robert Campbell in alleged interference with the East End Mission of St. Andrew's Church, was not discussed in the absence of any representative of the Kirk Session. Petitions were read from G. Colborne and Thomas Bennet asking licenses. The names of Mr. Thomas Moore, J. Nichols of the Primitive Methodist Church, and W. Hawthorne of the United Presbyterian Church, were transferred to the roll, their names being referred to the Distributing Committee. Mr. B. Oubriere, to labor in the French Mission, was also placed on the list with the others named. The name of the Rev. Mr. Tannur was dropped from the roll, and St. John's Church was declared vacant, the gentleman going into the work of French evangelization. Professor Campbell was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Campbell appointed Moderator of St. John's Session. Evening Session opened at 7.30, when the Moderator was asked to moderate in a call in behalf of St. Mark's Church, Montreal, in favor of Rev. J. Nichols. The request was granted, and the 25th instant appointed for carrying out the same. The St. Andrew's Kirk session not being represented, it was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Dr. Taylor "that having full confidence in Mr. Campbell, who, in all matters acted with authority, this Presbytery deem it best to take no further notice of the matter." The Rev. Mr. Jones, of the East End Mission, and a deputation consisting of Messrs. John Watson, Alexander Foreman and Henry Cootrick appeared before the Presbytery to ask that the East End Mission be constituted a congregation. It was moved by Rev. Mr. Campbell, seconded by Rev. Prof. Campbell, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. The Rev. Mr. Campbell spoke warmly in favor of his motion, enlarging upon the necessity of the erection of a congregation and building in the East End, and the increase of population there, suggesting that the male adherents of the Presbyterian Church in the city should each contribute one dollar to purchase the ground, and erect a building in the East End. Rev. Dr. Taylor supported the motion. The Rev. Dr. Taylor was appointed Moderator of the session, to carry out the will of the Presbytery, and Messrs. John A. Stuart, A. O. Clark and James Walker, were appointed elders to assist. Messrs. Bennet and Haney, students,

were then examined and duly licensed to preach the Gospel, after which the Presbytery adjourned until October next.

### Presbytery of London.

The Presbytery of London met in the hall of the Clarence street church yesterday afternoon—Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Ekfrid, Moderator. There was not a very large attendance of members. The Presbytery took up the consideration of the call from Chambers' church, East Williams, to Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Melbourne. It was agreed not to grant the transaction. Dr. Proudfoot, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit Delaware, reported in reference to the visit. It was agreed, in terms of the recommendation of the deputation, to dissolve the tie between Mr. Hay and the congregation; Mr. Simpson, Westminister, was appointed to preach the church vacant on Sunday first. A committee was appointed to draw up a minute expressing the esteem of the Presbytery for Mr. Hay, and expressing a hope that he may soon find a suitable sphere of labor. Mr. Rennie, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit Adelaide W. A. reported. The Presbytery agreed to maintain services as at present in West Adelaide, under Mr. Lawrence's care, and to supply Adelaide and Main Road with the services of a student during the year. A telegram was read from the Presbytery of Hamilton, stating that the call to Rev. James Gordon, of Dorchester, from the Clifton congregation, had been sustained. The Court resolved to cite parties to appear before the Presbytery for their interests. At the evening sederunt, Dr. Proudfoot resigned his position as Convener of the Home Mission, which he has held for twenty-five years; and at the same time overtured the Presbytery to appoint a mission agent for the Presbytery, who would take oversight of the missions of the church within its bounds. The overture was supported by Rev. Mr. Simpson, and, on motion, it was carried. Moved by Dr. Proudfoot, seconded by Rev. Mr. Camclon, that Rev. Mr. Outhbertson be appointed Mission Agent and Clerk of the Presbytery.—Carried. Rev. Messrs. Simpson, Rennie, Gordon, and Camclon were appointed to draw up a minute relative to Dr. Proudfoot's long and valuable labours as Convener of the Home Mission Committee. Rev. Mr. McCrea accepted the appointment of Presbytery Missionary to West Williams for twelve months. Shortly before 10 p.m. the Presbytery adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12.

The Presbytery met at 9 a.m.; the first business taken up being the licensing of Mr. Atchison, student of divinity. Mr. Atchison passed a very creditable examination, and received license. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That in view of the importance of the position and works of the mission agent, the Presbytery appoint a committee to define the duties of the agent, and the sources from which his salary is to come, and report to the adjourned meeting of the Presbytery." A committee was accordingly appointed. Mr. Simpson, Westminster, on behalf of the Committee appointed to draft a resolution regarding the resignation of Dr. Proudfoot as Convener of the Home Mission Committee, gave in the following resolution, which was ordered to be inserted in the Presbytery minutes:—"The resignation of the Convener'ship of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee having been tendered by the Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, and accepted, the Presbytery cannot allow the opportunity to pass without putting on record an expression of their deep sense of gratitude for and high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him in the work of church extension within their bounds—Dr. Proudfoot having been connected with this work for the long period of a quarter of a century. During his connection with it, the work has extended from comparatively small dimensions, till the three separate representatives of Presbyterianism in Canada have been happily merged into one united Church, now entering on more extensive efforts, and with enlarged resources. The success hitherto attending our home mission work is largely due to the warm interest, untiring zeal, and judicious labours of the retiring Convener. In accepting his resignation, the Presbytery express the fervent hope that Dr. Proudfoot may be long spared to aid with his counsel and large experience the branch of effort with which he has been so long connected; and in which they believe his interest is abiding, as well as in all the other important departments of Church work with which his name has been honourably identified." Rev. J. Rennie, as Convener, handed in the following minute of report at the departure of the Rev. Mr. Chambers, of Nairn and Beachwood, who has been called to a church in Whitley:—"The Presbytery, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Chambers' desire to express their regret at parting with their brother. As a co-presbyter, they have ever found him genial in his manners, faithful in his attendance on the courts of the church, and always ready to take his full share of Presbyterial duty. As a pastor, he has been most laborious, and has been successful in greatly building up the congregation of which he has had the oversight for the past six years. He has taken special interest in the religious training of the young, and in every movement for advancing the moral and spiritual interests of the community around him. His brethren follow him with their best wishes and earnest prayers for abundant success in the new sphere of labour to which he is called." The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the same place on the 26th inst., at 2 p.m.

DOLLINGER has written a letter to the *Frankfurter-Zeitung*, in which he expresses a hope that the old Catholics of Baden will take part in the Bonn Synod, and oppose with energy every demand for the abolition of clerical celibacy. He says that if the priest cannot make that personal sacrifice to his parish, he and the cause are lost. "The only question is as to what we should do in obedience to the principles adopted by the early church, and these principles are plainly set forth in the conclusions of seven councils."