

Huron, 10th and 11th Oct.—A reference was taken up from the Session of Duff's Church, McKillop, anent the reception as members of the Church, of Mr. William Atcheson and wife, under protest against hymns and paraphrases being used in the services of the Sanctuary. The Presbytery, having considered the reference, instructed the Session to govern itself by the laws of the Church on the matter, and at the same time cautioned said Session against receiving any members under protest. A unanimous call from the congregation of Wingham, in favour of Mr. McQuarrie, of Princeton, was sustained. Mr. Seiveright gave notice of an overture to the Synod of Hamilton and London, asking the Synod to use its influence with the Government of Ontario to obtain the repeal of the law imposing penalties on ministers for neglecting to register deaths. The subject of Temperance was taken up, and a strong resolution passed, condemnatory of drinking usages, and in favour of the Dunkin Act. The evening meeting was largely devoted to a conference on the state of Religion. It was agreed to hold a Presbyterian Sabbath School Convention.

MANITOBA.

The Presbytery met in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the 11th October. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders. The Rev. Hugh J. Borthwick, formerly of Ottawa, was cordially received as a member of Presbytery. Mr. D. C. Johnson, lately appointed Teacher to the Prince Albert Mission, after examination, was solemnly ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and received from the Presbytery the right of fellowship. A call from the Boyne and Pembina mountains, in favour of Mr. J. S. Stewart, was sustained. The people of Clear Springs and Caledonia petitioned the Presbytery to be organized as Mission Stations—and these stations were accordingly attached to Springfield and Sunnyside to receive fortnightly supply. Mr. J. S. Stewart was appointed to proceed West as far as the settlements on the Little Saskatchewan, to visit the people, and to report to the Presbytery. Mr. Scott was instructed to proceed with the erection of a School-house at the Rosseau immediately, and members of Presbytery promised aid in defraying the expense. Session Records were examined and attested, and other matters of local interest transacted.

EDITORS NOTE.—We should be glad to hear from our friends in the Prairie Province more frequently than it has been their wont to favour us in this way.

DEATHS.

THE REV. PATRICK GRAY, minister of Chalmer's Church, Kingston, Ontario, died on Sabbath, 29th October, in the 57th year of his age.

We do not hesitate to say that the death of Mr. Gray has deprived the Presbyterian Church in Canada of one of its best ministers. He was a man of erudition and culture, of generous impulses, and of a catholic spirit. If his modesty prevented him from attaining prominence as a platform speaker, it was not from the want of exceptional aptitude and fitness for extempore speaking. When brought forward in this way, few men excelled him in the fluency and originality of his utterances. He never indulged in "common places." As a pastor and preacher, he was a model minister. His sermons always bore marks of careful preparation, and were distinguished alike for their earnestness, their finish, and their freshness. Greatly beloved by the members of his own congregation, Mr. Gray was universally respected in the City of his habitation, and, indeed, by all who knew him. He will be much missed.

Mr. Gray commenced his theological studies at Queen's College, Kingston, in 1843, and completed his curriculum at Knox College, Toronto. He was licensed and ordained to the charge of Norval in 1846, when he removed to Beckwith and Carleton Place, where he remained until 1858, when he was called to Kingston.

MR. JOHN WADDELL.—A respected Elder of the Church, died at Hawkesbury, Ont., on the 16th June last, in the eighty-first year of his age. Mr. Waddell was a native of Perthshire, Scotland.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

We note with peculiar satisfaction that the Synod at its recent meeting resolved, with practical unanimity, to raise \$100,000 for the endowment of the Theological Hall. Let all the Colleges follow suit, and by placing these Institutions on a permanent basis, relieve the churches of one of the numerous annual collections required from them.

Rev. Dr. Patterson, of Greenhill, is publishing a History of the County of Pictou in which we shall look for some valuable ecclesiastical information: and the Rev. Geo. M. Grant is preparing a