

must come, and parents and Sunday school teachers could not guard these doves of thought against the influences of evil without the assistance of God. God is the giant Guide. They ought to say "yes" to God because He is a safe guide. Look how He led Israel out of Egypt. See how He led the wise men from the East by the star of Bethlehem. Was He not then a safe guide? Children could be shown how God is guiding them now. A miller is known by the flour on his coat, so the children who are guided by God should be known by their action, by how they behave in church, in the Sunday school and in their homes. So they should seek to follow Jesus Christ, the guide of their youth, and they should cry out to God asking Him to guide them forever through the long, long journey to the grave and far beyond it.

PRESBYTERY OF HERON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Goderich on July 8. Rev. Colin Fletcher was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Commissioners to the Assembly reported in due order. The treasurer's book was audited and found carefully kept. The standing orders as amended were ordered to be printed for the use of members. Rev. Mr. Fear, of the Methodist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The standing committees for the year were appointed of which the following are the Conveners: Home Missions, Mr. Fletcher; State of Religion, Mr. Anderson; Finance, Mr. Martin; Sabbath Schools, Mr. J. Scott, Clinton; Temperance, Mr. McMillan; Sabbath Observance, Mr. McDonald; Superintendence of Students, Mr. Ramsay. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in Carmel Church, Hensall, on the second Tuesday of September at half-past ten a.m. — A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MALLAND.—This Presbytery met at Wingham July 8, Rev. G. B. Howe, Moderator. Standing committees for the year were appointed. State of Religion—Messrs. Sutherland, McQueen, McFarlane and their Presbytery elders. Sabbath schools—Messrs. Geddes, A. McKay, McDonald, Anderson and their Presbytery elders. Temperance—Messrs. Hartley, Law, I. Davidson, Stevenson and their Presbytery elders and Mr. Brown. Home Mission—Messrs. Ross, Forrest, McKee, Howie, McQuarrie and their Presbytery elders and Mr. Jones. Finance—Messrs. McLennan, D. Davidson and their Presbytery elders and Mr. McNabb. Sabbath Observance—Messrs. Murray, Fairbairn, G. McKay, McLennan and their Presbytery elders. Commissioners to the General Assembly reported their diligence. The Session records of Knox Church, Brussels, Cranbrook, Melville Church, Brussels; Dunganon and East Ashfield were examined and attested. Mr. Howie tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Brussels. Mr. Forrest was appointed to cite the congregation to appear for their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery. A petition from the congregation of Lucknow, praying for leave to sell the Knox Church property, Lucknow, transmitted through the Session with the recommendation that its prayer be granted, was presented by Mr. A. McKay. The prayer of said petition was on motion granted. The question of Presbyterial visitation laid on the table at last meeting was considered. It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. A. McKay, That the Presbytery resolve upon a regular course of yearly visitation of each congregation within the bounds between the middle of November in each year and the meeting of Presbytery in May following; that the object of such visitation shall be in a Scriptural way to promote the harmony, activity and prosperity of the congregation and every family and individual thereof; that the method of conducting such visitation shall be as follows: A brother previously appointed shall preach a short sermon suitable to the occasion, after which the brother presiding shall enquire into the diligence, fidelity and success of office-bearers and members in their respective duties, guided in such enquiry by the questions under the heading, "State of Religion," "Sabbath Observance," "Temperance," and "Sabbath Schools," in the Assembly's report. The questions and answers to be noted and summarized in a report to the May meeting of Presbytery and concluded by such suggestions, encouragements and commendations as each case warrants, and evening evangelistic meetings held when and wherever practicable. The motion was carried by a small majority. On motion it was agreed that Messrs. Sutherland, McDonald and Fisher be appointed to prepare a series of questions and other details relative to the Presbyterial visitation scheme to be submitted to next meeting of Presbytery. In accordance with notice of motion previously given it was moved by Mr. McLennan, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, That the system hitherto practised by the Presbytery of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly by rotation be discontinued and that instead the Presbytery appoint three ministerial commissioners in rotation and the others by open vote and all the elders by open vote. After some discussion it was agreed that this motion lie on the table till next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again in the same place on Tuesday, September 9, at 11.15 a.m. — JOHN MACNAUL, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery met on the 1st inst. The Rev. J. H. George, Ph.D., was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Before proceeding to business the Presbytery agreed to record its profound sympathy with the Rev. Mr. Houston, on the loss by drowning of his eldest son, a young man of fine Christian character and great promise, and instruct the Clerk to convey to their brother this expression of their sympathy, and their prayer that he and his wife and family may be abundantly sustained in their affliction by the God of all grace. The call from the congregation at Newcastle to the Rev. William F. Allan, Camden and Newburgh, was then taken up for consideration. Mr. Lockhart, M.P., appeared for the congregation of Newcastle, Mr. T. A. Dunwoody and Rev. A. Young appeared for the congregations of Camden and Newburgh. Parties having been heard, Mr. Allan intimated his acceptance of the call. Mr. Young was appointed *interim* Moderator of Session of Camden and Newburgh, and to declare the charge vacant. The Clerk was instructed to notify congregations in arrears to the Presbytery Fund that payment should be made before next meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. Dr. Williamson gave notice of the following motion for next regular meeting of Presbytery: That all members of the Presbytery of Kingston be hereafter instructed to pay into the treasurer a minimum rate of \$ each, and that the amount thus raised be used by the treasurer in paying the travelling expenses incurred by members in attending meetings of Presbytery, and that the ministers and representative elders of Kingston and Belleville be requested to take such steps as they may deem best for providing for the accommodation of their brethren in the ministry and eldership on these occasions. The following were then appointed as the standing committees for the year, namely: Home Mission and Augmentation—Mr. M. W. McLean, Convener; Messrs. Gray, Houston and Rattray, ministers; and Messrs. Walker, Northrup, Fraser and Ostrom, elders. Examination of Students—Mr. James Cumberland, Convener; Messrs. Craig and George, ministers; and Messrs. Gillies, Fowler and Russell, elders. Sabbath Schools—Mr. H. Gracey, Convener; Messrs. Steele and McKinnon, ministers; and Messrs. McArthur, Dunwoody and Craig, elders. Temperance—Mr. K. J. Craig, Convener; Messrs. Mackie and Gallagher, ministers; and Messrs. D. Nichol, Dr. Boulter and R. Templeton, elders. State of Religion—Mr. John Mackie, Convener; Messrs. Laird, Dr. George and Dr. Williamson, ministers; and Messrs. Duff, Wood and Laird-law, elders. Statistics and Finance—Mr. A. Young, Convener; Messrs. Houston and McGillivray, ministers; and Messrs. Dick and Fraser, elders. A memorial from a committee of Queen's College Missionary Association, relating to a new mission station in the neighbourhood of Pine and Division streets, Kingston, was presented and considered. It appears that a most promising mission had been in operation since April last; sanction was now sought for the erection of suitable premises in the locality. It was agreed that the sessions

of the three congregations be notified and that a special meeting of Presbytery be held on the 15th of July to hear parties and take the necessary steps for granting the prayer of the memorial. Rev. J. Steele reported that he had moderated in a call from the congregation of St. Columba and St. Paul in favour of Rev. S. Childerhose, B.A. The call was sustained. In the unavoidable absence of Rev. M. W. McLean, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, the Clerk, on his behalf, submitted and read the following items of Home Mission work within the bounds, which were received and agreed to, namely: That all the mission fields within the bounds of the Presbytery are supplied at present. There are fifteen students and three ordained missionaries employed. Recommend that delegates be appointed to dispense ordinances in the mission field. Mr. McLean, Convener, to make arrangements for the western section of the Presbytery, and Mr. Gracey to arrange for the eastern section. The Home Mission Committee is hereby instructed to make enquiry respecting the village of Tweed, to ascertain as far as practicable the probability of commencing a mission station there, and report to the Presbytery at its next regular meeting. Rev. H. Gracey gave notice of the following motion regarding the appointment of Moderator of Presbytery: That hereafter, instead of passing over names of absent members, the next on the roll be appointed Moderator, unless there is good reason for believing that the person whose name comes next in order cannot act during the term, and that the term be for one year. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in the lecture hall of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the third Tuesday of September at three o'clock p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met in Meaford on June 24, and was constituted by the Rev. I. McInnis, Moderator *pro tempore*. It was decided not to appoint a Moderator till next meeting. The following Standing Committees were appointed: Finance—Messrs. McLaren, McInnis and Patterson; Home Mission—Messrs. Somerville, McAlpine and Fraser; Augmentation—Messrs. Waites, Ross and I. Sword; Sabbath Schools—Messrs. Yeomans, McAlpine, Clark and R. Crichton; Temperance—Messrs. McLaren, McInnis, McDiarmid and McArthur; State of Religion—Messrs. Fraser, McLean, Mullan and R. Malcolm; Systematic Benevolence—Messrs. McAlpine, McLennan, Rodgers and Dalgarro; Sabbath Observance—Messrs. Ross, Fleming, Morrison, Armstrong and Boyd. The first named on each committee is Convener. The Committee on Systematic Benevolence were instructed to bring the subject before the notice of all the congregations and mission stations in the way they may deem most expedient, and to see to it that collections are made and forwarded for all the Schemes of the Church. It was also ordered that Standing Committees report at each regular meeting of Presbytery, and that the Committee on Temperance print the questions for the congregations. The following committees were appointed to visit the various mission fields, dispense ordinances, attend to finances, and report at the September meeting of the Presbytery: Lion's Head—Messrs. McLean and Ross, expenses to be met by Presbytery; Indian Peninsula—Mr. Yeomans; Johnston and Woodford—Mr. McInnis; Caven—Mr. Ross; Berkeley and Williamsford—Messrs. McAlpine and Mullan. It was agreed to request Mr. McLean to give supply in Big Bay till the September meeting of Presbytery and the following committee, viz. Messrs. McAlpine, McLean and Yeomans were appointed to visit Big Bay and Lake Charles with the view of making permanent arrangement for the supply, and the committee was recommended to hold a joint meeting of the congregation at some convenient place, and authorized to promise aid to the extent of \$200 in the event of a union being formed, and a church erected for the united congregation, and the committee was granted power to negotiate a basis of union and to report at the September meeting. The Clerk was instructed to prescribe subjects of discourses for students. Mr. Forest reported regarding his work in Keady and more especially regarding the special meetings which are being held. Mr. Dalgarro also reported on the work which had been done. It was agreed that having heard the interesting report of the work in Keady and the desire of many of the people in favour of a speedy settlement, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Somerville, Fraser, Ross, Crichton and Telford be given Presbyterial powers to select an ordained missionary for Keady, Desboro' and Peabody for a period of two years, and that during this period the ordained missionary thus selected may be called and settled permanently. Messrs. Rodgers and Forest were appointed to lay this resolution before the congregations concerned. Mr. Somerville was appointed Moderator of Keady, etc. Mr. Yeomans and Session appointed as a Session for Indian Peninsula. Mr. McLean was appointed Moderator of Lion's Head and Lindsay. Leave was granted to the congregation of St. Paul's, Sydenham, to mortgage their church property to the extent of \$3,200, if necessary, for the erection of a new church, and Presbytery expressed its gratification at the evident prosperity of the congregation. A question arose as to the legitimacy of the *pro re nata* meeting held on the 9th of June, and it was agreed to hold it over till next regular meeting, and that the recommendation then made be considered, and that Mr. McNaughton be notified to be present. Mr. Somerville reported that Mr. McAlpine and he had visited Crawford, Rocky Saugeen and Latona, as instructed by Presbytery, but they had not been able to form a union of the three congregations, inasmuch as Rocky Saugeen had asked a Presbyterial visitation to enquire into their whole position. The report was received and Messrs. McLaren, McAlpine and McLellan were appointed to conduct a Presbyterial visitation of Latona, Rocky Saugeen and Crawford, with a view to union. Said visitation to be held in Latona at eleven a.m.; Rocky Saugeen at half-past two p.m., and Crawford at half-past seven p.m., July 7. It was agreed that Presbytery make an effort to meet the deficiency in the Augmentation grants made to this Presbytery, and the Clerk was instructed to notify all ministers and congregations of the amount required. The commissioners to the Assembly present reported their diligence, and it was agreed that the sum of \$16 for travelling expenses be raised for each of the commissioners by the treasurer of Presbytery. In the event of no union being formed in Latona, Rocky Saugeen and Crawford, Mr. Rodgers was asked to continue the supply of Crawford till next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on September 16, at nine a.m., in Division Street Hall, and was closed with the benediction. — J. SOMERVILLE, *Pres. Clerk*.

HOME MISSIONS AND AUGMENTATION.

The following circular has been sent to Presbytery Clerks, and members of the Home Mission Committee, with the amounts filled in for each Presbytery. It is hoped that Presbyteries will take action at their next meetings:—

MY DEAR SIR, The amount required for Home Missions in the Western Section of the Church for 1890-91 is \$55,000. Of this amount, \$50,000 has been allocated to the different Presbyteries, in the hope that \$5,000 may be received from other sources. As, however, we may not receive such a large amount from the British Churches and requests, Presbyteries should endeavour not only to come up to the apportionment, but, if possible, to exceed it.

The amount required from the Presbytery of Last year the sum contributed was \$

The amount required for Augmentation is \$30,000. The Committee trust that the liberality of the Church will make it unnecessary to reduce grants, as was done last April.

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In name of the Home Mission Committee,
WM. COCHRAN, *Convener*.

British and Foreign.

THE Rev. Thomas Myles has resigned Aberlemno parish church.

PROFESSOR LAIDLAW preached at the opening of the new Free Church at Torry.

THE Rev. David Eaglesham, M.A., has been elected to Hall Morton Free Church.

THE Rev. James Stark, Aberdeen, has been appointed Secretary of the Scottish Congregational Union.

THE Rev. Robert Wallace, Ballygoney, has accepted a call to the important charge of Second Omagh.

A MARBLE medallion of the late Dr. Horatius Bonar is to be placed in Grange Church, Edinburgh.

THE Rev. Dr. Smyth and Rev. Dr. Whigham, who have been so seriously ill, are both progressing favourably.

THE Presbytery of Ayr has ordained the Rev. Mr. Muir, Largo, minister of the church and parish of Kirkoswald.

At the request of his people, Rev. James Cargin, of First Derry, has published in book form his lectures on "Ritualism."

A PRAGUESS' Institution and Training Home in connection with the Church of Scotland has been opened in Glasgow.

At a meeting of Mairavon Free Church congregation the Rev. A. Fleming Kerr was unanimously elected to be its first minister.

THERE are still surviving twenty-two pre-unionist ministers of the old General Synod of Ulster, and eight of the Secession Synod.

THE Rev. James Brown Scott, B.D., has been elected colleague to the Rev. Mr. Nelson, of Pitcairn United Presbyterian Church, near Perth.

THE Rev. John K. McNab, assistant in St. Paul's, Perth, has been elected to Strathkinn parish church in succession to the late Rev. A. D. Tait.

AN old law has been raked up in Denmark, and two Salvation officers are in prison thereby for selling *War Cry* in the street, and for allowing music in the barracks without the consent of the Burgo-master.

THE Rev. J. Forrest, late of the Isle of Man, has accepted the call to Fraserburgh. The dissentients have formed themselves into a mission station, which has been sanctioned by the Free Presbytery of Deer.

MRS. HIGGINBOTHAM, of Glasgow, has left her fortune of \$150,000, after being life-rented by her mother, to be divided among the nursing association she founded and the Royal and Western Infirmary.

A CONFERENCE, at which Principal Rainy and the Rev. Dr. Whyte, of Edinburgh, were present, was held at Huntly Free Church in connection with the celebration of the jubilee of the church.

IRVING MEMORIAL CHURCH, Camelon, Falkirk, was received by the last General Assembly as a fully sanctioned charge, and Rev. R. E. Jaffrey has been unanimously chosen as first minister of the congregation.

THE English Presbyterian Northwestern District Home Mission Board met recently in Liverpool, when arrangements were made for holding special evangelistic services during the coming autumn and winter in Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham.

ONLY nine members of Edinburgh Free Church Presbytery put in an appearance on the occasion of hearing the trial discourses of thirteen students. These had to divide themselves into small committees for the purpose of hearing the sermons.

THE Rev. Alexander Lee, M.A., of Nairn, preached at the opening of the new church which has been erected at Carinish, North Uist. This is the third church built in the Outer Hebrides within the last four years, chiefly owing to the exertions of Mr. Lee.

THE grandmother of the "Queen" of St. Kilda died lately during the absence of all the men of the island, and so it fell to the lot of Rev. A. Fiddes to make her coffin. This he did in such a workmanlike manner as to win the admiration of his fastidious people.

SIR ARTHUR GORDON, uncle of the present Earl of Aberdeen, on his impending retirement from the governorship of Ceylon will address himself to the task of preparing a memoir, with the correspondence of his father, who was prime minister at the time of the Crimean war.

At Forfar the sheriff has refused to grant the interdict craved by Mr. Dalgetty, a draper, to exclude Mr. Booth, a tailor, from a pew in the parish church. No court in the land, said the sheriff, would interdict a parishioner from entering an unoccupied pew after the bells had ceased to ring.

THE funeral of Miss McLaw at Manchester evoked extraordinary manifestations of sympathy. The service was held in Sale Church, where her father was formerly minister, the edifice being crowded. Wreaths were sent from the churches at Swinton, Sheffield, Rochdale and other places.

MISS EFFIE COPLAND, the only surviving daughter of the pastor of Calcutta Street U. P. Church, Ayr, who was married in her father's church, lately, to Rev. Arthur Simmons, of Kettle, a native of Daley, received one hundred and fifty presents from friends in and outside the congregation.

THE Rev. Ephraim Smith, of Newton-Stewart, who was seized with an apoplectic fit while officiating for a Free Church neighbour, died four days later. A native of Glasgow, he was ordained to the pastorate at Newton-Stewart nearly twenty-six years ago, his semi-jubilee having been celebrated last autumn.

THE Rev. William Wilson, of Brechin, has been ordained to the parish of Airlie in succession to the late Rev. Thomas Reid. The sermon was preached by Rev. Neil McBride, Moderator of Meigle Presbytery. Sir Thomas Munro, of Lindertis, presided at the induction dinner, and gave Mr. Wilson a cordial welcome to the parish.

STIRLING Presbytery have placed on record their sense of the loss they have sustained by the death of Rev. I. Cowie, who was minister at Denny for many years. Rev. F. McPherson, of Larbert, said that as a pastor Mr. Cowie was most earnest and anxious, and that he believed he hurt himself by visiting and making long journeys in all kinds of weather.

ENQUIRIES are in progress with a view to the foundation of a memorial to General Gordon at Woolwich. It has been suggested that the house in which the hero was born, No. 1, Kemut-Terrace, Woolwich Common, should, if possible, be acquired, and devoted to some purpose of a character consistent with Gordon's life and ideals. The house is well adapted for a boys' home.

GLASGOW Free Church Presbytery met in Kenfield Church on Monday evening and moderated in a call to Rev. W. M. Macgregor, of Troon, as successor to Professor Marcus Dods. The call, which has been signed by 319 members and ninety-five adherents, was unanimously sustained. Rev. George Keith, M.A., interim Moderator, preached and presided.