

Rev. W. M. McKibbin, B. A., clerk of Stratford Presbytery, died at his home in Stratford on Monday morning. Mr. McKibbin was born in Ireland in 1842, and came with his parents to Canada when quite young, and settled near Ottawa. After graduating from McGill University, he took his theological course at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and was ordained in 1875. His first charge was at Cardinal, Ont. Resigning this, he accepted a call to Millbank, where he labored faithfully and successfully until about a year ago when he was compelled to resign on account of a disease of the throat which rendered him unable to speak above a whisper. He leaves a widow and six children.

#### HURON PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met in Clinton on the 10th of May. Rev. R. D. Fraser, M. A., late of Bowmanville, being present was asked to sit and deliberate.

Mr. Acheson was re-appointed Convener of the Home Mission Committee. Two students were reported within the bounds of the Presbytery, viz., Messrs. Dick and Macpherson, the former is to be licensed at next meeting, and the latter is expected to read a discourse before the Presbytery at a future meeting, the subject of which is to be prescribed for him by the Committee on the Superintendence of Students. Mr. James Hamilton, B. A., was appointed a member of the Assembly's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Mr. J. A. Hamilton, M. A., presented the report of the Committee on Finance, etc., showing the gains and losses in membership during the past year, and the average contributions per member and family.

The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Knox church, Goderich, on the 12th of July at 11 a.m. — A McLean, Clerk.

#### MAITLAND PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met and was constituted at Wingham, May 17. Rev. W. T. Hall, Moderator. There was a good attendance of members.

The minutes of last regular and *pro re nata* meetings were read and adopted. Session records were attested.

An overture to the General Assembly re-supplying and filling vacancies was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to that Court.

Mr. F. MacInnes was reported a student having the ministry in view residing within the bounds of Presbytery.

In re-filling the chair of Hebrew Biblical Exegesis in Knox College, vacant by the resignation of Rev. Prof. Robinson, the Presbytery recommend that the General Assembly appoint a suitable representative of the Church to visit different countries and make inquiries as to the suitability of qualified persons from whom to choose a professor.

The Committee on revision of regulations regarding order of business was continued and instructed to prepare report suitable for having it printed.

Circulars from Presbyteries regarding reception of ministers from other churches presented and read. Five have made application to be received.

The roll of Commissioners to the General Assembly was completed. The following additional elders were appointed, viz., Jas. Smallie, Walton; W. McDonald, Riversdale; Duncan McDonald, Moleworth; W. Henderson, Bervie.

The report on Statistics were read, and ordered to be printed giving average contribution per member, and per family by the various congregations for the Schemes of the Church, stipend, building and ordinary purposes and increase or decrease in contributions, and that a sufficient number be printed to supply each family in the Presbytery.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted. The Presbytery expresses its gratification at the honor conferred upon one of its members, the Rev. J. L. Murray, M. A., by the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and congratulates Mr. Murray on the reception of the degree of Doctor of Divinity. It sincerely hopes that by the blessing of God Dr. Murray may be long spared to enjoy the reward of services that have well deserved such recognition. Dr. Murray

acknowledged the resolution in suitable terms.

The Presbytery passed a minute regarding the late Rev. A. F. McQueen expressive of esteem for his character and labors in the Gospel ministry and sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement.

Next meeting will be held at Wingham, July 19, at 10 a.m. — John MacNabb, Clerk.

#### PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE PRESBYTERY.

This court met at Gladstone on the 10th of May. There were present Rev. Dr. Wright, Messrs. McKee, White, Munro, Patterson and Guthrie, Ministers, and Mr. J. L. Logic, Elder.

The Clerk read the financial report. Practically no arrears of stipend existed in any of the congregations, while the different Schemes of the Church have been liberally contributed to. In most instances the sums apportioned to the Presbytery had been exceeded. A large part of the seditum was devoted to the consideration of the Schemes and it was found that nearly all the congregations had contributed liberally. Dr. Wright reported that he had moderated in a call at Dauphin in favor of Mr. Gourlay. His conduct was approved. But as the Clerk read a letter from Mr. Gourlay intimating his acceptance of a call to Thornhill in the Presbytery of Rock Lake no further action was taken in the matter. Mr. Jarvis resigned his appointment to the General Assembly and Mr. Ennes was appointed in his stead. An application from Arden in favor of re-adjusting the stations constituting that group was considered at considerable length. It was resolved to appoint a Committee consisting of Messrs. Munro, Patterson and Guthrie to visit the field if necessary and issue the call.

The Home Mission Report was presented by Mr. Munro. It showed that nearly all our fields are occupied.

Next meeting was appointed to be held at Portage la Prairie on the 11 of July at 7.30 p.m. — Farquhar McKee, Clerk.

#### PUNDITA RAMABAI'S VISIT TO TORONTO.

The many friends of Pundita Ramabai will be interested to learn that after ten years' absence she has returned to America, and will soon be in Toronto, pleading the cause of the High Caste widows of India. Ten years ago her school opened with one widow and one non-widow, to-day there is an average attendance of fifty widows and eighty scholars at the school. Fourteen teachers have been trained, eleven of these are working and supporting themselves; eight have been engaged as nurses, of whom five are under salary. Seven are assisting missionaries, nine have been happily married, seven are engaged as matrons of institutions, three are engaged as housekeepers, twenty three are engaged in active Christian work. In all 320 child widows have passed through the school. Last year 300 famine girls were rescued, and thirty-five of the old scholars took charge of them as kindly and affectionately as their own mothers and sisters could do.

Ramabai will tell what God has wrought in her school, and how she has been sustained under heavy trials, in an address to be given in Westminster church, Moor St., east, on the evening of Monday, June 13th, at 8 o'clock. Rev. John Neil will preside. A collection will be taken up to defray travelling and other expenses.

#### MR. GLADSTONE'S LAST LITERARY WORK.

The last finished literary work of William E. Gladstone was his eloquent and tender tribute to the memory of Arthur Henry Hallam, the friend of his school-days, and thereafter until his untimely death. The article was the last of five which Mr. Gladstone had at different times written expressly for THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, and appeared recently. The final revision of the article, in the venerable statesman's own handwriting, was concluded in November, 1897. Such a tribute from a man of eighty-eight, whose statesmanship has made a profound and enduring impression upon the civil history of the world, to a youth of twenty-two who had been sixty-four years

in his grave, is probably unexampled in literature. The entire manuscript of this article is perhaps the most precious of the many rare autographs possessed by the publishers of THE YOUTH'S COMPANION.

#### PERSECUTION OF THE M'ALL MISSION.

In the last news received from Paris the Treasurer says: "We have had a year of good work and much to encourage us, and the Lord is blessing His word here. But the times are getting more difficult, and we must be prepared for a fight. The enemy is alarmed, and the priests are doing all they can to overturn the work of the Gospel. Now is the time to stand firm and to go ahead in all directions, and to carry the war into the enemy's camp. Anything is better than indifference, and opposition shows that the truth is telling." He also says that the funds have been very low during the past year, and very little received from Scotland and America, from both of which countries a large proportion of their income is derived.

"Summer Outings" is the name of a very handsome little booklet issued by The Nickle Plate Road, and will be found very interesting to those contemplating their summer holiday. It gives the special excursion rates for this well-known line and also the names of various summer resorts, together with the rates for day or week at which board may be obtained, so that the exact expense of the outing may be estimated before leaving home. A postal card to J. F. Moore, 23 Exchange St., Buffalo, will bring one of these booklets by return mail.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor Presbyterian Review.

DEAR SIR, — I have noticed in more than one paper within a week or two the assertion made that Markethill is the oldest Presbyterian congregation in Ireland. If there be authority for such a statement as that, your correspondent would be well pleased to see it, new light is ever desirable. According to present light, which is based on Dr. Killen and the Minutes of the Synod of Ulster, there are seventy or eighty congregations older than Markethill, some nearly a century older. If there be any up-to-date information which we benighted Canadians have not yet seen, let us have it without any delay. ONE WHO SEEKS LIGHT.

#### OUR PENSION FUNDS.

Editor Presbyterian Review:

Your contributor J. S. in his article on the "Church Pension Funds" has rightly called attention to a fundamental injustice in the regulations under which those funds are administered. The Committees are of course not to blame for the injustice. They only carry out the rules, but there is no doubt that the Church has been badly advised in passing the regulations into law.

#### A PREACHER'S REPORT

Interesting Statement by Elder Joel H. Austin of Goshen, Ind.

"I was a victim of catarrh and had almost constant pain in my head. The trouble was gradually working down on my lungs. I was weak and irritable. My wife had the grip and Hood's Sarsaparilla cured her. After this I had the same disease and resorted to Hood's. In a short time the aches and pains were relieved and I also saw the medicine was helping my catarrh. In six weeks I ceased to have any further trouble with it and I am now a well man. The pains and bloating I had in my limbs are gone and I am relieved of a heart trouble. I am thankful for a medicine so well adapted to the needs of the system." ELDER JOEL H. AUSTIN, Goshen, Indiana.

Hood's Pills