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PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

The Presbytery of Bathurst met in St. Andrew's Church, Bytown, on the 27th day of July last according to previous appointment for the purpose *inter alia* of inducting the Rev. Alexander Spence, lately arrived from Scotland, to the Pastoral charge of that Church.

Mr. Spence's edict was returned duly served, and, the parties concerned having been called, no objections to his life and doctrine were offered. Thereafter, the Congregation being met, and having been notified of the intention of the Presbytery, Mr. Fraser of Lanark, Moderator, preached an appropriate and excellent discourse from Luke x. 2, "The harvest truly is great." After Divine Service the Moderator called Mr. Spence, and read to him the questions appointed to be put to such as are to be admitted to new charges, and also the act declaring the Spiritual Independence of this Church, to all which Mr. Spence gave satisfactory answers, and signed the Bond in behalf of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Whereupon the Moderator did, in name and by appointment of the Presbytery, admit Mr. Spence to the Pastoral charge of said Church, and the brethren present gave him the right hand of fellowship. Thereafter Mr. G. Bell suitably addressed the Minister, and Mr. Smith, the Congregation upon their respective duties, and afterwards, when the Congregation was dismissed, Mr. Spence subscribed the Formula, and his name was ordered to be added to the Presbytery Roll.

This is a settlement, we are happy to

learn, which is highly satisfactory to the Church at Bytown. From the experience and high qualifications with which Mr. Spence enters upon his duties in connection with his present charge, we cannot but hope that with the blessing of God great benefits will accrue from his labours and counsels not only to the members of his own flock, but to the Presbytery and Church at large, with which he is connected. The appointment of Mr. Spence to the Church in Bytown forms an additional item to the large debt of gratitude that the Church in this Province already owes to the Parent Church—the Church of Scotland.

The Presbytery of Bathurst held their ordinary meeting in Perth on the 13th September. There were several matters before the Presbytery, some of them of a local and routine character, the disposal of which occupied them nearly two days. *Inter alia*, the Presbytery completed the steps taken at previous meeting in reference to the translation of the Rev. George Bell from Cumberland and Buckingham to Galt. Reference being had to the measures already taken in the case according to the laws of the Church, Mr. Petrie, Elder, on the part of the Congregations at Cumberland and Buckingham, assented to the translation. The question was then put, "translate Mr. Bell to the Church and Congregation at Galt, or not," and it carried unanimously—*translate*. In releasing Mr. Bell from his present charge the Presbytery resolved to record the sense they entertained of his qualifications as a Minister in the following terms. "It is but justice to state that, when on trials for License and Ordination, Mr. Bell acquitted himself in a manner highly creditable to himself and satisfactory to the Presbytery; and that his duties as a settled Pastor have

It is particularly requested that Communications for "The Presbyterian" be in future sent in before the 20th of each month.

Ministers are, also, respectfully requested to draw the attention of their Congregations from the pulpit to the objects which "The Presbyterian" has in view, as it has been ascertained that many of our brethren are ignorant of the existence of such a Religious Periodical, and of the low price at which they can procure it.

A considerable number of persons, to whom the *Presbyterian* has been sent, have not yet forwarded to us the amount of their subscriptions. It will be obliging if they do so without any farther delay.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS, &c.

The articles from Goderich and Vaughan, and that entitled "Popery and Democracy," will appear in our next Number.

We have received a letter from a person connected with the Congregation of the Rev. Mr. Fettes, complaining of the election of certain parties to the offices of Elder and Deacon in that Church. We suggest to our Correspondent that he should prefer his complaint to the organ of the Religious Body to which he belongs, or to the Ecclesiastical Courts of the Free Church.

We beg to acknowledge from the Author receipt of a copy of "Heathen Converts to the Worship of the God of Israel, by the Rev. George Macdonnell, Bathurst, New Brunswick. Edinburgh—Myles Macphail."

We beg also to acknowledge an article entitled "The Church and Her Vocation. By J. H. Merle D'Aubigné, D. D."