

25th inst. at 2.30 p.m., for the induction. Mr. Geddes will preach, Mr. McLellan will address the minister, Mr. Murray will address the congregation in English and Mr. McQueen in Gaelic. A circular from the Presbytery of Columbia was read intimating its intention to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive as a minister of this church, the Rev. W. W. Warren, D.D., of the Presbytery of San Jacinto, a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and from the Presbytery of St. John to receive Rev. Thos. F. Fullerton late of Wagga Wagga Presbytery, New South Wales, as a minister of this church. A communication from the Presbytery of Ottawa on Suggested Amendments to the Liquor License Act, was presented. This paper was relegated to the Temperance Committee with instructions to embody in their report a deliverance regarding the amendments proposed. A communication from the Presbytery of Bruce anent the division of the mission field under its care was read. It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, and agreed: That having received a communication from the Presbytery of Bruce expressing disapproval of the proposed transference of a portion of the mission field of that Presbytery to the Presbytery of Maitland, but giving no sufficient reason for such disapproval, we now renew our application of last year to the Synod of Hamilton and London to have the said transference take effect. Messrs. Hartley and W. Henderson were appointed to support this resolution before the Synod of Hamilton and London. Reports from deputations previously appointed to visit and receive congregations were received and applications for grants from the Augmentation Fund were considered. It was agreed to apply for grants as follows: For Pine River \$150; for Dunganon and Port Albert \$200; for Belgrave \$150; for Langside \$100. Leave was granted Dunganon and Port Albert for moderation in a call. The following ministers were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Messrs. Murray, Geddes, McQuarrie, Anderson, McDonald. The charges entitled to send elders are Langside, Knox Church, Ripley; Knox Church, Brussels; Molesworth, Dunganon and Port Albert. The Sessions of these charges were requested to nominate a commissioner each and submit their nomination at the next meeting except Molesworth Session who have already nominated Mr. Robert Elliott as commissioner which is approved by the Presbytery. Mr. Murray gave notice that he will move at next meeting that the March meeting shall be itinerating. Mr. Stevenson asked leave of absence for three months with a view to visit Scotland, and stated that he had arranged for the supply of his pulpit. This was granted. Mr. Ross was re-appointed Convener of Home Mission Committee. Messrs. Hartley and W. Henderson were appointed members of the Synod's committee on bills and overtures. Messrs. Hartley, Geddes, Murray, Sutherland, read the reports on Temperance, Sabbath Observance and State of Religion, respectively. The reports were received and adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's respective Conveners of Committees on these subjects. It was agreed that a Sabbath School Convention be held—that the time and place be fixed, and all arrangements for it be made by the Sabbath School Committee. The consideration of a proposed scheme for Presbyterial visitation was deferred till next meeting. At the evening sederunt Mr. McLellan read the annual report of the Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Mission Society in behalf of Mrs. McNabb, secretary of the society. It was moved by Mr. Geddes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and agreed: That having heard the report of the Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Mission Society just read this Presbytery expresses its hearty gratification at the progress of the society and the substantial help it is rendering to the cause of Christ in our Church; moreover this Presbytery expresses the hope that this Presbyterial Society may continue a work which in the hands of our Christian ladies gives so much promise of greater things in the years to come. According to appointment Messrs. Anderson and Geddes addressed the Presbytery and the congregation assembled, Mr. Anderson taking for his subject "The Israelitish and Jewish Women in relation to the religious life of the Nation," and Mr. Geddes "What is the Church's greatest need in carrying on its work at Home and Abroad." The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held at Wingham on Tuesday May 13th, at 11 15 a.m.—JOHN MCNABB, Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.**—This Presbytery met within Knox Church, Paisley, on the 11th of March, when fifteen ministers and twelve elders were present. Rev. D. McKenzie, of Tara, was appointed Moderator of the Session of Geneva Church, Chesley, rendered vacant by the death of Rev. J. Ferguson. Messrs. Linton and Moore were appointed a committee to prepare a minute expressive of the mind of the Presbytery regarding Mr. Ferguson. The Rev. J. McMillan tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Glamis. The congregation was ordered to be cited to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting to be held within St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, on Friday, March 21, at eleven o'clock forenoon, when the resignation will be disposed of, and Rev. J. Gillies was appointed to cite the congregation. The Committee on Augmentation was asked to give the same grants as last year to North Brant, etc., and Kinloss, etc. On the Constitution of Assembly the Presbytery recommended that the representation be one-fourth of ministers and elders as at present. It was unanimously resolved that it is expedient to appoint a general secretary of Sabbath schools. It was recommended that it be made obligatory for all ministers to connect themselves with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed: Messrs. Anderson, Duff, Little, Rennie, Moore and Dr. James. Ministers, and Messrs. J. C. McIntyre, D. H. Gilchrist, D. J. Graham, D. M. Halliday, W. McDonald and P. Caven, elders. Mr. D. J. Graham appeared as a commissioner from St. Andrew's, Sault Ste. Marie, asking that the station be erected into a regular pastoral charge, and submitting resolutions of the congregation thereanent, and promising an annual stipend of \$800. On motion it was agreed that the congregation be erected into a pastoral charge, subject to the approval of the Committee on Augmentation, and that application be made to said committee for a grant of \$100 a year. Rev. A. Tolmie submitted the Home Mission report, which was carefully considered, each field coming up for review. Resolutions were adopted and forwarded to the Home Mission Committee. Rev. A. R. Linton was appointed the Presbytery's representative on the Synod Committee on Bills and Overtures. Very satisfactory and encouraging reports on Sabbath Schools, Temperance and the State of Religion were submitted by the Conveners of the respective committees, and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod. The annual report of the Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was presented and read. The Presbytery expressed its interest in the work of the Society and gratification at the success which has been already achieved. Mr. D. B. Smith applied to receive the status of a catechist. After examination by a committee, consisting of Messrs. Anderson, McMillan, Caven and Eckford, his application was granted, and his name ordered to be forwarded to the Home Mission Committee. The names of Messrs. J. K. McGillivray, J. McKeechie and D. Miller were also forwarded as student catechists. The appointment of Mr. J. K. McGillivray to the Bruce Mines field, which he occupied last summer with so much acceptance and success, was strongly recommended. The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held within Knox Church, Tara, on the second Tuesday of July at one p.m.—JAMES GOURLAY, Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.**—This Presbytery met in Quebec on March 11 and 12, Dr. Lamont, Moderator. A large amount of business was transacted. Presbyterial circulars were read setting forth that application will be made to the next Assembly for leave to receive W. W. Warren, D.D., and Rev. Thomas F. Fullerton as ministers of this church. Professor Macadam's name was added to the roll of Presbytery. Dr. Clark having completed the fiftieth year

of his ministry a resolution of congratulation was passed. Reports on the State of Religion, Sabbath schools and Temperance were submitted by Revs. J. Macleod, J. Sutherland and T. Z. Lefebvre which were adopted. A resolution expressive of the Presbytery's appreciation of the efforts of John Charlton, M.P., to secure better legislation for the better observance of the Lord's day was adopted. The remit on the constitution of the General Assembly (proposing to reduce the representation from one-fourth to one-sixth) was disapproved. The appointment of a general secretary for Sabbath schools was also disapproved. The remit on ministers' connection with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was approved. Portneuf was taken under the care of the Presbytery and added to the list of mission stations. Dr. Laing was nominated for the Moderatorship of the next Assembly, and Dr. Lamont for that of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. The following were elected as commissioners to the next Assembly: Rev. A. T. Love, Dr. Lamont, T. Z. Lefebvre, J. Sutherland, G. R. Maxwell, and A. Lee; and Messrs. R. Brodie, Dr. Weir, Dr. Thomson, I. W. Eadie and J. C. Thompson, elders. It was resolved to make application to the next General Assembly in behalf of Rev. W. A. Johnston for leave to retire. Reports concerning augmented congregations were received. These showed that nearly all the congregations had sustained loss by the removal of families. Grants were revised and recommended for the ensuing year. Rev. John McCarter was appointed to Metis for another year. Rev. T. Z. Lefebvre tendered his resignation of the French Mission Church, Quebec. The consideration of the resignation was postponed till the next meeting. Messrs. E. S. Logie, T. G. Macleod and John U. E. F. Tanner, literary students, were taken under the care of the Presbytery as students having the ministry in view and were recommended for mission work. Messrs. George H. Smith, Adam Robertson and Simon Macdonald made application to be taken on trial for license. The Moderator and Clerk were empowered to petition the Dominion Senate and the House of Commons in the name of the Presbytery anent legislation for the better observance of the Lord's day. The Board of French Evangelization was recommended to send missionaries and teachers to St. Francis district, Ditchfield, Quebec city and Port au Percil. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Sherbrooke on May 13 at eight p.m.—J. R. MACLEOD, Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.**—At the meeting of this Presbytery last week Mr. Walter Paul read the following recommendations on Temperance Work, which were adopted: 1. That this Presbytery, having heard the report on Temperance, desires to record its deep satisfaction at the cheering reports which come from all our congregations, viz.: that intemperance is fast disappearing from amongst their members and adherents. But whilst viewing with gratitude and gladness the encouraging progress made in this direction, it regrets to know that the evil is still largely prevalent and deeply rooted in the community, and believing that the uprooting and destroying of the evil is largely the work of the Church, this Presbytery would continue to urge upon all its members not to relax one single effort, but to use every endeavour both by precept and example to help on the good work of temperance in the respective localities so that those outside the Church may also be blessed by their efforts. 2. Recognizing the great importance of education in this matter, this Presbytery would again call upon all Sabbath school teachers and Christian workers to continue to give the question of temperance great prominence in their efforts to do good amongst the young, and it would also express its decided satisfaction at the knowledge of the fact that scientific temperance is now being taught in a large number of our day schools, thereby giving the young an opportunity of knowing the evil effects of alcohol on the human system. 3. That whereas the Government of this Province still continues in their attitude of hostility and opposition to the friends of temperance and temperance reforms, this Presbytery would renew its recommendations of last year, and would earnestly urge upon all its pastors, elders, office-bearers and members generally to use their utmost influence in the community, and when an opportunity offers, to elect only able and good men, men whom we well know to be in sympathy with prohibitory legislation. 4. That this Presbytery takes pleasure in expressing its high appreciation of the great and valuable services rendered to the Temperance cause by the W. C. T. U., and would cordially recommend this good work to the sympathy and co-operation of all its members where branches have been or may yet be organized. The commissioners to the General Assembly which meets in Ottawa in June next were appointed as follows: Ministers.—By rotation, Rev. Messrs. James Patterson, John Mackie, D. Paterson, William J. Smyth, Thomas Bennett, Principal MacVicar, and R. Campbell, D.D.; by ballot, Revs. Professor Scrimger, R. H. Warden, D.D., James Fleck, F. M. Dewey, J. B. Muir, W. R. Crunkshank. Elders.—Messrs. William Drysdale, Walter Paul, David Morrice, James Brodie, James Croil, R. A. Becket, J. W. Kilgour, Warden King, John Murray, Dr. Christie, J. B. Cushing, A. C. Hutchison, James Walter. The Rev. Dr. Smyth, Convener of the Presbytery's Examining Committee, in his report showed that the following had finished their studies so as to warrant application being made to the Synod to take them on trial for licence: Messrs. S. Angel, W. L. Clay, B.A., W. A. Cook, C. J. Hastings, D. M. Jamieson, N. T. Kalem, S. F. McCusker, B.A., J. Naismith, B.A., W. J. Jamieson, and recommending them for work, as also Mr. Robert Borland, from Edinburgh. The Rev. G. Colborne Heine, Convener, read an encouraging report on French work, and grants were made to the various French stations. The Revs. G. C. Heine and A. B. Cruchet were appointed to instal Mr. Mousseau as an ordained missionary at Grenville, in company with Messrs. Fraser and Mackie. Mr. Mousseau, of Grenville, complained that the Methodists were making inroads on his territory, where there was only one family of Methodists. They disturbed his meetings, and one woman wished to discuss the question of perfection with him. They had lately left for new fields. The Rev. James Stewart made the same complaint in connection with his Arundel work. The Methodists had sent a preacher into a district where there was not a single family of that church. These cases will be laid before the Synod's Committee on Church Co-operation. The Rev. J. M. Boyd, Beauharnois, read the report on the State of Religion. The Rev. T. Bennett read the report on Sabbath Observance, and after striking out several recommendations (including that of "no milk on Sunday") the report was adopted. The remit from the General Assembly anent the employing of a general superintendent for Sunday schools was rejected as inexpedient. The Presbytery agreed to cite Erskine congregation to appear before them on April 3 anent Mr. Jordan's resignation.

#### OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN RENTON.

Mr. John Renton, a pious and efficient elder of St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford, Ont., departed this life at his late residence on the Governor's Road, North Oxford, on Sabbath, February 9, 1890, in the ninetieth year of his life, surrounded by all his family. He was an elder of St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford, for over forty years. He took a lively interest in the temporal and spiritual affairs of the congregation. Of late years, on account of the infirmities of old age, he was not able to attend church, but read his Bible and the best human authors very extensively at home. His mind remained sound and clear to the last. On Tuesday following his death, his remains were deposited in the Ingersoll cemetery in the hope of a happy and blessed resurrection. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

## British and Foreign.

AN Universal Peace Congress is to be held in London in the early summer.

AN International Temperance Conference will be held at Christiana in September.

LORD KNUTSFORD has advised the Queen to assent to the Divorce Bill recently passed by the Victorian Legislature.

AT the London University January matriculation examination only forty-seven out of 175 ladies have passed for B.A.

THE temperance patriarch of Yorkshire, Sir Edward Baines, died recently after a prolonged illness in his ninetieth year.

THE Government of Denmark, following the example of Sweden and Norway, proposes to increase the duty on spirits five fold.

THERE are now more young ladies than young men to be seen busily taking notes of Dr. Parker's discourses in the City Temple.

THE congregation of Dr. Alexander Wallace, of Glasgow, have agreed to get a colleague, or colleague and successor, to their pastor.

PAISLEY Presbytery, on the motion of Mr. Sturrock, has agreed to form associations for the prosecution of aggressive evangelistic work.

AT a conference held at Lady Louisa Ashburton's, it was decided to extend the work of the Common Lodging House Mission all over London.

THE Rev. W. R. Thomson, B.D., of Euston, has been elected colleague to the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey, of Caledonia Road U.P. Church, Glasgow.

MR. FLEMING has submitted an overture in Hamilton United Presbyterian Presbytery asking the Synod to prepare a supplement to the Hymnal.

THE committees both in Cork and Dublin who are arranging the celebration of Father Matthew's centenary consist of leading citizens of all creeds and classes.

GALSTON U. P. congregation, while their church is undergoing repairs, are worshipping with their brethren of the Free Church, the two ministers preaching alternately.

THE Rev. R. H. Lundie, M.A., of Liverpool, the biographer of the late Alexander Balfour, the distinguished philanthropist, is to receive the degree of D.D. from Edinburgh University.

THE widow of Dr. Michael Willis, late Principal of Knox College, Toronto, and the first pastor of Renfield Church, Glasgow, died at West Kensington on the 25th ult.

THE Newspaper Press Directory states that there are 2,234 papers in the United Kingdom, of which 185 are dailies. The number of magazines is 1,752, of which 430 are religious.

THE membership of Mr. Spurgeon's church is now 5,354, an increase of seventy-nine. During the year 433 were added, but 354 were removed, 116 by non-attendance and other causes.

DR. SMITH, of Cathcart, entered on the sixty-third year of his ministry on Sabbath, 23d inst. At the morning service, which he conducted with his wonted power, he preached an appropriate discourse.

THE Calcutta students purpose placing a portrait of the late Principal Smith in a library as well as a marble tablet in the hall of the Institution, besides founding several bursaries to bear his name.

DR. RANDELL DAVIDSON, dean of Windsor, is a grandson of Dr. Davidson of the Tolbooth Church, Edinburgh, and descended from a Midlothian family of landholders, the Davidsons of Muirhouse.

THE Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire salvationists have been placed under a female captain, and General Booth says that if this new experiment succeeds they will soon be able to officer the whole world.

THE Ladies' Foreign Mission Association, now in its fifty-second year, has within the last ten years almost doubled the amount of its annual income. Last year the Glasgow and West Scotland branch raised \$6,170.

THE West of Scotland ladies' association for foreign missions will hold a bazaar in Glasgow in the third week of December, to assist in providing homes for lady missionaries and buildings for carrying on their work.

THE Nizam of Hyderabad is about to appoint twelve commissioners for the purpose of taking evidence in zenanas. They must possess a knowledge of law, and of three or four languages, including English, and will receive a handsome salary.

THE annual accounts show an increase on the whole of the United Presbyterian Church; and the Augmentation Fund will make the minimum stipend \$900, besides manse, or \$100 for house rent in addition where there is no manse.

LORD KYLLACHY has decided that the Church of Scotland is entitled to the residue of the estate of the late Mr. George Bruist, of Ormiston, which he ordained to be left "for the propagation of Christianity in the Established Churches of Scotland."

AN Esquimaux journal is now published, entitled the Reader. It has been started by one of the natives with the help of some old type, and a small handpress; and the owner does all the work himself, including some wood engraving for the illustration.

ONE of the most striking Christian enterprises in Japan is an orphan asylum started two years ago at Okayama by Mr. Ishii, a medical man, and his wife, in imitation of George Muller. Its home is in a Buddhist temple and it has now fifty-five orphans.

DR. STEWART, of Heathcote, at a temperance conference in Aberdeen, spoke of the advanced state of opinion in Scotland as compared with England, and declared that he was ready to support home rule for Scotland if for nothing else than that it would give the people the control of the liquor traffic.

MR. ERASMUS SCOTT CALMAN, who some fifty years ago was a missionary schoolmaster in Jerusalem, has been accidentally killed in a lunatic asylum at Cambridge Heath, of which he was an inmate. He was knocked down in the grounds by another patient. He had reached his ninety-third year.

THOSE who have profited by the works of the late Philip Gosse, the naturalist, who of all the scientific writers of our time was probably the most intensely earnest Christian and certainly the strongest Puritan, will be glad to learn that his accomplished son, Mr. Edmund Gosse, is about to write a biography of his father.

IN the mission work at Edinburgh the former practice was reverted to of joint meetings in the Synod hall; and an unusual interest centred in the one at which Rev. William Anderson, of old Calabar, was presented with an address of congratulation from the Mission Board on the attainment of his jubilee as a missionary.

THE walls of Dunblane cathedral have all been renewed and finished and are now almost ready to receive the roof. A large stone cross has been reared on the western gable to correspond with that on the east gable. During the progress of the work care has been taken to protect the tombstones in the aisle, many of them of historic interest.

FOR the first time in the history of St. Paul's a service conducted entirely in the Welsh tongue was held in that cathedral recently. It attracted a congregation exceeding 10,000, four-fifths of whom were Welsh residents in London. The Bishop of St. Asaph was the preacher, and 200 Welsh chorists led the service of praise. Sir John Puleston read the first lesson.