

comparable friend of whom I have already spoken. At this period she lived mostly with one young daughter, in a quiet part of the country, and only occasionally in town with her first husband, Mr. Taylor. I visited her equally in both places; and was greatly indebted to the strength of character which enabled her to disregard the false interpretations liable to be put on the frequency of my visits to her while living generally apart from Mr. Taylor, and on our occasionally travelling together, though in all other respects our conduct during these years gave not the slightest ground for any other supposition than the true one, that our relation to each other at that time was one of strong affection and confidential intimacy only. For though we did not consider the ordinances of society binding on a subject so entirely personal, we did feel bound that our conduct should be such as in no degree to bring discredit on her husband, nor therefore on herself.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Missionary meetings are being arranged in the various Presbyteries of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Among other Presbyteries, that of Stratford has made its arrangements as follows:—

- Mitchell, Monday, December 22, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Findlay, Hamilton and Renwick.
- Monckton, Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 3 p.m., Messrs. Findlay, Hamilton and Renwick.
- Elma, Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Findlay, Hamilton and Renwick.
- Molesworth, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m., Messrs. Findlay, Hamilton and Renwick.
- Listowel, Wednesday, December 24, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Findlay, Hamilton and Renwick.
- Harrington, Monday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m., Messrs. Macpherson and Hall.
- North Easthope, Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m., Messrs. Macpherson and Hall.
- Stratford, Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Drummond and Hall.
- Hampstead, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m., Messrs. Macpherson and Boyd.
- Shakespeare, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Macpherson and Boyd.
- East Zorra, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m., Messrs. Gordon and Hall.
- McKay's, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Gordon and Hall.
- Wellesley, Monday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m., Messrs. Scott and Musgrave.
- Crosshill, Monday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Scott and Musgrave.
- Millbank, Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Scott and Musgrave.
- N. Mornington, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m., Messrs. Scott and Croly.
- Milverton, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p.m., Messrs. Scott and Croly.
- St. Mary's, Monday, Jan. 19, 1874, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Drummond and Hislop.
- Fullarton, Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Drummond, Hislop and Bell.
- Avonbank, Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Drummond, Hislop and Bell.
- Carlingford, Thursday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m., Messrs. Drummond and Musgrave.
- Arvonton, Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Drummond and Musgrave.
- S. Nissouri, Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Croly and Gordon.
- N. Nissouri, Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Croly and Gordon.
- Bidulph, Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Croly and Gordon.
- Roy's, Thursday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m., Messrs. Mitchell and Bell.
- Cromarty, Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., Messrs. Mitchell and Bell.

Ministers and Churches.

The Session of Gabriel Street Church, Montreal has unanimously approved of the Synod's remit on Union.

Messrs. Strahan & Co., announce as forthcoming the Autobiography and Memoir of the late Thomas Guthrie, D.D., edited by his sons, Rev. David K. Guthrie, and Chas. J. Guthrie, M.A.

The Sustentation Fund Committee of the Irish Presbyterian Church has held its meeting in Belfast—the Rev. Wm. Johnston, Moderator of the General Assembly, presiding. From the report it appears the amount contributed is £2000 in advance of the sum subscribed at same period last year.

The Rev. John Laing, formerly of Cobourg, and more recently of Ottawa, was, on the 5th inst., inducted into the pastoral care of the C. P. Church, Dundas. The services were exceedingly interesting, and largely attended. The settlement is in every respect a gratifying one.

DR. ANDERSON, GLASGOW.—The session and managers of John Street U.P. Church, Glasgow, have erected a handsome tablet in memory of their late pastor in the corridor of the church, at an expense of £100, defrayed by voluntary contributions. The following is the inscription on the tablet:—“Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Wm. Anderson, LL.D., fifty-two years pastor of this church; born 6th January, 1799, died 16th September, 1872. A man of rare and consecrated genius, of profound and unpretending piety, warmth of heart, and simplicity of character; a faithful pastor, a powerful preacher of the Word, a true friend, a kind husband and father, an independent thinker, a fearless advocate of every just cause, and an eloquent denouncer of all unrighteousness. Though dead he yet speaketh.”

The trust deeds settling the gift of £500, 000 by Mr. James Baird to the Church of Scotland vest the money in seven trustees, who have ample powers to apply the interest to religious and educational works, and at the end of fifty years the trustees are empowered, if they think fit, to expend the capital itself on such works.

We understand that a good beginning has been made in the way of raising subscriptions for the purchasing of a lot, and the erection of a place of worship in Burlington, in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church. This is deemed absolutely necessary for the prosperity of the congregation. Individuals in the neighborhood of different denominations are testifying their interest in the cause by readily subscribing.

BEAVERTON.—On Monday the 3rd inst., a meeting was held in the Canada Presbyterian Church, Beaverton, for the purpose of moderating a call. The Rev. Hugh Currie, Cannington, preached and presided on the occasion. The call came out unanimously in favor of the Rev. Charles Cameron, Pricerville; and was unanimously signed both by members and adherents. Commissioners were appointed to attend the Ontario and Durham Presbyteries on behalf of the congregation. The stipend promised is \$700, with manse and five acres of ground.

The Presbytery of Perth of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, met in the town of Perth, on Tuesday, 4th inst., to discuss the basis of union with other Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion, and adopted it unanimously. An amendment was made regarding the disposal of the Temporalities Fund, but was lost. This, however, does not effect the union question. The Presbyteries are anxious that union should take place, believing it to be for the interest of Presbyterianism and the glory of God's dominion.

RESIGNATION OF THE REV. SAMUEL HOUSTON, A.M.—We regret to hear that the popular and successful minister of Calvin Church has tendered his resignation to a committee of the Presbytery of St. John. Mr. Houston has been pastor of that church for nearly five years, during which his duties have been very onerous, and now he finds his health a good deal impaired, while the work is increasingly arduous. Whether Mr. Houston contemplates taking a short rest or removing to a more genial western climate, we do not know. He has been doing such a good work here, that many would share with his congregation in their regret at losing him, should he be obliged to press his resignation. We should like yet to hope that this may not be the case, and that the pulpit of the city, and the various religious efforts promoted here may not for some time yet be deprived of Mr. Houston's valuable services.—*Presbyterian Advocate*.

A FREE CHURCH PRESBYTERY IN THE CIVIL COURT.—The free Church Presbytery of Kincardine O'Neil met on 21st October, to consider the summonses which had been served upon each of the members at the instance of John Muir, Nether Sanchen, Cluny. It appears that the Presbytery suspended Mr. Muir from the membership of the Cluny church, and he appealed to the Synod, but the Presbytery refuse to give him extracts in the case. The action now taken is for an order from the Sheriff to compel the production of extracts and documents. Rev. Mr. Reid, Banchoy, moved—that the Presbytery resolved to employ Mr. David Mitchell, advocate, to make appearance for the moderator, clerk, and other members of the Presbytery summoned, as ordered by the Sheriff and instruct the Clerk to transmit the whole papers connected with Mr. Muir's two petitions to the law advisers of the Church for their opinion. The Presbytery to meet at Abeyne on the 28th inst., to take up the case. The motion was adopted.

On the 1st inst., the induction of the Rev. W. A. McKay into the pastoral charge of the congregations of Baltimore and Coldsprings, took place at Coldsprings. The day was fine and the attendance on services was very large. Mr. Bennett preached. Mr. Murray of Woodville, and late pastor of Baltimore and Coldsprings, addressed the people, and Mr. Douglass of Cobourg, addressed the minister. All the services were very solemn, and were listened to with marked attention. In the evening there was a large social gathering to welcome the newly inducted pastor. Considerably over 400 partook of the good things provided by the ladies of the congregation. And what with music and speeches there was an evening spent which will not soon be forgotten by those who were present. Mr. McKay begins his labours in this new field with every promise of abundant success. Seldom indeed have we seen two large congregations unite upon one man with such unity and cordiality as these congregations have upon Mr. McKay. May he long be spared to labor amongst them, and may the very great success which has attended his ministry in the past be only a prelude to that which awaits him in his new sphere of labor.

The Canada Presbyterian Church in the village of Pakenham, having undergone enlargement and repairs, was reopened for public worship on Sabbath 26th Oct. Rev. T. T. Johnston of Columbia, S. C., preached at half past ten, from Isa. iv., 17, 1st clause, and Rev. A. Gilray of Toronto, afternoon and evening, from Isa. xxviii., 3 and Heb. iv., 9. All the services were highly appreciated by large and attentive congregations, notwithstanding the unpleasant state of the weather, which prevented many from a distance attending, the church was comfortably filled at each hour of worship. The collections amounted in all to \$150. The writer hopes it may not be regarded as invidious to point to this congregation as an example of what willing hearts and open hands can do. For years they struggled to maintain life during a long vacancy, and at last utterly disheartened they gave up the attempt. Then followed three years of a blank in their congregational history, as they received no supply. In 1872 they resolved to make one more effort, and applied for a student to labor among them for the summer, a lively interest was taken in the work, and a little over a year ago, the congregation with a communion roll of only 28, called their present pastor, offering a salary of \$800. Such a spirit of liberality needs no comment. If older and abler congregations did likewise, our church would occupy a vastly better position than she does.—*Com.*

INDUCTION IN PUSLINEH.—On Thursday, the 30th, the Presbytery of Guelph met according to appointment in Duff's Church, East Puslineh, for the induction of Mr. McKay, late of Elmira, Illinois, U. S., to the pastorate of that congregation, and for the transaction of other business. After occupying some time in considering a case brought before them from Waldemar, the Edict of Induction was called for, and handed in—duly certified as having been served on the congregation on two successive Sabbaths. Intimation was then made to the people assembled that the Presbytery was ready to receive any objections that might be offered to the life and doctrine of Mr. McKay, or any reason why he should not be inducted as their pastor. No objection appearing, they proceeded to the place of worship, where, after praise and prayer and the reading of the scriptures, an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. D. D. McLennan, from John xii., 31, 32, “Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” Dwelling—first, upon the nature of true conversion to God, as implied in the words, “will draw all men unto me.” And—secondly, on how the lifting up of Christ tends to effect the change. After the sermon, Rev. Mr. Torrance, who has been Moderator of Session during the vacancy, gave a brief narrative of the steps connected with the call to Mr. McKay, and then put to him and the congregation the questions usually put on such occasions. Satisfactory answers having been given to these, prayer was engaged in, in the course of which Mr. McKay was duly inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation. He was next addressed on the duties of his office, the preparation he required for them, and the encouragement he had to be faithful in the discharge of them.—Rev. Mr. Wardrop then addressed the people in suitable terms, on the obligations they owed him who had just been set over them in the Lord. After these services Mr. Torrance withdrew with Mr. McKay to the door of the church, when the people had the opportunity of welcoming their new minister by taking him by the right hand. All the services were deeply interesting. The attendance was large. Mr. McKay enters upon an important field of usefulness. The Presbytery having returned to their former place of meeting, his name was added to the roll, and Mr. Wardrop appointed to introduce him to the Session. Mr. Ball reported that, according to appointment, he had moderated in a call in Knox Church, Galt, on the 29th inst.; which had come out in favor of Rev. Mr. McPherson, of Hallow Church, Dundee, Scotland, that the call had been signed, through want of time, by only two hundred and fifty members, and that the Session petitioned for an extension of time, that a greater number of signatures might be obtained; and moved that an adjourned meeting be held in Knox Church, Guelph, on Wednesday next at two o'clock p.m., to receive the call. On motion this request was granted, and the sederunt was shortly afterwards closed. In the evening a soiree was held in the church, for the purpose of welcoming their minister, at which, notwithstanding the somewhat unfavorable state of weather, there was a large attendance, principally of young people. After partaking of an excellent tea, Mr. Torrance was chosen chairman, and very interesting and appropriate addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. F. Dickie, of Berlin, who gave a graphic account of the state of things in Paris, which he was visiting at the time the Franco-Prussian war broke out—by D. McQuig Esq., Principal of the Central School,

Galt, upon “What is Religion?” and by the Rev. A. McKay, who spoke of the advantages of Canada over the States as a place of settlement for young men. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the choir of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Guelph, who sang several pieces of music, under the leadership of Mr. Wheatley, with their usual correctness and expression—and who, at the close of each piece, were heartily applauded by the congregation assembled. They were accompanied by Miss Keeling on the organ, kindly granted for the occasion by Messrs Jackson & Co., manufacturers in the town. At the close of the services were given to the stewards, to the speakers, to the chairman, and to the choir; special mention being made of Mr. Jackson's kindness in granting the use of the instrument. A very interesting evening was spent, and the assembly dispersed after singing “God Save the Queen,” highly gratified with the proceedings.—*Guelph Mercury*.

Sabbath-School Items.

It is a great mistake in Sabbath-school teachers to allow those who are prompt in their answers, and eager to monopolize the chief part of the time, to succeed in their effort. In some classes one or two answer for all. It is the quiet and the backward who ought to receive most attention from the wise and well-qualified teacher. It ought to be seen to that such have special questions, suited to their peculiarities, and that they are encouraged and helped to reply. The teacher who allows the forward scholars to do all or most of the answering in his class fails of the greatest good to both those who answer and those who are silent. In the exercises of the best taught class every scholar bears a willing and intelligent share.

The English Sunday School Teacher says:—“The Bishop of London has but stated a truth when he said that ‘Sunday-schools are a necessity both for children and grown-up members of the Church.’ And it will be a great blessing when grown-up members realize the idea.”

In answer to the question, “At what time shall Christians be released from labor in the Sunday-school?” President Thompson answers, pithily, in *Our Bible Teacher*: “When God shall say to them, It is enough, come up higher.”

When a Sabbath-school teacher has the idea that no preparation for his class is needed, but that he may say whatever comes uppermost, he may pretty safely conclude that God has not called him to Sabbath school work, and that he is not likely to be successful. Dr. Chalmers prepared as thoroughly for a class of ragged boys as for his students in St. Andrew's College.

The Ontario Presbytery.

On Tuesday of last week, the Presbytery of Ontario sat in the Presbyterian Church, Port Perry. The badness of the roads prevented a full attendance. The Presbytery received notice of the sudden death of the wife of Rev. D. Stewart, of Enniskillen. They minutely expressed their sorrow and sympathy with Mr. Stewart and united in appropriate prayer. The Hamilton Presbytery sent a call, and deputed the Rev. E. C. Fraser to prosecute the same, from the congregation of Beamsville to Rev. A. Dawson, of Ashburn and Utica. The people at present under Mr. Dawson protested by resolutions of meetings and by pleadings of representatives, against being deprived of their highly respected and greatly beloved pastor, Mr. Dawson, reciprocated the warm expressions of regard by his people. He felt, however, that a certain absence of harmony in Ashburn session, taken along with the seemingly providential coming of the call, without his seeking, led him to decide in favor of call. The Presbytery consented to loose their brother, Mr. Dawson, and let him go to Beamsville. Rev. Mr. Ballantyne is to preach at Ashburn and Utica and declare the pulpits vacant on Sunday the 23rd inst. Rev. W. Beattie was appointed to act during the vacancy, as moderator of the Session, and was instructed to make out a call to a minister as soon the people may be ready. Mr. Scott read the report of a committee on Missionary meetings. A plan was resolved upon, by so grouping the congregations, that meetings shall have been held at all by the third of December, and commencing on the twenty-sixth of November. A communication from Cobourg Presbytery, partly placing Kendal, in Clarke, under the care of the Ontario Presbytery, was read. Rev. Calder was directed to preach at Kendal as often as he might be able to arrange for. The Presbytery placed in Rev. Mr. Branton's hands a call from Wick and Greenvale, and at his request granted him a month's time to consider the acceptance of the same. Rev. H. Currie presented a call from Beaverton to the Rev. Mr. Cameron of Pricerville. Mr. Currie was appointed to go with the call to Durham Presbytery and endeavor to obtain Mr. Cameron's acceptance of the call. Rev. Mr. Currie stated that he was convinced of the propriety of the rearrangement of the stations in his present field of labor. To facilitate that he felt it his duty to resign and remove from his pastoral charge. It was resolved to cite all parties concerned to deal with the matter at the next meeting of Presbytery. Permits from the general Assembly were put down for discussion at next meeting, which is to be held in the same place on the second Tuesday of January at 11, a.m.

Presbytery of Ottawa.

This Presbytery held its last regular meeting within Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on the 4th and 5th Nov. Twelve ministers and one elder were present. Among the items of business that were transacted the following are of most public interest. In reply to a letter sent to the Rev. George Turnbull, enquiring into his present position, a letter was read from him stating that he had returned to the communion and service of the Episcopal Church. The Presbytery agreed to declare Mr. Turnbull no longer a minister or member of the Canada Presbyterian Church. A pastoral letter was adopted explanatory of the mission work on the Upper Ottawa and giving the names of the committee appointed to solicit contributions towards this object. The Presbytery also agreed to put forth a special effort to raise before the next meeting the sum of \$500, to assist in building a church at the Mattawan; and to apply to the Hon. the Hudson Bay Co. for the grant of a parcel of land sufficient for the site of a church and manse. The financial returns for last year were examined in regard to whether the congregations within the bound had contributed to all the schemes of the Church or not, and the Clerk was instructed to write to those in default and urge them to have these collections taken up with greater regularity in the future and stating that when congregations do not contribute they shall give reasons to the Presbytery for their omission, the reasons for the omissions last year to be sent in before next meeting. A deputation was appointed to visit the congregation reported in arrears and urge them to have these at once paid up. Mr. Crombie was appointed to moderate in a call in Knox Church, Ottawa, whenever requested to do so by the session. The Rev. D. M. Gordon being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. In cordially accepting of the invitation, he suggested the propriety of appointing a small committee to confer with a committee of their (the Kirk) Presbytery in regard to co-operation in carrying on the Home Mission work in general, and specially in visiting the shanties on the Upper Ottawa. The Presbytery agreed to act at once upon the latter part of Mr. Gordon's suggestion, and accordingly appointed Messrs. Moore, Joseph, Whyte and Williams to carry it out. Mr. James Whyte was appointed to attend the next meeting of the Presbytery of Brockville, and confer with them as to the desirableness of transferring the congregation of North Gower and Gloucester to the Presbytery of Ottawa, and ascertain if they were willing to make such a transfer. A scheme of missionary deputations was agreed upon, and the several members of Presbytery appointed to give a day each during the winter to the Home Mission field. Mr. Burns resigned his position of co-ruler of the H. M. Committee, and Mr. Joseph Whyte was appointed in his stead. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Osgoode, on the first Tuesday of Feb. next, at half-past two p.m. The first sederunt is to be occupied with the transaction of general business, and in the evening a Presbyterian visitation is to be conducted and a religious conference held.—*J. OAKSWELL, Clerk*.

Presbytery of Brockville.

The Brockville Presbytery met at Prescott on the 4th inst., Mr. Binnie, Moderator. Mr. Rowat declined the call from Dunbar. The Assembly's Remit on Union is to be considered at next regular meeting, and the decisions of sessions and congregations on this question are to be handed in then. Delegates to the Assembly are to be appointed at that meeting, and all the Session Records brought for examination. The next regular meeting of Presbytery to be held at Prescott on first Tuesday of February next, at 2:30 p.m.—*J. HASTIE, Pres. Clerk*.

Good Advice to Christians.

1. See that your religion makes you a better son or daughter, a better clerk, a better student, a better friend, a better workman.
 2. Do not set yourself up as a standard. Shun all censoriousness. Remember that each one “to his own Master standeth or falleth,” and not to you.
 3. Let nothing keep you from the Saviour. Never be tempted to stay away from him by unbelieving doubts, by past neglect, by present fear, by anything. Be more intimate with him than with any earthly friend.
 4. Never rejoice in your own strength. A child looking to Christ, is stronger than a strong man armed. Be resolute in looking to him alone for strength.
- Finally, Do not be discouraged if you fail in everything. If you were perfect, what need would you have of a Saviour?

On Friday last a soiree was held in Cooke's Church, in honor of Professor Gregg, the late pastor of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Reid occupied the chair, and the audience was largely and enthusiastic. An affectionate address was presented from the ladies of the congregation, accompanied with a purse of money and a beautiful silver tray, and silver tea and coffee service complete.

As will be seen from Mr. Cochrane's letter, no preachers or ministers have been engaged for the winter to supply the stations on Lake Superior. It is a matter of painful regret that in this way those promising openings will in all likelihood be lost to the Presbyterian Church. What was the difficulty, or who are to blame we of course cannot say, but the fact is very much to be deplored.