

had no place on the docket, and that consequently the Sessions lacked life and interest. To remedy this the Rev. Mr. Dewey proposed conferences in connection with the meeting of Synod at which such themes might be discussed, and both the members and the general public interested and edified. A motion to this effect was carried.

THE Rev. A. Barclay, a Scotch Presbyterian, is spoken of as a successor to the Rev. Mr. Edmondson at Almoct. The above paragraph, or some thing similar, says the *Almoct Gazette*, has been going the rounds of the press for the past month or two. The rumour is entirely without foundation, as the Rev. gentleman is not even an applicant for the position vacated by Rev. Mr. Edmondson. The *Gazette* in another paragraph adds: The people of St. Andrew's congregation have been enjoying a hearing of several students of late candidates for the vacancy here. The past two Sabbaths, Mr. Fraser, of Montreal Presbyterian College, preached, we understand, very acceptably to a large portion of the congregation. It is hoped that soon a settled pastor may be obtained who will be acceptable to all, and that the congregation may go on in strength and with an influence for good in the community.

THE Galt Missionary Union had a most successful annual meeting in the Central Church, on Thursday evening week. The *Reformer* says: Upwards of 800 assembled to hear about the China Inland Mission and Mr. Alex. R. Saunders the Missionary who has been supported in the field by the Galt Union, for the past three years. Rev. Dr. Parsons in his address paid a high tribute of praise to Mr. Saunders, who has accomplished in three years' study what usually requires five years to overtake. He also spoke of the characteristics of the China Inland Mission, how it numbers all denominations in its workers, and has some of the most highly educated, godly men in its teaching and training schools in China. He next spoke of the great Christian conference held at Shanghai last fall, where over 400 Christian workers met together to discuss the best means for the evangelization of China. Dr. Parsons then spoke of the country and its immense population of 400,000,000 with a birth rate of over 4,000,000 a year, and pointedly asked, what are you Christians doing for China? Reference was made to the beginning of the work in China some eighty years ago, and the names of Morrison, Milne, Bridgeman, Williamson, Acheson, Blodgett, Burns and J. Hudson Taylor given as prominent and successful missionaries of the Cross. Forty years ago there were only fifty-two missionaries in all China; twenty years ago the number was 262, but all these were found only on the seaboard; now in 1891 there are 1,285 missionaries and fifteen of the eighteen provinces are open and occupied by 209 native and 1,050 foreign missionaries and 1,260 native helpers. There are 520 churches, 30,287 members and 16,816 children in the Sunday schools. The harvest is only beginning, and the great ingathering will be accomplished by the natives themselves. Still Christians must look at their obligations. "Go ye therefore" is for each of us to-day just as much as it was for the disciples some 2,000 years ago. Important prayer is the great lever, are we using it as we could as we ought? The great regret at the last will be not that we have done or given so much, but that it was so little. The Doctor spoke over an hour and was listened to throughout with the closest attention. Mr. Woods stated as treasurer, he had received over \$210 so far this year, and had no doubt the balance of the \$300 would soon be forthcoming. Rev. Mr. Dickson filled the chair admirably, and Miss Grove's organ voluntaries and accompaniments could not easily be surpassed.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 5th inst., Rev. J. Fraser, Moderator. A minute was read by Rev. Dr. Gregg, and adopted by the Presbytery, congratulating the Clerk on having attained his fiftieth year as a minister of the Gospel. And the Clerk returned his cordial thanks for the adoption of said minute. Rev. Dr. McTavish and Mr. A. Jeffrey were appointed to serve on the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. The Committee previously appointed to consider the question of a new site for the Church of Dovercourt submitted a report through Rev. A. Gilray. On this report a considerable amount of discussion ensued. But eventually it was moved and carried by a majority that, whilst not removing the present mission, the Committee be re-appointed to further consider the best point for establishing the new mission, to co-operate with the Session of Dovercourt Church, and, if desirable, to hold conference with the Sessions of Chalmers' and St. Paul's Churches, and report to next meeting of Presbytery. Agreeably to application made, authority was given to Rev. J. M. Cameron to moderate in a call from the congregations of East Toronto and York Town-Linc. A letter was read from Rev. John Mackay, tendering the resignation of his charge at Knox Church, Scarborough, and assigning as his reason for taking this step the continuance of personal ill health. Rev. D. Mackintosh was then appointed to preach in the congregation concerned the next Sabbath, to inform them of the step taken by their pastor, and cite them to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to confer with petitioners at Brown's Corners as to the question of organizing them as a regular congregation, reported in favourable terms through Rev. W. Frizell, and recommended that steps should be taken to have them so organized, as also that they should be connected with the congregations of Unionville and St. John's Church, Markham. The report and recommendations of the committee were received and adopted, and Revs. D. B. Macdonald, R. Thorne and Mr. J. Brown were appointed to organize the petitioners as applied for. Revs. J. Neil, D. B. Macdonald and Messrs. T. Kirkland and J. Milne resigned their appointments as commissioners to the General Assembly; and Revs. Dr. Gregg and J. Carmichael, with Messrs. W. Carlyle (of St. James Square Church) and D. D. Christie, were respectively appointed to take their places.

Agreeably to notice previously given, Rev. R. P. Mackay brought up his overture respecting a summer session in one of the colleges of the Church, and moved that the overture be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Gregg. In amendment it was moved by Rev. W. Melkie, and seconded by Rev. J. Mutch, that the overture be simply transmitted on a vote being taken, the motion was carried by a large majority. And Revs. Dr. McTavish and C. M. Milligan were appointed to support the overture before the Assembly. Another overture of Mr. Mackay, regarding the temporary settlement of certain ministers of the Church without charge, was referred for careful consideration to a committee to report thereon at next meeting of Presbytery. A letter was read from Rev. Andrew Wilson, asking the Presbytery to transmit a memorial from him to the General Assembly, which memorial was also read, praying the Assembly to admit him to the benefits of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. In connection therewith a certificate was read from Dr. W. B. Geike, bearing testimony to the failing health of Mr. Wilson and commending him to a share of the fund aforesaid. The Presbytery agreed to transmit the memorial and the certificate to the General Assembly, and to recommend the same to its favourable consideration. Notice was given by Rev. Dr. Parsons of an overture "in relation to the tenure of the office of elder in any particular congregation." On motion duly made and seconded, the Presbytery agreed to nominate Rev. D. B. Gordon, B.D., of Halifax, to be Moderator of the approaching General Assembly. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday of June, at 10 a.m. — R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Stratford, on 12th inst., Revs. A. H. Drumm, J. V. Johnston, and Dr. Jamieson being present were invited to correspond with the Presbytery. Mr. Panten rose to a question of privilege and called attention to the fact that a letter had appeared in the *Presbyterian Review* on "Total Depravity," and moved that the editor of that paper be requested to furnish the Presbytery with the name of the writer of that letter in order that the matter may be settled. Mr. Tully presented an overture anent the issue of blank forms by the Assembly's Committees, which was adopted by the Presbytery and ordered to be transmitted to Assembly. Mr. Cosgrove was taken upon trials for ordination and the Presbytery after examination agreed to proceed with his ordination and induction at St. Mary's, on 27th inst., at 4 p.m. A request from Millbank congregation to change their present church site to one across the road was granted. A call from Knox Church, Stratford, in favour of Rev. M. L. Leitch, of Elora, was presented. This call was sustained and the Clerk was instructed to forward it to the Presbytery of Guelph. Mr. Tully was appointed to prosecute the call in behalf of this Presbytery before the Guelph Presbytery. A call from Avonorton and Carlingford in favour of Rev. A. H. Drumm, of Georgetown, was presented by Mr. Hamilton which was sustained by the Presbytery. Mr. Drumm being present, the call was placed in his hand which he accepted and it was agreed to proceed with his induction at Avonorton on the 27th inst. at 11 a.m. Mr. Alex. Wood was appointed commissioner to Assembly in place of Mr. McIntyre, resigned. It was agreed to remove the name of the late Rev. Thos. McPherson from the roll of Presbytery and Messrs. Panten, Hamilton, Stewart and Callin were appointed to prepare a minute anent his death, forward a copy of the same to the bereaved family and report at next regular meeting. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held at 7:30 p.m. on the 13th July, in St. Andrew's Church, North Easthope, and the Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Avonorton at 11 a.m., on the 27th inst., and in St. Mary's at 4 p.m., on the same day — A. F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery met in Glencoe some weeks ago. The afternoon and evening seditious of the first day were spent in conference in connection with the mission work of the Church, both Home and Foreign. Several papers of a very practical character were read and discussed; and addresses given by quite a few of the brethren of a very instructive and stimulating kind, while a very respectable number of the Presbyterians of Glencoe and surrounding country were present, participating in the benefit and enjoying the stimulus which such a conference is calculated to give. On the following day the Presbytery attended to the business department of its work. A call from Hyde Park, in favour of Rev. G. B. Greig, minister without charge, was laid on the table by Mr. Francis Ballantyne. After some discussion and information received to the effect that Mr. Greig had already decided to accept a call from Washington Territory, it was agreed that Mr. Ballantyne's conduct be approved, but that the call be not sustained. The resignation of Mr. Urquhart, of Duff and Chalmers' Churches, Dunwich, was next taken up. After hearing Messrs. Donald McMillan and P. McNabb, commissioners from Dunwich, and Mr. Urquhart himself pressing his resignation, the Presbytery, on motion duly made and seconded, agreed to accept the resignation, the same to take effect on the fourth Sabbath of last month, that Mr. Kelso declare the pulpit vacant on that day and act thereafter as Moderator of Session. The Session was also permitted meantime to secure their own supply. Messrs. Kelso, J. Currie and George Sutherland were appointed a committee to draft a minute in connection with Mr. Urquhart's removal from the Presbytery. Messrs. D. Currie and E. H. Sawers were appointed a committee to draft a minute of condolence with Mr. L. Cameron in connection with his recent bereavement. Mr. Henderson submitted the Home Mission report for the past six months. The deputations appointed at last meeting to visit aid-receiving congregations reported their diligence in the matter; and after full consideration of each case the Presbytery agreed to make application for the following grants: Port Stanley, \$100; London East, \$400;

Wardsville and Newbury, \$300; Aylmer and Springfield, \$100 during the vacancy, and \$200 in case of settlement; North Delaware and Caradoc, \$125; South Delaware and Tempo, \$200, and \$50 for manse; East Williams, \$200; Hyde Park, \$150 in case of settlement. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: W. H. W. Boyle, D. Kelso, Francis Ballantyne, A. S. Stewart, Thomas Wilson, J. A. Bloodworth, Duncan Cameron and R. McIntyre, ministers; D. C. McKellar, Duncan Campbell, David Wylie, John Cameron, Archy Munro, Thomas McMillan, John C. Fletcher and J. Douglas, elders. Mr. Henderson, on behalf of Mr. J. Gordon, submitted the treasurer's report, duly audited. The report included estimates for the current year, and showed a balance in hand from both Presbytery and Assembly Funds, and arrears to the amount of \$45. The estimates for next year include \$40 for Synod Fund. The report was received and adopted. Mr. J. Ballantyne gave notice of motion to the following effect: "That in future this Presbytery elect its Moderator by open vote after nominations have been made on the floor of the Presbytery, and that in said election no regard is to be paid to the order of names on the roll." Messrs. Henderson, F. Ballantyne and F. C. Simpson were appointed a deputation to visit North Delaware in connection with a proposal of opening a new station on the Muncy Road and report at next meeting. The Clerk was instructed to notify all interested congregations. A communication was read from St. John, N.B., Presbytery, intimating that Rev. A. McDougall is declared no longer a minister of this Church. Messrs. Francis Ballantyne and Thomas Wilson were appointed to support the Presbytery's application to the General Assembly in behalf of Mr. Archibald McLean's course of study. The reports on the State of Religion and Temperance were given in by Mr. F. Ballantyne and J. B. Hamilton respectively. After receiving the reports and discussing their recommendations, they were adopted in the usual form, and the Conveners especially thanked for their diligence. The Presbytery appointed its next meeting in St. Thomas on the second Tuesday of July at eleven a.m. GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Pres. Clerk.

British and Foreign.

THE Rev. J. M. Mackerzie, of Mount Pleasant Church, Liverpool, has resigned his pastorate.

THE Rev. A. F. Forrest, of Glasgow, thinks the publication of gambling news should be made punishable.

MR. BIRD, a European missionary at Godavery, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for baptizing a young Brahmin.

OF the 900 languages spoken in the world there are about 570 into which no portion of the Holy Scriptures has yet been translated.

ARGYL Free Church Synod agreed to overture the Assembly to print a pulpit edition of the Gaelic Bible. The last was issued in 1826.

THE Rev. James Dick, assistant in St. Andrew's Church, Dundee, who left for Egypt a short time ago in search of health, has died at Alexandria in his twenty-sixth year.

THE Rev. John Pollock, of Merchiston, Edinburgh, formerly of Freuchie, has been chosen colleague-successor to Dr. Dobie, of Shamrock Street Church, Glasgow.

SINCE the National Bible Society was formed in 1861 the average annual giving in Scotland for the diffusion of the Scriptures has been increased from \$5 per 1,000 of the population to over \$25.

THE Rev. James Paton, B.A., of St. Paul's, Glasgow, has been appointed lecturer to the Scotch Protestant Institute for the next two years. According to its constitution a majority of its directors are Free Churchmen.

At a meeting of the Anti Gambling League in Glasgow pointed reference was made by several speakers to the raffish and lotteries at church bazaars. The importance of the Churches setting an example was strongly urged.

MR. BLAIR, of Cambuslang, on receiving the degree of D.D. at Glasgow, was eulogized by Professor Dickson for his power and resources as a Gaelic preacher, which had made his name a household word throughout the Highlands.

THE Rev. James Scott, of Hobart, Tasmania, Moderator-elect of the Australasian Federal Assembly, who received the degree of D.D. at Glasgow, is an alumnus of that university, and was originally destined for the United Presbyterian Church.

THE total contributions to the Schemes of the Church of Scotland last year amounted to \$851,410 as compared with \$757,345 for the previous year. There is an increase in ten of the thirteen funds. For the Jewish Mission the contributions have fallen to the extent of \$10,105.

THE programme of the vacation art and science courses to be held in Edinburgh during August under the direction of Professor Geddes includes a course of lectures on sociology by Professor Geddes and Dr. Grosse, of the University of Freiburg. Three courses of lectures will also be given in natural science.

MR. J. T. MORTON, of London, is presenting every Protestant minister in Scotland and every Presbyterian minister in England and Ireland with a copy of "The Lord's Day and the Lord's Servants," by Rev. J. P. Lilley, M.A., of Arbroath, the essay which was awarded the first prize of \$250 by the Sabbath Committee of the Free Church.

MR. ALEXANDER J. B. PATERSON, M.A., Innerleithen, late assistant in the Bath Street Church, Glasgow, has been happily settled as colleague to the venerable Dr. Ritchie in the East Church, Duns. The pastorate of three ministers have extended over the history of this congregation, which was formed in 1741. Dr. Ritchie is in the fifty-second year of his ministry.

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