

to sit as corresponding member. Mr. Todd reported that he had moderated in a call to a minister in Rapid City congregation, that the call was in favour of Rev. T. Collin-Court, and the amount of stipend guaranteed was \$800. Commissioners were heard in support of the call which was then sustained as a regular Gospel call and agreed to place it in the hands of Mr. Court. Mr. Todd reported for the Home Mission Committee. The following are the principal points: Grants were recommended to the different mission fields and augmented congregations within the bounds for the past half year. That a special request be made for a grant of \$175 for Chatau instead of \$125. That leave be granted the Home Mission Committee to employ Rev. A. Smith as a minister. That the Presbytery take steps to divide the Arden Field into two and connect Bridge Creek Station with the western part. That Mr. Rees supply Elkhorn during September. Supply was arranged for next six months in as many fields as possible and the remainder left with the Home Mission Committee. Dr. Robertson then submitted minutes of condolence with Messrs. Haig and Stalker in view of affliction lately passed through, which were adopted by Presbytery. Mr. Murray was authorized to moderate in a call to a minister in the Rosedale Field at such time as they are prepared to take that step. Mr. Anderson was also appointed to similar service in the Auburn Field. Dr. Robertson reported for the deputation to visit the Rosedale Field and recommended that owing to the disturbed condition of affairs the Session be instructed to resign, and that an interim Session be appointed to look after the interests of the field. Agreed that the next regular meeting of Presbytery be held at Portage la Prairie, Tuesday, 11th of December, at half-past seven p.m., and that the Wednesday evening sederunt be devoted to public conference upon the following subjects: 1. How to reach the indifferent; 2. How to deal with anxious inquirers. The evening sederunt was devoted to the discussion of Temperance and Sabbath Observance, after which resolutions were passed calling attention of ministers to the deliverance of the General Assembly on the Temperance question, and urging them to use all legitimate means to secure the suppression of the traffic, and recommending that a committee be appointed to collect facts anent Sabbath desecration and report to Presbytery with recommendations anent future action. The committee was appointed.—S. C. MURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met at Wingham on September 11, with a fair attendance of members. The resignation of Mr. Ballantyne was considered. Parties were heard. On motion, duly seconded, the following motion was agreed to: That the Presbytery, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Ballantyne, desire to place on record their deep regret in having to part with a brother who has greatly endeared himself to all the members of the Court as well as to the Session and congregation of Walton. The Presbytery would also recognize with gratitude the marked success with which the Great Head of the Church has crowned his labours in that field during his short pastorate, and the strong bond of union which has existed and steadily increased between the pastor and people. The Presbytery would further express deep sympathy with Mr. Ballantyne in view of the delicate state of his health which necessitates his resignation, and the earnest hope and prayer that a change of climate for a short period will fully restore him to his former vigour and enable him to employ his high and varied qualifications in some suitable field of labour as God in His providence may direct. The Presbytery would express fullest sympathy with the congregation of Walton in the loss they sustain in parting with a minister who has been exceptionally successful as a preacher and a pastor, and who has secured their warmest affection and esteem, and would also express the hope that a suitable pastor of God's choice may soon be placed over them. It was agreed that the resignation take effect on October 7, and that Mr. Ross declare the congregation vacant on October 14. Mr. Ross was appointed Moderator of Session. Messrs. Harvie and McRae were appointed in concert with the Session to arrange for supply. The resignation of Mr. Leask was considered. Commissioners were heard from St. Helens and East Ashfield. Mr. Leask was asked to withdraw his resignation, but on account of personal reasons, insisted that the Presbytery should accept his resignation. On motion, duly seconded; the following motion was unanimously passed: The Presbytery, having heard commissioners from St. Helens and East Ashfield, and also Mr. Leask's statement of personal reasons for adhering to his resignation, therefore agree to accept said resignation. While accepting the resignation of Mr. Leask, the Presbytery do so with much regret, realising that a very great gain is made in our bounds by the removal of our esteemed brother who has laboured so long and faithfully in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Mr. Leask has been a diligent and zealous pioneer minister. His labours have not been confined to his own congregations, but have been devoted to a large district in Huron and Bruce, where the labourers were few in the field. His long pastorate of twenty-three years in St. Helens and associated congregations has been a record of ministerial success. This Court loses an active and faithful member. Mr. Leask has been identified with the Presbytery since its organization, and was its most efficient Clerk for many years. The Presbytery would record their high appreciation of Mr. Leask's many excellent qualities as a Christian gentleman, a faithful and able minister of the New Testament, a diligent and zealous pastor and an active and judicious member of Presbytery. They would follow Mr. Leask with earnest prayer that his impaired health may be speedily restored, and that the Lord of the vineyard may so direct his course that his activities and energies may be employed in the Master's work to the praise of His grace and the good of Zion, and that a field of usefulness may open to him where his talents shall be made most useful. In parting with Mr. Leask we wish our brother, his estimable partner and family the blessing of Divine Providence and the crown of glory in the great hereafter. It was agreed that the resignation take effect on October 14, and that Mr. Cameron declare the charge vacant on 21st October. Mr.

McLennan was appointed Moderator of Session. The committee appointed to visit certain congregations with a view to re-arrangement reported that nothing could be done in the meantime. A committee was appointed to adjust financial matters in Chalmers Church, Kincardine Township, and report to next meeting. The list of aid-receiving congregations was fully revised, and grants asked. Mr. Ross was authorized to moderate in a call at Wroxeter, and Walton and Mr. MacNabb in Whitechurch and East Wawanosh. The Clerk was instructed to certify Mr. Robert Johnston, student, to the Senate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. Sessions were requested to make their own arrangements for holding missionary meetings and report to the Presbytery. A conference on Sabbath schools will be held at next meeting during the evening sederunt. Next meeting will be held at Lucknow on Tuesday, December 11, at one p.m.—JOHN MACNABB, Pres. Clerk.

MONTREAL NOTES.

The Rev. John Ferguson, for many years a minister of our Church in Brussels, and more recently in Vankleek Hill, is at present on a visit to Canada. Mr. Ferguson is now labouring in Denver, Colorado, where he has had considerable success.

On Thursday last, the Presbytery of Montreal met in St. John's Church (Russell Hall) and inducted the Rev. J. L. Morin, B.A., into the pastorate of that Church. The attendance was very large, many being unable to find seats. The Rev. Professor Coussirat, B.D., presided; the Rev. A. B. Cruchet, preached; the Rev. R. P. Ducos, addressed the minister; and the Rev. G. C. Heine, the people. At the close of the service a social meeting was held, and brief congratulatory addresses were given by Drs. Campbell and Warden, Rev. Messrs. Fleck, Mackay, Chiniquy, Lafleur, and MacVicar. Mr. Morin enters upon his work as pastor of this French congregation with encouraging prospects of success.

The Rev. F. H. Larkin, B.A., was on the 16th inst. inducted into the pastorate of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lowell, Mass. The Rev. R. H. Warden presided and addressed the congregation, and the Rev. Professor Scrimger, M.A., the minister. The attendance was large, upwards of 250 being present. On the evening of the 18th inst. a social meeting was held to welcome the pastor and his bride, when between 200 and 300 were present. Mr. Larkin has been labouring in Lowell for the past five months, during which period the congregation has greatly increased in number and in financial ability. The Sabbath attendance is now nearly 200, with a Sabbath school of over ninety. The people are very much interested in the cause, and most active in their efforts to advance it. The prospects are most cheering and Mr. Larkin is very much encouraged in his work.

QUEBEC NOTES.

St. Andrew's Church, which has been closed for repairs, has been painted and renovated, and was re-opened on Sabbath, 16th inst., when sermons were preached in the morning by the Rev. John Cook, D.D., Principal of Morrin College, and senior pastor of the church, and in the evening by the Rev. A. T. Love, B.A., the pastor. The congregation on both occasions was large, and the collections liberal.

The governors of Morrin College, at their last meeting, appointed the Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, as special lecturer on Moral Philosophy for the coming session. The selection is an excellent one, as all who know Dr. Campbell speak in the highest terms of his capabilities in this department.

The fine congregation of Chalmers Church is about to lose their able pastor; the Rev. Dr. Mathews having accepted the position of Secretary to the Pan-Presbyterian Council, will likely sever his connection with this wealthy congregation. A meeting of Presbytery is to be held on the 24th inst., when it is expected that, among others, the Rev. Dr. John Hall, of New York, will be present.

The corner stone of a new Presbyterian Church was laid in Sherbrooke two weeks ago by the Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., of Montreal, when addresses were delivered by Principal MacVicar, Rev. Messrs. James Fleck, A. Lee, the pastor of the Church, and Pitcher (Methodist). Although Rev. Mr. Lee has only been recently settled, the congregation has made great strides.

OBITUARY.

MRS. DAVID HUNTER.

The Mrs. David Hunter, who died on August 26, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. James Lemant, 126 Dovercourt Road, Toronto, was one of Canada's earliest settlers.

She was a zealous daughter of the Presbyterian Church. Her young husband leaned toward another branch, but, seeing her devotion, he went with her; was soon chosen an elder, and during the five years they were spared together they worked lovingly hand in hand to spread the benign influence of Presbyterianism around their early forest home. She lived to see four sons and two sons-in-law become elders.

Although amidst the privations of pioneer life, a retentive memory, careful reading and close observation enabled her to become a most interesting companion. She was early left a widow, but the ceaseless cares of a large family did not prevent her from making a daily earnest study of her Bible, the teachings of which were alike her guide and solace, and midnight found her many times pleading at the mercy seat for special blessings. The sincerity of her religion, her honesty of purpose and kindness of heart were never questioned, and as death approached she could confidently say:

"Waiting till the Master
Shall bid me rise and come
To the glory of His presence
And the brightness of His home."

Sabbath School Teacher.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

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GOLDEN TEXT.—Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.—Eph. vi. 14.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Question 96.—"The Lord's supper serves many gracious ends. It is a great feast for pilgrim saints here on earth: it is a means to the public profession of religion, and to the communion of saints. But most of all, it is a precious commemoration of Christ and of His work. . . . The bread as broken, and the wine as poured forth, represent the body of Christ, broken for us and His blood shed for us." Partaking of the elements is a public profession of receiving Christ and resting on Him alone for salvation. Faith is the power by which the Lord's body is discerned. The benefits of the ordinance are soul nourishment and growth in grace. It is a visible symbol of the bond that unites all Christians throughout the world and in every age.

INTRODUCTORY.

God's servants die, but His work goes steadily forward. Moses had accomplished the task given him to do, and he lay buried in his solitary grave. During the years of wilderness wandering, his successor was being trained to carry on the work successfully, that Moses had laid down. God never leaves Himself without a witness or without a worker.

I. **The New Leader.**—Joshua, the son of Nun was the chosen successor of Moses. He was a native of Goshen. He was about forty years of age at the time of the exodus, so that he was an old man of about eighty, when he became the leader of the children of Israel. At that age he must have been strong and vigorous, for after all the fatigues of the settlement in Canaan, he lived twenty-seven years longer. He had the natural endowments and courage of the soldier. He was appointed to lead the Israelites in their fight with Amalek soon after the exodus. In the first verse of the chapter he is spoken of as Moses' minister. In this service he acquired much experience in governing the people, and in the main he possessed their confidence. He was one of the spies sent from Kadesh Barnea, to find out the condition of the country. He and Caleb were the only members of the deputation that brought back a wholly favourable report. Now, after the death of Moses, the divine commission comes to him. For this great office he was specially qualified and he was specially called. He did not seize upon it at the promptings of personal ambition, neither was he called to it by the vote of the people. "The Lord spake unto Joshua."

II. **The New Leader's Commission.**—The opening of the commission contains an approving tribute to his predecessor, "Moses, my servant." He whom God describes as His servant can only be one whose character is good and upright, and whose service is faithful and devoted. It is noticeable that the command to lead the Israelites into the promised land comes to him who had counselled this course when he returned as a spy from viewing the land. Then the people murmured against him; now God commands him to go forward. They were encamped on the east of the Jordan, and they were commanded to cross the river which separated them from the land that God had promised to give them as their inheritance. There were no bridges by which the river could be crossed. At that season it was greatly swollen by the spring floods. There were about 2,000,000 people and large numbers of cattle to make the passage. As at the beginning of their wilderness march they passed miraculously through the waters of the Red Sea, so at its close they were to pass the Jordan by the visible manifestation of the divine help. Their faith and obedience would be put to the test. The boundaries of the land were clearly defined, "From the wilderness," the Arabian Desert in which the Israelites had so long sojourned; the southern limit of their possession. "And this Lebanon," the lofty peak far in the distance, but visible to them in their present encampment, marked their northern boundary. "Even unto the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites." This defined the eastern boundary, though, by reason of their disobedience, that did not become the limit of their eastern extension till the time of David. "And unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun." The Mediterranean was to be the western boundary of the land of Israel.

III. **The New Leader's Directions and Encouragements.**—He was to be invincible. "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life." The real condition of his successful leadership was God's presence with him, and this was freely and graciously promised. "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." The man who is thus assured cannot fail. Joshua is commanded to be strong and of a good courage. That means that he was to be morally strong and courageous. Physical strength is not to be despised, but it is not inseparable from baseness and moral cowardice. The athlete may be morally despicable; a child suffering for Christ's sake is a moral hero. If Joshua was to be a vigorous leader he was to be no despot. He was to observe the law, and not in any circumstances to deviate from it. On his obedience his prosperity was dependent. "This book of the law," substantially the five Books of Moses, the Bible as Joshua possessed it, was to be his constant meditation, and obedience to its precepts the measure of his prosperity. His commission closes with a repetition of the promise of God's presence with him.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

God chooses and qualifies His servants for their work. God's promises are certain of fulfilment. God's service requires wisdom, courage and obedience. To do according to all that is written in God's Word makes the way prosperous and brings good success.