

literature, particularly within the bounds of the Presbytery, will aid in its advancement.—Works on the different branches of Theology—Biblical Literature—Church History—Missions—Illustrations of Prophecy—Church Law and Polity, &c. &c., would be particularly desirable; and there are, no doubt, many of the friends of the church throughout the country, as well as authors and publishers, who would feel a pleasure in contributing to this library, when once made aware of its existence. This library will also commend itself as a natural

depository for old and rare and curious works, where they will be duly prized and well preserved. Messrs. Bell, Leach, and D. Rintoul, are the Managing Committee appointed by the Presbytery.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery is appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Toronto, on Wednesday the first day of July next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

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SOME ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

While going to press we have received a parcel of papers from Scotland containing an account of the proceedings of the General Assembly, and we hasten to lay before our readers some brief notices of the same, reserving more copious extracts from certain of the speeches for our next number. This venerable court met on Thursday the 21st May. Dr. Duncan of Ruthwell preached from Psalm LXXXV. 6, "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee." After public worship, his Grace the Lord High Commissioner walked in procession to the Tron Church, where the Assembly was constituted with prayer. There was a pretty keen contest in settling the Moderatorship. The candidates for the chair were Dr. Hill and Dr. Makellar. The former would have been preferred, as it was understood he had the nomination of the former Moderators on his side, but he was not sound on one essential principle, to which the Assembly stands pledged, we mean that of non-intrusion, and accordingly when the vote was taken Dr. M. had a majority of 43 in his favour. He took the chair accordingly. On the following day, besides devotional exercises, the chief matter which occupied the attention of the court was the report of the deputation to Palestine. Two members, Dr. Keith and Mr. McCheyne addressed the house, unfolding much important information regarding the Jews, and suggesting six stations for missionary labour among them—one of these is in the town of Saphat in Galilee, which appears in many respects desirable, but on this and other matters in their eloquent addresses we forbear to enter for the present.

We find an intimation that they are preparing for publication, a full account of their travels, which we cannot doubt from the talents and learning of the authors, will rival in point of interest and information the most popular works on Palestine. At the request of the Assembly the Moderator tendered to the members of the deputation present, cordial thanks for their important services. The next important matter which occupied the attention of the Assembly was the Colonial Churches. In this document reference is made to the condition of our church in Canada, and a harmonious and warm approval of the institution of Queen's College at Kingston, for the raising of native ministers in the province. We find a recommendation to send a deputation to Canada. We find also, that the Committee are watchful (as well they may, considering the efforts which the bench of Bishops have been making against us,) of our interests in respect to our just right to a share in the Reserves. It appears moreover that "an important addition has been made to the labours of the Colonial Committee. They have been requested to make inquiries about the Presbyterians scattered on the Continent (of Europe) and elsewhere, and as their funds allow, to supply them with the means of grace, according to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of Scotland." Of like importance with the report of Colonial Churches is the report on India missions which also occupied the attention of the Assembly. We observe in the speech of Dr. McFarlan who moved the approval of the report—a circumstance mentioned showing the zeal of young