

ing on the ground of age and infirmity, was accepted the pulpit to be declared vacant on the 31st Dec. by Mr. McNaughton. Mr. Bloodworth was appointed Moderator of session during the vacancy. Steps were taken to secure for Mr. Ewing a suitable retiring allowance. In the evening, in St. Paul's school room, a profitable conference was held on the state of religion.—Wm. Bennett, Clerk.

Presbytery of Victoria met in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, on the 18th Dec. The following as matters of more general interest may be reported. The clerk was authorized to grant Mr. Alex. Fraser, late of Comox, a Presbyterial certificate. Also a Presbyterial certificate to Mr. Alex. Young, Wellington, if he should desire such. The matter of arrears of stipend due to Mr. R. J. Adamson, from Alberni, another supply of this field, was left in the hands of Mr. D. A. MacRae, convener of the H. M. Committee. A deputation from Wellington intimated the congregation's ability to become self-sustaining and guarantee a stipend of \$1,000 and a manse. The Presbytery's satisfaction was recorded and a special meeting of Presbytery appointed to meet in the church, Wellington, on the 3rd Jan to moderate in a call and take other necessary steps in connection therewith. Mr. C. A. Colman, assistant Chinese Missionary, made application for the Presbytery's supervision in a special course of study, with the view to ordination. A committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Colman and the clerk instructed to communicate with the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee in reference to this matter. The attention of the Presbytery having been called to the letters of the Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, which appeared in the daily *Globe* of the 10th and 16th Oct. last, on motion of Mr. A. B. Winchester, seconded by Dr. Campbell, the following was adopted:—That the Presbytery, whilst expressing extreme regret that any minister of our church could be guilty of writing letters so untrue, unjust and uncharitable—letters which impugn the motives and integrity of every member of the Presbytery, reviews the official action of the court and holds it up to public contempt in the secular press—nevertheless the Presbytery feels that its honor and dignity is perfectly safe in the judgment of the whole church, and agrees to take no further notice of the matter.—D. MacRae, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Kingston held its regular meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 19th. Rev. J. L. George, M.A., of John Street Church, Belleville, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Reports were received from those appointed to visit augmented congregations, and from some of those who had been appointed to visit mission fields within the bounds and dispense ordinances. A committee was appointed to consider and report to next meeting of Presbytery as to the best means of checking the evil of irregular attendance upon the part of some members of Presbytery. The committee appointed at last meeting of Presbytery to consider and report as to the best means for stirring up an increased interest in the general schemes of the church, whether by the holding of missionary meetings or otherwise, submitted their report which, with its several recommendations, was adopted as follows: 1. Increased circulation of the *Record*, the official organ of our church. 2. Frequent reference to the great subject of missionary work in the pulpit ministrations. 3. Occasional exchange of pulpits by pastors of contiguous charges. 4. The issuing of an annual pastoral on the subject of missions, to be read from all our pulpits on two consecutive Sabbaths. 5. The placing of a number of volumes of the best missionary biography in all our Sabbath School libraries. 6. The securing addresses as often as may be convenient by those who have had practical experience in home and foreign mission work. 7. The holding of an occasional Missionary Institute, such as took place recently in Central and Knox Churches, Galt, Ont. 8. The setting apart of a special day of prayer, when this subject shall be the burden of petition. The members of the Presbytery were

instructed to carry out the forgoing recommendations as far as possible. The Presbytery took into consideration the remit from the Assembly with regard to mission stations being represented in the church courts, and expressed approval of the proposed change in the law, provided that the limitation of Section—of the Book of Rules, etc., be applied so as to group the sessions of the charge under one missionary for purpose of such representation. Attention was called to the indefinite one in the addendum to the proceedings of last General Assembly, and the Presbytery recorded its opinion that it is not competent for a Presbytery to appoint to act as an assessor with others in a kirk-session anyone who has not been regularly ordained to the eldership, although one so ordained, though for the time being not an acting elder, may be appointed. The Presbytery also considered the remit assent enlarging the powers of Synods, and expressed approval of the principle involved, complaining, however, of the indefinite terms in which the remit is sent down to Presbyteries, inasmuch as all cases of complaint and appeal may in a sense be said to involve doctrine or polity. The Presbytery suggests that a comprehensive scheme for rendering the Synods more practically useful by assigning to them jurisdiction in many matters which now lie under the direct jurisdiction of the Assembly, but which, being of a local interest or mere matter of detail, might more profitably be assigned to the inferior judicatories and thus relieve the Assembly of much of the work with which it is now burdened, be drafted and sent down to the Presbyteries for their consideration. It was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, 1894, at 3 p.m., for the consideration of the remit on the Relation of Colleges to the Church, and on Proposed Changes in the Hymnal, etc., as well as for other competent business. The consideration of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was also deferred to the adjourned meeting. A resolution on the temperance question with reference to the approaching plebiscite similar to that adopted by many Presbyteries was passed. The Convener of the Home Missionary Committee was also instructed to arrange, if possible, for the transfer of Rev. J. McIlroy from the Poland Mission Field to the North Hastings district as a colleague there with Rev. George Porteous. Matters concerning Matawatsch-an, Sharbot-Lake, etc., were remitted to the Presbytery Home Mission Committee.

#### OBITUARIES.

There died recently at Perth, Ontario, Mr. Alexander Kippen, sr., at the venerable age of ninety years and nine months, being the oldest man in Perth. Mr. Kippen had enjoyed unusually good health in his old days until the terrible la grippe fastened itself upon him a short time ago, and at his advanced age he was unable to shake off its effects, and the attack proved fatal. Deceased was born in the parish of Kenmore, Perthshire, Scotland, in 1803, and came to Canada with his family in 1832. He was a member of the Free Church since the Disruption, and before that of the Church of Scotland, and died an elder in Knox church Perth.

Mr. R. P. Sutherland, of Cobourg, died last Sunday morning at his residence on Tremaine street, as the result of a severe attack of la grippe, which has called forth many expressions of profound regret. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, March 31, 1844, and migrated to the United States in 1867, where he lived for some years in the State of Missouri. In 1878 he came to Cobourg, and with the exception of a short interval, had resided here ever since. Mr. Sutherland's father, Alexander Sutherland, and his mother are still living in Scotland. The deceased was an elder in the Presbyterian church there, and was held in high esteem as an upright citizen and business man. Brief services were held at the house, Rev. J. Hay, B.D., officiating and the long funeral cortege escorted the remains to Union cemetery.

Another of the conspicuous figures in our church was removed on the 23rd of Nov., by the translation of elder Malcolm McPherson, of Kincardine, to the church triumphant. He held office as an elder for nearly sixty-three years—perhaps a longer term than has been served by any other in the history of our church. He was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in June 1806, emigrated to Perth, Ontario, in 1815 and was elected to the eldership on the 29th of May, 1831, when scarcely twenty-five years old. He was a man of marked individuality, who held his convictions firmly and was fearless in asserting them. Having more than ordinary gifts, education and enterprise, he soon became a prominent contractor in the country of his adoption and as a surveyor he had charge of the laying out of roads and other public works in two counties. In all departments of church work he took an active interest. He also became an ardent worker in the Temperance cause (when it was not as it is at present strong) and in the cause of the Bible Society of which he continued to be an office-bearer till his death. He moved to Kincardine in Feb. 1854, and soon made his presence felt as an honest, upright, intelligent citizen and filled many important municipal positions in the council and school-board of the rising young town. His constant activity in the church of Christ, in Sabbath School and session and in every philanthropic and religious movement claiming his attention, has left many monuments to his memory for generations to come. He was one of the purest, and most guileless of men and one who was ardently attached to his friends and generous to his opponents. He spoke ill of no man. In his home he was a devoted husband and a faithful, affectionate father. Since April, 1878, he has been a widower and he leaves behind him to mourn his departure five sons and one daughter. His end was peace.

The Rev. William Graham, of Egmondville, who died at his residence, Clifton College, Egmondville, on the 16th ult., was born at Comrie, Perth-

#### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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##### MARRIAGES.

On Dec. 27th, 1893, at the residence of the bride's father, Glamis, Bruce, by the Rev. George McKay, M.D., Kincardine, Ont., Henry G. Clark, Cargill, Bruce, Ont., to Flora H. McDonald, Glamis, Bruce, Ont.

By the Rev. George McKay, M.D., at the residence of the bride's father, Armow, Kincardine, Ont., Dec. 26th, 1893, Albert Swallow, Glamis, Kincardine, Ont., to Lillie Kerr, Armow, Kincardine, Ont.

Married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jane Turner, on the 27th Dec., by the Rev. Alex. U. Campbell, B.A., James Mustard, of Scot Township, Ont., to Jennie Turner, of the town of Uxbridge.

On Dec. 27th, 1893, at the residence of the bride's mother, Kinloss, Bruce, Ont., by the Rev. George McKay, M.D., Kincardine, James Elliott, Bervie, Kincardine, Ont., to Annie Ross, Kinloss, Kinloss, Bruce, Ont.

At Belleville, Ont., on January 1st, 1894, by Rev. J. L. George, M.A., James Thomas McNally, accountant, G. T. R., of Chicago, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. John McLennan, of Belleville, formerly of Brockville.

shire, Scotland. He was licensed to preach the gospel in 1841. He was married to Miss Mary Fletcher, of Leith, on the 20th of March, 1843. The next day after his marriage he left his native land and sailed for Canada. After landing in Canada, he preached in Galt, London, Paris, Guelph, Hamilton, Simcoe, Caledonia, Fergus, Wellandport, Ayr, Dunnville and a good many other places. He was called by the congregation of Stanley and Tuckersmith to be their minister. He accepted the call and was ordained over that congregation, January 15th, 1845. The late Dr. Boyne, of Galt, held him in the highest respect, and interested himself much in getting Mr. Graham settled. In 1866 his wife died, leaving two sons, both still living, and two daughters, both of whom have since died. In 1867 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Gowanlock. Some years before this the congregation built what was considered at that time a fine, large church in Egmondville, and for twenty-nine years Mr. Graham continued to labor among them as their most beloved pastor. In 1874, he accepted a call to the congregation of Pine River, near Kincardine. The work there was of a kind that required a good, strong frame, which he never had, and so in 1878 he resigned his charge and retired from the active duties of the ministry, and lived all the rest of his life in Egmondville among his old friends. Although physically never very strong, his mind was always active. He was a great reader, and loved to make known to others what he thus gathered himself, and so long as his strength enabled him, he gave supply to the congregation of the late Rev. John Ross, of Brucefield, till October, 1892, when he found it necessary on account of increasing infirmity to cease preaching. For some months past it was evident he was wasting away. He saw himself that his sun was fast settling down, and though of a timid, reserved cast of mind, he made all arrangements for his departure. His last illness was short, and he quietly and peaceably passed to the majority on Saturday morning, December 16th. The subject of this sketch was a remarkable man in many ways. He was not a man of the world. He never meddled with politics, nor did he very often let his voice be heard in church courts. He seemed to shrink from everything which put him in apparent conflict with his brethren; still he formed his own opinion on all matters which came before him, and if pressed would give a clear and decided opinion upon them. But he was a man more than ordinarily gifted in the pulpit. When his theme was Christ and the way of salvation, there were few who could equal him in gathering the statements of the Scriptures on the subject in the richness and eloquence of the language employed. He had the happy faculty of selecting from his reading the richest expressions and weaving these along with the most striking portions

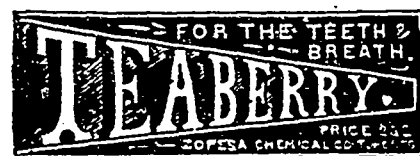
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