

## Presbytery of Minnedosa.

The Presbytery of Minnedosa met at Neopawa on Wednesday, October 25th, and was constituted. Mr. R. Paterson, B.A., was ordained and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Neopawa congregation. In the evening a very hearty reception was tendered Mr. Paterson by the congregation, at which various members of the Presbytery spoke, congratulating the Neopawa congregation on the shortness of their vacancy and the good fortune in securing so desirable a settlement, and also congratulating Mr. Paterson on the very auspicious circumstances in which he had effected this his first settlement as a Gospel minister. A request came from Mr. Colin McKerechar, asking to be transferred from this Presbytery to that of Inverness, Cape Breton N.S. and was granted. On motion of Messrs. Frowe and Hosie, Mr. Cameron, of Russell, was added to the Home Mission Committee. A communication came from Mr. J. M. Welwood, who has for some time been residing in California for his health, asking to be put on the aged and infirm ministers' list. But as the sad and unexpected news of his death had arrived in the interval it was judged needless to do anything in the matter, and the clerk was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the bereaved family. The convener of Home Mission Committee then presented his report, which was read and adopted, and Presbytery adjourned to meet at Gladstone on the second Monday in March.—THOS. BEVERIDGE, Clerk.

## South Australian General Assembly.

THE Assembly held its half yearly meeting in Adelaide on September 12th. Rev. A. C. Sutherland, B.D., Moderator, gave an address on "The Functions and Responsibility of the Eldership." The chief function of the eldership was discipline, admitting to or excluding from communion; therefore the eldership was a true priesthood, mediating between God and man. He thought its power was on the wane. It was reported that Mr. W. Tassie had been ordained at Waterloo and Mr. A. Lawson at Mount Barker. Rev. H. M. Burns (Vic.) was associated. Rev. W. Tassie read a paper on "The Materialistic Tendencies of the Age." He traced these tendencies in science, philosophy, morals and religion. The lowering of moral responsibility was due to evolutionism, which gave conscience a physical origin, and to the impression, derived from science, that law reigns everywhere. There was a godless and a godly materialism. The latter was the source that God's Spirit pervades all. Rev. Dr. Paton supplemented Mr. Tassie's paper. He agreed with Dr. Carpenter's dictum that the universe is governed, not by law, but according to law. He criticized socialism for trying to better the outward condition without touching the inner life and concluded by showing that Christ is the remedy for all ills, both spiritual and material. Rev. W. L. Morton gave an account of the Jubilee Retreat at Blair, of which he has charge. The Retreat is full. Of the patients 29 are non-paying. Consequently the account balances on the wrong side. He had received only £25 in subscriptions during the last six months. The Church should support such a rescue institution, and there would be less heard of materialistic tendencies. Rev. J. T. Robertson, seconded by Rev. R. Mitchell, Port Augusta, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Morton for his address, which was unanimously carried. Rev. W. F. Main reported that the Free Church (Scot.) had agreed to hand over to the Church of South Australia the proceeds of the Smith of Duness bequest. The money is to be used in Church extension and for the spiritual benefit of the aborigines. The rules regarding lay preachers were finally passed. The formula to be signed by them is: "I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice, and I promise to submit myself to the authority of the Courts of the Church in the Lord." Rev. J. T. Robertson moved that adherents be eligible for seats on boards of management, and that ministers be without exception chairmen *ex-officio*. Both motions were

lost. A conference took place on the "Eldership" when an interesting paper was read by Mr. T. W. Fleming. Rev. J. Lyall gave in the Foreign Mission report, which acknowledged the important services of the W. M. Association. Rev. W. Gray's health having improved, he had consented to remain as missionary on the New Hebrides for another year. An application would be made to the Free Church (Scot.) to nominate his successor. Rev. W. F. Main was nominated as Moderator for the year 1893-4. Rev. J. T. Robertson was appointed convener of the Business Committee. The petition of Rev. B. C. Matthews, formerly Congregational minister at Freemantle (W.A.), to be received as a minister was granted, and he was received as a probationer. Ministers were recommended to preach on Presbyterian policy in November. The formation of a Widows and Orphans Fund is to be considered. On the motion of Rev. J. T. Robertson the Lord's Supper is to be observed at the March meeting of the Assembly. Rev. J. Lyall withdrew the motion of which he had given notice, "that in view of the proximity of Broken Hill to South Australia, and of the fact that a large number of its residents are connected with South Australia, communication be opened up with the N. S. W. Church with the view of having the Broken Hill congregation handed over to the Church in South Australia."

## The Church Abroad.

A THREE LIGHT window in stained glass has been erected in Claremont church to the memory of the wife of the late Dr. MacEwen, the first minister of the church. The window is designed by Mr. David Gauld, and represents Christ sitting at Jacob's well.

REV. THOMAS LAWRIE has accepted a call to Laurencekirk.

The new church at Kirkwall was opened on 20th ult. by Prof. Iverach.

REV. WILLIAM MACLAREN, senior minister of Blairlogie, died in Glasgow on the 15th ult., at the age of sixty-five.

THE proceeds of Auchingramont bazaar at Hamilton amount to £1,408, which exceeds the amount aimed at.

REV. JAMES ALEXANDER, M.A., only son of the late Rev. John P. Alexander, of East Linton, died on the 15th ult., at Prestonpans.

REV. A. ANDREW has received from the Bible class of the White Memorial church, Glasgow, a parting gift of a silver inkstand and a lamp.

REV. JOHN WYLIE of the Martyrs church, Dundee, died of apoplexy on the 16th ult. at the age of fifty-two. He was originally of the Reformed Presbyterians.

A SALE of work in aid of the repairing of Fairbairn church, Glasgow, was opened by Lord Provost Bell in the hall of St. Stephen's church, Glasgow, last week.

A STAINED GLASS window representing the raising of Jairus's daughter has been erected in Aberlady church by Mr. John Congalton as a memorial of Captain Congalton, R.N.R.

PAISLEY Presbytery have recorded their regret at the death of Mr. Crum, of Thornliebank, who did much good works within their bounds. His personalty has been returned at £81,000.

REV. ROBERT BUCHANAN, of St. James, Clydebank, has been presented by his congregation with an address at a social meeting held in view of his projected visit to India to inspect the Church's organizations there.

A THREE-DAYS' bazaar was held in Edinburgh last week in aid of the building fund of Wardie church. The Lord-Advocate, in opening it, remarked on the good feeling brought about by the co-operation of members of different denominations in the work of bazaars.

DUMFRIES Synod, which met last week at Lockerbie, engaged in a conference on the spiritual condition of the Church at the Disruption and at the present time. A public meeting followed, among the speakers being

Rev. Messrs. Muir, of Glasgow, and Currie and Harvey, of Edinburgh.

At a crowded meeting in Pollockshields church last week, Miss Janet Wells, F.R.C.P. and S., was presented with a gold watch and chain in token of the esteem in which she is held in the congregation and in recognition of her services to the Kinningpark mission. Rev. Dr. Wells returned thanks on behalf of his daughter, who is going to India to engage in mission work. The congregation had previously given her £100 for an outfit.

REV. DR. REITH of the College church, Glasgow, who, along with Rev. Dr. Alexander R. Mackenzie, of Claremont United Presbyterian church, is taking a leading part in the foundation of the new Ecclesiological Society, says that while he deeply respects those who are ritualists and favours beautiful churches, he does not regard the church as other than a building capable of holding a large number of people, and cannot see why the communion table should have a special place assigned to it.

REV. JOHN GRASSICK has just been inducted to the pastorate of the United Presbyterian Church, Seacombe, near Birkenhead.

REV. JOHN BEVERIDGE, B.D., of Stow, has accepted the call to Wolverhampton.

REV. J. JOHNSTONE, of St. Leonard's (Sussex), has been called to the pastorate of St. John's Church, Forest Hill.

THE session of the Theological College, Guilford street, London has opened with eighteen students.

THE Mission Hall, Loughton-road, which is in connection with the Camden Road Church (Rev. R. M. Thoroton), is prospering greatly under Mr. Keep, of the London City Mission.

At Islington Church the week-night service was conducted recently by Rev. Dr. Goshen-Howie, who was born in Mount Lebanon, Palestine, and prior to his loss of sight travelled extensively in his native land.

REV. S. DNEY H. FLEMING, of St. James's, Croydon, has published a sermon in which he says he often worships in a Nonconformist house of God in the neighbourhood of Smithfield, and as he listens to the minister all aglow with the fire of the Holy Spirit and thinks of the Smithfield fires, he exclaims "Damn those days."

THE funeral of Rev. John Edmond, D.D., senior minister Highbury Church, took place at the Abney Park Cemetery. There was a memorial service, conducted by Rev. T. Carmichael, B.D., Dr. Edmond's colleague and successor, assisted by Rev. Principal Dykes, D.D., Rev. David MacEwen, D.D., Rev. Robert Taylor and others.

REV. J. CHAMBERS, Clifden, has IRELAND. accepted an unanimous invitation to succeed Rev. F. Monan in Adare last year.

REV. DR. NICHOLAS, speaking at a meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, stated that in Dublin there were 50,000 families who had on an average one and a half room per family. In some parts of the city there was one public-house to every 25 houses.

REV. JNO. URQUHART lectured throughout last week in Dublin on "The Inerrancy of the Scriptures."

UNDER the auspices of the Women's Total Abstinence Union and Irish Temperance League, meetings have been held at Waterford. Mr. Wilkinson, of Belfast, and Mrs. Christie McKenzie gave excellent addresses.

AT a called meeting of UNITED STATES. LeClair Presbytery at Dowitt, Oct. 24th, Rev. S. R. McLaughlin was released from the pastoral charge of Ewing, Iowa, congregation.

WM. H. PURNELL, LL.D., at one time president of Delaware College, has been licensed to preach as a local evangelist.

REV. DR. HENRY VAN DYKE, of New York city, has been appointed Lyman Beecher lecturer at Yale Divinity School.

OCTOBER 25th, Rev. James White, D.D., was installed pastor of the Second church,