

Church Notes and Notices.

Rev. Will Presbytery Clerks, at the close of a meeting of Presbytery, kindly send a card with inductions, resignations, and time and place of next meeting.

CALLS.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, of Dutton, to King St. Ch., London, Accepted.

Mr. W. McKay, of Ailsa Craig, to Norval and Union.

Mr. James M. Gray, of Sterling, Kingston Pres., to Selkirk, Win., Pres.

INDUCTIONS.

Mr. W. M. McKay, late of Duart, into Dorchester and Cramlin.

Mr. A. Wilson, late of Charleston and Alton, into Rosemount, Mansfield, and Everett.

Mr. D. L. Campbell, as ord. miss., into Ballinacraig and Melville Church, 9 June.

Mr. John S. Gordon, into Mount Pleasant Ch., Vancouver.

Mr. S. Childerhose, into Parry Sound.

Mr. J. W. Rae, into West Tor. Junction.

Mr. John Campbell, into Dunvegan, Glengarry Pres.

Mr. A. McWilliams, called from Peterboro, into Wentworth Ch., Hamilton.

Mr. J. Bryant, into Richmond and Followfield, 26 May.

Mr. D. D. Millar, ordained, and inducted into E. Gloucester, Otta Pres., 2 June.

RESIGNATIONS.

Mr. McLeod, ord. miss., of Austin.

Mr. D. Wishart, of Madoc, after a pastorate of forty years.

Mr. J. M. Goodwillie, of Osgoode and Kenmore, Otta. Pres.

Mr. A. McGregor, of Litchfield, &c., Otta. Pres.

Mr. Innis, of Morris, Manitoba.

Mr. A. S. Grant, of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte.

Mr. W. Gallaher, of Airlie, Banda, and Blackbank, Barrie Pres.

Mr. A. Henderson, of Atwood.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

Algoma, Gore Bay, September.

Barrie, Barrie, 28 July, 10.30 a.m.

Brandon, 14 July, 10 a.m.

Brockville, Lyn, 14 July, 3 p.m.

Bruce, Southampton, 14 July, 5 p.m.

Chatham, Chat'm 1st, 14 July, 10 a.m.

Calgary, Pincher Creek, 2 September, 8 p.m.

Glengarry, Alexandria, 14 July, 11 a.m.

Kamloops, Enderby, 1 Sept., 10 a.m.

Kingston, Belleville, John St. 6 July, 2 p.m.

Lan. and Ren. Carl Pla. 7 Sep.

Minnedosa, Shoal Lake, 6 July, 7.30 p.m.

Maitland, Wingham, 21 July, 11.30 a.m.

Montreal, Mont., Knox, 22 Sep.

Ottawa, Otta, Bank St., 4 August, 10 a.m.

Paris, Ingersol, St. Paul's, 7 July, 11 a.m.

Portage la Pra, P. la Pra, 13 July, 7.30 p.m.

Peterboro, Pet. St. And, 7 July, 9 a.m.

Regina, Qu'Appelle Sta, 8 July.

Saugeen, Harriston, 14 July, 10 a.m.

Sarnia, Sarnia, 14 July, 7 p.m.

Stratford, Strat. Knox, 11 July, 10 a.m.

Superior, Rat Portage, 9 September, 2 p.m.

Toronto, Tor, St. And, 1 Tuesday every month.

Whitby, Dunbarton, 21 July, 10 a.m.

MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

DELIVERANCE OF OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

This General Assembly, while, in common with former Assemblies, attaching great importance to the religious character of public education, is strongly opposed to the restoration of Separate Schools in Manitoba, as involving the application of public funds to sectarian purposes, a thing deemed both inexpedient and wrong in principle.

The Assembly expresses disapproval of any legislative or governmental action in the matter of education which is intended to confer privileges upon one section of the community that are not accorded to all. In particular, the Assembly disapproves of any attempt to remove alleged grievances connected with the establishment of National Schools in Manitoba by remedial action of the Dominion, and especially by remedial legislation such as has been proposed. Legislation of this character, while competent, according to the letter of the Constitution, is not required by it, is at variance with its spirit, and is almost certain to be followed by very hurtful consequences. The Assembly cannot, indeed, regard the establishment of Separate Schools as in any case a satisfactory solution of the educational problem occasioned by diversity in religious belief.

In the interest of civil and religious liberty the General Assembly deems it its duty, at this time, to lift up its testimony against all procedure which confuses temporal and spiritual authority, thus inevitably impairing the sanctions of both. Whilst the fullest expression of opinion on educational and other public questions which involve moral elements is always competent to Churches, and may become their distinct duty, the General Assembly would earnestly deprecate any attempt on the part of the Church to place itself above the State in the civil sphere, or to dictate to its adherents (members) in the exercise of a public trust.

The Assembly still hopes that conference between the Dominion and the Province of Manitoba may remove existing difficulties on the subject of public education, by such adjustments as, while preserving the principle of National Schools, may satisfy any reasonable claims of the minority.

The following is the deliverance of the Toronto Methodist Conference, given the same day:

"That, while the Methodist Church does not identify itself with any political party, or assume to dictate to its members how they shall vote in political elections, yet, as a Conference composed of laymen and ministers, we deem it our duty at the present juncture to re-affirm and place on record our uncompromising opposition to every attempt of the Federal or any Government or Parliament, no matter by what party it may be made, or whether by concession or force, to restore Separate Schools in the young Province of Manitoba, contrary to the repeatedly expressed judgment of an overwhelming majority of its people.

"Furthermore, we desire to declare that, in our judgment, any public policy, carried by means of coercive, hierarchical influence, would be a violation of the spirit and principles of the system of free, representative government under which it is our privilege to live, and which it is the duty of all patriotic citizens to maintain and defend."