

foreign field, were interesting and encouraging. The new China mission has called forth much sympathy and liberality.

Dr McCosh took farewell of the Church, as he has accepted the position of President of Princeton College, N. J. All sections of the Assembly united in a warm tribute to his ability and services.

SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

The Synod lately held in Halifax was the largest ever held, there being present ninety-eight ministers and forty-nine elders. The Rev. J. Watson, of New Annan, was appointed Moderator. The meeting is described not only as being the largest ever held in the Lower Provinces, but as being one of the most interesting. The missionary and educational reports were encouraging, although in some of the departments there had been a falling off in the funds. There was an interesting and lively discussion on the diminishing number of Theological students, and the probable causes, which were believed to be a low state of religion, the intensely secular spirit of the age, neglect of family religion, deficiency of pastoral support, want of pastoral care and earnest dealing with young men while studying at schools and colleges. Dr. Smith, Professor of Biblical Literature, resigned his chair, and a suitable testimonial was placed on Record to the value of his services in past years. The state of religion, temperance, the necessity of missionary efforts among the French population, and other subjects occupied the attention of the Synod.

Not the least interesting of the proceedings was the reception of the deputation from the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Rev. A. Topp, Moderator of Synod, and Rev. W. B. Clark, of Quebec. The addresses of these deputies on the progress, resources, and educational and missionary efforts of the Church, were well received and cordially responded to. Joseph McKay, Esq., of Montreal, who accompanied the deputation, was invited to address the Synod, and gave various incidents of travel in Europe, Egypt, and the Holy Land, and described the state of Protestant Christianity in Jerusalem, Rome, Florence and other places.

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CALLS, INDUCTIONS, &c.,

CAMDEN AND SHEFFIELD.—The Rev. James Pritchard has received a call from the congregations of Camden and East Sheffield.

NORTH AND WEST BRANT.—On the 19th May the Rev. D. Duff, formerly of New Westminster, British Columbia, was inducted into the pastoral charge of North and West Brant. The Rev. R. C. Moffatt preached and presided. The congregation gave Mr. Duff a hearty welcome, and in testimony of their earnestness, paid one half-year's stipend in advance.

WEST'S CORNERS.—The Rev. P. Musgrave was ordained and inducted on the 20th May. The Rev. R. Hamilt, Moderator of Presbytery, presided, Rev. A. Findlay preached, Rev. A. A. Drummond addressed the minister, and Rev. R. Renwick the people. A congregational soiree was held in the evening, at which the Moderator presided. Suitable addresses were delivered by ministers and others. On the following evening the young people were gathered together, and, after partaking of tea and cake, were addressed by the pastor, and by others interested in the spiritual training of the young.