

was still prohibited by his physicians from preaching, made the following additional appointments for Guelph and Puslinch, Mr. Johnson, to preach there on Oct. 2d, Mr. Burnet, Oct. 16th, Mr. MacLennan, Oct. 30th, Mr. William Bell, Nov. 13th, Mr. Macdonnell, Nov. 27th. The paralytic stroke with which Mr. Gregor was visited in the early part of July, though it has for the time rendered private study imprudent and public labour impossible, was not so severe as to preclude the hope of his being in a few months so far restored as to be able to resume the discharge of his pastoral duties.]

Mr. Gordon, student of Divinity, passed a satisfactory examination on the studies of the last session, and the Clerk was directed to give him a certificate to that effect.

OBITUARY.

DIED at Mount Pleasant on the 15th September, 1853, the Rev. John Bryning, a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland. Mr. Bryning was a native of Lancashire, England, and was in his 84th year. He came to Canada 35 years ago, and was occupied for several years partly in teaching and cultivating a farm, and frequently breaking the Bread of Life to many who, in these early days, had no opportunity of enjoying the labours of a regular ministry.

He was licensed to preach by the United Presbytery of Upper Canada on the 31st August, 1830, and ordained at Mount Pleasant on the 3rd November of the same year. He was one of the members of the United Synod when that body was merged in the Synod of our Church, July 3rd, 1840. For many years he laboured faithfully in the ministry of the Gospel over a widely extended missionary field, comprising portions of the present counties of Norfolk, Oxford and Brant, and formed small churches at Norwich, Scotland, Simcoe and Brantford. These had in late years dwindled away from the want of pastoral superintendence; some of the members have left, and some have joined other Churches. The communion-roll of the Church at Simcoe still contains the names of 9 of the original members of the Church there. Many are ready to testify to his zeal and untiring labours, continued in many localities, until the infirmities of age compelled him to cease travelling. For a time he continued to preach the Word in his own house to those who came to hear, until increased suffering caused this course to cease.

Confined entirely to the house, and suffering most painfully for about 7 years, he then preached by his example what he had formerly preached by his voice. During this long period he exemplified the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit,

and the sustaining power of the grace of God in suffering and the prospect of death. He fed constantly on the Word of God, and with the most simple childlike confidence rested upon his Saviour, and with an astonishing degree of calm cheerfulness through days and sleepless nights of suffering patiently waited for his change to come.

He had been no worse than usual until two days before his death, when he became speechless; but he was thought to have retained his senses to the last, from the expression of his countenance when the Bible was read to him. He died quite calmly, having just turned his eyes towards his family with a smile.

The funeral services were conducted on Saturday by Mr. Bell, of Simcoe, who was accompanied by two elders and a few others who had been formerly members of his church. Owing to the shortness of the intimation and the distance no other minister of our Church was present. During the service two set pieces, which had been great favourites with him, were sung by an excellent choir; namely,

"Jerusalem, my happy home. &c." and,
"Vital spark of heavenly flame, &c."

The following words, written on blank leaves of his Bible and Psalm-book, are copied here, as being highly characteristic of him. "Though in considerable pain of body, through the heart-melting, soul-cheering presence of God I can scarcely forbear saying that pain is pleasant, and sickness is sweet, when my dear Lord is divinely present with unworthy me. Mount Pleasant, 6th April, 1851." It pleases my Heavenly Father to continue my affliction. O, may He chasten me as a son, but not punish me as a rebel. J. B., July 22, 1852."

Thus has this servant of God come to his grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season; (Job v. 26.) Let us learn the lesson, "Remember them that have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." HEU. XII. 7, 8.—*Communicated.*

REV. DR. COOK, QUEBEC.—It is rumoured that the Rev. John Cook, D.D., Minister of St. Andrew's Church in this city, has been appointed Principal of Queen's College, Kingston, and Professor of Divinity therein. The Principality of a College is one of the highest honours in the gift of the Church of Scotland; and we would congratulate Dr. Cook upon his being made a "Very Reverend," were it not that the loss of a man, so distinguished as a preacher of the Gospel and scholar and for the excellency of his understanding and goodness of heart, might be irreparably felt by a congregation to whom he has long ministered with the utmost satisfaction. —*Quebec Chronicle.*

THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

PICTOU, Aug. 25th, 1853.

Which day the Presbytery of Pictou, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, met, agreeably to appointment, to induct the Rev. A. W. Herdman, A.M., as minister of St. Andrew's Church, Pictou. A call, signed by upwards of 130 male heads of families, had been produced previously, notice duly served, and, as no objections were heard of, the Presbytery proceeded with the settlement. The Rev. A. MacLean preached in Gaelic and English; and the Rev. A. Pollok addressed minister and people respectively on their duties; after which the minister received the welcome from the numerous and respectable congregation. This is the first time a minister has been settled in this congregation since 1843; but by all present signs this induction promises to be one of comfort and permanence, one, too, in which all classes, Gaelic and English, heartily join. God grant that the solemn services of the day be not lost sight of by either Minister or people; and may this event, so long spoken of and so happily consummated, be for the best interests of the Kirk and cause.—*Communicated.*

We beg to record our indebtedness to the friend who has kindly forwarded to us the *Saint John Observer*, (N.B.) of September 6th, from which we extract the account of the Proceedings at the late Meeting of the Synod of our Church in that Province.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New-Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, met at Fredericton on 25th August, 1853, according to appointment.

The Rev. William Stewart, Minister of Chatham, Miramichi, the retiring Moderator, preached an excellent and appropriate Sermon from Matt. xx. 20, and following verses: "Then came to Him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping Him," &c.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer, the Roll was made up, and Commissions of Elders from several Sessions were read and sustained.

Thereafter the Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. John Hunter, Minister of Richmond and Woodstock, was unanimously chosen, and took the Chair accordingly.

Appointment of Committees, &c.

Various Committees were appointed, Records of Presbyteries called for and produced, and appointments made for conducting the devotional exercises in which the Synod resolved to engage during their meetings.

Acts of General Assembly to be applied for.

The Clerk was instructed to apply to the Colonial Committee for those recent Acts of Assembly that had not yet been received.

Reports ancil Congregational Associations for Missionary purposes.

The Synod then called for the Reports of the different Ministers within their bounds as to