

and M. White. Duet, "There's Not a Song that Trembles," by Misses M. Allen and Maggie McMenemy was then executed with faultless taste by these young ladies. Moved by J. A. Moffat, seconded by Daniel Jack, and "Resolved, that at the next quarterly meeting a permanent committee be appointed to make arrangements for all social meetings to be held during the ensuing year." Quartette, "We, the Undersigned," consisting of the following male voices, viz: Messrs. James Johnston (precentor), F. H. Ross, J. Foreman, and Wm. Paterson. This was without exception the gem of the evening, and fairly brought down the house. The singing was under the direction of the able and talented precentor of the congregation, Mr. James Johnson, while the accompaniments were played by Mr. H. Martin, the organist of the Church, in his well-known and skilful manner. The meeting was a most enjoyable one.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting on Tuesday, 14th Nov., at Clinton. The remit on the method of nominating standing committees was approved of *simpliciter*. Consideration of the remit on Education (theological) was deferred till the next regular meeting. Mr. McDonald submitted the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, recommending that a convention be held in the month of January, and presenting a programme for said convention. The report was received and the recommendation adopted. Mr. McCoy, on behalf of the Financial Committee, read a report giving the estimated expenditure for the ensuing year, and recommending that a rate of five cents per family be levied to make up the required amount. The report was received, and it was agreed to take action accordingly. The treasurer's book was audited and attested. The next meeting of the Presbytery is to be held at Egmondville, in the Presbyterian church there, on the 3rd Tuesday of January, 1883.—A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This court met on the 14th inst. A call to Rev. E. W. Panton, Bradford, was sustained as a regular Gospel call, and the usual steps ordered. Conditional arrangements were made for his induction at half-past two o'clock p.m., on the second day of January next—Mr. Fotheringham to preside, Mr. Henderson to preach, Mr. Kay to address the minister, and Mr. Tully the people. The call was unanimous, and the stipend promised is \$900, payable quarterly, in advance. The committee on arrears to Mr. Mann reported that they had not succeeded in securing more than the \$72.82 formerly reported. It was decided by a majority to let the matter drop, and the committee was discontinued, Mr. Fotheringham dissenting for reasons given in. The committee on the re-union of Trowbridge and Molesworth reported that all parties agreed to the supply of the former by the minister of the latter until next meeting of Synod, Trowbridge paying at the rate of \$150 a year. Mr. Fotheringham reported as to moneys received for Mr. Smith's mission school, India, and Presbytery renewed its recommendation to its people to contribute to that object. The Presbytery's statistical report for last year was discussed at length.—JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—At the adjourned meeting of Presbytery on the third of October the following resolution anent the Rev. D. M. Gordon, now of Winnipeg, was passed: "Having parted from the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., who is now transferred to Winnipeg, Manitoba, we hereby record our esteem for him and our deep sense of loss sustained by his removal, and assure him that his faithful and conscientious attendance upon Presbytery, his wisdom and prudence in counsel, his diligence in the performance of the duties assigned him by the Presbytery, and his uniform courtesy and brotherly kindness in all his relations with the brethren, will long be held in grateful remembrance. Our prayer on his behalf is that it may please the Great Head of the Church to make the future as the past has been, granting to himself and the congregation to which he ministers with increase of years and increase of peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." At the same meeting a committee was instructed to take steps toward securing premises for a French church in the city of Ottawa. Missionary deputations were appointed to hold missionary meetings within the bounds during the fall and winter. Dr. Moore called attention to the action of the last General Assembly anent the law expenses incurred in

determining the ownership of the Temporalities Fund. A resolution was passed directing Sessions to take action and report at the November meeting. The regular quarterly meeting was held on the 7th Nov. There were fifteen ministers and two elders present. A committee was appointed to inquire into the cause of the small attendance of elders at Presbytery meetings. The Convener of the Committee on French Evangelization within the bounds gave in his report, in which progress was reported in reference to raising funds to buy or build premises for a French church in the city, two subscriptions of five hundred dollars each having been secured towards that object. Mr. Armstrong reported subjects of study prescribed by the committee of Presbytery to Mr. P. S. Vernier, placed under the supervision of this Presbytery by the General Assembly. The report was received and adopted. It was agreed to instruct the Committee on French Evangelization to report quarterly. Returns to Presbytery's circular anent Temporalities' law expenses were called for, and those congregations taking action were instructed to forward contributions to James Croil, Esq., Montreal. The Convener of the Home Mission Committee gave in his report, recommending that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Perley for his generous offer of a lot at South Indian for Church purposes, and further, that the Home Mission Committee be authorized to make a selection of the lot, and have it conveyed in proper form to the Presbytery. The Presbytery passed a resolution placing on record their high appreciation of the generous gift of Mr. James McLaren, of Buckingham, within the bounds, in donating fifty thousand dollars toward the endowment of the Chair of Systematic Theology in Knox College, Toronto, with the prayer that its memorial may be a long succession of men trained by the chair to be "able ministers of the New Testament," and that the blessing promised to the liberal giver may rest richly upon him. The following resolution, expressive of sympathy with the Rev. Mr. Junor and his family, was passed also: "The Presbytery having heard with deep regret that the long and painful illness of our esteemed missionary in Formosa, the Rev. Mr. Junor, has rendered it necessary for him to tender his resignation and to return home, desire to express their deep sympathy with him in his affliction, and pray that his return and rest from active labour may be blessed to his recovery, and that God in his great mercy may sustain and comfort him and his family in their great trial."—J. WHITE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting on the 7th inst., when a fair amount of business was transacted. Mr. D. B. McDonald, probationer, accepted the call from Mount Albert, and, believing that his trials for ordination will be sustained, the Presbytery appointed his ordination to take place on the 21st inst, Rev. W. Frizel to preside and preach, Rev. Dr. Fraser to deliver the charge, and the Rev. J. Frazer, of Sutton, to address the congregation. Rev. J. Alexander reported on a call from Georgetown and Limehouse to Rev. Peter R. Ross, minister at Côte des Neiges, in the Presbytery of Montreal. The call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted, together with relative papers, and Principal McVicar and Professor Scrimger were appointed to appear before their own Presbytery in support of the call. On behalf of a committee previously appointed to confer with the minister and congregation of Hornby on matters affecting their interests, Rev. J. Alexander submitted and read a lengthened report, which closed with the following recommendations: (1) That the Presbytery instruct its Home Mission Committee to supply the pulpit at Hornby every second Sabbath. (2) That in the meantime Omagh be associated with Hornby in the enjoyment of the pulpit supply sent to Rev. W. Stewart's assistance. (3) That the collections at said services be appropriated to the payment, in part of the expenses thus incurred. The report was received, the committee were thanked, their recommendations were adopted, and it was also resolved to apply to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for a grant in aid of Hornby and Omagh. A report on the statistics and finance of the Presbytery, founded on the returns received and published, was read by Rev. Dr. King, Convener of a committee appointed thereon. The report was received and adopted with thanks, and was also ordered to be printed for circulation throughout the bounds. A call from the Fourth Presbyterian Church of South Boston, U.S., addressed to Rev. J. M. Cameron, of Toronto, was laid on the table. A

paper thereanent from the Presbytery of Boston was also read. The clerk reported certain action he had taken in the matter, which was approved of. Parties were then heard—viz., Rev. Dr. Cochrane and Professor McLaren for the Presbytery and church aforesaid, Messrs. Mackie, Warwick, Campbell, and Stark for the congregation of East Church, and Mr. Cameron on his own behalf. Mr. Cameron expressed his conviction that he ought to remain in his present charge, and the Presbytery decided to refuse his translation. Pursuant to notice previously given, the following motion was moved by Rev. C. A. Tanner, and seconded by Rev. J. Kirkpatrick. "That the Presbytery ask its ministers to preach a sermon at an early date, pointing out some of the errors of the Church of Rome, and cautioning their people against affording any countenance to such a system. In amendment it was moved by Rev. Dr. Reid and seconded by the clerk, That the Presbytery, in view of the subject brought forward by Mr. Tanner, and the desirableness of giving forth an appropriate deliverance, appoint a committee to prepare and submit at next meeting a resolution on the subject. On a vote being taken, the amendment carried; and the following committee were then appointed—viz., Revs. P. Macleod (Convener), Dr. Gregg, Professor McLaren, C. A. Tanner, Mr. J. Brown, and Mr. A. McMurchy. Authority was given to Rev. W. Amos to moderate in a call from the congregation of Newmarket. The Presbytery took up report of committee (read at a special meeting) anent the question of separating the congregations of Knox Church and Highland Creek, Scarborough, and seeking to connect the latter with the congregation of Dunbarton. The clerk was instructed to send a copy of the report to the Presbytery of Whitby, asking them to consider the points contained therein, and report their judgment on the same to this Presbytery. After disposing of some other matters, the Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting to be held on the third Tuesday of January.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

KNOX COLLEGE METAPHYSICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

The forty-sixth public meeting of this society was held on Friday evening last, at 7:30, in the Convocation Hall of the College.

Notwithstanding the unfavourable appearance of the evening, there was a large and fashionable attendance. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Prof. McLaren. The president, Mr. J. A. Ballantyne, then invited the Rev. Prof. Gregg to occupy the chair. The glee club gave two musical selections, entitled "Ring on, my bells," and "The Letter," both of which were rendered in a very creditable style. The essayist of the evening was Mr. John Mutch, who took for his subject, "How shall the best talent of our colleges be secured for missionary work?" The question was very ably handled, and rendered in a pleasing and impressive manner. The reader, Mr. J. Argo, read "The Battle of Bothwell Brig," with ease and justice to the selection.

The question, "Are secret societies beneficial?" was then debated, the affirmative side being argued by Messrs. W. G. Wallace and A. Urquhart, and the negative by Messrs. G. B. Greig and G. E. Freeman. The discussion was carried on with great enthusiasm and interest by the speakers on both sides, each in their turn advancing very substantial arguments. The decision was given in favour of the negative.

After singing the doxology, and pronouncing the benediction, the proceedings terminated.—THOMAS NIXON, *Corresponding Secretary*.

THE Earl of Rosebery has received the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of Edinburgh. His address as Lord Rector of the University attracted unusual attention in the English press. It was distinguished by general good sense, brilliant rhetoric, and an appeal to Scottish pride.

DR. HAURI, in his recent work on Mohammedanism, predicts its gradual decay in the East, but alleges that in British India it gives indications of a new era in science and culture, that it is making way in China, that in the Indian Archipelago it follows the Dutch Government like its shadow, that elsewhere the pilgrims are important auxiliaries to its spread, and that in fifty years, if there be no reaction, Central Africa will be wholly Mohammedan. *Here is fresh proof of the necessity for Christian missions, and for their more vigorous prosecution.*