

Treleven, A. Jackson, Gillanders and others besides the clergymen named gave brief addresses. The stone laid, and the speaking over, tea was served. And a bountiful repast it was. Too much credit cannot be given the ladies of the congregation for labour, energy and management of their department of the afternoon's proceedings.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery held its quarterly meeting at Beaverton on May 27. The attendance of ministers and elders was large. Circular letters from other Presbyteries anent the reception of ministers were read. Subjects for written exercises were assigned to all candidates for the ministry who are residing within the bounds. The report of a committee on Presbyterial visitation was heard. In reply to a reference from Seabright the missionary in charge was advised to make no change in his Sabbath appointments. Leave was granted to the congregation of St. Andrew's, Eldon, to mortgage property in order to raise money for new building. The pastor of Chalmers Church, Uxbridge, reported that at the annual meeting of the congregation his stipend was increased \$100, making it now \$1,000 and manse. The report on augmentation was presented whereon the Presbytery declined to do anything to make up the deficit of the grant to the charge within its own bounds. The next quarterly meeting will be held in Knox Church, Cannington, on August 26. Mr. W. G. Mills laid on the table a call from St. Andrew's Church, Sonya, to Mr. P. A. McLeod, a recent graduate in arts and theology, of Queen's University. The stipend attached to the call is \$800, a manse and a month of holidays. The call was sustained by Presbytery and presented to Mr. McLeod who at a later stage intimated his acceptance of it. Provision was accordingly made for his ordination and induction at Sonya on June 9. The Rev. Alexander Ross, M.A., of Woodville, who has served in the active ministry of the Presbyterian Church in British North America, over thirty years, felt constrained, on account of nervous ailment from which he is suffering, to ask the Presbytery to relieve him from his pastoral charge and to solicit the next General Assembly to grant him permission to retire from the active duties of the ministry for a time, but still retain his full status as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Resolutions passed unanimously by the congregation of Woodville, expressive of confidence in, attachment to, and sympathy with their pastor were read, and orally confirmed by a large number of delegates in the hope that the resignation would be withdrawn or refused. But as Mr. Ross emphasized the gravity of his position the Presbytery with regret accepted his resignation to take effect in July, nominated a committee to draft a minute with reference to his retirement and appointed Mr. R. Johnston, of Lindsay, Moderator of Woodville Session during the vacancy. A call from Dunbarton and Melville Church, Scarborough, addressed to Mr. W. G. Mills was taken up and commissioners from the Presbytery of Whitby and the calling congregations were heard for the translation. Commissioners from Sunderland and Vroomantion representing all the departments of church work were heard for retention. Mr. Mills left the decision to the judgment of the Presbytery which decline to grant translation. Rev. A. Ross and Dr. Gillespie were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly in place of Messrs. D. C. Johnson and J. C. Gilchrist who resigned. Messrs. W. G. Hanna and A. U. Campbell were instructed to prepare a standing order of business to be presented at the next regular meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on May 27. In the Moderator's absence Mr. Leishman was called to the chair. Seventeen ministers and five elders were present. Mr. Glassford, of Streetsville, was present and invited to sit with the Presbytery. Resolutions of sympathy with Messrs. Currie and Knox were adopted, these brethren having been bereaved by the death of the wife of the former, and the infant son of the latter. The site of the proposed new church in Alliston was approved. Dr. Gray, Moderator of the Session of Longford and Uptergrove was authorized to moderate in a call when desired. A report was presented from the deputation appointed to wait on the Executive Government of Ontario in relation to the religious instruction of the boys at the Provincial Reformatory at Penetanguishene. The report was received and on motion of Dr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. James, the Presbytery "tendered thanks to the deputation for the efficient discharge of the important duty with which they were charged, and agreed at the same time to express gratification with the temporary arrangement for conducting religious services and giving religious instruction at the Reformatory." Circular notices of Presbytery were received intimating the intention to apply to the General Assembly to receive parties named into the ministry of the Church. It was resolved to apply to the Assembly for leave to license Mr. John Garrioch, who has laboured for several years as catechist in the bounds, and pursuing a course of study under superintendence of the Presbytery and with leave of the Assembly which met at Halifax in 1888; also to apply for status as students in theology on behalf of Mr. Hector McLennan and Mr. J. C. Stinson. Mr. William Harvey, elder, was appointed commissioner to the General Assembly instead of Mr. W. B. Hamilton, resigned. The Moderator and Clerk were instructed to sign the petition circulated by the Prisoners' Aid Association. The Augmentation grants were considered. All the ministers of augmented congregations in the bounds will have the reductions made good to them. The Bracebridge congregation paid to their minister the sum short from the Augmentation Fund. Mr. W. J. Hewitt laid on the table \$25 as a contribution from the congregation of Dunn's Church to help in paying the grants in full, and the Presbytery resolved to pay \$75 for the same purpose. Thus the ministers of the five augmented congregations on the list last half year suffer no loss from the deficiency in the Assembly's Augmentation Fund. The Moderator tendered to Mr. Hewitt thanks for the timely contribution of Dunn's Church. Mr. D. James was appointed to visit the stations in Carling Township, and arrange for their separation from the Parry Sound congregation, so that the services of Mr. J. B. Duncan may be confined to the village. This arrangement is expected to promote the prosperity of the Parry Sound Church. Messrs. D. James, A. McDonald, B.A., and J. Leishman were appointed a commission to visit Penetanguishene and Wyeburidge and finally dispose of the resignation tendered by Mr. Currie of the last-named portion of his charge. After trials and examination which were satisfactory Mr. Robert J. Sturgeon was licensed to preach the Gospel. As he is appointed ordained missionary at Wanbaushene the Presbytery agreed to meet there on June 10, at 7.30 p.m. for his ordination. Mr. D. James was appointed to preside, Mr. J. Hunter to preach, Dr. Gray to address the missionary and Mr. A. B. Dobson the people. Remits of Assembly were taken up. It was agreed that the representation of Assembly should continue as it has been. As regards the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund the finding was, That while the Presbytery considers it desirable that as many ministers as possible should contribute to the fund so that it may be strengthened it does not approve of making it compulsory on all to do so. The committee appointed to confer with the Executive Government respecting religious instruction in the Penetanguishene Reformatory was authorized to consider a paragraph in the report on Sabbath Observance which was withheld with a view to procuring further information, and Mr. Currie was added to their number.—ROBERT MOONIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting in St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, on May 27, Rev. R. H. Myers, B.A., presiding as Moderator. There was a full attendance of members. The Assembly's remits anent reducing representation in the Assembly and the appointment of a general secretary of Sabbath schools were both answered in the negative. A moderation in a call was granted River Street Church, Paris, and Rev. J. C. Tolmie, Moderator of that Session, was appointed to that duty. A call from St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, in favour of Mr. E. R. Hutt, minister of Port Dalhousie, in the Presbytery of Hamilton,

was submitted by Mr. Myers, largely signed and cordial, and accompanied with a promise of \$1,200 with stipend and manse. Commissioners having been heard, the call was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to the Presbytery of Hamilton, and Mr. Myers for the Presbytery of Paris with Messrs. Hislop, Birss and Hegler were appointed to prosecute said call at the bar of the Hamilton Presbytery. Mr. D. T. Sutherland was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and Messrs. Myers, McGregor and Dr. McMullen were appointed a committee to direct him in his studies, and report from time to time. The following minute was adopted anent the death of the late Rev. John Dunbar: The Presbytery record with deep regret the death of the Rev. John Dunbar, which took place at Toronto on the 29th day of January, 1890. Mr. Dunbar was ordained as a minister and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation at Glenmorris on the 17th day of May, 1853. He was the first minister of that congregation after its separation from St. George, at that time in connection with the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. He took a deep interest and an active part in the formation of the union of the churches now constituting the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Presbytery will long cherish his memory as that of a minister whose talents, vigorous by nature, were improved by insidious cultivation and all consecrated to the service of Christ, and who, by his high sense of honour, candid, generous and genial spirit, had won the affection and confidence of all his brethren. He was a faithful attendant upon the courts of the Church, and took an active part in their proceedings. His ministrations were greatly blessed among the people of his charge. His pulpit ministrations were of a high order; his pastoral duties were faithfully attended to, but above all his life was an example to his people. Mr. Dunbar resigned his pastoral charge on the 28th day of March, 1876. During his retirement he continued to take a deep interest in the work of the church, occupying his leisure by contributing to various journals, not a few articles on literary and sacred subjects, all characterized by the thoroughness of research and purity of spirit which were the distinguishing features of his ministry. The Presbytery deeply sympathizes with the sorrow of his bereaved relatives. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Dumfries Street Church, Paris, on the first Tuesday of September at 10.30 a.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—There was a large attendance of members at last ordinary meeting, which was held in Knox Church, Guelph, on May 20, Mr. Strachan, of Rockwood, Moderator. The names and standing of students in the bounds were reported. Messrs. Howie, of Knox Church, Brussels; Mr. Ballantyne, of Jamaica, on his way to Europe; and Mr. John Stewart, a minister without a charge residing in the bounds, were invited to take their seats as corresponding members. Dr. Smellie and Mr. Allan McDiarmid having tendered their resignation as commissioners to the General Assembly, Mr. Strachan was appointed in room of the former and Mr. Hugh Cockburn in place of the latter. At his own request an extension of time was allowed the Clerk to prepare his report founded on the statistical returns from congregations and stations for the year 1889. It was reported that the Home Mission Committee had agreed to make a grant to Hawkesville and Linwood from the Augmentation Fund at the rate of \$200 per annum, but that owing to the state of the fund only \$68 had been remitted, instead of \$100 for the half year which has closed, and only \$16 to Cumnock instead of \$25 for the same period. It was agreed that the Presbytery endeavour to make up the deficiency by appealing to those congregations in the first instance which had not contributed to the Augmentation Fund, and a committee, consisting of Drs. Wardrope and Torrance, with Messrs. Charles Davidson and Peter Rennie, was appointed to meet with the elders and managers of each of these, set before them the importance of the Augmentation Fund as one of the Schemes of the Church, and urge that it have a place given it among those objects, to which the liberality of their congregations is directed, Mr. Rennie, Convener. A letter was read from Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., of Toronto, mentioning the amount apportioned to the Presbytery for Augmentation purposes, namely, \$1,500, and that up to date only \$600.41 had been received, and giving the names of congregations from which no contributions had been received. A report was submitted from the committee appointed to enquire into the proposed union between the congregations of Knox Church, West Puslinch, and Duff's Church, East Puslinch, to the effect that they had met with both congregations, had carefully gone over the articles of union that had been prepared, and that these, with one or two slight modifications, had been agreed to. The committee recommended that the Presbytery sanction the union of the two congregations on the basis adopted, and the Presbytery, on motion, adopted the recommendation, and instructed the Clerk to have notice of the same published in each of the churches. The main features of the basis are that the minister who may be called and settled shall preach in Duff's Church in the forenoon, and in Knox Church in the afternoon of each Lord's Day, the evening being left to his own disposal; and that the salary shall be at the rate of \$600, to be paid by the former, with manse and glebe, and \$400 by the latter. Authority was granted to Mr. Smith, the Moderator of Session of Knox Church, to moderate in a call at such a date as may suit the convenience of the congregation. The Clerk submitted and read obituary notices which he had prepared according to instruction, on the late Mr. William Meldrum and Mr. D. B. Cameron. The notices were approved and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes and copies sent to the nearest relatives of the deceased. The Clerk next reported that he had secured the services of Mr. D. Strachan for the supply of Dracon and Melz during the summer months. The Convener of the Committee on Evangelistic Services stated that, deputations not having reported to him their diligence in carrying out their appointments, he had no report to present. It was agreed that these reports be called for at an early stage of the proceedings at next meeting, and that considerable time be devoted to the consideration of them. Mr. Millican presented an application, accompanied with a medical certificate, to the Presbytery, to request the General Assembly to allow him to retire from the ministry on the ground of failing health, with an interest in the fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers. After lengthened deliberations it was resolved to summon the congregations forming his pastoral charge to appear for their interest at next ordinary meeting, that a committee be composed of Dr. Torrance, Convener; Dr. Middlemiss, Mr. Mallan, ministers; with Messrs. Rennie and Moffatt ruling elders, meet with the congregations and ascertain what amount they may be prepared to promise as a retiring allowance to Mr. Millican, and that his application be sent on to the General Assembly, with the request that it receive their favourable consideration, the Presbytery pledging itself to see to it that all the steps appointed to be taken in such cases be carried out, Dr. Torrance to support the application before the Assembly. A long time was spent discussing the subject of continuing the triennial visitation of congregations in the bounds, when ultimately it was agreed to delay further consideration of it till next ordinary meeting, brethren being requested to give it careful thought in the meantime, and to come fully prepared to state their convictions regarding the propriety of going on with them as they have been conducted the past three years. A circular on Prison Reform with forms of petition on the subject was read and considered. The Presbytery agreed to express its approval of the Reforms proposed, and the Moderator and Clerk were authorized to sign the petitions to the Lieut. Governor. Notices were read from several Presbyteries that they intended to apply to the General Assembly at its next meeting for leave to receive as ministers of the Church the persons named. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of July at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

British and Foreign.

OF 214 students in ten Baptist colleges 205 are abstainers. A TABLET in memory of Dr. Hay has been erected in Inverkeilor Church.

THE Rev. J. Kennedy Cameron, M.A., of Rosskeen, has accepted the call to Brodick.

DR. PIERSON lately gave his valedictory address in London in Midway Conference Hall.

LONDON county council by sixty to thirty-eight passed a resolution against compensation.

THE Pope has netted from the pilgrimages to Rome during the last four months nearly \$200,000.

PRINCIPAL CUNNINGHAM presided at a meeting in St. Andrew's to form a liberal-unionist association.

THE Regent Square session leave Mr. McNeill's services at Lxeter Hall in the hands of the Presbytery's committee.

DR. RITCHIE, of Duns, has intimated his intention to retire from active duty and to apply for a colleague and successor.

THE non-established Presbyteries in Scotland are everywhere petitioning for the rejection of the government licensing proposals.

THE Chinese Government has at last forbidden the drowning of female babies; the penalty is to be sixty strokes of the bamboo.

SIR LINTORN SIMMONS is to be succeeded at the Vatican by Sir Adrian Dingli, a Maltese lawyer who married an Englishwoman.

THE Sabbath Alliance of Scotland expresses regret at the railway employees so frequently holding their meetings on the Lord's Day.

THE Rev. John Lamb, B.D., assistant at Skene, has been appointed missionary professor in the Assembly's institution at Calcutta.

DR. SHELDON, of Belfast, is the president of the Congregational Union of Ireland which lately held its annual sittings at Carrickfergus.

DR. JAMES TAYLOR, formerly of Renfield Street Church, Glasgow, and now residing in Edinburgh, has for several weeks been seriously ill.

SIR ANDREW CLARK, the distinguished physician, at a meeting recently stated that he had come through seas of doubt to the quiet haven of belief.

By the supplementary Endowment Scheme in the Church of Scotland it is expected that in fifty charges incomes will be permanently raised to \$1,000.

IN almost every city in Britain there are several Protestant associations. Edinburgh has at least five; and Sir J. Don Wauchope urges the need of union.

THE Free Church Assembly has reversed the judgment of Deer Presbytery in the Fraserburgh case and ordered the induction of Mr. Forrest to be proceeded with immediately.

COUNT CAMPELLO denounces as a shameful calumny the report that he has returned to the Vatican; but he was offered a diplomatic post and a cardinal's hat if he would come back.

THE late papal warning against cremation seems an infelicitous manifesto to be issued by the Church that cremated Huss, Bruno, Wyclif, Ridley, Latimer, Savonarola, and so many others.

THE Rev. C. G. McCrie, of Ayr, has been unanimously appointed the next Cunningham lecturer. His subject will be "The public worship of Presbyterian Scotland, historically considered."

WHILE the villagers at Mablerton, in Hanover, were assembled in the parish church praying for fine weather, the building was struck by lightning and five killed, while nearly a score were injured.

THE Rev. David Macrae preached the anniversary sermon of the famous Sunday school at Stockport, a function performed in previous years by Dr. Chalmers, Norman Macleod, and Robertson, of Irvine.

IN the large stream of liberality steadily flowing into Mansfield College is included a gift of \$3,000 from the widow of Henry Rogers, author of the "Eclipse of Faith," for a prize in memory of her husband.

DR. BRANDER, of Edinburgh, has been designated a medical missionary for China by Belfast Presbytery. Dr. Pierson, of Philadelphia, delivered an address at the service to an overflowing congregation.

AT Geelong the latest novelty is Saturday evening lectures for the people delivered by ministers in the open air. The speakers mount, not the stump, but the lorry and expound to the crowds, who appear to attend well.

CANON TAYLOR, the champion of Islam, is severely criticized in a story, "Sub Sole," just published by Right Rev. A. Smith. "If seven tailors make a man," he says, "seven Taylors would not make a theologian."

AT a great function of the grand lodge of freemasons, to be held in St. Giles, Rev. John Glasie will be the preacher. It is over thirty years since divine service was conducted under the auspices of the grand lodge.

TEMPERANCE reform is making rapid progress in the Free Church, which has now 694 adult societies and bands of hope, with a membership of 80,000, being an increase during the past year of 146 societies and 16,030 members.

SHANGHAI, locally termed "the model settlement," contains 1,060 licensed opium shops, several capable of accommodating from 500 to 1,000 persons; and adjacent to these are an equal number of licensed dens of moral infamy.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury is said to entertain a sincere desire for formal intercommunion with the Church of Scotland; but of course there is the insuperable difficulty that Scottish Presbyterians will never submit to Episcopal reordination.

BISHOP RYLE declares that the colliers and pit-brow girls in the Wigan district furnish candidates for confirmation who are as well-behaved as those who come from Southport with its luxury, or the south end of Liverpool with all its refinement.

SIR G. B. BRUCE laid the memorial stone of the church at Cambridge which the congregation there is about to erect after worshiping for nearly ten years in the guild-hall. At present there are 150 Presbyterian students attending the university.

A CIVIL-LIST pension of \$250 a year has been granted to the widow of Rev. J. G. Wood, the naturalist. Mr. Wood died through inattention to a cold caught on the platform of a railway station in Scotland. No writer ever secured simultaneously so much popularity and such small pecuniary gains.

A FREE Church minister in the West of Ross-shire who had a consignment of Gaelic Bibles sent him for distribution is said to be unable to get them disposed of because of a report that they are "Dr. Dod's Bibles." By this the people understand that certain books are left out and the others all changed! The story must surely be an invention.

THE poorer Jews in England have long suffered from the almost prohibitive price which they have had to pay for their meat, not being allowed to use the cheap foreign mutton because the sheep are not killed in accordance with the Jewish ritual. To meet this difficulty two shocketim sailed for Buenos Ayres on Saturday to kill sheep there and prepare the meat in the orthodox Jewish fashion.