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### The Presbyterian.

We are under the necessity of deferring for a month a few communications.

As this number closes the SEVENTH VOLUME of the *Presbyterian*, we embrace the opportunity of transmitting therewith to such Subscribers as are in arrears a statement of their dues. We hope that these parties will not fail to remit the amount without delay, as payment should have been made *in advance*.

#### THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

##### EDUCATION FUND.

Cornwall, per Rev. H. Urquhart, £7 10 0  
HUGH ALLAN, Treasurer.

##### ARRIVAL OF A MISSIONARY.

We understand that the Rev. Mr. Paterson, appointed by the Colonial Committee, has recently arrived in the Province, and is at present employed in preaching at Point Levi, opposite the City of Quebec.

##### INDUCTION AT WOOLWICH.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met at Woolwich on the 17th of October for the purpose of inducting the Rev. James Thom, of Three Rivers, into the pastoral charge of the congregation in this place. The business of the day was opened by the Rev. H. Gibson, who, after preaching from 1 Cor. iii. 9, "Ye are Gods

husbandry," administered to Mr. Thom the usual vows. The Minister was then addressed by the Rev. Colin Gregor, and the people by the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan. There was a respectable and attentive audience, who gave a cordial welcome to their Minister. This settlement was the result of a cordial and unanimous call, and it may be confidently expected that Mr. Thom, who is a man of piety and of considerable experience in the ministerial work, will prove a blessing to that long destitute locality, in which Providence has cast his lot.

#### THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

**PRESBYTERY OF DORNOCH—PARISH OF CREICH**—The Presbytery of Dornoch has been for some months engaged in taking proof of objections brought forward by a majority of the congregation of Creich against the settlement of Mr James Gunn (now of Cross, Lewis) as minister of that parish. After examining witnesses for the objectors and presentee, the Presbytery with consent of parties declared the proof closed on Tuesday last. On Wednesday the Presbytery again met, and spent most of the day in deliberating on the merits of the proof on both sides. At the evening sederunt they intimated the decision at which they had arrived. Three of the objections brought forward on the 28th June were on that day found relevant by the Presbytery, and that finding was acquiesced in by both agents. The decision came to unanimously by the Presbytery on Wednesday evening last was, that these three objections are proved. The objections first found relevant and now found proved were to the effect:—

1. That Mr Gunn's ministerial gifts, talents, and manner in the pulpit are not such as to be inviting or edifying; that his manner is indicative of want of mind, as well as a deficiency of accuracy of thought; that there is a repulsiveness in his tone and pronunciation which proves

that he is not "apt to teach;" that his prayers are inappropriate and devoid of fervour and unction; and that his discourses (delivered with great embarrassment, in a dull monotonous manner) are dry and unedifying, as well as ill-deduced.

2. That Mr Gunn has not attended to the duties of his present charge, and has been for several months absent from his parish.

3. That the parish of Creich requires the ministrations of a clergyman particularly fitted to gather, instruct, and edify a congregation, while Mr Gunn's qualifications are the very reverse; that the majority of the congregation, including elders, communicants, and heads of families, as well as hearers, are decidedly hostile to his settlement—not because he is not the man of their choice, but because he is wholly unfitted for the parish and utterly unable to advance the spiritual welfare of the congregation; and that his settlement will put an extinguisher on the congregation now firmly attached to the Established Church in Creich.

The above objections having been proved, the Presbytery had no difficulty in coming unanimously to the following deliverance:—

The Presbytery did and hereby do find and declare that the said presentee is not fit and qualified (in respect of objections to his fitness made and satisfactorily substantiated) to take the pastoral charge of the parish of Creich; and the Presbytery did and hereby do refuse to proceed with his settlement as minister of that parish, and instruct the Clerk to transmit to the patrons an extract of their deliverance.

Against these findings Mr. Rule for the presentee protested and appealed to the next General Assembly.—*Inverness Courier*.

**PRESBYTERY OF EDINBURGH.** The monthly meeting of the Presbytery of Edinburgh took place on Wednesday, the Rev. Archibald Buchanan, Moderator.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CHARLESTON, (U. S.),**

The MODERATOR read a communication from the congregation worshipping in the Presbyterian Church, Charleston, with special reference to the