

such cases if a sufficient quantity has not been forwarded application can be made to the Synod Clerk for more. There is a number of vacant congregations to whose sessions no copies have been sent, because even though the number of elders is known, the name and address of any one of them is not known. There is no difficulty in the case of sessions of vacant congregations when the Synod Roll gives the name of a Representative Elder. The very fact that a congregation is without a Minister is a good reason why steps should be taken by the Session and Presbytery for the election of a Representative Elder. Other parties who may wish to have the Minutes of last Synod,—and it would be well for members of the Church generally to supply themselves,—can have them on application to the Synod Clerk, free of postage, by remitting 30 cents for each copy. The volume is in pamphlet form, and contains 111 pages of closely but clearly printed matter. In addition to the acts and proceedings of the Synod, which ought always to be of general concern to the Church, much interesting and valuable information will be found embodied in the reports of the various schemes and other documents appended in full. We hope that many copies will find their way amongst our congregations. Ignorance of the present state of our schemes, and of what is being done with the funds which, it is pleasing to find, are being collected more and more largely every year, is quite inexcusable when ample information can be obtained with so little trouble and expense. All monies received for Synod Minutes are devoted to the Synod Fund, which as it supplies the means of sustaining the Synod's operations, it is important to keep in as healthy a state as possible.

#### THE JEWISH MISSION.

We direct the attention of our readers to the interesting letter from our Missionary which appears in this number, and in which he gives a full account of Monastir, the station originally recommended to the Committee by Dr. Schaffner of Constantinople, for our occupation, as also of Salonica, where Dr. Epstein is at present laboring. The letter will well repay perusal, and will help the Committee in coming to a speedy decision. Monastir is, evidently, an important centre for missionary operations and we concur in the view that if it be adopted, educational appliances must be eventually added to the working staff of the Mission. We trust, that the collections from congregations will be so generally taken up and of so liberal a character, as to warrant the Committee not only to maintain the present effort, but to look forward to a speedy addition of the services of a missionary Teacher to be selected from our own Church to those now so efficiently rendered by our active Missionary Dr. Epstein. We hope that no con-

gregation will omit to take up a collection for this excellent object.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NOVA SCOTIA TO THE JEWISH MISSION.

We are glad to observe among the remittances received by the Treasurer to this Scheme, two of a very gratifying character from Nova Scotia; viz.: from St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, \$50, and from the congregations of Gairloch and Salt Spring, under the ministry of the Revd. A. McKay, the very liberal collection of \$99 30, and which we understand would have been even larger, but for the pressure of the times. This collection from a rural charge, is very encouraging. We trust that there will be many such from the Lower Provinces, and that the Mission will be emphatically, one sustained and cherished by the whole branch of our church in British North America.

#### MINISTERS' HALF FARE TICKETS.

We regret exceedingly to learn that the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway has received instructions to intimate the withdrawal of clergymen's half-fare tickets, and we are the more sorry to know that some abuse of this very great privilege affords the chief reason for this step. It may now be a very difficult matter to obtain a renewal of the favour; but surely the superior authorities of the various denominations might devise some means of influencing the Railway Company, and of effectually protecting them from trouble and imposition in their laudable desire to furnish ministers with facilities for travelling.

#### THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

##### PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

This new Presbytery called into existence at the recent meeting of Synod held its first meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph on the 2d ult.

There were present the Revds. Hamilton Gibson, George MacDonnell, James Thom, John Whyte, and John Hogg, ministers; the Rev. John Hay, ordained Missionary; and Messrs. A. D. Fordyce and John McCrea, elders.

The Rev. George Macdonnell, having been named by the Synod as first Moderator, duly constituted the meeting by the offering up prayer, and read the documents received from the Synod Clerk, authorising the formation of the Presbytery of Guelph. Devotional exercises were then conducted by the Rev. J. Thom.

Mr. Macdonnell was unanimously chosen Clerk. Upon his resignation of the Moderatorship, Mr. Thom was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Commissions were given in by the following Elders:—A. D. Fordyce, Esq., of

Fergus, and John McCrea, Esq., of Guelph which commissions were sustained.

Mr. Gibson applied, on behalf of the Rev. Peter Thomson, ordained Missionary from the Colonial Committee and now in connection with the Presbytery of Bathurst, for missionary appointments within the bounds of this Presbytery. It was agreed to receive Mr. Thomson on the Clerk's obtaining from him a transference from the Presbytery of Bathurst.

A letter was read from the Rev. R. G. McLaren, ordained missionary from the Colonial Committee, at present in connection with the Presbytery of Glengary, asking for information respecting the vacancies within the bounds of the Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. McLaren, affording him the desired information.

A letter was read from the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan explaining the reasons of his absence from the first meeting of the Presbytery, and bringing under notice a variety of topics and matters of business,—all of which, after discussion, were disposed of by the Presbytery.

Mr. Hay having reported his labours at Mount Forest and the vicinity, the Presbytery expressed their approbation of his zeal and diligence, reappointing him to Mount Forest until next meeting of Presbytery, with the understanding that he would also give fortnightly service at Durham.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter Muir, Priceville, expressive of great desire for missionary labour, and especially desiring the services of a Catechist for the remainder of the summer. The Clerk was instructed to answer Mr. Muir's letter.

In the event of Mr. Thompson or Mr. McLaren coming within the bounds of the Presbytery, it was agreed that each should give one Sabbath to the congregation at Puslinch, two Sabbaths at Kincardine, two at Saugeen, two at Tara and Derbe, and two at Leith and Johnstone.

The case of the Puslinch property was brought under the notice of the Presbytery. It was agreed to afford the congregation every aid and encouragement in their power, with a view of bringing the right of the property into Chancery.

A communication was received from the Rev. H. Gibson, resigning the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Galt. The Presbytery ordered the document to lie upon the table, summoned the congregation to compare before them at their meeting on the second Wednesday of August ensuing, to be held at Galt, and gave Mr. Gibson leave of absence until the day of that Meeting. Mr. Thom was appointed to preach at Galt upon Sabbath the 22d current, and to intimate accordingly to the congregation; also to preach at Ayr in the afternoon of the same day.

It was agreed that there should be three ordinary meetings of the Presbytery in the