

heard in reply and the Presbytery proceeded to deliberate. The petition was unanimously dismissed as unreasonable. The next meeting is to be held in Knox Church, Woodstock, on the second Tuesday of March. Correspondence regarding the pulpit supply of Stanley Street, Ayr, is to be addressed to Rev. William Robertson, Chesterfield; and that in reference to St. George, to Rev. Robert Pittigrew, Glenmorris. Sabbath school reports are to be sent to Rev. M. McGregor, Tilsonburg, and those on State of Religion to Rev. William McKinley, Innerkip.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met within Knox Church, Paisley, on Tuesday, December 9th. Mr. Moody's term of office having expired. Mr. Duncan was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. Tolmie submitted the quarterly report of the Home Mission Committee, which was carefully considered. Committees were appointed to visit the aid-receiving congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery and to report at next meeting. Regret was expressed that the missionaries, who had been appointed to several fields in Algoma, had declined their appointments, and it was left with the Committee to make what arrangements they could, in the circumstances. There was read and received a memorial from Mr. D. F. Ritchie, praying the Presbytery to give him the status of a catechist. The memorial which was transmitted by the session of Southampton, with their full recommendation, and supported by Mr. Tolmie, having been duly considered, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to grant the prayer of its petition, and gave to Mr. Ritchie the status asked for. Leave was granted to the congregation of Chesley to sell their old church, and call the new one, Geneva Church. The Moderator of the Session of Allenford and Elsinore was empowered to moderate in a call, as soon as the congregation is prepared to do so; and the same authority was granted to the moderator of Glamis session. Mr. Tolmie called attention to the indebtedness of the Presbytery to the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College for work done in the mission field. It was agreed to recommend the society favourably to the congregations of the Presbytery. The Committee on the State of Religion was instructed to issue questions to be submitted to the sessions within the bounds, and Mr. John Ferguson was appointed to act as Convener during the absence of Dr. Scott. A circular was read from the Home Mission Committee intimating that the amount appointed to this Presbytery for the Augmentation of Stipends was \$500, and asking the Presbytery to take steps so as to secure this amount. It was also intimated that Rev. D. J. Macdonnell had been appointed a deputy to visit this Presbytery in the interests of the scheme. The Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting in Knox Church, Paisley, on the 13th January at half-past seven p.m., for the purpose of hearing Mr. Macdonnell; and at half past two p.m. to consider the remits of Assembly and any other business. Mr. Gourlay submitted the statistical and financial report which was received and its consideration deferred until the adjourned meeting. At the evening sederunt a Conference on the State of Religion was held, when addresses were delivered by the moderator, Dr. Moffat, Messrs Paterson, Ferguson and others.—JAMES GOURLAY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, 10th December. Rev. S. Polson was appointed, moderator, *pro tem*. The clerk being ill, Rev. Mr. Gordon kindly acted for him. The resignation of Rev. Thos. McGuire, Emerson, was read. At Mr. McGuire's urgent request the clerk had visited Emerson last Sabbath and cited the session and congregation to appear in their interests. The session and congregation presented resolutions expressing in the strongest possible terms their appreciation of Mr. McGuire's ministerial qualifications and high personal character. There was read a report from the Superintendent of Missions in regard to the position and prospect of the congregations of Emerson. Mr. McGuire and Mr. MacArthur were also heard; whereupon on motion of Dr. Bryce seconded by Mr. Sutherland, the Presbytery agreed to accept with regret the resignation and to appoint Messrs. Pitblado and Sutherland to prepare a suitable minute, which was subsequently submitted and adopted. Rev. D. B. Whimster was appointed to declare the pastoral charge vacant on Sabbath, January 4th, 1885. The Presbytery also agreed to refer the arrears due Mr. McGuire to Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, and instruct said Committee to send such supply to Emerson as may be possible. Mr. McFarlane reported that he had moderated in a call at Stonewall which had come out in favour of Rev. James Lawrence which was accepted by him. Arrangements were made for his induction on Monday, December 29th, Dr. King to preach and preside, Mr. Pringle to address the people, and Mr. Gordon the minister. A reference from the session of Kildonan anent the use of the organ and the Presbyterian Hymnal in the services of that congregation was read. The Presbytery agreed to sustain the reference and in view of all the circumstances to counsel the session to grant the prayer of the petitioners. The call from the congregation of Springfield and Sunnyside to Rev. Mr. McKinley, of Innerkip, having been declined

was set aside. Dr. Bryce reported that he had visited Morris and secured subscriptions for the full amount of liabilities. He was thanked for his diligence and success in the matter. The attention of Presbytery having been called to the severe bereavement of Rev. James Douglas, of Morris, Dr. Bryce moved, seconded by Mr. McGuire, that the Presbytery has heard with regret of the severe affliction that has visited one of its members, Rev. James Douglas, of Morris, in the sad loss of two members of his family. The Presbytery desire to express its sincere sympathy for Mr. Douglas and his family, to unite with them in thanking God for the safe recovery of others of the family who were seriously ill and directs the clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Douglas. It was agreed to place Rev. M. McKenzie in charge of Rat Portage and Keewatin until the end of March and that until that time the division of his services between Rat Portage and Keewatin be left to the missionary in conjunction with the congregation, and that the request of the managers of Rat Portage congregation and the recommendation of the Superintendent in regard thereto be considered at a future meeting. Principal King introduced two students, Messrs. Andrew McLean and Hugh W. Fraser, who desire to enter upon the study of Theology in Manitoba College. After Conference with them they were certified to the College. There was read a recommendation of the Superintendent on behalf of Fort William, to the effect that a missionary be appointed to that district, inasmuch as contributions to the amount of \$459 per annum are promised in support of ordinances; also that Mr. Archibald MacPherson, of Arthur, an elder of the church who has offered himself for service in the North-West be appointed to Fort William. On motion of Dr. Agnew seconded by Mr. Pitblado it was decided that Mr. MacPherson, of Arthur, Ont., be received as a labourer under this Presbytery as recommended by the Superintendent; that application be made to the Convener of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for his approval, and that the matter of his appointment to a mission field be referred to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. The report of the superintendent anent Headingly and Riviere Salle was read. The Presbytery agreed to appoint Mr. McLean there for two weeks at Christmas and to consider the other recommendation at next meeting. The report of the Superintendent anent Whitemouth, having been read, the Presbytery appointed Mr. Pitblado to visit the field and to report to the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery with a view to supply of services if possible. Another report of the Superintendent relating to Posen and Meadow Lea was read. Resolved that such supply be given from the College during the Christmas holidays as may be possible and that arrangements for summer be deferred until next regular meeting. The Presbytery recorded its sense of the great care with which the Superintendent has attended to the districts reported on and of the value of his suggestions regarding them. Mr. McGuire was granted six months' leave of absence. It was agreed to consider the remits from the General Assembly at next regular meeting. Mr. Pringle was re-empowered to moderate in a call for Springfield, etc., whenever the congregation is ready to proceed. The Clerk was instructed to call for session records at next regular meeting. On account of Mr. Whimster's absence, the notice of motion re Church Extension in Winnipeg was deferred to next meeting. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the first Wednesday of March next, at ten o'clock, a.m.—D. B. WHIMSTER, *Pres. Clerk*.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM LESLIE.

Colonel William Leslie, who died on Monday, Dec. 1st, at the age of sixty-eight, was Reeve of the Township of Puslinch for upwards of thirty-years. He was Warden of the County for several terms. He owned a large store at Schaw Station and was Postmaster ever since a Post-office was opened there. He was a member of the Church of England for many years. About a year ago he and Mrs. Leslie joined the East Puslinch Presbyterian congregation, which they have been attending. During their residence in Puslinch, Mr. Leslie made it a rule, that all the members of his family had to attend the house of God, and even visitors who remained with him over Sabbath were invited to church. His pew was fully occupied and often some of his family had to go to other seats. In this respect he set a noble example before other parents. How often in large families only two or three go to church and the majority roam about on the Lord's Day. He always gave liberally to the Church and for missions. The funeral which took place, on Wednesday, December 3rd, was the largest ever seen in Puslinch, over 160 carriages followed the hearse to the Mooriston cemetery, most of the members of the County Council were in the procession. The services were concluded at the house and grave by the Rev. Dr. Mackay; who addressed the vast assemblage from John II. 11, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth." Rev. Mr. McAuley, of West Puslinch, engaged in prayer. The pall bearers were Rev. R. Harrison, Church of England, Toronto, Messrs. McDonald, Coulter, Pentecost, Ironside and Dr. Orton, sons-in-law of the deceased.

Sabbath School Teacher.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

Jan. 11, 1885.

PAUL AT MILETUS.

1 ACTS xx: 17-27.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."—Acts xx. 21.

TIME.—April, A.D. 58.

INTRODUCTORY REVIEW.—1. What route did Paul take in going to Corinth the first time? 2. The second time? Give the names of his companions. 4. Why did he not call at Ephesus in passing? 5. What event happened at Troas? How often was Paul at Troas before? 6. Where did Paul write the first Epistle to the Corinthians? 7. Where the second Epistle?

TOPICAL ANALYSIS.—Lest he should be too long delayed by a visit to Ephesus, he sent for the elders to meet him at Miletus, a distance of thirty miles, and there delivered this affectionate and burning address. It is intended to impress the elders with the responsibilities of their office, by showing how he himself ever kept in view the great Day of Account, in all his work, taking as the central thought, "So that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus." The lesson may be considered.

I. AS TO THE APOSTLE'S SUFFERINGS FOR THAT END.

1. *What the Apostle did suffer.*

(1) *Humiliation*, or lowliness of mind: No work was too menial or service too lowly, so long as it contributed to success. He was willing "to be despised and rejected of men," as it was by such instruments God determined the world should be saved.—1 Cor. i. 27, 28-34.

(2) *Tears*: Not of fear, but of tender solicitude for souls. "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy."—Psalms cxvii. 5; Phil. iii. 18; 2 Cor. ii. 4.

(3) *Trial* (temptation): The chief cause of trial at this time was the hostility of the Jewish seducers. But for a catalogue of Paul's trials see 2 Cor. vi. 4-10; xi. 23-28. Paul did not, however, turn back as Jeremiah proposed to do,—Jer. xx. 8, 9—but counted it all joy to fall into divers temptations, because it would help him to finish his course with joy.

2. *What he was going to suffer.*

Bonds and Afflictions: In every city he visited, inspired men announced that at Jerusalem he would suffer.—Ch. xxi. 4, 10, 11. He nevertheless went fearlessly on. Like the Christian Pilgrim, he would not turn aside because there were lions in the way.

Bound in the Spirit:—(1) The pressure of anticipated danger, or, (2) His spirit led by the Spirit of God.—The latter is best. He was soon to be bound in the flesh.

3. *What he was willing to suffer.*

"Neither count I my life dear unto myself." He was willing to die to further the *one idea* of his life. "To live" is not so important as "to do duty." "He that is faithful unto death, shall receive the crown of life." He now wears the martyr's crown.

II.—HOW PAUL PREACHED TO THAT END.

(1) *Courageously*: "I kept back nothing."—It was to the Jew a stumbling block and to the Greek foolishness, but it was the truth and must therefore be preached. To withhold or modify would have made the way smoother, but it would detract from the joy when he finished his course.

(2) *Judiciously*: "Kept back nothing that was profitable." He had no time to spend on what did not edify. One thing is needful.

(3) *Constantly*: "Publicly and from house to house."—He redeemed the time, by night and by day he was about his Master's business. The "house to house" work an important supplement to the pulpit ministrations. Such private dealing the best test of sincerity.

III.—WHAT PAUL PREACHED.

"He shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God." He declared the whole plan of salvation, discussing the whole range of subjects elaborated in his Epistles, beginning with the Fall and ending with Glory. But the whole teaching of the Apostle hinged on:

(1) *"Repentance toward God"*: which is a turning away from sin to God. See Shorter Catechism, "What is Repentance unto life?"

(2) *"Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ"*: which is the means by which the turning toward God can be effected. For the whole work of grace within the heart we must look to Jesus as Prophet, Priest and King. See Shorter Catechism on these terms.

IV. APPLICATION TO HIS AUDIENCE.—1. *He appeals to their own knowledge of him whether these things are not so*,—"ye know from the first day that I came into Asia after what manner I have been with you, at all seasons"—v. 18, "I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men"—no stains of soul-murder upon his hands.

2. *It is his last words to them*: They will never see him again—and therefore ought to give heed to the present appeal.

3. By implication—the "finishing of the work given us to do, is as important to each soul as it was to Paul, may all fight as not beating the air."—run the race—laying aside every weight—looking to Jesus—and finish with joy?

Suggestions.—1. How much they missed who were not able to come and meet Paul! God has meeting places—be always on hand, to hear, what the spirit saith unto the churches,

2. Blessed are they who can point to their own lives as example. After David gave liberally himself—he said "who is willing to consecrate his service to the Lord"—1 Chron. xxix. 5; Phil. iv. 9.

3. Teaching or labour that does not result in Repentance and Faith are of no account.

4. The awfulness of the phrase "blood of men."

5. The unspeakable joy of being able to say in death, "I have fought a good fight," etc.

6. Little use in appealing to others to do what we neglect ourselves.