

read, and expressed a very strong desire that the resignation should be allowed to lie on the table for the present, to ascertain whether a short respite from labor might not center such a step unnecessary, and Dr. Tweedie consenting to this arrangement, the Presbytery decided accordingly.

The following motion, by Mr. McMullin, seconded by Mr. Cross, was carried unanimously, viz.:—"That whereas certain members of Presbytery have, without leave either asked or granted, taken the liberty of leaving the Court before the close of business, the Presbytery resolve to require, at next meeting, an explanation of their conduct; and further, that in future, any member absenting himself from two successive meetings of Presbytery, shall be required to furnish explanation."

Having taken up consideration of the Report of the Synodical Committee on the distribution of preachers and Home Missions, it was agreed to affirm the principle of a central fund, as laid down in section 3rd of that report, but to defer consideration of details till next ordinary meeting, when the Presbytery will proceed to consider all overtures and reports sent down by Synod, and when all the members will be expected to remain for at least two days, or till the conclusion of the business.

The following motion was carried unanimously:—"That this Presbytery enjoin upon all congregations within their bounds to defray the expenses of their representatives in attending the several meetings of the court, with the exception of such meetings as may be called for the convenience of particular congregations, in which case the parties for whose convenience the meeting may be called will be expected to defray the expenses of members in attendance."

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at Paris on the first Tuesday of December, at 10 o'clock, a.m., in Mr. Caw's church.

JOHN GILLESPIE,  
Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.**

The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox's Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, the 24th of Sep.—eleven Ministers being present, and an equal number of Elders.

Mr. Torrance as Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, reported what had been done during the previous three months in supplying the vacant congregations and stations within the bounds. The Committee were instructed to draft a series of Rules to be laid before the Presbytery, for the guidance of missionaries and of congregations receiving missionary supplies.

Mr. George Hunter, Elder was introduced, and addressed the Presbytery in reference to the necessities and claims of the townships of Arthur and Luther. The Presbytery resolved, to the utmost of their power, to maintain a regular supply of ordinances in those townships.

A deputation appeared on behalf of the congregation of Down and Hespeler, praying that the Presbytery would take the usual steps with a view to the settlement of a minister. Mr. Andrew McLean was appointed to moderate in a call on Wednesday, the 16th of Oct.

The Moderator was appointed to complete the organization of the congregation of Eden and Everton.

Messrs. George McLellan, James Little, and Donald McDonald, students, were examined,

with a view to the prosecution of their studies for the ministry.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Guelph on the 31st of Dec. next.

JAS. MIDDLEMISS,  
Pres. Clerk.

**Notices of Recent Publications.**

**THE NORTH BRITISH REVIEW** for August, 1861.

The August number of the *North British Review* contains as usual several able articles. The following is a list of its contents:—1. The British Universities and Academic Polity; 2. Montalembert and Parliamentary Institutions in France; 3. British Columbia and Vancouver's Island; 4. Stanley's Eastern Church; 5. Edwin of Deira; 6. Recent Discoveries in Scottish Geology; 7. Freedom of Religious Opinion—Its Conditions and Limits, 8. Marriage and Divorce—the Law of England and Scotland; 7. Du Challeu's Explorations and Adventures; 10. Mr. Buckle on the Civilization of Scotland.

The article on British Columbia takes a high view of the importance of the Pacific territory of Britain, and points out the great advantage of having communication opened through British America from the Atlantic to the Pacific. For half a century, the writer remarks, England has been seeking to discover a north-west passage through the Arctic Ocean, and in this chimerical pursuit has spent considerably upwards of £1,000,000 sterling. How much better to have sought to develop a passable road through the plains and prairies of British America. The article on Stanley's Eastern Church will be read with interest. Much is hoped

from the labours of Dr. Stanley as Professor of Ecclesiastical History, and the first instalment which we receive from him gives assurance that general expectation will not be disappointed. The article on Buckle gives a fair review and a satisfactory refutation of the views and statements of that author, who appears to have betaken himself to a consideration of the religious history of Scotland with a theory previously settled and fixed, to which everything must be made to conform. The *Reviewer* certainly shows that the views of the author are not at all borne out by actual fact. It is one of the fairest and at the same time most satisfactory articles on Buckle that we have seen.

**THE CHILD'S PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.**

Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.

Sold by A. Kennedy, London; and D. McLellan, Hamilton.

This is the Pilgrim's Progress not altered

into other language, but abridged for children, the more interesting scenes being preserved, while others less striking or less fitted to interest children, are thrown into the background. We doubt whether it is wise to abridge the book itself. But this attempt is well executed, and will, we doubt not, be a great favourite with children.

**SOLDIER'S SERIES OF TRACTS.** By Presbyterian Board of Publication.

This is a series of tracts, all good, specially intended for soldiers. While the present war continues, we rejoice to hear of the efforts made to promote the spiritual good of the soldiers and sailors.

**NEW BOOKS JUST RECEIVED.**

**FOR SALE** by D. McLELLAN, Hamilton C. W.

- Kennedy's Days of the Fathers in Rosshire, *net* ..... \$1 00
- Hugh Miller's Headship of Christ ..... 2 00
- Bonar's Life of Rev D Sandeman ..... 0 75
- The True Manhood, by Landells ..... 0 75
- Evenings with Bunyan, by Large ..... 1 00
- The Gold Thread, by Dr N. McLeod ..... 0 30
- Stewart's Roughing it with Alick Baillie 0 75
- Mr Duff's Grapes of Eshcol ..... 0 60
- " The Cities of Refuge ..... 0 30
- Dr Candlish on the Atonement ..... 1 75
- " The Two Great Commandments 1 75
- Marshman's Life of Havelock, *British, net* 3 00
- Muller's Life of Trust ..... 1 25
- Guinness' Sermons, new ed., with portrait 1 00
- Workmen and their Difficulties ..... 0 60
- Annals of the Rescued, by author of *Haate to Rescue* ..... 0 75
- Winslow: Help Heavenward ..... 0 50
- Collins' New and Matchless Family Bible is complete now, and at various prices, according to the style of binding.
- Also, a choice assortment of Pulpit Bibles, both English and Gaelic, Communion Vessels and Tokens, and Session, and Presbytery Minute Books, &c.

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**NEW BOOKS.**

- Silas Marner, by George Eliot. .... 0 75
  - Macaulay's England, vol. 5, cloth. .... 45
  - Personal History of Lord Bacon, by Hepworth Dixon ..... 1 25
  - Staunton's Shakespeare, 3 vols., half bound, calf, extra ..... 18 50
  - Ranke's History of the Popes, 1 vol. 8vo 1 50
  - White's History of England ..... 1 50
  - College Atlas ..... 3 00
  - Eadie's Analytical Concordance ..... 3 00
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  - Harbaugh's Heavenly Home, &c. 3 vols Conybear and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul, 2 vols. .... 6 00
  - Stanley's Sinai and Palestine ..... 2 50
  - Robinson's Condensed Greek Lexicon, \$3 00, for ..... 2 50
  - Edwards on the Will ..... 1 25
  - Newcomb's Cyclopaedia of Missions ..... 3 00
  - Huntingdon's Sermons for the People. . 1 25
  - Brown's Robertson's Sacred Music ..... 75
  - Brief Biographies, by Samuel Smiles. . 1 25
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