

with the large reduction in arrears due to ministers, [no arrears being due for the past year], and called the attention of Ministers and Elders to the necessity of attending to all stated Synodical collections. Archibald McLean Student of Divinity, after a lengthened examination, and hearing of discourses was licensed to preach the Gospel.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The ordinary bi-monthly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Chalmers' Church, Elora, on Tuesday 10th of July—Rev. J. K. Smith *Moderator*. Fifteen Ministers and ten Elders were present.

Mr. Henry Leutzinger, a licentiate of the O. S. Presbyterian Church of the United States, who labours as a Missionary among the Germans in the county of Waterloo, was received as a probationer of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Mr. Leutzinger gave an interesting account of his work since its commencement in May last. A letter from the Chairman of the Western Conference of the Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church was read and referred to the Presbytery's German Committee. The letter contained an appeal to the good feeling of the Presbytery against anything that may injuriously affect the interests of that Church, in carrying out her plans for the spiritual good of her members and of the German-speaking people generally, and referred to circumstances which needed to be considered in order to prevent collision between the two Churches. Suitable instructions were given to the Committee on the subject.

Meetings for electing and calling Ministers were appointed to be held at Eden Mills, Nassagaweya, and Minosa, on Wednesday 25th July, the respective Moderators being Messrs. Cameron, McDonald, and Millican.

Mr. Anderson reported the formation of a congregation in North Luther and was appointed to dispense the Communion to them, and preside at the Election of Elders. Mr. Millican was appointed to dispense the Communion at South Luther.

The deputation (Messrs. Ball, and Thomas McCrae) appointed to collect for the extinction of the Berlin arrears of Stipend reported that they had succeeded in raising the whole amount required (including a grant of \$130 from the Synod's Debt Extinction Committee).

On a representation of Mr. Davidson, the sanction of the Presbytery was given to the erection of a Church at Cumnock.

SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES

This Synod met in the City of St. John N. B., on Wednesday 27th, June. The most interesting event connected with the meeting of Synod was the union of the Synod of Nova Scotia with that of New Brunswick, which was consummated on Monday, 2nd July. The Rev. J. Bennett of St. John was elected Moderator of the united Synod. The Synod now embraces about 130 congregations and 110 settled ministers.

There was an important discussion on the subject of instrumental music, in consequence of one of the congregations having introduced an organ. Various motions were proposed, but they all condemned the use of instrumental music in the public worship of God. The Synod appeared to be virtually unanimous in the matter.

Much important business was transacted, and we doubt not the union now consummated will give a impetus to the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

BIBLE SOCIETY—NEW BIBLE HOUSE.—The foundation stone of the New Bible House was laid by the Prince of Wales, on the 11th June. The President, the Earl of Shaftesbury presided, and the whole proceedings were of a highly interesting character.