

rance addressed the pastor elect, giving him admonition, instruction and encouragement in the work for which he was set apart. Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, Moderator of Session, addressed the congregation on the duties they owe to their pastor and to each other. Rev. Mr. Little presided at the ordination ceremonial. After the services were closed, Mr. Pettigrew conducted the Rev. Mr. McTavish to the door, where he was introduced to the congregation. In the evening a welcome social was held. Rev. Mr. Little, of Princeton, Mr. McTavish's former pastor, commenced the literary portion of the entertainment in a neat address, speaking with authority as to the merits and acquirements of his former parishioner, after which Rev. Mr. Mihell, Baptist minister, in a few well chosen words, welcomed Mr. McTavish to St. George as a co-worker in the Master's vineyard, and was supplemented by Rev. Mr. Clark, of the Methodist Church, in a few earnest, practical remarks, claiming him as a brother, and assuring him that there was work for all. Rev. Mr. McKay, of Woodstock, claimed the attention of the audience for some time by a humorous and energetic address, directed to both pastor and people, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Ayr, who followed in a similar vein. Rev. Mr. Blair, of Campbellville, gave a very carefully prepared address and was followed by Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Waterdown. Rev. Dr. Beattie came last and owing to the lateness made a brief but pointed speech. The choir furnished excellent music at intervals during the evening. Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, who has had charge of the congregation in the interim, and who has performed his duties in a manner so satisfactory to the session and congregation, that they made him the recipient of an envelope containing a cheque for his benefit, performed the duties of chairman in a very able manner. A vote of thanks was tendered to the speakers and to Mr. Pettigrew as chairman and moderator, after which the Rev. Mr. McTavish, in a few well chosen words, expressed his gratitude for the very kindly manner in which he had been received.

**PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.**—This Presbytery held its ordinary meeting at St. George, on the 8th September, at ten o'clock a.m. The examination of Mr. W. S. McTavish having been sustained as highly satisfactory, his ordination and induction into the pastoral charge of St. George took place in the afternoon, Rev. James Little presiding, Rev. Robert Myers preaching the ordination sermon, Rev. Dr. Cochrane giving the charge to the pastor and Rev. Robert Pettigrew addressing the congregation. At the close of the services a cordial welcome was given to the new pastor by the people of his charge. The Rev. William Wylie, of New York, having intimated by letter his acceptance of the call to River Street Church, Paris, his induction was appointed to take place on Tuesday, the 20th October, the Rev. W. A. McKay to preside, Rev. W. Robertson to give the charge to the pastor and Rev. Dr. Beattie to address the congregation. Mr. D. McGillivray, graduate of University College, Toronto, was certified to Knox College as an entrant on the first year in Theology, and Messrs. Pettigrew and Nichol as students in the literary course. Mr. W. J. Hewitt, an elder of the Church, was recommended to the Home Mission Committee for employment in the mission field. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mount Pleasant on Tuesday, 21st September, at eleven o'clock a.m., to moderate in a call to a minister in said church, and for other business.—W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF SARINIA.**—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Sarin, recently, the Moderator, Rev. John Anderson, of East Williams, occupied the chair, and a goodly number of members were present. The consideration of the affairs of the two Petrolia congregations occupied most of the afternoon session, quite a number of delegates from both churches being in attendance. After hearing all that was to be said on the matter, an arrangement was come to whereby a union of the two was effected, to take place on the 1st of October, Rev. John A. McDonald being appointed interim Moderator, who with two elders will constitute the session. Rev. Mr. Scrimgeour, of Forest, tendered his resignation of his charge on account of ill-health. After expressing sympathy with the rev. gentleman, the Presbytery cited the congregation to appear in October. A letter was read by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Alvinston, relative to grievances of certain parties in Brooke, who used to be in connection with the Alvinston congregation. The Clerk was instructed to write to these parties, inviting them to attend next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, submit their grievances and proposals, with the assurance that the Presbytery would gladly meet their wishes so far as possible. The committee on the East Williams vacant congregation reported. The report was received and the committee thanked for their diligence; but the opinion of Presbytery was reasserted that the maintenance of the congregation by supplement would be injurious to contiguous congregations and an injudicious expenditure of funds, and recommending London Presbytery to continue supply to congregation as it was able to maintain it of itself. The committee on records of kirk sessions reported and the records were attested accordingly. It was resolved that the Presbytery revert to the old method of missionary meetings, and a committee was appointed to draft a scheme and report. Rev. Mr. Currie reported on the Home Mission Scheme of the Presbytery up to October 1st.

**PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.**—This Presbytery met on Tuesday at ten o'clock in Chalmers Church. There were twenty ministers and four elders present. Mr. Wylie's resignation of the congregation of Richmond was accepted, and Dr. Currie was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of October. Mr. Wylie has given eight years of faithful and efficient service at Richmond, and in closing his ministry there parts with an attached and loyal people. The Presbytery was glad to hear Mr. Wylie hopes to be able for a good deal of work during the coming winter. Principal Forrest was appointed to moderate in a call at St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, the time to be determined by himself. The following members of Presbytery were appointed a commission to adjust certain difficulties that have arisen in the congregation of Kempt: Messrs. Henry, Dickie, Nelson

and W. H. Blanchard. Mr. Layton reported from the Committee on Missionary Meetings. A letter was read from Mr. McCurdy, Convener of Synod's Augmentation Committee, stating the grants asked for the congregations of Carleton and Chebogue, Canard and Kempt and Walton, Lawrence-town and Cow Bay and Wolfville have been agreed to. The remaining congregations on the supplemented list were referred to the Presbytery's Augmentation Committee. Mission stations within the bounds were placed under the supervision of pastors as follows: North West Arm, Mr. Laing; Bridgetown, Mr. Dawson; Digby and Bay View, Mr. Maxwell; West Cornwallis, Mr. Ross; Mount Uniacke, Mr. Dickie; Montague, Mr. Morrison. Messrs. McMillan, Dickie and the Clerk were named a committee on the supplies of vacancies and mission stations. Rev. Thomas Sedgwick was nominated as moderator of the approaching Synod at St. John. Reports were read from Bridgetown, Digby and Bay View, Mt. Uniacke, Jeddore, Clam Harbour and Ship Harbour, and Kempt and Walton. Most of them were quite encouraging, the one from Bridgetown especially so. That station has made great progress this summer under the acceptable labours of Mr. G. H. E. McGregor. Commissions were sustained from ten sessions in favour of the following elders: William White, J. Scott Hutton, Hugh McDiarmid, George Turnbull, J. S. McLean, Samuel Burns, William McCurdy, Thomas Logan, D. M. Dickie and Judah F. Newcomb. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at St. John, N. B., at the call of the Moderator of Synod.

**PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.**—A regular meeting of this court was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 8th inst. There was a good attendance of members. Dr. James, formerly of Hamilton Presbytery; Principal McIntyre, of the Ladies' College, Brantford, and Mr. Donald McKay, of London Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit with the Presbytery as corresponding members. Messrs. McPherson, Stewart and Wood were appointed to prepare a suitable minute referring to the death of Mr. John Stewart, who was an elder of the congregation of North Easthope. The minute is as follows: That the Presbytery have learned with deep regret the sad intelligence of the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. John Stewart, a ruling elder in the congregation of North Easthope, and desire to record their high esteem of his character, as a faithful, earnest and devoted office bearer in the Church of Christ, and as a large-hearted contributor to the various Schemes of the Church. The Presbytery also desire to express their sympathy and condolence with his widow and family in their bereavement, and with the congregation of North Easthope. The Clerk was instructed to forward copies of this resolution to Mrs. Stewart and the congregation. The congregation of Knox Church, St. Mary's, asked for moderation in a call, which was granted, and the same was appointed to take place on the 21st inst., at two o'clock p.m. Rev. R. Hamilton made application for the ordination of his son, Mr. Alex. Hamilton, who has been recommended to labour in the North West. Arrangements for this service were made as follow: The ordination to take place on the 29th inst., at one o'clock p.m., in the Church in Fullarton, Rev. R. Hamilton to preside and ordain, Rev. J. A. Turnbull to preach, Rev. P. Scott to address the minister, and Rev. G. Crystal the people. Rev. E. Pantou drew attention to the fact that Mr. J. B. Hamilton, who had completed a course in theology in the Western University, London, was desirous to unite with the Presbyterian Church, and asked that the Presbytery advise him what steps he should take. A committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Hamilton. A very interesting letter from Rev. W. A. Wilson, M.A., regarding his mission work in India, was read. Principal McIntyre was heard with respect to the work in Brantford Ladies' College. It was resolved to present the claims of this institution to the people, and urge upon them the propriety of supporting it in preference to similar institutions belonging to other denominations. Rev. P. Scott was appointed to canvass the congregations of Granton and Lucan, for the endowment of Knox College. Mr. D. Forbes was appointed as a member of the ad interim session of Tavistock, in the room of Mr. John Stewart, deceased. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Fullarton on the 29th inst. at one o'clock p.m.—A. F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

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### INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

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#### REVIEW.

1 Kings xii.  
1-7 Kings v

I. The Revolt of the Ten Tribes. What was the weakness of Solomon's life, and what was the punishment inflicted on account of his sins?

(1) *First interview.* Where did Rehoboam meet the people? What proposal did the people make? What answer did Rehoboam give? Whom did Rehoboam consult? What advice did he receive? What advice did he follow?

(2) *Reverend of folly.*—What was the result of Rehoboam's answer at the next interview? What did he do in order to reclaim his false step? Why did he not go to war with Jeroboam? What was the size of the army he gathered?

II. Idolatry Established.—Who was Jeroboam? How was he first brought into notice?

(1) *Jeroboam's advantages.*—Give proof of his great energy. What great promises were given to him by the Prophet? What was the only condition for a great life?

(2) *Jeroboam's mistake.*—What was he afraid of if the people went up to Jerusalem three times a year? By what means did he endeavour to avert the danger? What is the weakness in Jeroboam's argument? What reason did he give the people for asking them not to go to Jerusalem? What part of the population left him on account of his new religion? Where did he put the golden calves? Where was Dan? How did that colony originate? Where was Bethel? Where did Jeroboam get priests for his new worship? What

time did he fix for the feast of tabernacles? What course should we pursue when difficulties arise such as presented themselves to Jeroboam?

III. Omri and Ahab. Who succeeded Jeroboam? How long did he reign and what prophecy was fulfilled in him? How long did Baasha reign? What was his character? Who succeeded him and what became of him? What was the capital in Jeroboam's reign? What was the capital in which Zimri perished? What city was chosen by Omri as the capital of the nation? Describe the nature of the site upon which Samaria was built.

Ahab. How long did he reign? What kind of a man was he in relation to his predecessors? Who was Jezebel? How did she influence Ahab? What was Baal? What did Ahab do to increase Baal worship in the kingdom? What was Astarte or Asherah? What was done to encourage her worship? Who rebuilt Jericho? What was the prediction regarding Jericho? How was it fulfilled?

In Ahab's life we have a striking example of the evil of mixed marriages. Her influence was so strong as to lead to his ruin.

IV. Elijah the Tishbite. Why was Elijah raised up at this time? What is the meaning of the name Elijah? What was his origin? What was his first appearance? What announcement did he make to Ahab? Where was his first retreat? How was he fed? Where was his second retreat? How did he introduce himself to the woman of Sarepta? What miracle did he perform whilst in that place? What good did it do? Note how Elijah was always under the impression that he was standing in the presence of the Lord.

V. Elijah Meeting Ahab. Give proof of the great scarcity of water in the land. Who was Obadiah, and give evidence of his good character? What were his fears when Elijah told him to go and report that he found Elijah? How did Ahab receive Elijah? What answer did Elijah give?

VI. The Prophets of Baal.—What challenge did Elijah give? Where were they to meet? Who were present in that assembly? What question did Elijah ask when the people are come together? What proposal did he make in order to test the true God? Why were the false prophets to try first? What was the sacrifice? How long did their trial last? How did they act? What sarcasm did Elijah use? How would his words have affected himself if he had failed?

VII. The Prophet of the Lord.—What preparations were made by Elijah before offering the sacrifice? Why did he ask the people to draw near? Why did he put twelve stones into the altar? Why did he pour water upon the sacrifice? At what hour of the day did he offer the sacrifice? Repeat Elijah's prayer? What happened after the prayer? What did the people do after the fire fell? What did Elijah do to the prophets? What did Elijah tell Ahab to do? Describe the scene on Carmel when Elijah went to pray.

VIII. Elijah at Horeb.—What were the causes of Elijah's discouragement? What did he pray for under the juniper tree? What would he have lost if the Lord had answered his prayer? Who came to him as he lay under the juniper tree? How did the angel treat him?

Horeb.—How far did Elijah travel on the strength of that meat? What wonderful phenomena did he see at Horeb? What was the significance of these things as an explanation of Elijah's state of mind. What commission did Elijah receive? What encouragement was given?

IX. The Story of Naboth.—How does the selfishness of Ahab appear? Show how selfishness grew into murder? What childishness did Ahab show? What were Naboth's reasons for declining to part with the vineyard? How did Jezebel deal with the case? How did Ahab receive Elijah? What did Elijah say in reply? How did the sentence affect Ahab? How did the Lord regard Ahab's repentance? Note the fact that we shall be surprised by death and should see that we are not engaged in anything that will put us to confusion.

X. Elijah Translated.—Illustrate by this lesson the promise, "In evening time it shall be light." Why did Elijah wish to be alone? How did he cross the Jordan? What bequest did Elisha ask? On what conditions was it promised? How did the translation of Elijah take place? What qualifications had Elisha to begin his ministry with?

XI. The Shunammite's Son.—What great sorrow befell this woman? Where was Shunem? How did she get acquainted with Elisha? How did she act when her child died? What did she say when the servant met her? Why did the attempt to raise the child by the staff fail? Is there any more practical kind of faith for us than the faith of this woman? How did she act after the child was restored? What lesson should we learn from the conduct of Elisha in stretching himself on the child?

XII. Naaman the Syrian.—The facts of this lesson are so fresh that a review is easy but very important. The humility that was taught Naaman all need to learn.

THE announcement of the sudden death of Rev. Dr. McKay, of Hull, England, will be received with feelings of sincere sorrow by many of our readers. The sad event took place at Rother, Islay. While walking on the quay there Dr. McKay fell into the water and was unconscious when taken out. He rallied, however, and seemed to be doing well, but congestion of the lungs supervened, and he died in two days. He leaves a widow and two sons. The Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Crescent Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, is a brother of the deceased, and he will have the warm sympathy of many friends in the bereavement he has sustained. Dr. McKay was not only an able preacher of the Word, but a popular writer. His well known "Grace and Truth" has passed through several editions, and thousands of copies have been sold. He rests from his labours, but his tasks do follow him.