

the Committee on Bills and Overtures at the second sederunt of the General Assembly. Lists of Commissioners and other documents should be addressed to Rev. Dr. Reid, Toronto. The Committee on Business, consisting of the Clerks of Assembly, together with those of Synods and Presbyteries, who may be Commissioners, will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 12th June, at 4.30 p.m.

WM REID, D.D., } Clerks of
W. FRASER, D.D., } General Assembly.

Certificates will be sent to Clerks of Presbyteries for the Commissioners of their Presbytery. If more are required in any case, application should be made at once to Dr. Reid, Toronto,—and if more certificates are received than are required, those remaining over should be returned to Dr. Reid. Rates of travelling will be made known as soon as possible. Commissioners are requested to send their names to Rev. W. Burns, P.O. Drawer 2607, intimating when they are likely to arrive, and stating with whom they expect to stay, or if they wish accommodation provided for them.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Principal Grant, Dr. Wardrope of Guelph, Dr. Laing of Dundas, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell of Toronto, have each been nominated by Presbyteries for the moderatorship of the General Assembly. Rev. A. B. MacKay of Montreal, Professor Donald Ross of Queen's College, Kingston, Rev. W. B. Clark of Quebec, Rev. W. T. McMullen of Woodstock and Rev. D. H. Fletcher of Hamilton, have each received the degree of Doctor of Divinity—the first three from Montreal, and the last two from Toronto. Miss Blackadder is on her way back to Trinidad to resume her work as missionary teacher—a work in which she has been remarkably successful. She has had a year's furlough, but when health permitted, she devoted her time to the visitation of congregations and Sabbath schools, and women's societies. In these visits she gave much information concerning our missions, and deepened the interest of the young in the work. Miss Blackadder extended her visits to central points in Nova Scotia, P.E. Island and New Brunswick; and she spent a few days in Quebec, Montreal, and Toronto. Dr. McClure is married. Miss Sutherland, who went to China with our Honan mission-

aries is going to be married to a missionary of the American Board. We regret to state that Rev. A. O. Brown of Campbellton is still very seriously ill.

THE LORD'S DAY. An influential public meeting was held recently in Ottawa of "The Lord's Day Alliance of the Dominion of Canada."—President, Hon. G. W. Allan, speaker of the Senate; Secretary, Rev. Dr. Armstrong. Mr. Allan explained that the Alliance had been formed for the purpose of vigorously fighting against the desecration of the Sabbath, and more especially to promote the stopping of work on Sunday on Railways, Canals, on the postal service, on public works generally over which the government has control, and of Sunday labour of all kinds throughout the Dominion. Mr. John Charlton M. P., after discussing the legal aspect of the Question, submitted a declaratory motion which was subsequently embodied in a Petition to Parliament, asking for such legislation as would further the better observance of the Lord's Day especially in connection with the postal service, and the management of the Railways and Canals under the superintendence of the Government.

PRESBYTERIAL ITEMS.

Columbia:—All correspondence with this Presbytery during June and July should be sent to Rev. E. D. Maclaren, Vancouver, B. C. At the induction of Rev. E. D. Maclaren at Vancouver, the Rev. Robt. Jamieson, our pioneer minister on the Pacific Coast, remarked that Mr. M. was the 37th Presbyterian minister who had come to B. Columbia; 21 had gone away. The number was now sixteen. He had been there twenty-seven years himself, having come with the determination to sink or swim with the ship. He hoped and felt sure Mr. Maclaren would be in every way "a neat fit."

Toronto: A lively discussion took place over Rev. D. J. Macdonnell's proposed overture anent a modification of the Confession of Faith. On a division it was resolved by 8 to 4 not to transmit—a large number refraining from voting. Another overture, looking in the same direction, though not quite so far, is to be submitted to next meeting by Rev. Wm. Frizzell in terms following:—

Whereas the phraseology of sections 3, 4 and 7 of Chap. III in the Confession of Faith is out of harmony with the views of many of our most worthy and faithful members and office-bearers:

And whereas, said sections are sometimes distorted and used by non-Presbyterians to the injury of our Church:

Therefore, be it humbly overtured to the venerable the General Assembly to appoint a committee to revise said sections, together with the proof texts of these and the other sections in the Confession, and that said revision be sent down to Presbyteries for consideration.