Presbytery of Peterboro. 😘 🧺

This Presbytery met at Peterboro on the 22nd of Aug. Arrangements were made for the assessment of congregations in an for the assessment of congregations in an equitable manner, to raise the sum apper tioned this Presbytery to need the debt on the Home Mission Fund. Mr. Samuel Acheson who has been a pointed to labour for two years in the Wind. Mission District, appeared before the Presbytery, and was examined on the subjects required by the church for heense and ordination. He also delivered that discourses which the clerk had been authorized to prescribe to him. The examination and discourses were sustained as highly satisfactory. The Presbytery then proceeded to license Mr. Acheson in the customary manner, and thereafter ordain him to the work of the Holy Ministry in the manner prescribed for the ordination of Missionaries. Arrangements were made for the examination of students labouring within the bounds, so students labouring within the bounds, so that they can be certified to their respective colleges. Arrangements were also made for the dispensation of scaling ordinances at Round Lake. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Cobourg on the 26th of September at 10 a.m. On the afternoon of that day a Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention will be held, and in the evening Mr. J. M. Douglas will be designated with appropriate services to the work of Foreign Missions .- W. Donald, Pros. Clerk.

Hot Weather.

It is fashionable to growl about the heat. As soon as the mercury mounts to the nineties the grumblers revel in the satisfaction of being miserable themselves and making their neighbors miserable by unceasing lamentation and exaggeration. Are these abnormally hot-blooded people Are these abnormally hot-blooded people to whom the high temperature is especially uncomfortable? Not at all; when the first frost comes they will be found growling just as bitterly about the cold. Before anybody else is vexed with heat, they find it unendurable, and before anybody else is troubled with the cold they begin to complain of the rigors of Arctic Winter. Are they exceptionally thin-skinned? Do they suffer more than other people? By no means; it is merely their way of expressing cratitude for a climate which they would means; it is merely their way of expressing gratitude for a climate which they would not exchange for any other on earth. For there are glorious regions of equable temperature, where the mercury scarcely varies twenty degrees the whole year round; where neither heat nor cold is ever oppression. where neither heat nor cold is ever oppressive; and where the chronic grumbler might lie in luxurious ease, bathed in perpetual balmy Spring. Why do they never migrate thither? Long before science came with its reasons and proofs, human instinct taught that the equable, luxurious climate produced only indolent and nerveless races. No nation great in war or peace, has ever come from the lotus-eating lands of unvarying temperature. Sharp changes only nerve and harden the human frame for tasks of physical or montal endurance. Our alterations of heat and cold durance. Our alterations of heat and cold operate as a constant stimulus to strengthen the system, and give il snap and elasticity. In New Orleans, though it is night, you can tell a Northern man by the click of his boot-heels on the pavement. So through all history, the footsteps which secho down the corridors of time come not from men or races unnerved by a luxurious alimate. After all, blassed he the gruph. climate. After all, blessed be the grumb-ler. He reminds us of one of our greatest mercies .- N. Y. Tribune.

Mr. E. W. Lane.

This distinguished Oriental scholar died on the 10th ult., at the age of seventy-five. He was born at Hereford. His mother was niece of the painter Gainsborough, and his brother was A. R. A. In 1825, on account of ill health, he went to Egypt; and his great work on that country is well known. In 1888, he undertook a translation of the Thous. and and one nights. Discarding the idea of Galland, that Oriental tales should be Europeanized, he endeavored to render them as if they had been written in English by an Oriental. His translation will therefore be the only recognized form of the Arabian nights. The great-est enterprise of Mr. Lane, his life-work, the construction of a classical Arabic-English Lexicon, was begun in 1842, upon the advice of the then Duke of Northumberland. In that year, he visited Egypt for the third time, and spent seven years there in consulting Lexicons and Manuscripts, in preparing materials for the accomplishment of his vast undertaking. In this visit, he was accompanied by his wife, a Greek lady whom he had married in 1840; his sister, Mrs. Poole, author of the Englishman in Egypt; and her two sons. In the most difficult form he grappled with the task he had set before him, appending the authority to every signification of a word, and giving his own opinion only between brackets. Of this great work, five volumes have already appeared, a sixth is in the press, and two more remain in manuscript. The Daily News remarks that "whatever Mr. Lane did was done with all his might, and the same unselfishness and devotion which produced his public work endeared him to his family and the few friends he could see in his leisure moments. The grace of his youth was never effaced, but was rather refined in a face that would have been all intellect had it not been sweetened by tender affection and dignified by a piety no less modest than

A CORRESPONDENT, says the London Jowish World, writes from Syria, that about 12,000 inhabitants of the city and suburbs of Damascus have been carried off by cholera during the last three months. Most of them were Mahommedans, only about 500 being Jews and Christians.

The Earl of Beaconsfield.

The elevation of Mr. Disraeli to the

peerage as Earl of Beaconsfield, has furnished occasion for all parties to form an estimate of his character and acts as a statesman. The Times in a considerable editorial on the subject reminds him of his own remark on Sir Robert Peel and considers it quite as applicable to himself. He said Sir Robert was neither a great orator nor a great statesman, but he was the greatest member of Parliament that ever lived. Mr. Disraeli has never been equalled in withering sarcasm and bitter recrimination. His talents in this direction, no doubt had much to do in bringing him to the elevated position he has occupied of late. Like Sir Robert Peel his abilities were at first employed in defending the main doctrines and positions of the old Tory party, until the coveted prize was secured; and then the same abilities were quite as successful in betraying one position after the other, until it became a doubtful question, whether himself or his opponent in politics, was the greater enemy of Tory principles. The elevation to the peerage indicates a weakness in his declining years, of which Sir Robert Peel showed no indications; and he most likely would have remained equally free from them had he lived to be as old as Disraeli. His ambition was of a different stamp altogether. And it is remarkable how anxious the descendant of Israel is to identify himself with the nation where his lot has been cast, so little cosmopolitan does he become by the dispersion of his race over the world. The Guardian views the matter as an oddity. Not but that it is conced-ed that the distinction at the age of seventy-two of the brilliant politician has been well earned, if he likes it. Our contemporary seems scarcely able to analyze the sensation, but feels there is something comical about it; perhaps because Disraeli has been a novelist and has in an uhusual manner projected himself into his novels. He was always fond of glitter, and as a politician has certainly been most adventurous and most adroit, as well as not a little un-scrupulous. His management of the Turkish question is scarcely calculated to add to his reputation. Nor has the Church much to thank him for. His notions on the subject are so thoroughly Erastian; as might be expected from the man who declared some time ago, that the Church being so powerful a corpora-tion in England, the state could never afford to disestablish it.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Owen Sound.—The next meeting of the Presby-tery of Owen Sound will be held on the 3rd Tues-day of September, in Division Street Church, Owen Sound. At Cobourg on the 26th September, at 10 a.m.

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KINGSTON.—In St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on the second Tuesday of Soptember, at 7.30 p.m.

Parts.—In Knox Church, Ayr, on Tuesday, 19th Soptember, at 2 p.m.

BARRIE.—At Barrie, on the last Tuesday of September, at 11 a.m.

SAUGEEN.—Special meeting at Clifford, on the first Thursday of September, at 4 p.m. Regular meeting at Durham, on the Third Tuesday of September, at 7 p.m.

BRUCE.—In Knox Church, Kincardine, on the last Tuesday of September, at 4 p.m.

MANTONA.—At Winnipeg, on the 2nd Wednesday of October.

CHATHAM.—In St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 26th September, at 11 a.m.

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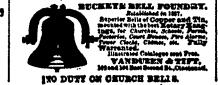
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