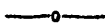


is no ritualism here—no “profane and old wives fables.” Archbishops, Kings, Ministers and degraded and vile creatures must be saved upon principles that level all distinctions among men.

The late Dean Milman has left a work for publication, entitled, “The annals of St. Paul’s cathedral.” Mrs. Charles, authoress of “The Schomberg Ootta Family” is out with a new work, called: “They Days of Knox.” It is strange how modern readers prefer anything in the shape of a novel to everything else. D’Aubigne’s history of the reformation is much more interesting in style and pictorial in form than any of such novels and it is historical fact. Why not read it in stead of novels spun out of the facts of the period? “What is the chaff to the wheat?” or a dream to real life? Sir Roderick Murchison expects Dr. Livingstone in England by an early day, when the civilized world will welcome in their midst once more this great, modest and persevering Scotchman as the greatest traveller that has ever appeared. The eldest daughter of the Duke of Argyle is to be married to Earl Percy, the eldest son of the Duke of Northumberland—a great territorial Lord of England and heir of an ancient and noble name. The affianced young people took the communion together lately in the parish church of Inverary. The Bishop of London, Dr. Tait, a native of the small shire of Clarkmannan in Scotland, has been appointed Archbishop of Canterbury. He was master of Rugby school and has been a most energetic bishop. A colossal scheme of church extension in London was started and carried on by him. His tendencies are rather “low” than “high,” as it is falsely called. England has made a commencement in the plan of building hospitals for incurable drunkards by the erection of one at Oxford costing £15,000 sterling.



Pictou Presbytery.

St Andrew’s Church, 23rd Sept., 1868, which time and place the Pictou Presbytery having been called together consequent upon a resolution of last meeting, in terms of the following circular, “Rev. Dear Sir, you are requested to attend *pro re nata* meeting of Presbytery in St. Andrew’s Church, Pictou, on the 23rd Sept. at 12 noon, to receive the Young Men’s Commissions.”

(Signed) W. M. PHILIP, *Ex Mod.*

Mr. Philip constituted the meeting with prayer—Sederunt, Revs. W. M. Philip, A. Pollok, A. W. Herdman, W. Stewart, J. Goodwill, N. Brodie, and W. McMillan, and John Campbell and F. R. McDonald,

missionaries. An extract of the minutes of Presbytery meeting held at Claidoch on the 8th September, containing resolutions authorizing the ex moderator to call this meeting, was read and sustained.

Messrs. Campbell and McDonald missionaries tabled their commissions from the General Assembly’s Colonial Committee, (accepted by them,) to this Presbytery.

It was Resolved unanimously, that said commissions be sustained, that this Presbytery record its deep sense of the continued liberality of the General Assembly’s Colonial Committee, as also of the goodness of the alwise and beneficent Disposer of events, in the safe return of two of our young men to labour among us in the cause of Christ. That, this Presbytery extend to the missionaries a most hearty welcome, and express the sincere hope that their labours in this part of the vineyard may be abundantly blessed, and that they may be long spared in health of body and to sow the “good seed.”

The brethren of the Presbytery gave the missionaries the right of fellowship, and welcomed them as co-labourers in the same field.

The Missionaries were then appointed to fill the several vacant stations until next meeting of Presbytery.

There were received communications from Rev. Mr. Grant, Halifax, with reference to the transference of one of the missionaries to the Presby of Halifax. Consideration thereof was deferred until the next regular meeting.

Mr. Brodie having stated that while fulfilling the instructions of a recent meeting of Presbytery he received injuries that crippled him, and rendered travelling difficult and dangerous in his present circumstances, and requested that he be released from fulfilling his appointment to Wallace on the 27th. The Presbytery agreed to relieve him of said duty, and instructed the clerk to telegraph to Wallace of the cancelling of Mr. Brodie’s appointment, and give reasons.

There was also received the following letter from the Synod Clerk:—

GEORGETOWN, 9th Sept. 1868.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to call your attention to the overture anent Kirk Sessions and Session Records, adopted at last Synod, whereby it is required that the Session Clerk be a different person from the moderator, and that the Session Records be annually examined by the Presbytery, to be communicated to your Presbytery at first meeting.

(Signed)

A. McWILLIAM.

Anent which it was resolved, that the members be required to give due attention to the terms of said overture, and govern themselves accordingly.

The meeting was then closed with the benediction.

W. McMILLAN, *Pres. Clerk.*