

already received from you, with great satisfaction, the recommendations of several gentlemen for this office, and he trusts, that under the existing system not only will the present deficiency of religious instruction in connection with the church of Scotland be supplied, but that the means of education and religious instruction will, for the future, keep pace with the progress of emigration from Scotland to Australia, an object to which Lord Glenelg attaches the highest importance, and in the promotion of which he is happy to have it in his power to co-operate with the committee of the General Assembly. I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient humble servant.

GEORGE GREY.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held at Hamilton on the 11th October, when the Rev. John Bayne minister of Galt, was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months.

Some particulars in the proceedings at an intermediate meeting held at Toronto, during the recent session of Synod, deserved to be noted. A petition was then received from certain trustees appointed by the congregation at Chippawa, praying for aid towards the erection of a church in which they are now engaged. This petition was recommended by the Presbytery to the favourable consideration of the Commissioners, of the Church Building fund; and we understand that the small unappropriated balance of that fund has been granted by them to the petitioners on the usual conditions. Mr. Mackenzie reported the election of certain individuals, as Elders, by the congregation at Woodstock, and arrangement was made for their trial and ordination. It was also intimated at this meeting that the sum of £75, had been received by the Presbytery

from the Moderator of Synod, being proceeds of a bequest by the late Miss Sarah Parsons of the town of Niagara, for the support of missionaries under the direction of the Synod. It appeared to the Synod that it was the intention of the pious bestower that the benefits of her bequest should be applied for the relief of the religious destitution of the country in her own neighbourhood and on that understanding the whole of it was placed at the disposal of this Presbytery. We may here mention likewise the postponement of Mr. Allan's ordination at his own request, and for reasons satisfactory to the Presbytery, and the annexation by the Synod of the Township of Nassagaweya to the Presbytery of Toronto, in consequence of an overture to that effect from the Presbytery of Hamilton. The business transacted at the meeting on the 11th Inst. was principally routine, and not of general interest, reports were received of the fulfilment of appointments made by the Presbytery in behalf of the settlements on the lower part of the Grand River; and new arrangements were made for the occasional supply of preaching there. Mr. Gardiner also gave in a report of his visit to Woolwich, in reference to which he thus writes "Agreeably to the injunction of Presbytery, I preached at Woolwich, on Sabbath 6th August, both in the morning and afternoon to a numerous and highly respectable audience.

This being the day fixed for their quarterly collection, contributions were received in aid of a fund for erecting a Church in connection with the Church of Scotland. You will best enter into the religious feeling that prevails among the inhabitants of this settlement when it is stated, that, as regularly as the Sabbath returns, they assemble in the schoolhouse and join together in the solemn exercises of praise, and prayer and the reading of the Scriptures. At their meetings for social worship, it is also customary to read a sermon of one of the best Protestant Divines. Nor ought it to be forgotten that those who take an ac-