

New York. Anent the latter notice the following motion by Dr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Stalker, was passed: That the Presbytery respectfully call the attention of the Presbytery of St. John to the law of the Church anent the course to be followed in licensing students, and would inform the Presbytery of St. John that this Presbytery objects to the students named being taken on trial for license without the authority of Synod or General Assembly. An application for a grant from the Church and Mission Building Fund to aid in the erection of a church at Oakdale was recommended to the favourable consideration of the Board. Another application for a loan to assist in erecting a manse at Shanks was informally presented by Dr. Robertson. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery with the recommendation that they advise with the congregation anent the site of manse and style of building. Mr. Stalker reported for the deputation formally appointed to visit Strathclair; that the deputation had met with the people of the various stations, had secured more amicable relations between the field and the Presbytery, and expressed hopefulness for the future of the field. The report was received and adopted, and the committee tendered the special thanks of the Presbytery for their diligence. The resignation of Mr. Hargrave of the charge of Rosedale was again taken up, and after consideration was accepted to take effect after the 18th day of May, and it was agreed that Dr. Robertson visit the field, preaching on May 25, and declaring the charge vacant. Mr. Stalker was appointed to represent the Minnedosa Presbytery on the Synod's standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. Dr. Robertson reported on behalf of the deputation to Binscarth and Silver Creek. Delegates from the different stations affected by the rearrangement of the fields were heard, and the whole matter referred to the Home Mission Committee. On Wednesday evening the congregation was largely represented. Dr. Robertson delivered an address on Home Missions, followed by Mr. Stalker on the same subject. Mr. McArthur spoke in the interests of Manitoba College. The addresses were interspersed with singing and a profitable evening spent. The Home Mission report was received and adopted, dealing principally with the rearrangement of fields—1. Minniska, Millwood, Russell and Smith's be grouped together into one field; 2. Binscarth, Silver Creek and Seaburn; 3. Rossburn, Perth and The Valley; 4. Shoal Lake, Culross, Oakburn with two points south and south-east; 5. That a station be opened up west of Birtle and worked in connection with that congregation; 6. Shellmouth, Castleberry, Tummell and Assissippi; 7. Bridge Creek, Glendale and Murchison. The following were appointed to represent the Presbytery at the General Assembly: Messrs. Hodnett, Stalker and Colter, ministers; Colin McDougall, St. Thomas, Ont., Dr. McDonald, of Hamilton, Ont., and Wm. Boulton, of Demorestville, Ont., elders. The Clerk was instructed to cite Gladstone congregation to appear in their interests at Portage la Prairie on May 23, and state their objections, if they have any, to the translation of their pastor, Mr. Stalker, to the Presbytery of Brandon, a call having been presented by the congregation of Carberry. Thursday evening's sederunt was taken up with the discussion of the Sabbath school work in which Messrs. Sutherland, Stalker, Murray, Hodnett, Robertson and McEwan took part. It was then agreed that Mr. Sutherland be appointed to work during the summer months in the interests of the Sabbath schools; that after he visits the districts within this Presbytery he be certified to any other Presbytery that may desire his services; that he receive twenty-five dollars per month as arranged by Dr. Robertson, and that congregations be requested to take up collections to further assist in Mr. Sutherland's support. A committee consisting of the Moderator, Clerk, Messrs. Stalker and Hodnett, was appointed to draw up a memorial to the Synod urging that every effort be put forth to induce the Indian department to purchase the school building at Birtle for an industrial school for Indians. Mr. McArthur brought up the matter of prosecuting mission work more vigorously on the Rossburn and Lizard Point reserve, and instructions were given to memorialize the Synod on this subject. The necessity of a manse at Beulah was referred to also; and Mr. McArthur was instructed to appear before the Synod's Finance Mission Committee, making application for a grant from its funds to aid in the erection of such manse, and that this Presbytery favour such application. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered the friends in Binscarth for their hospitality and the Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Neepawa on Wednesday, the 23rd day of July, at two o'clock in the afternoon.—S. C. MURRAY, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.**—This Presbytery met in Brandon on the 21st ult., Rev. A. McTavish, Moderator *pro tem*. Mr. Shearer intimated that he could not attend the meeting of the General Assembly, whereupon his resignation was accepted and Mr. Wright appointed in his place. It was agreed on motion of Mr. Rumball, duly seconded, that Messrs. McTavish, Wright and Hodges be a committee to draft a suitable minute anent the bereavement sustained by Mr. T. C. Court, a member of the Presbytery. Mr. Urquhart intimated that he had moderated in a call at Strathorne, and that it had come out unanimously in favour of Mr. T. R. Shearer, B.A. It was signed by seventy-eight members, eighty-five adherents, and was accompanied by a guarantee of stipend amounting to \$650 per annum. Messrs. Stewart and Bertram, commissioners of the congregation, were then heard. On motion of Mr. Wright, duly seconded and agreed to, the call was sustained as a regular Gospel call, and placed in the hands of Mr. Shearer: who, being present, signified his acceptance of the same. The Presbytery resolved to meet at East Brandon on June 3rd, for the induction of Mr. Shearer; that Mr. Haig the Moderator preside, that Mr. Rumball preach, that Mr. Urquhart address the minister and Mr. McTavish the people. Mr. Court reported that he had moderated in a call at Carberry on the 31st of March and that it had resulted unanimously in favour of Rev. D. Stalker, of Gladstone. It was signed by fifty-six members and fifty-four adherents and was accompanied by a guarantee of an annual stipend of \$1000, to be paid quarterly. It was agreed to sustain the call as a regular Gospel call and to forward it with relative documents to the Minnedosa Presbytery. Messrs. P. Wright, B.D., and M. C. Rumball, B.A., were appointed commissioners to prosecute the call before the Minnedosa Presbytery. Applications to receive ministers from other churches were read, wherein it appeared that the Presbytery of Owen Sound intended asking the General Assembly at its next meeting to receive Rev. Alex. Magee, B.A., late of the Presbytery of Dublin, Ireland; the Presbytery of Kingston, Rev. E. W. Florence of the American Presbyterian Church; the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, the Rev. John Sutherland, of Sydney, Presbytery, New South Wales; and the Presbytery of Peterborough, the Rev. A. Dowsley, B.A., late missionary in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Rev. B. Caulfield Jones, of the American Presbyterian Church. A card from the Clerk of the St. John Presbytery was also read intimating that Rev. T. F. Fullerton had presented commission from the colonial committee, Church of Scotland, which commission had been forwarded to the clerk of the General Assembly as ground of admission as minister of our Church; also that the Presbytery would take on trial for license: Messrs. A. F. Johnston; William Murchie, M. J. McLeod and James T. McLean, Princeton, and M. G. Allison, New York. The next order of business being the reception of reports from standing committees, Mr. D. H. Hodges read the report on Sabbath schools. On motion of Mr. Rumball this was received and the Convener thanked for his diligence. Mr. Rowand submitted the report on finance and statistics by which it appeared that the membership of the Church within the bound of the Presbytery had been considerably increased during the year and that the contributions to the schemes of the Church were larger than on any previous year. This report was also received and a vote of thanks given to the Convener. The temperance report was submitted by Mr. Wright. On motion of Mr. Rowand this was received and

recommendations thereof adopted and the thanks of the court tendered Mr. Wright for his diligence. The recommendations embodied in the report were of a strong character and the adoption of them indicated a very advanced sentiment on the temperance question within the Brandon Presbytery. A resolution of condolence with Mr. T. C. Court was then adopted, expressing the sincerest sympathy with him in the sore bereavement he has sustained in the loss of his wife. On motion of Mr. Rowand, duly seconded, it was agreed that the Sabbath Observance Committee be instructed to answer the questions sent down by Assembly and forward the same to the Synodical Convener. On motion of Mr. Wright, the Clerk was instructed to correspond with the Conveners of the committees on systematic beneficence, and state of religion and secure the reports on those subjects which had not been sent in; and that Messrs. Wright, Rumball, W. L. H. Rowand, and W. W. Miller be a committee to receive and consider the same and forward to the proper destination. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery is to be held in Portage la Prairie on the third Monday in July at 3 p.m.—WM. L. H. ROWAND, *Pres. Clerk*.

#### MORRIN COLLEGE.

The following is the list of students of Morrin College who passed the B.A. graduation and intermediate examinations of McGill University, with which the Quebec College is affiliated. The successful competitors are classified, according to their standing, as 1st, 2nd and 3rd class.

For degree of B.A.—Greek—1st, Craig. Latin—1st, Brodie; 2nd, DesBrisay, Craig, Anderson. Mechanics and Hydrostatics—2nd, Craig, Brodie; 3rd, McCullough, DesBrisay, Anderson. Astronomy and Optics—1st, Brodie; 2nd, DesBrisay; 3rd, Anderson, McCullough. Moral Philosophy—1st, Brodie; 2nd, DesBrisay; 3rd, Anderson, Craig (equal). History, etc.—1st, Brodie; 2nd, DesBrisay, Anderson; 3rd, McCullough. French—2nd, Brodie, DesBrisay; 3rd, Anderson. Hebrew—1st, Craig; 2nd, McCullough.

Intermediate.—Greek—2nd, Drum, Sloane; 3rd, McHarg, Tanner, Logie. Latin—2nd, Drum, Sloane, Logie; 3rd, McHarg, Tanner. Latin Prose Composition—2nd, Drum, Logie, Sloane; 3rd, McHarg, Tanner. Trigonometry and Algebra—3rd, Drum, Sloane, Tanner, McHarg. Geometry, etc.—1st, Drum; 2nd, Logie; 3rd, Sloane, McHarg, Tanner. Logic—1st, Drum; 3rd, McHarg, Tanner (equal). Sloane, Logie. English Literature and History—1st, Drum; 2nd, McHarg, Logie; 3rd, Sloane, Tanner. French—1st, Drum; 2nd, McHarg; 3rd, Sloane. Hebrew—2nd, Logie; 3rd, Tanner. Some of the above subjects are optional.

In addition to the above list of students in Arts, three gentlemen passed the necessary examinations completing a three years' course in the higher department of theology, viz.:—Messrs. G. H. Smith, B.A., Adam Robertson, B.A., and S. Macdonald. The Presbytery of Quebec, having satisfied themselves of their attainments as suitable for the ministry, held a special meeting in Morrin College Convocation Hall on Wednesday evening, when Messrs. Smith and Robertson were formally licensed as preachers of the Gospel, Mr. Macdonald preferring to postpone his license till autumn. The proceedings attracted a large audience and were most solemn and impressive. The Rev. A. T. Love occupied the chair as Moderator, and put the appointed questions to the candidates. Satisfactory replies being received, the Rev. Dr. Clark engaged in prayer for Divine blessing, and Mr. Love in the name of the Presbytery and by authority of the head of the Church, formally licensed the candidates as preachers of the Gospel.

Professor Macadam was then called upon to counsel the new licentiates. At the close of an eloquent and sympathetic address he made the following remarks, which may have a special interest for many of our readers, on the work of Morrin College. As this is the last public meeting of an educational character likely to be held within these walls this session, it may not be inappropriate to add a few remarks on our work. One part of it is represented by the interesting and impressive service we have this evening witnessed in the licensing of two of the students of the higher department of Theology as preachers of the Gospel. The efficiency of the work of that department was very severely tested yesterday in the prolonged examination to which these gentlemen were subjected by examiners, several of whom have no superiors in Canada in these respective subjects. I am happy to say, on the strength of a very large experience of examining students in Scotland and in this country, that our men acquitted themselves as well as the majority of those I have elsewhere seen examined. From what I know of them personally I have no doubt that these three gentlemen will prove themselves effective and acceptable ministers. It may be that though they leave our hands for the present they may return at a future time to receive the degrees of B.D., or the higher honour of D.D., which the Faculty of this college is empowered by law to confer. Passing to the other department of the work of the college, the audience is no doubt aware that it embraces the full course in arts necessary to qualify for the degrees of B.A. and M.A. The value of degrees conferred by the smaller colleges has sometimes been depreciated, and often with justice; but in the case of this institution such objections do not hold good, because in virtue of our affiliation with the great McGill University of Montreal, our students do the same work, pass the identical examinations on papers set for the two institutions by joint examiners of McGill and Morrin, and receive their graduation diploma signed by the authorities of McGill University and the distinguished head of this college. I am happy to state that our men have taken an excellent place alongside the men of that great seat of learning.

After stating these results it is scarcely necessary to point out to the English-speaking people of this part of the province and especially the citizens of Quebec, the importance of having at their own doors, in this ancient and historic capital, an institution such as Morrin College affording the full advantage of a thorough University curriculum. It is, however, of some moment to call attention to this at the present time when our Legislature has at last by passing the B.A. Act removed a monstrous anomaly, and a glaring injustice to the English-speaking universities. The result is that the diploma of Morrin College is now recognized as qualifying for the study of law and medicine. This must largely add to the usefulness of our College and to its claims upon the city of Quebec and neighbourhood.

There is one feature of our college work of which a portion of the public may not be aware. Not only have we students of all denominations but we afford special facilities for the full university education of women. Morrin College has on its roll of B.A. a number of ladies, and an increasing number are attending its classes. The professor can testify that these can well hold their own with students of the other sex, and these latter will not be slow either in truth or chivalry to acknowledge this. The capacity of women for university studies has in the past few days received a striking exemplification in the fact that of the five medals offered at McGill three have been won by women. As examiner in philosophy I have the pleasure of reading the papers of two of these, and not only the pleasure but the duty of helping to place one of these at the very top of the list of competitors, and another within a few marks of her. It is a great pleasure to the authorities and professors of Morrin College to have it in their power to offer the cultured young ladies of Quebec the opportunity of intellectual development afforded by the B.A. course, and the tendency of public opinion in these days will doubtless add increasingly to the number of our young lady undergraduates. After some further remarks the meeting was closed with the benediction.

## British and Foreign.

MR. STANLEY is to lecture in Edinburgh and Glasgow about the end of May.

MR. J. T. LEVENS, M.A., has been appointed assistant to Dr. McCaw, of Jersey.

PROF. MAX MULLER has been elected Gifford lecturer at Glasgow for another two years.

AT the annual soiree of Melrose congregation one of the addresses was delivered by Miss Clephane.

THE Dean of Windsor's biography of Archbishop Tait, his father-in-law, will be published in the autumn.

THE Rev. A. B. Connel, M.A., of Lochee, has received the degree of D.D., from St. Andrew's University.

THE Good Templars of the world, according to the latest summing up, number 611,024 in 13,208 branches.

THE Prussian Minister at Rome is not to be accredited to the Vatican as representative of the German empire.

THE lectures on "The History of the Reformation" by the late Rev. Aubrey Moore are about to be published.

CULTS congregation is the second in Aberdeen Presbytery to introduce an organ, Queen's Cross having been first.

THE Greek Church is making more progress in Japan than the Roman Catholic, and its teaching is of a more evangelical type.

ST. CUTHBERT'S congregation, Edinburgh, has rented the Synod Hall for Sunday services during the rebuilding of their church.

SINCE 1847 the thirty-eight schools established by the Irish General Assembly in Connaught have trained upwards of 40,000 children.

THE late Sir James Tyler has bequeathed \$220,000 to the London Missionary Society and a similar sum, it is said, to the Bible Society.

THE Rev. J. C. Meiklejohn, senior pastor, laid the foundation-stone of the new U. P. church at Chapelknowe, Half-Morton, Dumfriesshire.

ST. ANDREW'S University has abandoned its proposed summer session for women in consequence of the requisite number not having turned up.

ELGIN and Inverness U. P. Presbytery have agreed to overture the Synod to consider the methods and matter of teaching in the theological hall.

THE London magistrates hold different opinions as to the legality of Salvation Army street bands, and a test case will be tried before a superior court.

A COPY of Dr. Pierson's "Crisis of Missions" has been presented to each of the students in attendance during last session at the Scotch divinity halls.

BARON HIRSCH, of Paris, who has made an enormous fortune in the Russian oil-fields, is devoting \$120,000 to the building in America of cheap lodging-houses for poor Hebrews.

THE congregation of Pitt Street Church, Sydney, N. S. W., has sent a pressing invitation to Mr. Berry, of Wolverhampton, who was thought of as successor to Henry Ward Beecher.

DR. PHILIP SCHAFF, accompanied by his wife and daughter, are making a visit to Nice before going to Rome, where he intends to spend several months in study in the Vatican library.

MISS MARY CROMBIE, Dollar, is about to hand over the library of her brother, the late Professor Crombie, to St. Andrew's University for the use primarily of the divinity students.

IN Manchester Presbytery instrumental bands in connection with Sunday schools for keeping the elder boys together during the week were defended by Dr. Grosart and other ministers.

IN the Nile valley, between Alexandria and the first cataract, there are no fewer than seventy-nine mission stations and seventy Sabbath schools, the latter containing upwards of 4,000 scholars.

THE Rev. A. W. Prautch, the presiding genius at the stall of the Tract and Book Society in the Bombay Exhibition, did a large trade in pies and pice, interspersing his sales with straight Gospel talk to his customers.

OVERTURES will be presented from several Presbyteries to the English Presbyterian Synod asking that ministers of all the churches in the Presbyterian Alliance be declared eligible for charges in that Church.

THE Russians consume more intoxicating liquors than any other people on the globe. There are 2,331 whiskey distilleries in Russia, and the annual consumption of spirits is thirty-two litres per head of the population.

AT the meeting of the Synod at Liverpool an increase of nearly 1,000 members will be reported; the revenue shows an encouraging advance whilst there has been a reduction of \$50,000 in church debts during the past year.

THE Christian churches in Japan now number 274, of which 153 are self-supporting. The accessions to the membership last year numbered 5,542, and the total is now 31,181. The missionaries, including their wives, number 527.

THE present King of Dahomey was educated in Paris, and was therefore supposed to have been civilized; but since his return to Africa he has distinguished himself by an unusually rigid adherence to the barbarous customs of his ancestors.

THE anti-tithe agitation in Wales shows no signs of abatement. An auctioneer, who recently attempted to sell at various farms where he had previously distrained, was followed by a great crowd of men and women, beating tin buckets and blowing horns.

THE late Miss Paul, of Ayr, has bequeathed over \$7,000 to religious and charitable purposes; \$2,000 to schemes of the church; \$500 each to the Moravian and Wesleyan Missionary Societies; \$500 for Zenana work at Lucknow, and \$250 to the Waldensian Mission.

AN Austrian soldier, once eminent as General Stollenborn, has been made a cardinal. He was engaged in the mortal struggle at Sadova, and was one of the only two officers of his regiment who survived. Then he became a priest, and ultimately Archbishop of Prague.

THE Rev. Thomas Armstrong, one of the brethren who ordained Dr. John Hall, of New York, to the ministry, has for many years done a splendid work in Connaught as the head of the orphanage and refuge-home at Ballina, where about fifty boys and girls are maintained until they are fitted for some business.

DR. PENTECOST'S meetings in Aberdeen recently were opened with an address on Sabbath morning to Christian workers. At night the music hall was crowded, and the evening meetings continued to attract large congregations during the week, while every afternoon a Bible reading was conducted in the Free West Church. Principal Brown and many other ministers of different denominations attended.

THE Belleville Business College, Belleville, has issued a very neat circular giving full particulars of the complete and comprehensive commercial training imparted in that established and reputable institution.