

he came to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and in 1886 was received by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and in 1888 he was ordained by the Presbytery of Maitland, Ont., to the pastoral charge of the Knox Church at Brussels, and this pastorate he has just resigned, to the deep regret of his Church and congregation, with the view of spending some time in lecturing, and he will probably return to Palestine next June to engage in mission work in his native land.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in First Church, Brantford, December 2, the Rev. R. Pettigrew, M.A., Glenmorris, presiding as Moderator. A petition was presented by the two congregations of Paris, asking that they be united to form one pastoral charge under Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., at present pastor of Dumfries Street Church, that the salary be \$1,600 with manse, that the union take effect on the first day of January, 1891, and that the articles of union adopted by both congregations be approved by the Presbytery. Commissioners from both congregations were heard, and all the documents in the case and conditions of union were considered. The Presbytery, on motion of Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. McGregor, unanimously agreed to grant the petition, approve of the steps taken, and form the two congregations into one charge and appoint the Moderator, with Messrs. Tolmie and Cockburn, to conduct public worship in Dumfries Street Church on New Year's Day, and declare said union consummated. Rev. W. A. McKay reported a call from Innerkip and Katho in favour of Rev. Peter Straith, of Holstein, in the Presbytery of Saugeen, and commissioners were heard in support of the same. The call was found to be unanimous, largely signed, and was sustained as a regular Gospel call, and Rev. W. A. McKay and Mr. D. McLeath were appointed to prosecute said call at the bar of the Saugeen Presbytery. Next meeting is to be held in Dumfries Street Church, Paris, on the second Monday of January at two p.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—This Presbytery met December 9 in Knox Church, Winnipeg. Messrs. John N. McLean, B.A., R. Paterson, B.A., John Maxwell, F. H. Russell, B.A., Bryce Innis and Hugh McLellan applied to be received as students of theology. Their cases were referred to the Presbytery Committee on the examination of students, which afterwards reported in favour of each, and they were certified to the Senate of Manitoba College. Mr. John Hoste, of Dominion City, who completed last spring his theological course in Glasgow, applied for a license as a preacher of the Gospel, and after examination his application was sustained and he was formally licensed by the Presbytery as a preacher. The Home Mission Committee reported: 1st., That in accordance with the request of petitioners from Victoria and Dundas, Mr. T. Kiernan be appointed to the Greenwood group of stations till next March; 2nd., that Mr. F. Forster has arrived from the east and has been appointed to Clandeboye; 3rd., that the Rev. W. L. Clay, B.A., of Morris, has accepted a call to Moose Jaw and that it be recommended that Morris in the meantime be supplied with preaching from Manitoba College. The remitt from the General Assembly concerning regulations for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was discussed, and the following decisions were agreed upon: That rule 3 be amended to the effect that ministers pay into the fund an annual rate: For ages under thirty-five at date of connection, \$6; for age thirty-five and under forty-five, \$8; and for age forty-five and under sixty, \$10. Rule No. 4 was amended to the effect that a minister who resigns his pastoral charge and continues as a preacher shall pay into the fund his usual rate. Rule 9 was amended to the effect that when a minister is allowed by the General Assembly to retire after ten years' service, he shall receive an annuity of \$100 with \$5 for each additional year up to twenty years, and for each additional year over twenty years and up to thirty-five years, \$10. Rule No. 10 was not interfered with. Rule No. 15 was amended so as to provide for an additional allowance not exceeding \$100, in the case of a minister mainly dependent upon his annuity. Rule 16 was amended so as to make the annuities uniform in both the eastern and western sections of the Church. The Presbytery resolved to approve the proposal of the General Assembly not to exercise discipline in the case of a man who marries his deceased wife's sister. Dr. King presented an offer on behalf of the students of Manitoba College to undertake an evening service in the building on Portage Avenue formerly used as the children's home and now occupied by the West End Mission, under the care of Knox Church. In this connection the following resolution was adopted: Moved by Rev. Dr. King, seconded by Rev. Joseph Hogg, that the Presbytery cordially approves of the proposal of the Manitoba Students' Missionary Society, presented by Dr. King, to conduct a Sabbath evening service in the building on Portage Avenue at present occupied by the mission Sabbath school of Knox Church, and to undertake such visitation in the district as may be required and be found consistent with due attention to their studies on the part of the Society. The Presbytery agrees to submit this proposal to the sessions of the various congregations of the city, and would desire to see the meetings commenced on the 21st., should no objection be taken. The Finance Committee presented a report recommending allocations of the sums required by the Presbytery during the past year, and the Rev. John Hogg gave notice of motion to reconsider the question of Presbyterial visitation. Notice was given on behalf of the Rev. John Pringle of a motion to divide the Presbytery and form a new Presbytery out of that part of the present Presbytery which lies in Ontario, and which includes Kat Portage, Fort William, Port Arthur, Schreiber, etc. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again on the 10th of March.

PRESBYTERY OF HONAN.—A special meeting was held at Lin Ching on October 13, 14 to receive reports of a recent tour to Honan and consider the prospects of immediate openings for residence in both the Fu districts already selected by Presbytery.

Dr. McClure reported that with the approval of the other brethren touring, he and Mr. MacGillivray had succeeded in renting a compound in the Chang-teh-fu district, and had the lease formally in their possession. They had not on this occasion deemed it advisable to visit the Fu city itself, but had worked most of their time at a market town called Ch'u-wang. The advantages this point seemed to afford for working the Fu district had impressed both members, and they had stayed there altogether sixteen days, when Dr. McClure had returned to Lin Ching to report to Presbytery and Mr. MacGillivray had remained behind in possession of the compound they had rented. Over a thousand patients had been treated, and the people had everywhere seemed friendly, which was attributed chiefly to the absence of literati and officials. This report was received and approved. Dr. Smith reported that he and Mr. Goforth had failed to find any villages such as had been hoped for near Wei-huei-Fu, where suitable compounds could be had. Their reception in the Fu City had been decidedly cold; and in Hsin-Hsien it had been marked by a noticeable absence of warmth. They had been very favourably impressed, however, with their reception at a market town called Hsin-chen, situated to the east of Wei-huei, and had considered it a promising centre for initial operations; at this place several offers of compounds had been made, and after personal enquiries and investigations, both members, with the approval of the other brethren touring, recommended that a large compound which was available should be immediately mortgaged by the mission. A map specially prepared for Presbytery was exhibited and explained, and numerous questions were asked and answered. Presbytery, after discussing the situation for over eight hours in committee of the whole, adopted the following resolution: "Whereas it has been the common experience of missionaries in China to encounter strong opposition in official centres and such opposition is particularly marked in Honan and has been experienced in a growing degree by members of our own mission; and whereas, opposition is less liable to arise in places where literati and officials are few; and whereas it is known to members of this Presbytery that successful mission stations have been for years in operation in such localities; and whereas opportunities for acquiring accommodation in two market towns at some distance from official centres have unexpectedly presented themselves; be it resolved, that for the present the Fu districts previously determined upon by this Presbytery be worked from these two market towns, namely, the Wei-huei-Fu district from Hsin-chen and Chang-teh-fu district from Ch'u-wang." Dr. Smith and Mr. Goforth were requested to return to Hsin-chen, and if, after a stay of some weeks to further test the feeling of the people, the prospect should still seem favourable, they were authorized to effect a mortgage.—J. H. MACVICAR, Pres. Clerk.

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Department III.—Historical. Chief Examiner: Principal T. M. Macintyre, Ph.D., Presbyterian Ladies' College, Toronto, Ont. Sub-Examiners:—Junior papers: Questions 1-2.—Rev. Joseph McCoy, M.A., Chatham, N. B.; 3-4.—Rev. Arch. Gunn, St. Andrews, N.B.; 5-6.—Rev. Alexander Hamilton, B.A., Whitewood, Assa.; 7-8.—Rev. A. B. Baird, B.D., Winnipeg, Man. Sub-Examiners:—Intermediate papers: Questions 1-2.—Rev. John Pringle, B.A., Port Arthur, Ont.; 3-4.—Rev. Colin Fletcher, M.A., Exeter, Ont.; 5-6.—Rev. J. A. Turnbull, M.A., LL.B., St. Mary's, Ont.; 7-8.—Rev. Hector Currie, B.A., Theford, Ont. Sub-Examiners:—Senior papers: Questions 1-2.—Rev. D. MacLaren, B.A., Alexandria, Ont.; 3-4.—Rev. J. Mackie, M.A., Kingston, Ont.; 5-6.—Professor J. H. Panton, M.A., Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.; 7-8.—Rev. Neil McKay, Chatham, N. B.

Department IV.—Essays. Examiner: Rev. James Fleck, B.A., Montreal, Quebec; Rev. W. A. McKay, M.A., Woodstock, Ont.; Rev. George McMillan, B.A., Princetown, P.E.I.

British and Foreign.

A MANIFESTO in favour of the Bible in State schools is to be brought before the South Australian Parliament.

A BILL has been introduced in the South Australian Parliament to make ministers eligible to sit in that Assembly.

ABOUT \$5,000 has been raised for the better endowment of Half-Morton, the only small living in Langholm Presbytery.

THE Gaelic Society of Inverness offer a prize of ten guineas for the best essay on the social condition of the Highlands since 1800.

THE Rev. Dr. Norman Walker, of Dysart, who lately returned from a tour in America, saw only one drunken man in 6,000 miles of travel.

IN Dundee Presbytery a motion for the discontinuance of the Synod sermon was negatived, after a lively discussion, by twenty to eleven.

MR. THOMAS GOLDIE, M.A., Kilwinning, a nephew of Rev. Hugh Goldie, of Calabar, has been elected assistant to Mr. Ballantyne, of Langholm.

THE decline of the popularity of Christmas cards, so perceptible last year, is still more obvious in 1890. Books and articles of utility are preferred by sensible people.

HILLHEAD Baptist Church, Glasgow, has contributed \$1,125 to General Booth's scheme. General Booth has already received over \$375,000 for the promotion of his plan.

THE Rev. Dr. Hutchison, of Bonnington, and Rev. Mr. MacEwen, of Claremont, have been nominated for the vacant chair of Church History in the U. P. College, Edinburgh.

PROF. EDWARD CAIRD, whose Gifford lectures at St. Andrew's are well attended both by the public and by the students, presents a remarkable contrast to his predecessor, Mr. Andrew Lang.

THE Rev. J. T. Dempster, who for some months has been assistant to Rev. John Polson, of Blackfriars Church, Jodburgh, has received a unanimous call to become his colleague and successor.

THE Rev. J. B. Williamson, M.A., of Newburgh, has been unanimously elected by the West Church, Rothesay, all colleague-successor to Dr. Elder in room of Mr. Salmond, now of Edinburgh.

ST. ANDREW'S Presbytery dismissed a petition from 183 members and adherents of Forgan parish church against the settlement of Rev. Thomas Munn, and have resolved to proceed with his induction. An appeal to the Synod is intimated.

An elder of the United Presbyterian Church is making a gift to each of the theological students of the denomination, of the able work on Apologetics, "The Footprints of the Revealer," recently issued by Rev. Dr. Walter Morison, of London.

MISS MEREDITH BROWN, daughter of Principal Brown, of Aberdeen, addressed the Young Women's Christian Association at Dundee recently. When asked for her London address she replied: "Oh, 'Meredith Brown, Slums, London,' will find me."

A MEMORIAL volume of sermons by Mr. Bersier is about to be issued in Paris at the modest price of one franc. It is to be a choice specimen of typographic art, in spite of the small price; and 10,000 copies are being printed.

DR. STODDART, of Madderty, died after a brief illness, lately, in his ninety-ninth year. The oldest officiating minister in Scotland, he had been preaching over seventy-three years. He officiated till within a fortnight of his death, and on the communion Sabbath, three weeks before that event, preached three times.

THE Lutheran Church has in Europe 22,980 ministers, 29,644 churches, and 43,133,096 members. In North America it has 4,710 ministers, 7,964 churches, and 6,511,500 members. Adding to these figures the statistics from other countries, the grand total is 28,406 ministers, 38,381 churches and 50,061,280 members.

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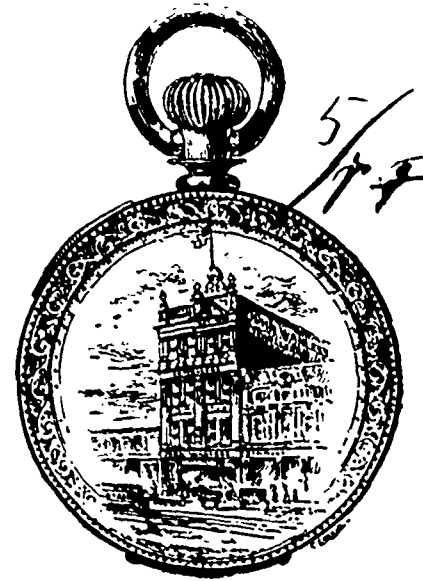
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