

on the 2nd of July, in Duff's Church, East Puslinch, which had come out by a small majority in favour of Mr. Wilson, a licentiate of the Church. His conduct was approved. The call was then laid upon the table, signed by twenty-nine in full communion and nine adherents. Commissioners from the congregation were heard who stated that in view of all the circumstances they could not ask the Presbytery to sustain the call, whereupon it was set aside on the ground of a manifest want of harmony and cordiality among the people. At the request of the Moderator of Session permission was granted him to hold a fresh moderation when the congregation is prepared. It having come to the knowledge of the Presbytery that Mr. Alexander Jackson, of Knox Church, Galt, has had conferred on him the degree of Ph. D. *pro causa*, it was unanimously agreed that the Presbytery congratulate him on the distinction obtained, and on the success of his studies for the same, and express the hope that he may be long spared to enjoy the honour he has so well earned. At his own request leave was granted to the clerk to retire from the meeting, and Mr. Smith took his place. Standing committees were appointed for the year as follows: State of Religion—Mr. Dickson, Convener; Dr. Smellie, Messrs. Blair, Winchester, ministers, and Messrs. Amos and Beattie, ruling elders. Temperance—Mr. Leitch, Convener; Messrs. Beattie, Mullen, Mitchell, and Strachan, ministers, and Messrs. George Davidson, Begg, McPheetter, and John Burns, ruling elders. Sabbath Schools—Messrs. Norris, Rae, Edmison, and Dr. Jackson, ministers, and Messrs. Charles Davidson, Robert Amos, George Wood, and Professor Panton, the last named being Convener. Evangelistic Services—Mr. Mullan, Convener; Dr. Middlemiss, Messrs. Craig, Smith and Haigh, ministers, with Messrs. Hammond, David Scott and Allan Ramsay, ruling elders. Finance—Mr. John Davidson, Convener; Messrs. Leitch and Hamilton ministers, with Messrs. Robert Fisher and George Sutherland, ruling elders. Schemes of the Church—Dr. Torrance, Convener; Messrs. Leitch and Blair, ministers, with Messrs. Charles Davidson, Robert Gibson, and Peter Rennie, ruling elders. Superintendence of Students—Mr. A. M. Hamilton, Convener; Dr. Wardrope, Messrs. Armstrong and Smith, ministers, and Messrs. George Davidson and Allan Ramsay, ruling elders. Licensure of Students—Dr. Jackson, Convener; Dr. Middlemiss, Messrs. Smith and Hamilton, ministers, and Dr. Lowry and Mr. James Mitchell, ruling elders. According to appointment at last meeting the Presbytery called for reports from brethren on the evangelistic services which had been conducted, and the same were given in by those present, being in general to the effect that by means of them souls had been refreshed, and Christian activities quickened. A lengthened conference on the subject was held, after which it was resolved, that having heard from ministers and Sessions as to the success attending the scheme of evangelistic work under the auspices of this Presbytery, and recognizing the importance of this branch of the Church's work, but feeling that it would not be advisable to repeat the plan at the present time, the Presbytery would call the attention of ministers and sessions to the injunction of the General Assembly on this matter, and appoint— to hear reports from sessions at the July meeting, as to how far the injunction has been complied with, and with what results. The Presbytery proceeded to consider Mr. Millican's resignation of his pastoral charge, as laid upon the table at last meeting. The clerk intimated that the Sessions and congregations had been regularly summoned to appear for their interests to-day, that they had been met and dealt with on the matter of a retiring allowance, and that there was the assurance that this would be granted, not in the way, however, of an annual payment but in one sum from each congregation. Mr. Mullan stated the character and probable results of conferences he had had with the congregations. Commissioners were then heard, each of whom spoke in warm terms of the attachments of the congregation to Mr. Millican, of the faithfulness and energy with which he had fulfilled the work of the ministry among them, of the measure of success with which his labours had been crowned, and of the sorrow with which they would part with him should the pastoral tie be dissolved. It was their desire that this should not take place, at all events in the meantime, the hope being expressed that he might be restored so as to continue his labour among them some time longer. Mr. Millican was then asked to state whether he still adhered to his resignation, when he declared that the state of his health was such that he could not sufficiently and satisfactorily discharge the duties of the pastorate and he would ask the Presbytery to accept his resignation, and relieve him of his charge. Thereupon it was moved and resolved that the Presbytery express its sympathy with their brother, Mr. Millican, in the state of his bodily health, constraining him to retire from the work of a settled pastor in these bounds, and that they accept his resignation of the charge which he has held for so many years, and whose duties he has fulfilled faithfully and successfully, with great regret, said resignation to take effect on and after the last day of July inst. Mr. Mullan was appointed to preach in St. John's Church, Garafra and Mimosa, on the first Sabbath of August, and after public worship, to declare the charge vacant in the usual way. Mr. Craig was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy, which was ordered to be reported to the General Assembly's Committee on Distribution for its proportion of supply by probationers. A committee composed of Dr. Torrance, Convener, Dr. Middlemiss, Mr. Smith and Mr. Charles Davidson, was appointed to prepare a suitable minute on Mr. Millican's retirement and report at next meeting.

**PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.**—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Alexandria on the 8th inst. The Rev. Alexander Matheson was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. The Clerk stated that he had in April received a communication from Mr. Dewar, licentiate of the Baptist Church, withdrawing his application for admission to our Church, and that consequently he had not sent up the papers in the case to the General Assembly. A letter from Mr. Stewart, now of Whitelake, in reference to arrears still due him from South Finch congregation, was read. A deputation of Presbytery, consisting of Rev. J. J. Cameron, Convener, A. Matheson and J. Mackenzie, were appointed to visit South Finch and endeavour to secure a settlement of said arrears. The standing committees for the current year were appointed and are as follows: Home Mission—Rev. J. S. Burnett, Convener; J. Matheson, J. Mackenzie and H. McLean. State of Religion—Rev. A. Matheson, Convener; Dr. MacNish and D. J. McLennan. Statistics—Rev. J. Cormack, Convener; J. Hastie, D. D. McLennan and J. Coupland. Sunday Schools—Rev. D. McLaren, Convener; W. Ferguson, G. A. Smith and John Simpson. Sabbath Observance—Rev. A. Given, Convener; J. J. Cameron and A. C. McDonnell. Temperance—Rev. J. Calder, Convener; D. McEachern and Mr. McCuaig. A letter from Rev. Malcolm McLennan, at present in Scotland, tendering his resignation of the charge of Galt Church, Indian Lands, was presented and read. The Clerk intimated that in order to expedite matters he had cited the congregation to appear for their interests at this meeting. Mr. McDonald, elder, reported that the citation had been duly served. Mr. James McGregor, commissioner from the congregation, expressed the deep regret the congregation felt at the idea of parting with their minister, whom they highly esteemed and to whom they were much attached. Mr. Charles McDonald, representative elder, urged delay in coming to any decision until after Mr. McLennan's return. Whereupon it was moved by Dr. MacNish, seconded by Mr. Calder, and agreed to, That inasmuch as Mr. McLennan is not present and moreover desires to retain his connection with the congregation until after his return, the Presbytery determine to delay further action in the matter until the next meeting of Presbytery. The Clerk and Treasurer were instructed to apportion the assessment for the Presbytery and Synod Fund on the same basis as last year. Reports of the committees appointed to examine the Session records of Alexandria, Gordon Church, Indian Lands, and St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown,

were adopted and the Clerk was instructed to attest them in terms of the same. Mr. McLennan, having resigned the Moderatorship of Kenyon Session, Mr. Mackenzie was appointed in his room, with leave to moderate in a call when the congregation are prepared. The Presbytery appointed its next meeting to be held in Knox Church, Lancaster, on Tuesday, September 9, at eleven a.m. It was also agreed on the request of Mr. Calder, to hold a Presbyterial visitation of that congregation on the evening of that same day, September 9.—**JOHN S. BURNETT, Pres. Clerk.**

**PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.**—This Presbytery met at Morrisburg on July 8. Nearly all the members were present. Rev. Hugh Cameron was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Elders' commissions were received from Spencerville, Kemptville, North Williamsburg and Toledo in favour of Messrs. William Bouvaird, Cosby Cook, William Deeks and Samuel Edgars, respectively. Session records of Dunbar, Colquhoun and Morrisburg, were examined and reported as neatly and correctly kept. Mr. Hagope T. Kalem was put in charge of the French Evangelization Scheme, the Clerk of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and Mr. Mathew H. Scott the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The Moderator, Mr. John M. Macalister, and the Clerk were appointed a committee to assign students' exercises. Delegates to the General Assembly reported diligence. Mr. Fleming, of Athens, was recommended for the more convenient working of his charge to occupy the manse at Toledo. Dr. James Stuart and Messrs. Alexander Macgillivray and Alexander Mackenzie were appointed a committee to make up augmentation deficits. The Clerk was instructed to notify all Conveners of committees of their duties and of the persons composing the committee. The treasurer's books were audited and found correct. Treasurer's report showed expenditure to exceed receipts by \$5 79. Dr. Kellock presented the report on Home Missions, showing the mission fields to be supplied with means of grace. It was the most encouraging report presented for many years. Mr. Cameron received \$9 for defraying expenses of Scheme of Higher Religious Instruction. The Moderator, Clerk, Messrs. Macalister and Toye were appointed to prepare a more satisfactory plan for the election of delegates to the General Assembly. Mr. Cameron complained of the action of a member of the Kingston Presbytery, who dispensed the communion at a mission station without permission of the Moderator of Session and without constituting a Session. No action was taken. The Clerk was authorized to cite congregation interested when a call or resignation was addressed to or received from a minister of this Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to collect expenses of members of committee appointed to receive St. Andrew's congregation, North Williamsburg, into this Presbytery. It was agreed to devote one hour at the December meeting to the discussion of some religious topic, and the Clerk was asked to prepare a paper on "The Second Coming of Christ." The next regular meeting was appointed to take place at Spencerville on Tuesday, September 9, at half-past two p.m.—**GEORGE MACARTHUR, Pres. Clerk.**

**PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.**—This Presbytery met in Port Hope on the 8th inst. The representation was unusually small, eight ministers and eight elders. Not much business of interest to the public was transacted. It was reported that three sets of pulpits had been declared vacant since the previous meeting in May, viz., Bobcaygeon, and Dunsford, Centreville and Millbrook, Garden Hill and Knoxville. Of the sessions of these congregations Messrs. Hyde, Warsaw, Mac-William, Port Hope; and Jones, Port Hope, are respectively the Moderators. A committee was appointed to take steps for a reconstruction so as to lessen the drafts upon the Augmentation Fund. The induction of Mr. Jones into the First Church, Port Hope, was appointed to be held on the 22nd of July at half-past two o'clock, Mr. Cleland to preside, Mr. Scott to preach, Mr. Hay to address the minister, and Mr. Gilchrist the people. Mr. Duncan was appointed to state the polity of the Church. The call to Mr. Jones is most harmonious. It was agreed to dispense with the printing of the minutes on the ground that the expense seems to overbalance the gain. The following delegates were appointed to visit the several mission fields within the bounds, viz., Haliburton and Minden—Mr. Hyde; Chandos and Burleigh—Mr. McLeod; Harvey—Mr. Thomson; Havelock—Mr. Carmichael; Ballyduff and Janetville—Mr. Cleland. Leave was granted to the congregation of Bobcaygeon to moderate in a call so soon as the people are prepared for action. The Rev. Dr. King, of Winnipeg, was heard with much interest in support of the claims of the Manitoba College. By a resolution unanimously adopted the college was commended to the sympathy, prayers and aid of the members of the Church within the bounds. The building of a new church by the Brown station was approved of and sanction was given to the soliciting of aid from friends outside in the erection of the same. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Cobourg on the 23rd of September at ten o'clock a.m. Principal King, of Winnipeg, and Rev. John McMillan, ordained missionary at Havelock, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The several commissioners to the Assembly who were present reported diligence in the discharge of the duties which had been assigned them.—**WM. BENNETT, Pres. Clerk.**

**PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.**—A regular meeting of this court was held at Moosomin on 8th inst. Mr. J. M. Douglas was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. Prince Albert congregation was granted leave to sell a portion of their church property. An application for assistance in building churches on Muscowpetung's and Pasqua's reserves was referred back to Mr. Moore with instructions to apply to the Church and Manse Board. The Assembly having granted the Presbytery leave to take Mr. Archibald Matheson on trial for license and ordination, the Examining Committee was instructed to assign subjects for trial, to be given in at the next regular meeting, which is to be held at Fort Qu'Appelle on the second Wednesday of September next. Mr. Geddes was appointed to dispense ordinances at Alameda and Winlaw; Mr. McMillan at Green Valley; Mr. Hamilton at Lansdowne; Mr. McKay at Broadview; Mr. Ferry at Grenfell; Mr. Douglas at Welwyn; Mr. Moore at Lone Laketon; Mr. Carmichael at Carsdale; Mr. Taylor at Buffalo Lake; Mr. Robson at Touchwood. The Superintendent of Missions was asked to attend to the same duty at Saskatoon, Kinisteno, Colleston and Prince Albert. The Standing Committees for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Foreign Missions—Mr. H. McKay, Convener; Robson, Campbell, Moore, Matheson and A. McDonald; Home Missions—Mr. Douglas, Convener; Hamilton, Carmichael, Robson, Matheson and McCaul; Sabbath Schools—Mr. Ferry, Convener; Robson, A. B. Smith, C. J. Atkinson, R. Crawford and W. Rothwell; Sabbath Observance—Mr. McMillan, Convener; Hamilton, McDonald, and R. K. Thompson; Temperance—Mr. Robson, Convener; Hamilton, McMillan, Harvey and A. T. Fotheringham; Examination of Students—Mr. Campbell, Convener; Carmichael, Hamilton, Douglas, Geddes and Robson; State of Religion—Mr. Carmichael, Convener; Bryden, Douglas, Matheson and Motherwell; Manitoba College—Mr. J. M. Douglas, Convener; Campbell, McMillan, Robson, Crawford and J. J. Campbell; Statistics and Finance—Mr. Hamilton, Convener; Robson and Angus McKay; Systematic Beneficence—Messrs. Campbell, Convener; Ferry, Robertson (Whitewood) and McKenzie (Moosomin). Messrs. A. B. Smith and B. Robertson were appointed assessors for Cathcart Session. Session records were examined and ordered to be attested. In the evening addresses were given by Mr. Hamilton on Higher Religious Instruction; by Mr. Campbell on Indian Missions, and by Mr. Taylor on Home Missions. Mr. Taylor handed in his resignation as pastor of the congregation at Moosejaw. It was decided to cite the congregation to appear at a meeting of Presbytery to be held at Moosejaw on the 18th inst. (Friday) until which time the Presbytery adjourned.—**ALEXANDER HAMILTON, Pres. Clerk.**

## British and Foreign.

MR. JOHN L. MARTIN was ordained in Carlisle Church lately as a missionary to Jamaica.

THE greater number of the large banking establishments in France are in the hands of Protestants.

THE Rev. Thomas B. Porteous, assistant, St. John's, Glasgow has accepted a call to Harrismith, Natal.

A CHURCH league is being formed in England for the improvement of the dwellings of the working classes.

LORD SHAND, who is about to retire from the Scottish bench, is a grandson of an old parish minister of Kintore.

MR. EDWARD LAWSON, proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, has given up his Jewish profession and become a Unitarian.

PRINCIPAL RAINY and Dr. Whyte of Edinburgh will take part in the Free Church Conference at Castle Douglas in October.

THE Victoria Presbyterian Assembly has instructed its ministers not to celebrate the marriage of persons divorced under the new act.

DR. BROWN, of Paisley, has received leave of absence from his Presbytery for an additional three months on account of continued ill-health.

IN 1809 there were not 150 Protestant clergymen in France; at present they number 870, eighty-five of whom belong to Independent churches.

THE Rev. J. G. Walton, late of South Shields, received a hearty welcome at his induction recently to the pastorate of Bell Street Church, Dundee.

THE Rev. James Allan has been unanimously invited to become the first minister of the newly-formed church of Carntyne in West Shettleston, Glasgow.

ON the day of Rev. Joseph Forrest's induction at Fraserburgh the seceding section of the congregation went in a body, 200 strong, to a picnic in the country.

DR. MANNING is to have a coadjutor in the archbishopric of Westminster. He is said to be extremely anxious to have his successor appointed in his life-time.

THE English Romanists are organizing a pilgrimage on an unprecedented scale to the tomb of Becket at Canterbury on the next anniversary of the so-called saint's death.

DR. KERR CROSS points out that it was German geographers who first gave Stevenson's name to the road in Africa, the very existence of which the German diplomatists now deny!

THE session of Townhead Church, Alloa, having regard to the recent plebiscite of the congregation, have resolved to introduce two tables at the communion, one with unfermented wine.

THE Rev. W. A. Walton, of Berwick, preached twice at the introductory services in connection with the induction of his brother, Rev. James G. Walton, to Bell Street Church, Dundee.

DUNS U. P. Presbytery sanctions the retirement of Dr. Ritchie and has appointed a committee to meet with the office-bearers of the three congregations in Duns with a view to their union.

THE Rev. J. Cunningham discoursed on a recent Sunday evening in his own pulpit at Wandsworth on "The Dark Continent and the Down-Grade of African Discovery." There was a large congregation.

THE validity of the will of the Australian millionaire, Mr. David Berry, of Shoalhaven, contested by a disappointed kinsman, has been affirmed in the court at Sydney; St. Andrew's University is to receive \$500,000.

DECREES have been granted in the small debt court at Ayr against two prominent dissenters for their proportion of the assessment laid upon the feuars for repairing the manse of Monkton and Prestwick.

THE Rev. William Yule preached his valedictory sermon to a densely packed congregation at Baillieston, where he was inducted in 1883. He is going to Port Elizabeth, South Africa, where three of his sons are settled.

MR. R. LOUIS STEVENSON is coming in October to sell off his household furniture and wind up his affairs in Scotland, having now fixed his home permanently in Samoa. His beautiful estate in that island has no less than six waterfalls.

THE wife of Rev. Donald McKinnon of Chalmers Church, Glasgow, while walking from the steamer *Viceroy* was suddenly seized with apoplexy and died on the wharf at Glasgow; she was returning from the coast to celebrate her golden wedding.

IN a large number of the Belfast churches as well as in those of the rural districts of Ulster, Orange sermons were preached on Sunday. In the country the churches were decked with banners and to many of the services the Orangemen marched in procession.

IN the Whitchurch case, tried in the Queen's Bench before a jury the Salvationists have been acquitted. This will be a caution to English magistrates who are inclined to put down open air religious meetings on unfounded and hypocritical pretences of obstruction.

THE new church for Trinity congregation, Glasgow, designed by Mr. W. G. Rowan, will occupy one of the finest sites on the south-side—the summit of the old Titwood nursery grounds on the brow of the last ridge in Pollokshields. The buildings will cost over \$35,000.

DR. BURNS, of Glasgow Cathedral, on attaining his semi-jubilee as minister of the congregation, was presented with an address in a silver casket, and also with a brass lectern to be placed in the cathedral, the interior of which is being altered in conformity with its original design.

MR. MOODIE HEDDLE, of Melsetter, laid the foundation-stone of the new church at Hoy recently; it is to be seated for 200 and will cost \$2,500. The old church, now superseded, was erected in 1780. The Baird trustees gave \$1,500 in aid of the new building and the heritor bears the remainder of the cost.

IN consequence of what is alleged to have been a serious and general breach of discipline on the part of the students at the Carmarthen Presbyterian College, they have been severely censured and subjected to the penalty of forfeiting all prizes and exhibitions for the current session, amounting in aggregate value to over \$650.

BISHOP CARPENTER entertained the members of the Leeds Non-conformist Ministers' Association to tea on their visit to Ripon lately, and afterwards gave an address at a short service held in the chapel of his palace. Rev. James Legge, M.A., President of the Association, expressed the thanks of the party to the bishop for his address and hospitality.

ALEXANDER FERGUSON, formerly minister of North Knapdale pleaded guilty at Oban sheriff court recently to stealing a purse containing money from a farmer in an auction mart, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment; in extenuation he said he thought it was papers connected with an arbitration case of his own now before the court of session.

MR. FINDLAY, of Carsphairn, has signed the agreement drawn up in accord with the Assembly's deliverance, and steps will now be taken to appoint an assistant and successor. Mr. Finlay will henceforth reside out of the parish; and to meet his legal expenses he receives from the petitioning heritors and parishioners \$2,000, binding himself to repay the same should he disturb any part of the arrangement.