

thy of the Presbytery. Dr. Gray was appointed accordingly and on his return made a gratifying report. The session records of eleven congregations were examined and attested. A call from the congregations of Longford and Upergrove to Mr. John McNeil, B.A., was sustained, and, on being handed to him, was accepted. The induction was appointed to be held on Thursday, February 12, at twelve o'clock and at Upergrove Church, Mr. Sturgeon to preach, Mr. Grant to address the newly-inducted minister and Mr. Bethune the congregation; Dr. Gray to preside at the induction service. Reports were received from the congregations of Hillsdale and Elmvale relative to their being discontinued and rearranged with other congregations in their vicinity. The Presbytery resolved to consider the whole matter at next ordinary meeting on Tuesday, March 17, and to cite the congregations for their interests. These congregations are: Hillsdale and Elmvale, Craighurst, Midhurst and Minesing, Wyevale, Gibsons, Knox Church, Fios, and Phelpston. Mr. McLeod was appointed Moderator of Session of Hillsdale and Elmvale, instead of Mr. James, who resigned. Dr. Gray presented a report of the committee appointed to consider two of the Assembly remits. The recommendation on the report on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was adopted, viz.: that the remit be adopted with the exception that the last sentence be altered so to read: "That it be an instruction to Presbyteries to secure that every minister when he is inducted into a charge shall become connected with the fund." The recommendations of the Committee on the remittant Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund were also adopted. They are here given, although readers will not understand them unless they have the remit itself in their hands, viz.: That rules three and nine remain as at present, that rule four be as recommended by the special committee of the Assembly; that the asterisk and foot note rule ten be deleted; that rule fifteen be as proposed by the Standing Committee (W.S.); that as to rule sixteen the recommendation making benefits, etc., uniform in both sections be adopted. Dr. Gray and other members of the committee were appointed to report on the Assembly's remit on the Marriage Question at next meeting. A long discussion arose upon Mr. McLeod's motion of which he had given notice as follows: "That the Presbytery appoint a committee consisting of Messrs. Findlay, Moodie, Grant and the mover to confer with the chairman of the districts of the Methodist Church in Canada embraced in the bounds of this Presbytery and any brethren of that Church these may associate with them for such conference in regard to those mission fields or other fields in which it is not desirable or necessary that two congregations should be maintained, and to suggest such a course for the adoption of the members of the respective Churches as may conduce to the better maintenance of divine ordinances among them, and also to suggest a mode of procedure which either church in entering upon new fields within these limits may work in harmony with the other, so that one strong congregation may be established in such field under the authority of one or other of the Churches." The motion was agreed to without division and Mr. McLeod was appointed Convener of the Committee. After hearing a report from a committee who had visited Huntsville, the resolution was adopted to invite the session managers and congregation of Huntsville and Allansville to appear at next meeting by delegates and give reasons why the grant from the Augmentation Fund should not be reduced. A deputation from the Presbyterian Society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was received and presented the report for last year. It showed progress, though expressing regret that many congregations in the bounds had not become represented in the Society. There are now eighteen branches, two auxiliaries and two mission bands having been added during the year; the membership is 394, an increase of ninety-nine. All the branches except two increased their contributions. The total amount raised is \$829 25, an increase over 1890 of \$194.80. Supplies were sent to the North-West valued at \$200. The Presbytery appointed Messrs. Carswell and J. McD. Duncan as a deputation to the ladies' meeting bearing a congratulatory resolution. Mr. Garrioch received leave to ordain elders at Powassan and Mr. Findlay was appointed assessor with the Session when met for that purpose. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held at Barrie on Tuesday, March 17, at eleven a.m.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of Knox Church, Cornwall, took place recently, with Rev. Mr. Hastie, pastor, in the chair. Reports were received from the Session, the Board of Managers, the auditors and several of the societies. The report of the Session shows that ten families had removed from the confines of the congregation within the year, while they have been replaced by other ten families which have taken up their abode in town within that period. The total number of families belonging to the congregation is 138, and of these 292 members as communicants. The report presented by the managers was very encouraging and shows an increase in the contributions in almost every department. The statement is a comparative one, and compares the receipts of 1890 with those of the two former years. Among the items are the following: Contributions for minister's stipend, \$1,368.30; Sunday collections, \$626.71; Schemes of the Church, \$391.90; Sabbath school collections, \$407.73; Mite Society, \$112.50; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$111.77; Young People's Association, \$130.45; King's Daughters' Mission Band, \$24.60; Cheerful Gleaners Mission Band, \$10.36; Building Fund, \$1,121.78; special contributions not included above, \$126. Total receipts, \$4,463.36. When the subscriptions are paid in this year the debt remaining on the building will be only about \$1,500. The auditors' report followed, after which

Messrs. W. Dingwall, W. Pollock and James Gardiner, the retiring managers, were unanimously re-elected, and Messrs. J. C. Alguire and A. Bruce, auditors, were re-appointed. Then followed a long list of votes of thanks which included among the recipients the pastor, Rev. J. Hastie; the Sabbath school superintendent, Mr. J. P. Watson; Dr. Alguire, Bible class teacher; the various officers of the Church, the Sabbath school teachers, the lady collectors for the Schemes of the Church and the building fund, the members of the choir, the Board of Managers and the auditors. The meeting was a pleasant one and was drawn to a conclusion by the benediction.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. T. J. MCLELLAND, WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JANUARY 5TH, 1891.

We cannot soothe your aching hearts;  
We need not tell you to be calm;  
When love's warm clasp is rent apart,  
On earth there is no balm.  
Who else can feel the crushing weight  
That makes your life so desolate?

Oh! What are words when souls are wrung  
With throbs of keen, unuttered pain;  
When hopes to which we fondly clung  
All prove, alas! in vain?  
What comfort, there, in pity's tone?  
The heart would rather grieve alone.

We cannot bring your lost one back,  
Send through his clay the fleeting breath,  
Nor living tread the graveyard track—  
The phantom realm of Death.  
Cold, rigid lies your dead one there,  
We cannot chide your wild despair.

Our words are all in kindness meant,  
But grief is deeper far than speech;  
The heart with bleeding wounds all rent,  
No human skill can reach.  
Oh, leave them, friends, the heart must mourn;  
In silence sorrow best is borne.

There is no comfort save in God;  
No balm that mortal lips can speak;  
We cannot bend beneath His rod  
In saintly patience meek,  
Unless He draws us near His throne,  
Communing with our souls alone.

OBITUARY.

DR. JOHN STEWART, KINGSTON.

In the death of Dr. John Stewart, of Kingston, on Sunday, January 11, one of the oldest and most notable members of the medical profession in Canada has gone to rest. He was a man of marked originality and force of character, his peculiarities in some things amounting to eccentricity, or so at least appearing to those who did not understand his strong Scottish kind of humour and Highland independence of character. He was born in Perthshire nearly eighty years ago of an old Scottish family and royal clan, and was educated in Edinburgh, to whose dear and romantic associations his affections clung through a long life, prompting repeated visits even in his old age. While still a young man he settled in Kingston, where his intellectual vigour, fine physique and thorough medical and surgical training gave him a deservedly leading place in the ranks of his profession. A man of marked public spirit, he took an active part in founding the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, now affiliated with Queen's University, and was for many years dean of its faculty. Under a somewhat brusque exterior he carried a kind and sympathetic heart, and the many acts of kindness and unstinted pains he took where his patients were concerned won their grateful and warm regard, a regard which frequently found expression in tokens of gratitude when his own health and strength had failed at last. He was instrumental in founding the Kingston General Hospital, and in 1847, during a fatal visitation of ship-fever, he not only attended a great number of suffering immigrants, but also with his own hands performed the last offices for the dead—panic preventing the usual assistance—and had them decently interred in the hospital grounds. With true Highland spirit he was strictly honourable and upright in his own dealings, bore an unblemished character and had an intense and even passionate hatred of injustice, which at times made his ready and even caustic pen a formidable instrument carrying out somewhat literally the old Scotch motto "Nemo me impune lacessit." For some years he conducted a paper called the *Argus* mainly for the exposure of what he deemed wrong and injustice, a task performed "without respect of persons," and in later years his terse and trenchant style was occasionally brought into play in discussions of public interest. He always counted himself a Presbyterian and though, in his later years, not much of a church-goer, he was a man of strong religious convictions, a student of his Bible and much appreciated books of good sermons. Dr. Bruce's "Galilean Gospel" was a special favourite and was much in his hands during the years of failing strength, which laid him aside from active duty and confined him to the house. He greatly appreciated the visits of the friends who visited him in his solitude, and he often spoke on the memory of early days, and in particular of what one of his relatives had written to him as to the inheritance they had had in the prayers of a devoted grandmother. The discipline of weakness and suffering had greatly softened and sweetened his heavy, high-strung temperament, and his patient and gentle bearing under the burden of weakness and confinement so trying to his active spirit were most remarkable. He looked forward to the last summons with the faith and hope of a humble and trusting Christian, and he passed away in perfect peace.

The funeral arrangements were under the charge of the medical men of Kingston, and the students of the "Royal" led the procession in a body, while Principal Grant and the Medical Faculty acted as chief mourners and pall-bearers. Many old citizens followed his remains to the grave, sorrowfully feeling that a long familiar figure had gone from among them and still another link with the past was broken.



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A SECOND church in connection with the English Presbyterian is to be erected at Cardiff.

DR. TAYLOR, of Anstruther, and Rev. A. W. Brown, of Aberdeen, this year attain their jubilee.

PROF. STORY complains that the Church does her work too much upon the worldly lines of congregational rivalry.

THE Presbyterian Church committees in New South Wales are busy trying to make up the deficits caused by wet Sundays and bad times.

DR. BONNAR, of East Kilbride, and Rev. Thomas M. Laurie, of Partick, both of the Scotch U.P. Church, this year attain their jubilee.

THE Presbyterian Church of Victoria purposes erecting an assembly hall on the site of the present manse of the Scots Church, Melbourne.

THE Rev. J. L. Fyfe, late assistant at Dalry, Ayrshire, has been chosen successor to Dr. Stevenson by 626 votes to 312 given for Rev. Hamilton Moore, late of Newmilns.

PROF. DRUMMOND continues to have crowded Sunday evening meetings with the Edinburgh students; but he reiterates his warning to them that his addresses are not to be reported.

THE late Mr. John Blyth, of Ruthven House, near Perth, has bequeathed \$3,500 to provide a bursary for a student entering the divinity hall and \$5000 to different schemes of the Free Church.

AT Irvine Presbytery, in a conversation on co-operation with the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Kilmarnock and Ayr, it was stated that a conference of the two Presbyteries would be held in March.

THE Clerk of Bristol Presbytery will move at next meeting a resolution urging the College Committee to represent to Prof. Skinner the very pressing necessity for publishing his inaugural lecture as it was delivered.

DR. MARSHALL LANG, in the first of a series of lectures at Glasgow on the organization of women's work, expressed the conviction that the power of this noble agency is as yet very imperfectly realized by the Church. He advocated the formation of women's guilds.

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