

ing freedom to the oppressed. The life of the Great Emancipator, who came to give "deliverance to the captives," was the model and inspiration of Garrison's life.

At the early age of seventeen, he began to write, denouncing slavery. He visited England and made the acquaintance of the anti-slavery leaders there. On his return, he organized "The American Anti-Slavery Society," of which he was president for over twenty years. In 1831 he began to publish "The Liberator," and continued to publish it until 1865, when its mission was ended. The last issue of his paper contained Lincoln's Proclamation of Emancipation to 4,000,000 slaves. Garrison's life was a stormy one. The bold, uncompromising warfare that he urged against slavery brought on him the bitter hate of the south. He was imprisoned, mobbed, and threatened with assassination. But he held on his way, and lived to see the good cause triumph. In 1867 he again visited England. A public breakfast was given him in St. James' Hall on that occasion. John Bright and the Duke of Argyll, father of our Governor-General, were present, and spoke in the highest terms of the services he had rendered to the cause of humanity.

Associated with Garrison in the early days of the anti-slavery conflict, were such men as Charles Sumner, Horace Greeley, Henry Wilson, now among the dead, and Wendell Phillips, John Greenleaf Whittier and Henry Ward Beecher, yet among the living.

We earnestly pray that God may raise up in this our day as noble and self-sacrificing a bond to complete the work of emancipation. For the slave as yet is only half-freed. The recent exodus from the south, shows that the negro has been most unjustly treated. The whites have cheated, abused and imposed upon them so long that life has become a weary burden, and they are seeking their promised land in Kansas.

MINISTERIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE H. M. DEFICIT.

Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.—Previously reported, \$91.50; Rev. Robt. McKenzie, \$5; in all, \$96.50.

Presbytery of Brockville.—Rev. G. Burnfield, \$10; Rev. W. T. Canning, \$5; in all, \$15.

Presbytery of Glengarry.—Rev. D. H. MacLennan, \$15; Rev. C. Cameron, \$10; Rev. John Fraser, \$2; Rev. H. Lamont, \$5; Rev. N. MacNish, \$4; Rev. H. A. MacLennan, \$4; Rev. W. A. Lang, \$5; in all, \$45.

Presbytery of Kingston.—Rev. T. G. Smith, \$25; Rev. Principal Grant, \$15; in all, \$40.

Presbytery of Peterboro'.—Previously reported, \$118; Rev. Y. R. Beattie, \$5; Rev. J. Smith, \$10; in all, \$133. ["Rev. W. Bell, \$5," in last week's PRESBYTERIAN, should have been Rev. A. Bell, \$15.]

Presbytery of Lindsay.—Rev. J. McNabb, \$10; Rev. A. Currie, \$4; in all, \$14.

Presbytery of Barrie.—Rev. R. Rodgers, \$10; Rev. J. R. S. Burnett, \$5; Rev. G. Crow, \$5; in all, \$20.

Presbytery of St. Catharines.—Rev. D. Morrison, \$5.

Presbytery of Hamilton.—Rev. G. Bruce, \$15; Rev. D. Munro, \$10, Rev. T. McGuire, \$10; in all, \$35.

Presbytery of Paris.—Previously reported, \$118; Rev. Robt. Hume, \$5; in all, \$123.

Presbytery of London.—Rev. John Thompson, \$25.

Presbytery of Chatham.—Rev. Wm. Walker, \$10.

Presbytery of Stratford.—Rev. Robt. Hamilton, \$25; Rev. Peter Scott, \$10; Rev. J. Fotheringham, \$4; in all, \$39.

Presbytery of Huron.—Rev. John Ferguson, \$10; Rev. S. Jones, \$10; in all, \$20.

Presbytery of Bruce.—Rev. A. Tolmie, \$10; Rev. D. Wardrope, \$10; in all, \$20.

AN EXPLANATION.

MR. EDITOR,—Intelligence has reached me that the Committee appointed by the Synod at Guelph to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Peterboro' reputed certain irregularities in the proceedings of said Presbytery. The most glaring seemed to be that candidates for ordination had not had assigned to them the usual exercises as pieces of trial. But was it, therefore, what should have been denominated an "irregularity?" The Convener of the committee reporting—the members of the Synod who took the same view—should have known that what the Presbytery had done in the case was entirely in accordance with the action of last meeting of Assembly. Is it an irregularity for an inferior Court to adopt a course recommended by the "Supreme Court?" The candidates for ordination in the Peterboro' Presbytery have assigned to them the exact pieces of trial specified in the "Report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Procedure," and ordered at last Assembly to be published as a useful guide to the office-bearers of the Church. The other criticisms contained in the report of the Committee appointed to examine the minutes are not worthy of notice.

WM. BENNETT, Clerk of Peterboro' Presbytery.
Peterboro', 20th May, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in Hamilton on May 20th. Present eighteen ministers and eight elders. The Clerk was instructed to write to Sessions which had not submitted their records for review, requiring their presentation at next stated meeting. It was resolved to engage Mr. Hutt's services at Louth during the summer. It was reported that Mr. Glassford was visiting the Fort Erie field with hopeful prospects. A call from Georgina and North Gwillimbury addressed to Mr. Frazer, of St. Ann's, was laid upon the table, and Mr. McIntyre was appointed to cite the congregations for their interests at a meeting to be held in Beamsville, on Tuesday, June 3rd, at eleven o'clock a.m. Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Buntin were appointed to support the Presbytery's recommendation of Sabbath School Literature before the General Assembly. Dr. James and Messrs. S. C. Fraser and H. Young having requested to be relieved of their commissions to the General Assembly, Messrs. Ratcliff, Chrystal, and A. D. McLeod were appointed in their stead. A committee was appointed for the superintendence of students; also a committee to prepare a report on the Statistical and Financial Returns for 1879. Arrangements were made for paying the amount deducted in April last from the grants to supplemented congregations. It was resolved to apply to the General Assembly for leave for Mr. Hancock of North Pelham to retire from the active duties of the ministry. No action was taken on the Hymn Book. It was agreed that hereafter the Presbytery shall sit from 10 a.m. till 3.30 p.m., with an intermission from 12.30 till 1 o'clock.—JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—At the last meeting of this Presbytery held at Cornwall, on the 14th ult., the following minute was read in reference to Mr. McDonald who has left the bounds. The minute was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes. Said minute is of the following tenor: "The Presbytery in agreeing to the translation of Mr. McDonald to Belmont, in the Presbytery of London, desires to bear testimony to the high estimation in which he is held as a minister of the gospel, and to the diligence and success with which he has laboured in different fields while a member of this Presbytery. It would place on record also the sense which it entertains of his kindness and courtesy as a member of this Court; the regret with which it regards the severance of old and pleasant ties; and its earnest hope and prayer that the Great Head of the Church will prosper and bless him in his new field of labour, and that he will be long spared to carry on the Master's work with the same fidelity, diligence and success that have characterized him in the past." The following minute was also read and adopted in reference to the resignation of Mr. Donald Ross: "Inasmuch as the Rev. Donald Ross has resigned his charge in Lancaster for the purpose of going to Prince Albert in the

North-west, as missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the members of Presbytery resolve to insert in their minutes that they have always entertained a very great respect for Mr. Ross; that they fully appreciate the excellent services which he has rendered in various parts of the Church; that they value very highly the energetic and successful effort which he made in connection with the congregation of Lancaster; and that they will retain a pleasant remembrance of the kindness and courtesy which he uniformly exhibited. The members of Presbytery earnestly hope that Mr. Ross and his family will reach their destination in safety, and through the blessing of the Great Head of the Church he will be instrumental in rendering very important services in his new sphere of labour."

THE Senate of Cobourg University has conferred the honorary degree of D.D. on the Rev. E. H. Dewart, the able editor of the "Christian Guardian." The distinction has been well earned.

DURING the "Secretaries' Conference," held in connection with the Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations, in Baltimore, Mr. D. L. Moody spent an hour in answering questions touching on every plan of Association work. In answer to the question, "Should an association invite an Evangelist to labour in the community?" he said, "It is not the work of the Y. M. C. A. to invite evangelists; let ministers and churches do that." Mr. Moody insisted on this decision, even in cases in which the churches will not act. On being asked a question respecting the best time for a Secretary to study his Bible, he said, "It depends on what time he gets up; his head is clearer in the morning than at night; so you cannot make any rule." To the question, "Ought a Secretary to work seven days in the week?" the answer was, "No; a Secretary as well as a Minister ought to take one day in seven for rest. Sunday is the Secretary's best day for work so he ought to select Saturday or Monday for rest."

THE congregation of Knox Church, Acton, had, a few weeks ago, to mourn the death of another of its elders, Mr. Thomas Davidson, who died at his residence in Esquesing, on the 29th April, in his 67th year. Mr. Davidson was a native of Shetland, and emigrated to the United States in 1837, where he remained two years. He came to Canada in 1839, and first settled in Nassagaweya, and after a few years he removed to a farm in the neighbourhood of Acton, where he remained until his death. He was an elder of Knox Church for nineteen years, and faithfully discharged the duties of his office. He was a man of principle and of a resolute character; he had clear views of the doctrines of the gospel and held them with steadfastness. During his last illness he was convinced that his dissolution was near, and on several occasions stated that he had no desire to live longer. To him God fulfilled the promise, "With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." Ps. xci. 16.

As intimated last week, a presentation of a most pleasing character was made after the prayer meeting in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, last Wednesday evening. Mr. T. W. Taylor, having been called to the chair, in a few appropriate remarks, made reference to the Rev. Mr. King's approaching departure for a holiday trip across the Atlantic. They were met to take leave of him and his esteemed partner in life, and to wish them "God speed." Mr. Kerr one of the elders, connected with the congregation ever since its organization, in response to a call from the chair, spoke briefly of Mr. King's long and faithful services in behalf of his people. During all their history as a congregation they had always been blessed with an able, earnest, evangelical ministry, as in Dr. Taylor, the late Dr. Burns, and now in Rev. Mr. King. The congregation had grown from a mere handful, burdened with debt, to its present proportions; and the result was largely owing to their pastor's constant and indefatigable exertions during the past sixteen years. Many prayers would go up for Mr. and Mrs. King and their children; that they might be protected in their journeyings and brought back in safety to their home and friends. Brief and happy addresses were also made by Messrs. Ewart and Picken; after which the chairman, in the name of the subscribers, presented Mr. King with a check for \$400, who in feeling and felicitous terms made a fitting acknowledgment. Prayer and the benediction terminated a most enjoyable meeting.