

Peabody in the Owen Sound Presbytery. The services were held in Chalmers Church, Keady, and were well attended, Desboro and Peabody being well represented. Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Annan, preached an appropriate and impressive sermon from John iii. 1-4, with special reference to verse 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." Rev. J. Somerville, Owen Sound, after having put the usual questions to Mr. Hamilton, addressed him in earnest terms concerning his life and work in the ministry. Rev. J. Ross, Meaford, then addressed the people, giving them some wholesome advice regarding their duties to their Church and minister. Mr. Hamilton, who is a son of Rev. R. Hamilton, Motherwell, graduated in Knox College in 1886, and has since been labouring in the North-West. He is a young man of promise and enters his new charge with every prospect of success.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery held a *pro re nata* meeting in Knox Church, Stratford, on August 21, the Moderator, Rev. J. W. Cameron, in the chair. The Rev. Andrew Henderson, M.A., in the absence of Mr. Tully, Clerk, was appointed Clerk *pro tempore*. The conduct of the Moderator in calling the meeting was sustained, and the irregularity as to notice of meeting condoned. The report of the Moderator of Knox Church, Stratford, as to the action of that congregation in connection with the payment of the retiring allowance to Rev. T. Macpherson, was presented by Rev. Mr. Turnbull. Rev. Mr. Macpherson stated that he accepted the cheque for \$1,500 solely on the ground that it recognized the authority of the Synod. It was moved by Rev. Mr. Pyke, and seconded by Mr. Baird, that the report be received and adopted. Carried. A call from the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, in favour of Rev. Robert Johnston, of Lindsay, was laid before the Presbytery by Mr. Turnbull, with reasons for translation. The call was in due form, signed by 411 members and 202 adherents, and accompanied by a guarantee of stipend for \$2,300 annually, to be paid monthly. The conduct of Mr. Turnbull in moderating in the call was approved, and commissioners from the congregation were heard, viz., Messrs. Ireland, Hamilton and Mowat, and some correspondence between Mr. Johnston and Mr. Turnbull was read. It was moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Pyke, that the call be sustained as a regular gospel call, and the usual steps in such cases be taken. Carried unanimously. Rev. Messrs. Turnbull and Hamilton were appointed to prosecute the call on behalf of the Presbytery of Stratford before the Lindsay Presbytery. It was also agreed that the Presbytery request the Lindsay Presbytery to call a special meeting of Presbytery, if necessary, to issue the matter of the call as speedily as possible. Presbytery was then adjourned to hold its regular meeting in Milbank on September 8, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF HONAN.—The third regular meeting was held on Friday, June 20, but on that day no business was transacted. Immediately after the confirmation of minutes the following resolution was passed: "Whereas God, in His all-wise Providence, has recently seen fit to remove by death the infant daughter of Mr. Murdock Mackenzie, a member of this Presbytery; Resolved, That we express to the bereaved parents our heartfelt sympathy in what is to them and us a loss, but to the little one a gain. As we shared their joy, we do now divide their sorrows; for if one member suffer all the members suffer with it. We assure them of our prayers that God, who is the Father of us all, may comfort, strengthen and establish their hearts. May this affliction, which is but for a moment, work out an exceeding and eternal weight of glory. And be it further resolved, That in consequence of this visitation, and out of respect for the bereaved, this Presbytery do now adjourn." On the following Tuesday Presbytery resumed sitting, and reports were received from Messrs. Goforth and MacGillivray, who had returned from attending various conferences on the coast. At one of these a plan of union for the Presbyterian Churches in China was agreed upon and transmitted to the different Presbyteries for approval and action. Consideration of the plan was deferred by this Presbytery till further desired information should be obtained through correspondence. A report was submitted by the same members on the subject of Treaty Rights. They had consulted with the British Consul at Tientsin, whose advice had been to the effect that if the people of Honan were averse to the settlement of missionaries among them, it would be unwise to attempt such a settlement, and that in the meantime continued touring would be likely to prove more satisfactory. A copy of the treaty between England and China was produced, and attention drawn to the only clauses which relate to residence outside of treaty ports from which it appeared that British subjects have no right whatever to reside in the interior, but only the right to travel. One clause, known as the "Most Favoured Nation Clause," which stipulates that whatever privilege may be granted to the missions of any other nation must be granted to the missions of Britain, might be construed as entitling British subjects to the privilege of residing inland, since that privilege has been accorded to French missionaries, but many experienced workers on the field have advised against placing any reliance on Treaty Rights, especially in pioneer work. The members who reported were both of opinion that for the present it would be advisable to keep clear of the Property Question in Honan. In view of this report, and in view of the fact that within the last twelve months the China Inland Mission has been three times driven out of points in Honan after renting, steps already taken for securing premises in Chang-teh were recalled for the present. It was agreed to despatch the native helper, Mr. Fu, to points visited on the last tour with a view to ascertaining any noticeable results of that tour, and also the present feeling of the people. A good prospect of obtaining another helper from the American Presbyterian Mission was reported. Other items of business were disposed of during the four sederunts held.—J. H. MACVICAR, Pres. Clerk.

British and Foreign.

THE call from Crawfordsburn, Greenock, to Rev. Robert Candlish Strang of Dundonald is unanimous.

THE sister of the late Dr. Wm. B. Robertson, of Irvine, contemplates publishing a volume of her brother's sermons.

THE native Christians of Bombay have held a meeting to organize systematic work for the spread of the Gospel in that city.

THE Rev. F. T. Havergal, prebendary of Hereford, a brother of Frances Ridley Havergal, the poetess, died recently in his sixtieth year.

MR. WELLS of Pollokshields has been appointed Convener of the Jewish Committee of the Free Church in room of Dr. J. Hood Wilson.

THE Rev. Walter Little of Orwell, Kinross-shire, ordained in 1844 died lately. The charge now passes to his colleague, Rev. W. L. M'Dougall, M.A.

BESIDES donations to the fund for restoring the ancient church of St. Michael's at Linlithgow, a bequest of \$2,500 is intimated from the late Capt. Urquhart, of Vellore.

MR. CAIN will be accompanied on his proposed visit to India by a young Scottish artist who will take sketches for a book he intends to write recording the incidents of his visit.

MISS KATHERINE DUKE, daughter of the Free Church minister of Campsie, has gained the distinction of passing in all the subjects for the LL.A. degree at St. Andrew's in one year.

THE Good Templars, who celebrated their twenty-first anniversary by a great procession in Glasgow recently, have a larger membership in Scotland now than in any year since 1882.

ABERDEEN Free Church Presbytery has sent the call from Toorak to Rev. G. Adam Smith for consideration; it is signed by 231 members and eighty-one adherents. The stipend is \$5,000 with manse.

DR. MURRAY, of Oxford, the distinguished lexicographer and an active deacon, is the son and grandson of Border peasants who helped to form one of the first congregational churches in the south of Scotland.

THE members of Elgin-place Church, Glasgow, at a meeting recently received the formal intimation of Dr. Goodrich's acceptance of the Manchester call, and took the preliminary steps towards securing a successor.

DR. SCOTT, of Edinburgh, introduced Dr. Norman Macleod to his new charge at Inverness recently in the forenoon; and in the evening Dr. Macleod preached to a crowded congregation on the parable of the Lost Sheep.

THE late Lord Carnarvon regarded the pending prosecution of Bishop King as the most serious crisis in church matters which had arisen in his day. There is, according to his lordship's forecast, an imminent danger of disruption.

MR. S. SMITH, M.P., sternly protested in the House of Commons against the Government proposal to recognize a French protectorate of Madagascar, which is certain to be inimical to the Protestant missions in that island.

A COMMITTEE has been formed to arrange the issue of a volume of selected sermons by the late M. B. riser, of Paris. A fund of 12,000 francs is being raised to defray the greater part of the cost, so that copies may be sold for one franc each.

THE appointment of Rev. G. Rodney Eden, vicar of Bishop Auckland, to be bishop suffragan of Dover is approved by the Queen; and the Primate has appointed Mr. Eden to be canon and arch-deacon of Canterbury, in succession to the late Dr. Paury.

THE Wesleyan conference ask Lord Salisbury to take such steps as should promptly secure the immediate withdrawal of all official recognition of the canon law in Malta, and the restoration and confirmation of the liberty which her Majesty's subjects in that island have hitherto enjoyed.

MR. BLAIR, of Cambuslang, has established a "Children's Church," and the success of the experiment was shown at a flower service recently, when the bouquets brought by the little folk numbered 500. These were sent the same afternoon to missions in the poorer quarters of Glasgow.

THE Rev. George Mitchell, of Alloa, in an eloquent eulogy of Adam Smith, expresses the opinion that in no way could he be better commemorated than by a centenary edition of "The Wealth of Nations," with the essence of the comments of Garnier, Macculloch and Thorold Roger.

PROF. BRUCE, with the pastor, Rev. David Millar, M.A., preached on a recent Sunday at the re-opening of Stranraer Free Church after improvements which include reseating, painting, a new pulpit and stained-glass windows. Instrumental music and the hymnal were used for the first time.

THE Rev. Joseph Mitchell, of Dundee, has been elected successor to the late Dr. Edgar at Mauchline by 167 against seventy-four for Rev. Robert Cumming of Pollokshields, and fifty-four for Rev. John C. Thomson, M.A., Annan. The minorities united to make the final vote unanimous in Mr. Mitchell's favour.

THE Rev. James B. Macpherson, M.A., assistant at Corstorphine, has been offered the appointment to the Presbyterian Church of Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope; the stipend is \$3,250 and a manse. Principal Caird and Mr. William Dunn, of London, are acting as the commissioners to look out for a minister.

Two pupils of the Free Church Girls' Normal School have passed the M.B. examination at Calcutta University; both are Christians. One, Bidhu Mukhi, B.Sc., is about to practise among ladies in Calcutta; the other, Virginia Mary Mitter, had already obtained an appointment at Cawnpore under Lady Dufferin's fund.

THE Rev. G. Adam Smith, called to succeed the late Mr. Ewing, of Toorak, went to Aberdeen about ten years ago to teach the Hebrew class in

the Free Church College while Dr. Robertson Smith was under suspension; and was afterwards first pastor of what soon became the fashionable west end church in the Granite City.

MR. MACGREGOR, the minister-elect of Renfield Church, Glasgow, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday morning with Mr. Smith, the parish ministers of Troon, and in the afternoon gave an address to the children of the church which is about to lose his services. His induction to the pulpit of Dr. Marcus Dods will take place in September.

MR. W. E. BAXTER, who succeeded Joseph Hume in the representation of the Montrose burghs and who was secretary to the Admiralty under Mr. Gladstone, died recently in his sixty-fifth year. An earnestly religious man and a staunch Congregationalist, his political life was distinguished not less by its stern integrity than its ability.

THE Rev. Daniel Mackenzie of Melbourne, ex-Moderator of the Victorian Assembly, was introduced to Glasgow Presbytery lately and conveyed the greetings of his Church. He stated that many of the best ministers in Melbourne had come from the ranks of the Free Church, and they would be pleased to receive many more.

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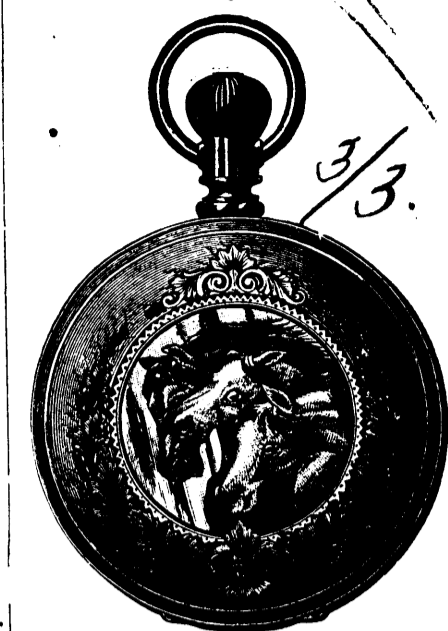
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