

the resolution of last General Assembly, by which that Assembly accepted the Government grants for education in India, in support of the Assembly's Missionary Seminaries. He had to request, in behalf of the reverend Doctor, that the notice be held to be continued till next meeting. Agreed to.

DEATH OF DR. CLARK—THE VACANCY IN ST. ANDREW'S—Dr. Crawford said they were all aware of the serious loss the Presbytery and one of the congregations of the city had sustained by the death of his esteemed friend and highly valued colleague, Dr. Clark. In presence of so many, by whom he was well known and very highly esteemed, he thought it quite superfluous to say a single word in reference either to the estimable qualities of his personal character, or the singular zeal, fidelity and efficiency with which his ministerial labours were conducted. These were well known not only to the Presbytery and to the congregation but by the whole community of this city, for he believed that few ministers of the Church of Scotland had been so useful and so abundant in their labours as his deceased friend and colleague. He was sure there would be but one feeling on the part of all the members of this Presbytery of cordial and sincere sympathy with his bereaved family and flock. Dr. Crawford further stated that, in pursuance of the instructions of the Presbytery, he had declared the Church vacant from the 11th January, and that since the vacancy he had hitherto provided supply for the pulpit, as he had undertaken. It would now be for the Presbytery to provide supply for the alternate diets.

Dr. Muir said it was impossible to allow such a statement as had been now made to pass without expressing their concurrence with every word which had been spoken by Dr. Crawford. There could be but one sentiment in this Presbytery of respect and affection towards their deceased brother and friend; and he was sure the Presbytery would, through Dr. Crawford, agree to convey to his mourning family circle the assurance that they had the tenderest sympathy of them all, and their earnest prayer that He, who was alone the true Comforter, might dispense to their mourning hearts those consolations of His, which were neither few nor small.

Dr. Crawford was requested to convey the sympathies of the Presbytery to the family of Dr. Clark. Supply was provided for the alternate diets of worship.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

DEATH OF THE REV. JOHN NICOLAYSON, MISSIONARY AT JERUSALEM.—This excellent missionary to the Jews, who has laboured at Jerusalem for a period of thirty years, under the auspices of the London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews, has been suddenly cut down in the midst of his labours. The following is an extract from a despatch by her Majesty's Consul at Jerusalem, forwarded by the Earl of Clarendon to the committee:—"I have to report the lamented death of the Rev. J. Nicolayson, principal missionary in Palestine of the London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews, and minister of Christ Church, Jerusalem. This occurred on Monday, the 6th instant, from nervous fever, and on the same day he was buried in the Protestant Cemetery by the side of Bishop Alexander. The universal esteem gained for him by long-trying personal character, as well as the effect of his being the earliest European resident of this city, made his loss to be deeply felt among all classes of inhabitants. The funeral was attend by clergy of Greek, Armenian and Abyssinian Churches, the Latin Church drawing general attention by its omission by Rabbis of the Jews (though the week is one particularly sacred to them, being that in which the Day of Atonement occurs), and Moslem learned Sheikhs. The Pa-

cha sent and Oda Bashi with Infenkehis. There were also present the Consuls of Prussia, France and Austria, the United States Agent, and the representative of the Spanish Consul General, Senor de la Vera being himself absent from town."

**To the Honorable, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament Assembled,*

The Petition of the undersigned,

HUMBLY SHEWETH.

That your Petitioners regard the Christian Sabbath as an ORDINANCE OF GOD, invested with the same authority as the other Commandments of the Moral Law, and, like those, eminently conducive and even essential to the temporal and spiritual welfare of mankind.

That they are firmly persuaded that Governments, as well as individuals, are bound within their province to obey the command, and cannot fail in this respect without incurring the displeasure of the Almighty:—

That they have observed with deep concern that, under the sanction of the public Authorities of this Province, the business of the Post Office Department is carried on and the St. Lawrence Canals kept open on the Lord's Day:—

That thus not only is the Law of God set at naught, but those, who are employed in these Departments of the Public Service, are deprived of their weekly rest, and prevented from attending Divine Worship, and, moreover, many conscientious persons, who honor and value the Sabbath, are debarred from seeking employment which requires them to violate that Holy Day. That Your Petitioners are satisfied that THE PLEA OF NECESSITY cannot be justly offered in defence of such practices as is proved.

1st. By the experience of the Sister Province of Nova Scotia, where no postal service of any kind is performed on the Lord's Day, and no complaint is made.

2nd. By that of the United States, where many Canals have been closed, and 80,000 miles of Mail conveyance have been stopped on the Sabbath, at a great saving to the country, attended with no correspondent evils.

3rd. By that of the City of London, the commercial Metropolis of the World, where all attempts to re-open the Post Office on the Sabbath were successfully resisted by the almost unanimous voice of the Mercantile community.

That, moreover, in the opinion of Your Petitioners, experience hath gone to show that, apart from the moral duty, which they thus recognize to the fullest extent, the requirements of nature render the observance of one day in seven a physical necessity.

Wherefore Your Petitioners, in view of the foregoing statements, implore Your Honorable House to take such measures for the repression of these evils as to Your Wisdom shall seem meet, and thus manifest the reverence of our country for the Law of God and the rights of conscience.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray.

*Petitions should be in triplicate: one addressed as above, another on which Council should be substituted for Assembly, and a third addressed to His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Governor General of British North America, &c., &c., in Council.

Some names of Petitioners should be written on the sheet containing the Petition.

DIED.

At Bradford, on the 14th March last, the Rev. ALX. ROSS, Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, of inflammation of the lungs, aged 63 years. Mr. Ross was a native of Logic, in Scotland. He was educated at Tain Academy, and King's College, Aberdeen, where he obtained

a high character for his attainments in mathematics, natural philosophy and other studies. He obtained the first prize in the natural philosophy class in the session 1820-1, besides several other prizes. While acting as schoolmaster of the parochial school of Kincardine, Mr. Ross was ordained a minister by the Presbytery of Tain on the 3rd June, 1829, and through the auspices of the Glasgow North American Colonial Society, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, of which Dr. Burns, then of Paisley, and Mr. David Welsh, of Glasgow, were the then secretaries, he received a call from the Gaelic and English congregation of Aldbro', in the London district, Upper Canada, where he laboured for about twelve years. He removed from Aldbro' to Woolwich, and from Woolwich to Bradford, where he has resided for the last eleven years. Mr. Ross had been in a declining state of health for two or three years back. He leaves a widow and several children.

At Williamstown, Glengarry, on the 9th March, much and justly regretted, Janet Fraser, widow of the late lamented Rev. John Mackenzie, of Williamstown, in the 67th year of her age. Sustained by a Saviour's love under long protracted sufferings, she died in the glorious hope which the Gospel alone can convey, assured that "those who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

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