

their godly ancestors in the faith, and bearing the old inscription, shining all the brighter from the flames through which it has recently come, *Nec tamen consumebatur*. And, though the late severe storm of frost and snow, then at its height, prevented so full an attendance as would have been present under more favourable circumstances, a goodly number seated themselves at the holy table, and all who witnessed the services were exceedingly gratified by the decorum and solemnity by which they were characterized.

Dr. Barclay, of Toronto, preached on the Friday preceding to a respectable audience in the forenoon, and again in the evening. The evening services were rendered all the more interesting from the ordination of three additional Elders, viz: Messrs. Robt. Denniston, Andrew Cathcart and John Richardson, previously elected by the voluntary and unanimous choice of the congregation; and also from the Presbyterian Missionary Meeting, held immediately after, for the supply of service in vacant churches within the bounds, and the supplementing of the Clergy Reserve Annual Fund; at which were appointed a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of a Lay Association, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of carrying out the proposal of the Presbytery. The Rev. J. Mackerras, of Bowmanville, took part in the Missionary proceedings, and remained to assist Mr. Douglas on the Saturday and Sunday.

It is pleasing to learn that similar Missionary meetings are being held all round this quarter, and that a general revival of the people's affections to the Church of their fathers is being everywhere awakened—and it deserves to be added that the congregation at Peterborough is not only a self-sustaining congregation, and one that has made great exertions to secure a faithful minister for themselves, and to furnish their Church with stoves and lamps and needful decorations at considerable expense, but is entitled to the praise, more honourable than common, of having shown their gratitude for the clerical assistance rendered by the Presbytery of Toronto by paying the travelling expenses of all the ministers who have at any time since their resumption of an independent position come to do duty among them. Such a line of conduct merits success.

#### BRITANNICUS.

Peterborough, C.W., 14th Jan., 1859.

#### DEATH OF JOHN CAMERON, Esq., RULING ELDER OF DUNDEE.

*The Editor of the Presbyterian.*

SIR,—I have looked into every number of the "Presbyterian" for the last three or four months, for a notice—from the pen of another—of the death of John Cameron, Esq., of Fairfield; but, as it seems to have miscarried, perhaps the following will not

appear to you too late for insertion:—Mr. Cameron died at Fairfield, Charlottenburgh, on the 18th day of August, after some months of severe bodily suffering, much and justly regretted. Unobtrusive in his manners, he was yet a prominent member of society. Claiming no superiority, he was accepted as a guide. Making no pretensions to superior sanctity, his life was eminently an epistle of God, and, though cut off in mid-time of his usefulness, he lived long enough to secure he respects of all who knew him. In matters of business he was upright and honourable. As a friend he was trusty and true. As a husband and father, affectionate and kind. In discharging his duties of the eldership he was a faithful steward, "an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." For a long time the Church of Williamstown enjoyed his services, but for the last few years official business required his presence in Dundee, where his practical knowledge and sterling worth were soon recognized by the kirk-session, who appointed him, from time to time, Ruling Elder for the church there. And every one acquainted with its present state knows that with him that office was no sinecure. Gifted with great natural sagacity, tempered by the wisdom which cometh from above, he was enabled, in the absence of a fixed pastor, not only to keep the congregation united and harmonious, but even to add to its strength, and render it more worthy the acceptance of a minister than ever it was before. But the generous, warm-hearted and trusty counsellor is gone. To his family the loss is irreparable. In the church there is a blank which may not soon be filled. His voice is no more heard; but let us hope that it may long be felt that, "though dead, he yet speaketh."

"Called hence, he fell asleep at Heaven's request, Whose virtue warmed us, and whose counsel blessed,

Framed every tie that binds the heart to prove His duty friendship, and his friendship love,

But yet, remembering that the parting sigh Appoints the just to slumber, not to die, The starting tear we checked, and kissed the rod, And not to earth resigned him, but to God!" P.

#### OUR ORPHANAGE SCHEME.

The following letter has just been received by Mr. Paton from the Rev. M. Nickelson, of the Tron Church, Edinburgh, who is now acting as Secretary of the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India. It shows how deeply interested friends at Home are in the welfare of our Mission; and we trust that a perusal may incite us all, old and young, to fresh exertions.

Our young readers will be pleased to notice that there is good prospect of the orphanages being increased, so as to supply all our schools with orphans:—

{ EDINBURGH, 3 Regent Terrace  
January 4th, 1859.

DEAR SIR,—I duly received yours of date 10th Dec. last; and I beg to assure you that the Ladies' Association are deeply interested in the good work you and your friends have entered on, of enlisting the feelings of the young of Canada in the cause of Missions. We earnestly pray that He whose cause you have at heart will abundantly bless and prosper all your endeavours. Since I had the pleasure of receiving your letter I heard from Miss Hebron, and the following extract from her letter, of date 22nd Nov. last, will interest you and those in Canada who are willing to aid in educating the young in India:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of the letter enclosed from Mr. Paton, and am happy to inform you that "The Canadian School" was opened on the 1st Sept., and has been steadily progressing ever since. We have 25 girls on our list, and of a better class than generally attend our day-schools. I am very well pleased with the teacher we have placed there, and his wife is going to teach the girls needle-work, which is not taught in the other schools. So I hope we shall please our friends in Canada, as the school promises fairly; and may God bless our efforts. The funds are just sufficient to cover our present expenses, and, as they increase, I hope the school will also."

I am truly glad to hear that the opening of the school has given pleasure to our young friends in Canada, and sincerely hope that they will not weary in well-doing. I need not say that any information I can send you, calculated to interest old or young in our Schools, and in mission-work in general, I shall transmit with very great pleasure. May I ask you kindly to send me another number of the *Juvenile Presbyterian*. I have perused with very great pleasure a number of the *Presbyterian*; and I am very happy to think that old and young in Canada are so well supplied with interesting religious intelligence. We have it in view to enlarge our operations in India, and I hope at next meeting of the Sub-Committee (on the 16th inst.) we shall make some progress in our plans. We hope, therefore, soon to be able to supply all demands on us for orphans. I shall lay your letter before that meeting, and I feel assured the members of Committee will be rejoiced to hear of the interest felt in their operations by the young in Canada. Allow me to say for myself that it will be a great pleasure to me to hear from you at any time. Any suggestions you may have to offer will be most welcome; and any information as to what is done by any of your schools in Canada, fitted to stir up our own young people, will be most valuable. We have it under consideration to issue a small periodical of our own, containing all the information we think fitted to increase the general interest that is felt in our schools. If it goes on, we will take care that it is sent to you.

With much esteem, and earnestly praying that God will bless your efforts,

Believe me,

Yours very truly,  
MAXWELL NICKELSON.

#### BRANTFORD.

This thriving town has, for the space of several months, been supplied with Missionary service by the Presbytery of Hamilton. It was visited in 1851 and in 1855 by various members of Presbytery; but, except such desultory visitations, it was insufficiently supplied, simply because at these periods, and until recently, the