

It was moved by Mr. A. Stevenson, and seconded by Mr. D. B. Whimster, and agreed to, "That the Presbytery should overture the General Assembly to unite the stations at Allenford and Elsinore in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, with the congregation at Tara in the Presbytery of Bruce, and put these congregations under the jurisdiction of this Presbytery."

D. J. McINNES, *Presbytery Clerk.*

Obituary Notices.

THE LATE ADIEL SHERWOOD, ESQUIRE.

It is said of David, the King of Israel, that "after he had served his own generation according to the will of God, he fell on sleep." This may be truly said of Adiel Sherwood, Esq., who died on the 25th of February, 1874, in the 96th year of his age. He was the second son of Thomas Sherwood, Esq., magistrate, a retired officer of the Queen's Rangers, who served during the war of the Revolution of America, and settled with his family as a U. E. Loyalist in Elizabethtown, about a mile and a half below where Brockville is now situated. Here he raised a large family, of which Adiel, the venerable Elder of the first Presbyterian Church, Brockville, was the second son.

In his youth he was of a lovely and amiable character; and in after life, as a professor of the religion of Jesus, he was remarkable for his humility, and the deep interest he always felt in promoting the cause of the Redeemer. In early life he had few advantages of education and mental improvement. Schools at that period of the settlement of the country were comparatively unknown; the means of his intellectual culture were therefore confined to the family of his father, but these were largely improved by his own untiring application. After a lapse of time, by the united exertions of the neighbours, a school-master was obtained. Mr. Sherwood's family took the full advantage of this favourable opportunity. His son Reuben became a land surveyor, and Adiel became a school teacher, to the great benefit of this part of the country, where he rose, step by step, to influence, usefulness and respectability. After teaching school for some time he commenced farming, and married Miss Polly Baldwin, a young lady of cultivated mind and amiable manners, from Connecticut. This union was a happy one, and of singular advantage to Mr. Sherwood. Through their long union she was a crown to her husband, acted with great wisdom and discretion, and qualified her large family of daughters to fill some of the most responsible positions in the community. She had but one son, who is now a member of the Brockville bar.

Some time after his marriage, Mr. Sherwood relinquished farming for commercial pursuits, and by his integrity and stability of character, established himself in the confidence of the Montreal merchants, and in the esteem of the country at large. He would have been chosen the representative in Parliament, but he objected.

In 1762, under Col. James Breckinridge, acted as Lieutenant of the district of Johnstown, Mr. Sherwood was made ensign and adjutant of the first regiment of Leeds Militia, and rose in it to the command, as colonel.

Mr. Sherwood was always anxious to promote the intelligence of the country by the diffusion of useful knowledge. Among other plans he purchased a number of well selected books in Montreal, as a commencement of a public and circulating library. It may be judged of the state of literature