

Committee was appointed of which Rev. J. McTavish is Convener.

At a previous meeting, a committee had been appointed to visit Ashburn, to meet with and counsel the dissentients there, to join with them in supplication at a throne of grace, and see if peace and harmony could be restored, the Presbytery having disposed of the long pending case by deciding "that they did not feel warranted in dissolving the pastoral relation." The efforts of this committee were abortive, and the dissentient party again petitioned for supply of sermon. This placed the Presbytery in great difficulty; it was felt by all that supply could not be given to the parties in their present position; and whether to constitute them into a congregation, or refuse their application, was felt most difficult to decide. At length a motion having been made to refuse, it was moved in amendment, and carried by a large majority, not to decide that at present, but to meet as a Presbytery at an early day at Ashburn, and try to get, by the fullest and most careful inquiry, further light as to the course of duty; whereon Mr. Sharp protested and appealed to next meeting of Synod. In the altered circumstances, supply was granted to the dissentients in the interim.

In connection with this case and an application from parties in the town of Whitby, lately connected with the Toronto Presbytery, much was said, and well, by members, respecting the great importance of now practically carrying out the union. A large committee was appointed to visit Whitby, to use every proper effort to induce the parties to connect themselves with Dr. Thornton's congregation, which, it was ascertained, a number are quite disposed to do, while others are not.

A committee was appointed for the examination of students now labouring as missionaries within the bounds of Presbytery, to meet previous to the opening of Knox College.

Next meeting was appointed to be held at Colantus on Tuesday, 5th Nov at 11 o'clock, and to be opened by a sermon by the Rev. A. Kennedy, the Moderator.—*Com.*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Victoria held its annual meeting at Melbourne in April last. The Moderator, Rev. James Ballantyne, delivered an address referring to the Union consummated two years ago, which was the precursor of Unions in Nova Scotia, and in Canada, and observing that it would in the last Union heard of. He also remarked that the good effects of the Union were becoming increasingly apparent. Prior to the Union, Presbyterianism was well nigh at a stand still, but as the result of the Union, it was receiving a fresh stimulus, and although only two years have elapsed since the consummation of the Union, numerous Churches have been formed, and a considerable number of Ministers have been settled.

The Assembly, on the motion of Dr. Cairns, commissioned the Rev. Mr. Divorty, who was obliged by the state of his health to visit Scotland, to appear as a representative of the Church of Victoria before any of the Church Courts in Scotland. This was with the view of counteracting the efforts of the Rev. Mr. Miller, one of the dissentient party.

The next meeting of the Assembly was appointed to take place on the first Tuesday of October.

We observe that the Rev. J. Z. Huie, late of Perth, who has been occupying a position as a Presbyterian Minister, uncon-

nected with any Body, has returned to Victoria, in which colony he formerly laboured. He has gone out in connexion with the dissentient party, from whom he has received a very cordial welcome.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, met at St. John on 19th July. The retiring Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Turnbull, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from I. Cor. 15: 53. The Rev. W. Alves was elected Moderator.

Reports were presented from various committees. The subject of Union engaged the attention of the Synod, and it was agreed to send down for the consideration of Presbyteries the Basis of Union lately adopted by the Synod of the Presbyterian Churches of the Lower Provinces, with a view to union with that body.

The question of instrumental music in public worship was taken up on a motion by the Rev. Mr. Turnbull. Two motions were submitted, one to the effect that the Synod disapprove of instrumental music in the worship of God, and the other to the effect that it is not expedient to agitate the question. The first motion was carried by a vote of 11 to 7.

The next ordinary meeting of Synod was appointed to be held at Woodstock.

Corner for the Young.

LITTLE MARY.

Away in the West lived a Roman Catholic family, in which was a little girl seven years old. She was induced to go to a Protestant Sabbath school. The father became very anxious about his soul. His distress increased daily; and one night, at the midnight hour, he arose from his bed in agony. He begged his wife to pray for him as he said he did not know how to pray for himself. She told him she could not pray any better than he could.

'What shall I do then?'
'Perhaps,' said she, 'our little Mary can pray?'

So the father went up to her chamber where she was fast asleep, and took her up from her bed in his arms and bore her down stairs, and putting her down gently, he said to her with great earnestness—

'Mary, can you pray?'
'O yes, father, I can pray.'
'Will you kneel down and pray for your poor father?'

'Yes, I will pray for you.'
So she knelt, put up her little hands and said—

'Our Father, who art in heaven,'—going through with the Lord's prayer. Then she prayed for her father in her own language, asking God to love him and have mercy upon him, and to pardon all his sins, for Jesus Christ's sake.

When she had finished her prayer, her father said to her:

'Mary, can you read in your Bible?'
'O yes, father, I can read. Shall I read to you in my Bible?'

'Yes, read to me.'
So she began at the third chapter of the Gospel according to John. She read along until she came to that verse, 'As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'

'O Mary,' said he, 'that I cry?'
'Yes father, it is here. Jesus Christ said so.'
'Well, that is just what I need—what your poor father needs.'

'Yes, father; and hear the rest of it: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life."
'O that is for me—for just such as me!

"Whosoever believeth in Him," I can believe in Him, I do believe in Him.'

And from that hour the father went on his way rejoicing in Christ Jesus with great joy.

So gather in the children—all children—into the Sabbath school, of all classes, from all conditions.—*Anon.*

OUR REST.

"The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed to us."

My feet are worn and weary with the march
Over rough roads and up the steep hill-side;
O city of our God, I fain would see
Thy pastures green, where peaceful waters glide

My hands are weary labouring, toiling on,
Day after day for perishable meat;
O city of our God, I fain would rest;
I sigh to gain Thy glorious mercy seat.

My garments, travel worn and stained with dust,
Oft rent by briars and thorns that crowd my way,

Would fain be made, O Lord, my righteousness
Spotless and white in heaven's unclouded ray.

My eyes are weary looking at the sin,
Impiety and scorn upon the earth;
O city of our God within thy walls
All shine in glory of the heavenly birth.

My heart is weary of its own deep sin—
Sinning, repenting, sinning still away;
When shall my soul Thy glorious presence feel,
And find its guilt, dear Saviour, washed away?

Patience, poor soul! the Saviour's feet were worn;

The Saviour's heart and hands were weary too;

His garments stained, and travel worn and old,
His sacred eyes blinded with tears for you.

Love thou the path of sorrow that He trod;
Toil on, and wait in patience for thy rest;

O city of God, we soon shall see
Thy glorious walls, home of the loved and blest.
Anon.

RECEIPTS FOR RECORD UP TO 24th AUGUST.

For Vol. 17th—G Gillespie, R Broomfield, Vernonville; Jas Haggart, Brampton; Rev J C Moffatt, Walkertown; Rev J Cameron, Sulivan; R Brown, Bradford; W McIntosh, J Breadner, Athelstane; Rev D Waters, Sauguen; A McIntosh, Colborne; J Alexander, Esq, Barrie; Rev J Fotheringham, Cromarty; Mr J Fotheringham, St Mary's; Mrs Johnston, W Glover, D Ross, J Fisher, Grafton; Mrs Young, Mrs Weller, T Pratt, H Rose, J Clazy, Mrs R Purvis, J Pratt, Colourg; H F Cummings, Chatham; Rev Dr Jennings, Toronto; Rev W Fraser, Bond Head; Mrs McKay, Bradford; Rev J Dick, Richmond Hill; J McIlveen, York Mills; J Barclay, R McNeil, G Ewan, Oakville; J Sutherland, Holland Landing; J Beaton, Nobleton; Dr. Agnew, Toronto.

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