

shall cease and determine. If it is to be so, the Episcopal Church in Canada must be as distinct from the Government as the Episcopal Church in Scotland is, though we have certainly no wish that the Scotch Service Book should be adopted. It is thought that the holding of such Synods including laymen, is a sort of approximation to Presbyterianism. It appears to us, however, that the tendency is rather to Congregationalism. In our Church Courts no laymen (if the word is to be used) have a place. All the members are ordained to a spiritual office, being presbyters *i.e.* elders. At all events, it is satisfactory to witness the decline of absolute one-man power.

GALT.

Mr. John James, Probationer, has signified his acceptance of the call given him by the U. P. Congregation here.

HONORARY DEGREE.

We are glad to observe that, at the 25th annual commencement of the University of the city of New York, on Wednesday last, the honorary degree of D.D. was conferred on the Rev. John Jennings, of the First United Presbyterian Church, Toronto. The United States Universities have been censured for sometimes conferring degrees, without due discrimination. If they made it their rule to select for distinction only men of equal desert with Mr. Jennings, no such reproach would lie at their door. We trust he may long be spared worthily to wear his newly acquired honorable title.—*Globe* (Toronto, 4th July.)

PROPOSED UNION IN NOVA SCOTIA.

It appears from the *Missionary Record* of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia that the Synod of that church,

which met at Truro on the 23d of June, had a visit from a Deputation of the Free Church in the Province, and that after the interview, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

“That the members of this Synod hail with much satisfaction, the appearance, among us, of our brethren of the Free Church; and having listened with great pleasure to their addresses, desire to express gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the progress which we are evidently making towards a cordial union, and cheerfully pledge ourselves, by avoiding unnecessary causes of irritation, and by endeavoring to promote the growth of Christian love among ministers and people, to further a cause which is dear to our hearts.”

COLUMBUS.

The U. P. Congregation here have unanimously called Mr. John M. King, A.M., Probationer, to be their Pastor.

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

At a late meeting of this Presbytery, Rev. Gilbert Tweedie laid before the Presbytery, a paper intimating his demission of the pastoral charge of the stations under his oversight; assigning among other reasons, his inability to undertake any longer the amount of labor requisite in the very wide field he occupies. It was agreed that the paper meanwhile, lie on the table, ordered the people to be duly apprized of this step on the part of Mr. Tweedie, and the Revds. Messrs. Thornton, Laurence, and Ewing, were appointed a deputation to visit the stations concerned, viz. Lindsay, Verulum, Mariposa, and Fenclon, and to report to next meeting to be held at Mamilla in Mariposa, on Thursday, 30th July.—*Communicated.*

Gleanings.

ANTI-TOBACCO MOVEMENT.

At the opening of the Presbyterian General Assembly, at Cleveland, a communication was read from the trustees of the church and some of the citizens, requesting the members of the Assembly to abstain from the use of tobacco during the session, so that the pews might not be defiled! The trustees had previously removed all the carpets in the house. But this was not all. The communication further stated that some of the families by whom the members would be entertained had been made very sensitive on the same point in former years, and many had refused to receive members, for fear they would prove to be tobacco-chewers.—*Canadian Independent.*