

Presbytery of London.

At the meeting of the London Presbytery on Wednesday of last week it was resolved: "That whereas, a plibiscito or popular vote is arranged to be taken at the municipal elections throughout Ontario on the 2nd of January to ascertain the extent to which the people of the province desire the total suppression of the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors, and whereas a preponderating affirmative vote cannot fail to encourage the general temperance movement, while a preponderating negative vote would have a contrary effect, therefore, resolved that this Presbytery wishes to place on record its earnest desire and expectation that all members and adherent within the bounds will do what in them lies to promote a decisive majority in favour of prohibition, and that this motion be recommended to be read in all churches in the Presbytery."

The Church Abroad.

SCOTLAND. THE Free Church Sustentation Fund for the five months ending 10th ult. shows a decrease of £839, compared with the corresponding period of last year. Edinburgh Presbytery's share of the decrease is £321, a result attributed largely to the loss the community has suffered by the Australian failures—a loss estimated at £200,000 a year. There has been a decrease also of £194 in the foreign mission contributions for the past half year.

REV. GORDON MITCHELL, M.A., of Kilmadock, Perthshire, died at the Manse of Norriston on the 27th ult. at the age of 84.

REV. GEORGE LAURIE FOGG, of Torthorwald, Dumfriesshire, who is retiring owing to ill-health, is to receive £230 a year, and his assistant £190 with the manse and glebe.

THE memorial stone of the new church of Troon, which is to cost £10,000, was laid the other day by the Duke and Duchess of Portland.

COMMUNION plate is about to be presented to Auchmithie church by Mr. Walter Low of Baledrick, in memory of his father, Rev. Walter Low, of Lochlie.

REV. ROBERT BARCLAY, assistant, Barony, Glasgow, has been elected by a large majority minister of the West parish, Greenock, in succession to his late father.

KINROSS Presbytery have dismissed as irrelevant the protest against the election of Rev. Mr. Williamson as assistant-successor to Rev. Mr. Peters. There will probably be an appeal to the Synod.

MR. STEPHEN WILLIAMSON, M.P., says that prior to the day of election in 1885 the minister of Cupar-Fife admonished the communicants sitting at the table as to the exercise of their votes on the following day.

THE Iowa people appear to have become to some extent reconciled to the Episcopal cottage chapel, the minister's housekeeper before his marriage being now in charge of it, notwithstanding her being a Presbyterian.

EDINBURGH Presbytery have resolved to call attention from the pulpit to the fact that marriages advertised as "by special license" are simply irregular marriages, rendering those who contract them liable to discipline.

REV. CHARLES SMITH ADIE, of Tibbermore, whose jubilee was celebrated recently, died in his 78th year. The son of a minister of Tealing, near Dunfermline, he was appointed by the Crown to Etzell in 1843, where he laboured for 25 years before being translated to the Perthshire parish.

THE death has occurred suddenly of Mrs. Harriet Thomson of Newport, Fife, widow of a minister of Forgan. Deceased, who was in her 78th year, was widely known and greatly esteemed. The late Rev. D. Monro of Campsie, and Mr. Munro, town clerk of Glasgow, were among her brothers.

At the annual meeting of the synodical board for examination of applicants for admission to the divinity hall of Glasgow University, five graduates and twenty-seven non-graduates presented themselves. All the graduates (who had to pass in Hebrew and Greek) and seventeen of the others were successful.

REV. PROF. BRUCE, opening a bazaar at Bothwell in aid of the organ fund, said that the old proctor system, especially in centres such as Glasgow, did much to hinder the prosperity of the church generally. It was no simple matter to lag behind the age, and so get out of touch with the young.

ENGLAND. GREAT dissatisfaction exists amongst many of the ministers and elders of the English Presbyterian Church with the result of the recent discussion on Disestablishment in the South London Presbytery. Many of those who felt that it was unwise to raise the question at all, now hold that, since it has been raised, it cannot be allowed to remain in its present unsatisfactory condition. It is admitted on all hands that an overwhelming majority of the Church is in favour of Disestablishment; and it is felt by many that silence any longer, for merely prudential reasons, will be at once cowardly and misleading. Steps are about to be taken for having the question discussed in other Presbyteries.

MR. JAMES J. GLOVER (probationer), Dumfriesshire, has been appointed to the charge of Whalley Range mission station in connection with St. George's Presbyterian church, Blackburn.

THE memorial tablet to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Donald Fraser, of Marylebone, was unveiled by Rev. Principal Dykes, D.D., in presence of a distinguished company, at the Shaftesbury Institute, formerly the Bell street mission, in which Dr. Fraser took a deep interest.

THIS death has occurred of Rev. James Ayton Craig, who had been for nearly thirty years minister of the congregation of Crookham, near Cornhill, Northumberland, in the Presbytery of Berwick. Mr. Craig was born in 1827, and was ordained at Crookham, his only charge, in 1864. His death was very sudden.

REV. THOS. BOYD, M.A., of Oldham, has been appointed Secretary in Scotland. With a view to his acceptance of the post Mr. Boyd intends resigning his charge at the next meeting of Manchester Presbytery to take up residence in Edinburgh, where his father, Sir Thomas Boyd, formerly Lord Provost resides. The late Rev. Dr. Cathcart represented the society in Scotland for many years.

REV. J. McFEETERS has resigned **IRELAND.** his connection with Bright Presbyterian church, to which he has ministered for about six years.

THE Assembly's College, Belfast, opened on November 1st. with an address by the Rev. Professor Todd Maition on "The Old Creed and Modern Thought."

REV. J. F. GARDINER, of Kingstown, recently conducted with much interest and success a series of evangelistic services in the Presbyterian church Athy.

REV. DR. KINNEAR, of Letterkenny, has just made a further and forty-first gift of books to Magee College, Londonderry. The gift comprises one hundred volumes.

REV. DR. McCHRYNE EDGAR delivered an able lecture last week in the Metropolitan Hall, Dublin, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The subject was, "Who wrote the Bible?"

REV. WM. S. HERON, who graduated last April from Knox College, Toronto, has entered the Assembly's College, Belfast, where he intends spending at least two sessions in the study of Theology, Biblical criticism and O. T. literature."

THE Belfast Royal Academy, one of the oldest educational institutions in the city, held its prize distribution on Saturday. Many distinctions have been gained by the scholars; and the Principal, Mr. Foster, has done much to increase the prestige of the school.

IN the examination for the John Brooke Scholarship, in connection with the King's Inns, the highest place, with £50 tenable for three years, has been taken up by Mr. R. D. Megaw, M.A., LL.B., of Queen's College,

Belfast. Mr. Megaw's answering was of an exceptionally high order.

WELSH Presbyterianism is at present rich in delightful reminiscences of the late lamented Dr.

WALES. Hughes, of Carnarvon. Mr. Edward Griffith, J.P., Dolgelly, contributes one of the best to the *Golenad*. Dr. Hughes' first visit to Dolgelly took place in 1849, when he was a student at Bala College. He came on Saturday, riding one of Rice Edwards' ponies, which did good service to generations of students in the days when the train was unknown to the Welsh valleys, and which have been immortalised by Daniel Owen's genius in "Rhys Lewis." His suit was not of the best material, nor of the latest cut, and it had evidently been measured at a time when the preacher was of a less stature. His kind host saw no promise of a happy Sunday in the timid and bashful young man. When he entered the pulpit on Sunday morning he cast a somewhat sheepish glance at the audience, but the moment he began to speak every ear was bound in rapt attention, and from that day forth he was one of the favourites of the pulpit at Dolgelly. Another incident mentioned by Mr. Griffith is very characteristic of the popularity of some of the old preachers, and of the enthusiasm with which the Welsh people of that generation regarded their favourite preachers. A preaching meeting—an institution, perhaps, peculiar to Wales—was held at Dolgelly in 1856; and the preachers expected to take part were Rev. John Jones (Talyssan), John Hughes (Liverpool), Dr. Owen Thomas, and Dr. Hughes, then a young minister at Borth. The friends of Dolgelly sent a conveyance to meet the preachers, and when word was brought that they were approaching the whole town turned out to meet them, and they were escorted to town in somewhat the same manner as a candidate for parliamentary honours is treated now-a-days.

AN old Scotch Presbyterian church on West Fourteenth street, New York, has passed from the category of sacred to that of secular property, by a deed of sale given by the trustees to certain capitalists for the consideration of \$315,000. The Scotch Presbyterian church corporation will erect a handsome church on a lot they have bought on the corner of Ninety-sixth street and Central Park west.

THE Central Presbyterian church, lately so hopelessly organized in Akron, Presbytery of Cleveland, is doing good work under the careful direction of Rev. J. C. Elliott, pastor.

THE Point Breze church, Penn., has adopted the term service for its eldership, electing W. P. Wooldridge, J. T. McCauley, John G. Stephenson and John E. Brockway.

THE Thornwell orphanage, Clinton, S.C., which is under the care of the Presbyterians, has issued a strong appeal for help. The institution does much good, and is supported by voluntary gifts.

THE old Blackwater church has been repaired. This church is 126 years old. It is situated about half way between Ocean View and Frankford, the Rev. W. H. Shepp, pastor. It was dedicated clear of debt, and enough money was raised to paint it. The members are few in number, but willing hearts and hands can do wonders sometimes.

REV. J. M. EVANS, in reporting his year's work to the Evangelistic Committee of the Synod of Alabama, stated he had preached 615 sermons; there were 489 additions to the Presbyterian Church, 1,114 families had been visited, and over \$5,000 secured for evangelistic labour in the bounds of the Synod from the churches visited.

A PLEASANT reunion was held recently at the Second Presbyterian church, in honour of the pastor, Rev. Charles S. Pomeroy, D.D. For twenty years he has laboured faithfully in this pastorate and 1,063 members have been added to the church. The exact anniversary of the pastorate was last June, but owing to the absence of many members it was not observed at that time. If there is comfort in the thought that we have been used of God in a great work Dr. and Mrs. Pomeroy certainly had that comfort as they listened to the congratulations of their fellow-labourers.