

for leave for Rev. William Duff to retire from the active duties of the ministry with the status of pastor *emeritus*. The reports on Sabbath-schools and on the State of Religion indicate hopeful progress. "There is little reason to doubt that the rising generation will surpass their predecessors in sobriety, knowledge, liberality and activity in Christian work." The statistics showed an increase of \$172 for the Schemes of the Church, over past years; but the Presbytery has not yet fully come up to the amount allotted to it by the Finance Committee. The congregation of Shellburne had given more than the amount allotted to it; but the vacant charges, and those vacant for part of the year, gave less. A recent Roman Catholic ordination, the Presbytery agreed to give no decision on the principle involved, and recommended that each case be dealt with as it may arise. The act for reception of ministers from other bodies was approved of with a slight emendation.

WHITBY: 20th April:—A conference was held on the State of Religion, and the Presbytery agreed to recommend that ministers use increased diligence to secure the co-operation of parents in impressing upon the children of the Church their relation to the Covenant. Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected, namely:—Messrs. Crozier, Abraham Peattie, and Little—ministers; and Messrs. A. Beith, T. Bingham, T. Yellowlees, and S. Wood, *elders*. The draft act anent the reception of ministers was adopted *simpliciter*.

TORONTO: 11th May:—Rev. G. Eakins' resignation of the charge of Mount Albert, Ballantrae, was accepted. Rev. W. Aitken, of Vaughan, intimated his acceptance of a call from the congregation of St. James' Church, Newcastle, N. B. The Presbytery agreed to his translation. A call, numerously signed, was presented from the Central Church congregation, Toronto, in favour of Rev. P. McF. Macleod, of Stratford. A committee was appointed to prepare a minute expressing the Presbytery's deep regret on account of the death of the Hon. George Brown.

BARRIE: 20th April:—Rev. E. W. Pantan having withdrawn his resignation, the Presbytery agreed to unite the congregations of Bradford, and Second W. Gwillimbury, W. Gwillimbury and Innisfil, into one charge, under Mr. Pantan's care. In regard to the Assembly's remit on Romish ordination, it was agreed that applications of ex-priests for admission to the ministry of this Church be dealt with as they arise.

PARIS:—The following ministers have been elected Commissioners to the General Assembly:—Messrs. Lowry, Aull, and R. N. Grant, by rotation, and Messrs. McEwen, W. A. McKay, and Dr. Cochrane, by election.

## Obituary.

REV. JOHN STEWART, NEW GLASGOW, died on the morning of the 4th May, after a brief illness. On the last Sabbath of April, he preached in Knox Church, Pictou. On Thursday of the same week, he attended the weekly prayer meeting in James' Church, New Glasgow. He was taken severely ill on Friday, and passed away in the deepest peace, on Tuesday morning. Mr. Stewart was a sturdy veteran, a man of many labours, a most indefatigable and enterprising worker in the Lord's vineyard. He completed his fourscore years in April. He was born in little Dunkeld, Scotland. His grandfather fought at Culloden under the "Protender." Mr. Stewart studied under Chalmers, and was a class-mate of Dr. Duff, Dr. Robert Lee, and Dr H. Bonar. He sympathised intensely with the evangelical party in the Church of Scotland. He was licensed in 1832, and was in the ministry forty-eight years. He came to Nova Scotia shortly after his licensure and laboured with great faithfulness in the face of prodigious difficulties, in Cape Breton, and subsequently in New Glasgow. In 1844 he, with nearly the whole Synod adhered to the Free Church, and he became minister of "Knox Church," New Glasgow, a position which he continued to occupy until his retirement from the active duties of the ministry. He rendered very valuable service in establishing the Free Church Theological Hall, and was remarkably successful in raising funds for that institution. He was always ready to help deserving young men, and some fifteen or sixteen of his congregation are now in the Gospel ministry. He was an earnest friend of union, and of late years delighted in preaching wherever he was welcomed. Mr. Stewart will be remembered for generations as a very able preacher, an earnest evangelist, an indefatigable labourer, a chivalrous and brave pioneer. He rests from his long labours and his works do follow him. He was buried at New Glasgow, on Thursday, the 6th May, his funeral being attended by a very large concourse of people from all parts of the country, and by old friends from the "regions beyond."

ANN PRIMROSE MILLAR, the beloved wife of the Rev. R. Dewar, Lake Shore, County Grey, departed this life the 30th ultimo, in the 55th year of her age, after an illness of a few days, leaving behind her a family of six children, some of whom still needed her care, and a husband who is laid aside from his beloved work by a failure of sight. She was an eminent Christian, and her life was fruitful in good works. Her young days were