

sentee to the Patron, who shall thereupon have Power to issue another Presentation within the Period of Six Calendar Months after the Date of such Deliverance if no Appeal shall be taken to a superior Judicatory of the Church, or in the event of an Appeal being taken to a superior Judicatory of the Church, then within Six Months after the Date of the Judgment of the superior Judicatory of the Church affirming the Deliverance of the inferior Judicatory of the Church or dismissing the Appeal.

III. And be it enacted, That if the Presbytery or other Judicatory of the Church, after considering all the Objections aforesaid to the Presentee, and all the Reasons stated against his Settlement in that particular Parish, shall be satisfied, in the Discharge of their Functions and in the Exercise of their Authority and Duty as Ministers of the Gospel and as Office-bearers in the Church, that no good Objections against the Individual or no good Reason against his Settlement has been stated as aforesaid, or that the Objections and Reasons stated are not truly founded in any Objection personal to the Presentee in regard to his Ministerial Gifts and Qualities, either in general or with reference to that particular Parish, or arise from causeless Prejudices, the said Presbytery or other Judicatory of the Church shall repel the same, and, subject to the Right of Appeal as hereinafter provided, shall complete the further Trials and Examination of the Presentee, and, if found by them to be qualified for the Ministry in that Parish, shall admit and receive him into the Benefice as by Law provided.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Presbytery or other Judicatory of the Church to reject any Presentee upon the Ground of any mere Dissent or Dislike expressed by any Part of the Congregation of the Parish to which he is presented, and which Dissent or Dislike shall not be founded upon Objections or Reasons to be fully cognosed, judged of, and determined in the Manner aforesaid by the said Presbytery or other Judicatory of the Church.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be in the Power of the Presentee, Patron, or Objectors to appeal from any Deliverance pronounced as aforesaid by the said Presbytery acting within its Competency as a Judicatory of the Church, which Appeal shall lie exclusively to the superior Judicatories of the Church according to the Forms and Government of the Church of Scotland as by Law established.

VI. And whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, of Date Twenty-ninth May One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, it was made an Instruction to Presbyteries that if at the moderating in a Call to a vacant Parish the major Part of the Male Heads of Families, Members of the vacant Congregation and in full Communion with the Church, shall disapprove of the Person in whose Favour the Call is proposed to be moderated in, such Disapproval shall be deemed sufficient Ground for the Presbytery rejecting such Person, and that he shall be rejected accordingly, and certain Regulations were passed for carrying the said Instructions into effect: And whereas it has been found by final Judgment of the Court of Session, affirmed by the House of Lords, that a Presbytery, acting in pursuance of the said Act of Assembly and Regulations, refusing to take Trial of the Qualifications of a Presentee, and rejecting him on the sole ground that a Majority of the Male Heads of Families Communicants in the said Parish have dissented, without any Reasons assigned, from his Admission as Minister, acted illegally and in violation of their Duty, and contrary to the Provisions of certain Statutes of the Realm, and particularly the Statute of the Tenth Year of Queen Anne, Chapter Twelve, intituled *An Act to restore Patrons to their ancient Right of Presenting Ministers to the Churches vacant in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland*: And whereas in some Instances a Presentee has, in pursuance of the said Act of Assembly and Regulations relative thereto, been rejected by a Presbytery because of the Dissents of Male Heads of Families Communicants, and a Presentation has thereafter been issued in favour of a second or subsequent Presentee, who has been settled in the same Benefice, and whose Settlement therein and Right thereto have not been questioned in any Court

of Law: And whereas it is expedient that such Settlement in and Right to the Benefice should be secured and protected from future Challenge on the Ground of the Incompetency of the Rejection of the first or prior Presentee; be it enacted, That it shall not be competent to challenge the Settlement or Right to the Benefice of any such second or subsequent Presentee, or to maintain any Proceedings at Law against the Presbytery or Ministers thereof, or other Parties, on account of such Rejection, unless such Challenge or Proceedings shall have been instituted by Action raised in a Court of Law before the First Day of May last.

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

TO PRESBYTERY CLERKS AND OTHERS.

We must express our regret that so little interest in the object of our publication, is apparently taken by those parties, who, from their position, are peculiarly conversant with the proceedings of the various Presbyteries. We devote a considerable time to the selection and preparation of matter for our publication, and we do feel it deeply, that, in this and previous numbers, we have been compelled to go to press with scarcely an item before us, to show that there are Presbyteries in Canada. In this number, we are enabled to present copious extracts, exhibiting what the adherents of the Church in the Lower Provinces are doing, yet we are unable to give any idea of what the efforts of our own Clergymen are effecting in this Province. Our circulation in the Mother Country has been gradually extending, and we are most anxious that the details under the Canadian head should be as ample as possible. Information as to the real state of our Church in this Province, is peculiarly needed at home, and we believe that the more amply it is given, and the more widely it is extended, the better, for it will be, like "seed sown on the water" which "will be found after many days." We trust that we will not have reason to complain again on this subject, and that our remarks will be taken in good part by the parties for whom they are particularly intended, for in making them we are actuated solely by a sincere desire to promote the interests of that portion of the Church of which we are humble members.

PRESENTATION.

On the 19th February, the ladies of Kemptville and its vicinity, by the hands of Mrs. Langly and Miss Finny, presented the Rev. Joseph Anderson, of South Gower, with a splendid copy of Henry's Commentary on the Old and New Testament, procured at New York for the occasion, and intended as an expression of their esteem for him as a zealous minister of Christ. On receiving this valuable gift, Mr. Anderson expressed his deep gratitude to the donors in appropriate and affectionate language.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE SCHOOL.—In consequence of the very large increase in the number of scholars attending the Preparatory School of Queen's Col-

lege, it was found indispensably necessary to provide more extensive accommodation; especially as it was anticipated that the number of pupils would be still further augmented. The Trustees, anxious to promote the prosperity of the Institution, took measures for procuring the accommodation required; and Mr. Campbell, with his assistants and scholars, lately took possession of their new and spacious school room. On that occasion, the Rev. Dr. Machar, and Professors Romanes and Williamson, after examining several of the Greek and Latin classes, embraced the opportunity of addressing the assembled scholars, congratulating them and their teachers on the prosperous condition of the school, exhorting them to diligence in their studies, habits of industry, and good order, and expressing an earnest hope that by their exemplary conduct and proficiency in their studies, they may ever maintain the high character which the school has obtained. On the school breaking up for the Christmas holidays last Dec., the scholars presented Mr. Campbell with a very handsome Quarto Bible, as a testimony of their regard for him as their teacher, accompanied by an affectionate address.—[*Kingston Argus*.]

FIRE AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.—On Sunday, about the close of the forenoon service in the Churches, a fire broke out in Queen's College buildings. It originated in the third story, in one of the students' rooms, and destroyed part of the building used as a Boarding House, and also the part occupied by Professor Romanes. Fortunately, the fire was prevented from extending to the Class Rooms, Library and College School. From the circumstance of the fire occurring during the day, most of the furniture and other moveable property was saved. The portion of the buildings burned, belonged to Mr. James Morton, distiller, who, we regret to say, will be a loser of some £500, not having been insured. The Fire Companies, and Hook & Ladder Company, were early on the spot, and exerted themselves to the utmost to subdue the flames.—[*Kingston Argus*.]

THE CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Under this head for the future will be found such notices of the progress of our Church in the Sister Colonies, as we may from time to time glean from our exchanges, or with which we may be favored by the Clergymen or friends of the Church resident in the various dependencies of the British Empire. We are anxious that our Journal should present as wide a view as possible of the operations of the Church with which we are connected, and we think that intelligence with regard to the religious position of those, who are similarly situated with ourselves as Colonists, will prove peculiarly interesting to our readers.

The Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Miramichi, in the Province of New Brunswick, have given an unanimous call to the Rev. Wm. Stewart, Missionary from the Church of Scotland to the Presbytery of St. John, New Brunswick, to be their stated Pastor. The Rev. Mr. Stewart came out to this country about eighteen months ago, bringing with him certificates of the highest character from places where he had laboured in Scotland. This character he has amply sustained by his diligence, and faithfulness, and ability in his Missionary labours within the bounds of the Presbytery of St. John. He is expected to commence his labours in Chatham immediately.