

was conscious to the end I know well his mind. In the most affectionate terms did he express his gratitude to God for all His goodness, and his entire submission to His will. In his Bible are penned these words, "Have been running down, but I cast myself on the merits of Christ and wait His time." Then follow the first two verses of the 51st Paraphrase, one of his favorite spiritual songs. He died in faith, in hope, in peace. In the eventide of life it was light. His race is run, his warfare ended, and the aged soldier has been received into his rest, as angels sung

"Servant of God 'well done,'
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

He is not dead. Our sainted brother has only gone in a ripe old age, rich in faith to receive the honors of immortality. "Our loss is heaven's gain." He was buried in the Blinbrook Church graveyard according to his own request. The Rev. Mr. Walker, his successor, presided at the services. Rev. Mr. Chrystal prayed at the house, and Rev. Mr. Fraser at the grave. Rev. Messrs. Laing and Vincent conducted the devotional exercises in the church, and the Rev. J. G. Murray preached the funeral sermon. The services throughout were earnest and impressive.

Mr. Cheyne sleeps amongst his own loved people, a most fitting place indeed. He is gone "where tears are wiped from every eye." He has reached the home, where "the weary are at rest."

"Thus star by star declines
Till all are past away,
As morning high and higher shines
To pure and perfect day,
Nor sink those stars in empty night,
But hide themselves in heaven's own light."

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

W. P. W.

MODERATORSHIP.

MR. EDITOR,—What is the meaning of the sentence in "Presbyter's" letter—"The three large bodies which united to constitute the Presbyterian Church in Canada have each been honoured by having a moderator chosen from its ranks, henceforth let all sectional distinctions disappear." Is he unaware that four large bodies—large enough at any rate to be independent Synods—united to constitute the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and that in all negotiations and committees for union, each of the four had a large representation; and that on the day of union, each had an equally honourable and important place? Or does he propose that because one of the four was the smallest, it ought to be wholly ignored now? Evidently "Presbyter" belongs to that Church in the Maritime Provinces that has been "honoured"; he therefore magnanimously exclaims, "henceforth, etc." I would suggest to him to take a lesson from the more courteous heathen Khan of Tartary, who having himself dined, proclaims that others may now dine.

COURTESY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON, APRIL 11, 1878.

Your Committee in presenting their first report hold that it is matter of congratulation that the statistics of "Inland Revenues" for the Dominion of Canada for the year ending 31st June, 1877, show a considerable decrease in the consumption of spirits and malt liquors. The quantity of spirits consumed is 14½ per cent. less than in the previous year, 21¼ per cent. less than the average of the four preceding years; of malt liquors, 4 per cent. less than in the previous year, and 9 per cent. less than the average of the four preceding years. The causes of this falling off are stated by the Commissioner of Inland Revenues to be: 1. The uncertainty of publicans and dealers as to the direction which legislation might take as to prohibition. 2. Illicit distillation. 3. The diminished purchasing power of all classes of the community. Your Committee think he might have added the success attending the earnest efforts of the Temperance Reformers. Your Committee refer with pleasure to the fact as indicating an extensive awakening of the public mind as to the evils of intemperance that the Dunkin Act has been adopted in sixteen counties of Ontario; and though that measure has since been repealed in two counties, your Committee trace this apparent re-action of public sentiment, not to a less earnest desire in the public mind

for legislation to curtail the traffic in strong drink, but to the manifest imperfections of the Act itself and the want of efficient means for its enforcement. Your Committee look forward with much hope to the Permissive Prohibitory Bill now under consideration by the Dominion Parliament, as a local option Act free from many of the imperfections of the Temperance Act of 1864.

Your Committee have no new measures to suggest in opposing this giant evil. Increased means of wholesome recreation, the religious instruction of the young, personal total abstinence, the vigorous support of legislative enactments to cripple and mitigate the evil, if it cannot be suppressed entirely: above all, earnest prayer, the elevating power of the Cross, a higher type of personal piety, are means which, patiently and perseveringly employed, will diminish this foul blot on our fair land, if not entirely remove it. In concluding this report, your Committee believe that it is the duty of the Church to assume a more aggressive attitude toward intemperance,—that while as men we ought to extend a helping hand to all who are ensnared, or in danger of being ensnared, by this accursed vice, as Christians we should love our neighbour as Christ has loved us, and obey the apostolical injunction to remove every stumbling block from the path of a brother; as patriots we should labour to save our land from a traffic which, whatever may be the personal character of some engaged in it, always detracts from the productive interests of the country, and is inseparably connected with an increase of poverty, crime, disease, death; as Presbyterians we should insist that our Church should take no secondary position in grappling with an evil which eats into the peace and happiness of innumerable Canadian homes, obstructs every good effort to ameliorate the condition of mankind, and pursuing its work of death, even searches for its victims within the holy enclosure of the Church itself.

Submitted in the name of the Committee.

JAMES SIEVERIGHT, *Convener.*

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterian Church, Aylmer, has a new organ.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Ballinacfad have been successful in obtaining the services of Mr. Wm. McKay as pastor for the summer months.

THE Dresden "Times" of a recent date gives an account of a presentation to Mr. George A. Scott of a complete set of "Chambers' Encyclopædia" by the Presbyterian congregation, as a token of their appreciation of his services to them. Mr. Scott replied in suitable terms.

REV. MR. MUNRO has accepted the call to the New Glasgow Presbyterian Church. His induction will take place on the first Tuesday of May, when Rev. John Anderson will preach, Rev. G. Munro preside and address the minister, and Rev. Lachlan Cameron address the people.

THE induction of the Rev. A. C. Morton into the pastoral charge of the congregation of North Gower, in the Presbytery of Ottawa, took place on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The Rev. James Whyte preached and delivered the charge to the minister, and Rev. C. I. Cameron presided and addressed the congregation. In the evening a most successful social meeting was held.

THE Rev. Mr. Douglas, of Port Perry, has accepted an appointment to Manitoba. The Port Perry "Standard" refers to him in the following terms:—We, with many others in this community, regret to know that the esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, Rev. J. Douglas, has resigned the pastorate of his Port Perry charge, and that the resignation has been accepted.

THE Presbytery of Paris will meet in Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday, 7th May, at two o'clock p.m., for the induction of the Rev. W. A. McKay as pastor of said church and congregation. Moderator, Rev. Thomas Alexander, will preside, Mr. Little preach, Mr. Anderson address the pastor and congregation. The regular meeting of Presbytery will be held in Knox Church, Woodstock, the same day at 1.30 a.m.

THE teachers of the Widder Street Presbyterian Sabbath School, St. Mary's, presented to Mr. John Donald, on the eve of his departure for Manitoba, a handsome dressing-case, as a token of the esteem in which he is

held by his fellow-teachers. The presentation was made by Rev. Mr. McAlpine, and was accompanied by an appropriate address congratulating Mr. Donald on the success of the school under his superintendence.

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation in Collingwood, was held on Tuesday the 16th April. The attendance was much larger than on any former similar occasion. From the reports read, we find that the attendance on ordinances during the past year has been very full; that seventy-three new members have been added to the congregation, fifty-four coming in on profession of their faith, and nineteen by letter; that twenty one have been removed by death and otherwise, and that the number now on the roll is 178. It appears further that the interest in the prayer meeting and weekly Bible class has greatly increased, the attendance at the prayer meeting being from fifty to eighty, and of the Bible class from thirty to fifty. The Sabbath School shows a better record than any former year. The number on the roll is 275, with an average attendance of 135. The number of books in the library is 250. The two leading classes in the school have removed to other rooms for want of sufficient accommodation. During the year \$93.09 have been collected for ordinary purposes, which has been expended on books, papers, etc., and \$29 has been collected for missions which was appropriated as follows: to Chinese Mission, \$10; to French Evangelization, \$10; and to Muskoka, \$9. The financial report shows that the total income for the year is \$1,155. The claims for stipend and running expenditure have been fully met, and \$176.78 have been paid on the manse debt. The balance remaining to be paid is only \$200. The following appropriations were made to the Church schemes: to Home Missions, \$3c; to College, \$10; to Foreign Missions, \$7; to French Evangelization, \$8; and, to Assembly Fund, \$16. After some discussion on church accommodation, it was unanimously agreed that it was necessary for the prosperity of the congregation to proceed at once to the erection of a new church, and the Board was instructed to devise means, if possible, to carry this out. Let the congregation with hearts and hands united go forward in this good work, and the Lord will give them abundant prosperity.—COM.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Durham on 9th and 10th April. Reasons for the protest and appeal of Mr. Macmillan and others to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, against the decision of the Presbytery in the case of Mr. John Martin, Mount Forest, was read; the case being that Mr. Martin, who holds the deed of Knox Church, Mount Forest, refuses to deliver up the same to the trustees of said church, and the decision of Presbytery having been not to take further steps in the matter, on the ground that the question in dispute was one altogether about property—a "division of inheritance" between brethren—and therefore beyond their province. Answers to said reasons were given in and adopted. Mr. Greig's resignation of the charge of Normanby congregation being taken into consideration, Mr. Greig stated that his resignation, which he had given in with much reluctance, was owing, not to anything unpleasant between him and his congregation, with whom he was in entire harmony, but to other circumstances which made it a duty on his part. Commissioners from the congregation expressed the great regret they all felt at their pastor's resignation, whose faithful services they had so long enjoyed. The resignation was accepted, the Presbytery also expressing their regret at parting with Mr. Greig; and a committee was appointed to draft a minute expressive of their sentiments on the occasion, to report at next meeting. There was produced a call numerously signed, from Knox Church, Harriston, to Rev. J. Anderson, Tiverton, with promise of stipend of \$800 and manse or rented house. The call was sustained. The Presbytery gave thanks to the Rev. A. D. McDonald, Elora, and Thomas McCrae, Esq., Guelph, the deputation appointed by the Foreign Mission Committee to advocate the cause of Foreign Missions in this Presbytery, for the excellent service that they had done to that important cause. The remits from General Assembly were considered and approved of with a few slight exceptions. After the transaction of a considerable amount of other business—chiefly Home Mission—the Presbytery adjourned, to hold their next ordinary meeting at Mount Forest, Knox Church, on second Tuesday of July at two o'clock.—WM. PARK, *Clerk.*