

crease in the stipends of Augmented congregations by themselves the Presbytery earnestly and hopefully recommends these congregations to take the subject into their early and serious consideration so as to be able to relieve the fund and thus encourage the efforts of the General Assembly in these important schemes. Mr. Hugh Walker, as member of the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, was added to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again on the eighth day of October next, in Cooke's Church, Kingston, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and thereafter in Belleville, and within St. Andrew's Church there at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.—A. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Egmondville on the 10th September. Sessions were enjoined to arrange for their own missionary meetings and to report at the January meeting of Presbytery. A conference on Sabbath School work is to be held during the evening seditment of the meeting of Presbytery in January. On the recommendation of the Committee on Prison Reform it was agreed to take no action in the matter in the meantime. Mr. McMillan asked and obtained leave of absence for six months. Dr. Ure was appointed Moderator of his Session in his absence. The committee on rearrangement of a certain part of the field was re-appointed. Mr. Fletcher was appointed Convenor of the Home Mission Committee in place of Mr. McCoy, and Mr. Musgrave was appointed Treasurer. Communications from Dr. Cochrane and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell were read respecting the amounts appointed to this Presbytery for Home Missions and augmentation of stipends. The matter was committed to the liberality of the congregation within the bounds. Permission was given to the congregations of Egmondville to procure their own supply till next meeting, and the Session of Bayfield and Berne was requested to procure probationers for their supply with a view of calling a minister. The scheme of higher religious instruction in Sabbath Schools was taken up and consideration thereof delayed till next meeting of Presbytery, with the request that the attention of Sabbath School teachers be called to it and their views respecting it ascertained. Committees were appointed to consider the remits of Assembly and report at next meeting. The following deliverance was adopted respecting the translation of Mr. McCoy: In agreeing to the translation of Rev. Mr. McCoy, M.A., from Egmondville in this Presbytery to the Presbytery of Miramichi in the Province of New Brunswick, the Presbytery of Huron cannot allow the occasion to pass without giving expression to their sense of the industry the conscientiousness, and success of their brother, whether as pastor of the congregation or member of the Presbytery in all the work committed to him, exhibiting a constancy and diligence and efficiency highly commendable. The Presbytery further desire that their brother shall in his new sphere of labour find himself surrounded by sympathising and co-operative people and that in the work of the Lord Jesus he shall be even more successful than in the past. Next regular meeting to be held in Clinton on second Tuesday of November.—A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL. The above Presbytery met at Wingham on the 10th inst. Rev. K. Macdonald, Moderator. Elders' commissions were received. Messrs MacLennan and MacKinnon were appointed auditors to examine the treasurer's books and report at next meeting. Mr. MacNabb reported that he had moderated in a call at Chalmers Church, Kincardine township, and Knox Church, Bervie, in favour of Rev. A. Urquhart of Dunwich, London Presbytery. The call was presented signed by 359 persons, stipend offered is \$860 and manse and glebe. Messrs. R. B. Campbell and W. Henderson supported the call and stated that it was unanimous and cordial. The call was sustained as a regular Gospel call and ordered to be transmitted to London Presbytery with reasons for translation. Mr. MacNabb was appointed to prosecute the call before the London Presbytery. Provisional arrangement was made for the induction of Mr. Urquhart, the Moderator to preside, Mr. Goldes appointed to preach, Mr. Murray to address the minister, Mr. Sutherland to address the congregation in English and Mr. MacQueen in Gaelic, the time of meeting to be fixed by the Moderator. A petition from Huron Presbytery asking the sanction of the Presbytery to the sale of five acres of the glebe land for a cemetery was granted. The clerk was instructed to assess the congregation on the basis of families for the Assembly delegates fund. The Session records of Chalmers Church, Kincardine township, were attested as carefully and correctly kept. The claims of aid-receiving congregations were considered and grants asked for Pine River, Dungannon and Port Albert, Langside and Belgrave. Mr. Law asked that assessors be appointed to his session with a view to ordination of elders. Mr. Hutton of Wingham and Mr. Jamieson of East Wawanosh, were appointed. Mr. Ross reported that he had attended a meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce according to appointment, that the proposed scheme for the distribution of the mission field was favourably entertained, final action of that Presbytery to be taken at a future meeting. The thanks of the Presbytery was tendered to Mr. Ross for his diligence. Kirk Sessions were enjoined to make their own arrangements for holding missionary meetings. It was agreed that the question of holding a convention for the discussion of Sabbath School work, the state of religion, etc., be referred to the Sabbath School Committee with instructions to report at length at the December meeting. The clerk read a communication from Home Mission and Augmentation, setting forth that \$900 were required from the Presbytery for Home Mission and \$550 for Augmentation for this year. It was agreed to commend the Home Mission and Augmentation schemes to our people, instruct the clerk to allocate the amounts asked from the Presbytery among the congregations on the basis of families and urge the congregations to raise the sums respectively assigned them. Petitions from Sabbath observance to be presented to the House of Commons asking for further legislation regarding Sabbath observance were handed to members and Sessions were instructed to attend to the subscriptions of these petitions and return them to the Presbytery at next meeting. A proposed scheme for Presbyterial visitation of congregations was laid on the table till next meeting owing to the absence of Mr. Sutherland who had to retire before the close of the meeting. Mr. Ross referred to the proposed memorial of the late Rev. Prof. Young and offered to receive subscriptions thereto which was well received. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Wingham on the 10th December.—JOHN MACNABB, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The Presbytery of Guelph held its usual bi-monthly meeting recently, in Knox Church, Guelph: Mr. D. Strachan, of Rockwood, Moderator. Two new candidates for the ministry were introduced, and conferred with by a committee appointed for the purpose, who subsequently reported, expressing their satisfaction with their views and recommending that they be certified to the proper authorities. The Committee on Finance reported an estimate of income and expenditure for the remainder of the current year and for the year following, and stating that a rate of six cents per family would be sufficient to raise the amount required. The rate recommended was adopted. The attention of the Presbytery having been called to the serious illness of Mr. Norris, of Glenallan, who had been unable to occupy his pulpit for some Sabbaths, and was likely to be unable to do so for some months to come, it was agreed to express sympathy with him in his affliction, an earnest desire for his recovery and a hearty willingness to come to the help of him and his congregation in their present trying circumstances. At a subsequent stage of the proceedings supply by the brethren was arranged for his pulpit over the next ordinary meeting. A report was presented from the Committee on the schemes of the Church, showing the position of the Presbytery relatively to other Presbyteries in the matter of Christian liberality, comparing the amounts raised last year for each of the schemes with the amount expected, and closing with a recommendation that a brief but compre-

hensive circular be prepared showing the importance and claims of each to be read from the pulpits of congregations in the bounds at as early a date as possible. The Clerk was requested to prepare as in former years, a tabulated statement of the sum which each charge should raise towards the estimated expenditure for Church purposes during the current year. A letter was read from Dr. Laing introducing Mr. Galloway and recommending him to the sympathy, interest and confidence of the members. It was agreed to recognize Mr. Galloway as a Christian brother worthy of confidence, and to recommend him to the pastors and ruling elders of congregations he may visit, and who may give him an opportunity of lecturing and conducting public worship. Mr. Hamilton reported from the Committee on the Superintendence of Students stating the names of those from whom written exercises had been received, giving an outline of these and expressing satisfaction with them and recommending that the students be certified to the proper college authorities. The report was received and the recommendation adopted. Those who had not sent in written exercises were instructed to do so at an early day so that they may be examined with a view to the certifying of the writers as in the previous cases. An extract minute from the Presbytery of Quebec was read informing the Presbytery that Mr. Tait had been duly inducted into the pastoral charge of Chalmers Church, Quebec. Dr. Torrance was appointed to preach in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, on the next Sabbath, and, *ad hoc*, sermon, to declare the charge vacant in the usual way. Dr. Wardrope was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. A resolution adopted by the congregation of Knox Church, West Puslinch, authorizing payment to Mr. Macaulay, their late pastor, of one hundred dollars out of the proportion that might come to them out of the proceeds of the sale of the church lot on Brock Road was read, when it was agreed that the payment of the sum mentioned be made. The Clerk reported that, according to appointment, he had preached in Duff's Church, East Puslinch, on the 18th of August and declared the charge vacant from that date. A communication was read from Mr. Gardiner, tendering his resignation of his present charge because of the state of his health, which rendered it imperative for him to seek a warmer climate. The Presbytery was informed that means had been taken to publish Mr. Gardiner's purpose to his people, and that at a meeting which had been held commissioners had been appointed in connection with the case. These were heard, who expressed the strong attachment which the congregation felt to their pastor, and spoke highly of the degree of prosperity enjoyed since he was settled among them. Mr. Gardiner was also heard. After deliberation it was resolved that the resignation be accepted, that sympathy be expressed with the congregation under the loss they are called upon to bear, and with Mr. Gardiner under his severe bodily affliction, with the prayer that God may soon restore him to health, and spare him for the work of the ministry in the future, in which he has had such marked success in the past. A committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute and report at next meeting. Mr. Strachan was appointed to preach in Erasmus on the second Sabbath in October, and declare the charge vacant and to act as Moderator of Session during the vacancy. A request from the congregation of Knox Church, West Puslinch, that an application be made to the Home Mission Committee for a grant in aid was laid on the table in the meantime. The Committee appointed for the purpose submitted a suitable minute on the translation of Mr. Tait, late of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, which was approved and adopted by the Presbytery, and ordered to be engrossed on the records, and the Clerk was instructed to send copies to all the parties interested. Arrangements were made for the triennial visitation of congregations, completing the course entered upon three years ago. A Committee of Presbytery was appointed to co-operate with the elders on vacancies procuring supply, and the amount determined which in its judgment should be paid to those called to fill the pulpits. It was also agreed to instruct the Clerk to apply to the Committee on Distribution for the appointment of probationers for four Sabbaths of the ensuing quarter to each of the vacancies in the bounds. Attention was called to the items of business sent down to Presbyteries by the Synod and General Assembly for their consideration, when a small committee was appointed to look into them and report. Mission stations were instructed to send in their reports in time to be presented to the Home Mission Committee, and the clerk was authorized to apply for the grant promised as augmentation to Hawkesville and Linwood, and to present the case of Cumock for favourable consideration. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of November, at the usual hour, half-past ten o'clock, forenoon.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—The Presbytery of Sarnia held its regular quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on the 10th ult. Rev. Mr. Beamer, Moderator, in the chair. The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Rogers with a view to his entering Knox College as a student of Divinity, reported that after a careful examination of Mr. Rogers, they had pleasure and confidence in recommending him to the Senate of Knox College, leaving it with them to assign Mr. Rogers his place in the curriculum of study. The report was received and adopted. There was laid on the table and read a call to Mr. McIntock, of Mandaum and Vincer, from Guthrie's Church and stations, signed by eighty-two members and 107 adherents promising \$450 with fifty dollars for residence, and also two weeks' holiday. Mr. Tibb, who moderated in the call, reported that it was hearty and unanimous, and that the congregation contemplate the erection of a manse during the winter and spring. On motion of Dr. Thompson it was agreed to approve of the Moderator's conduct, sustain the call as a regular Gospel call, apply to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for \$300 supplement, and cite the congregation of Mandaum and Vincer to appear for their interests at a meeting to be held in Sarnia, on 4th October next, at two p.m. Mr. Cuthbertson was appointed to serve the citation. There was laid on the table and read an intimation of the appointment of Rev. Mr. McAdam, of Strathroy, as Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy in Morrin College, Quebec. The Presbytery expressed its gratification at the announcement and appointed Rev. Mr. Anderson to cite the congregation of Strathroy to appear for their interests at the meeting to be held in Sarnia on October 4, when the matter will be issued. Mr. Anderson, on behalf of the Committee on Statistics, gave in an interesting report. The Presbytery tendered their thanks to the committee and re-committed it to them with instructions to have the report published and distributed throughout the bounds of the Presbytery. Mr. Currie, Convenor of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, submitted the half yearly report from 30th April to 1st October, intimating claims from the Assembly's Home Mission Committee due the Home Mission Stations and Supplemented congregations. Also a statement of work done during the six months with recommendations for the ensuing six months. The report was received, and after amending the recommendations, was adopted, and the Moderator instructed to sign the necessary schedules. It was agreed to apply for Mr. Uzzelle, a catechist now labouring within the bounds of Chatham Presbytery, with a view of employing him during the winter months. In terms of application leave was granted the congregation of Mandaum to sell the old church property. A committee consisting of Messrs. Gordon, Mybury and McCallum were appointed to examine into arrears due at East Adelaide and report at next meeting. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the second Tuesday of December next at one p.m. Congregations were instructed to make their own arrangements for missionary meetings during the winter months and report at the March meeting. The Presbytery ascertaining that this is the twenty-fifth year of Mr. Cuthbertson's service as Clerk of Presbytery, it was agreed, on motion of Dr. Thompson, to appoint a committee consisting of Dr. Thompson, Messrs. McAdam and Tibb, ministers; Mr. Gordon and Hon. Alexander Vidal, elders, to take steps to make suitable acknowledgment of the same to their respected Clerk.

Sabbath School Teacher.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

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THE ARK BROUGHT TO ZION

2 Sam. 6:
1-17

GOLDEN TEXT.—The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.—Psa. lxxvii. 2.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Question 12.—At Sinai the covenant was renewed that God would be their God and they should be His people. What God required He expressed in the Ten Commandments, which He spoke, and which He wrote on two tables of stone. Christ and the apostles refer to these as containing the duty of man (Ex. xx. 1-17; Deut. v. 6-21; Mark x. 19; Rom. xiii. 9). The moral law is summarily comprehended in them. (1) They include our duty to God and to man; (2) all other directions for conduct are embraced in them; (3) they require perfect obedience through all time and from every part of our nature, mind, affections, will, as well as in word and deed. The sum of the Ten Commandments is love—love to God, supreme love, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, with all our mind (Deut. vi. 5; x. 12; Matt. xxii. 37); and love to man, our neighbour, as ourselves (Lev. xix. 18; Matt. v. 43-48; xxii. 39; Rom. xiii. 9). Supreme love to God begets and includes love to man (1 John iii. 14; iv. 20). Love is the sum of the commandments. (1) It is the highest form of, and therefore the only acceptable, obedience (John xxi. 15-17; 1 John ii. 5). (2) The law requires likeness to God; God is love (1 John iv. 8). (3) There is no obedience without love (Matt. v. 20; Deut. x. 12; Rom. xiii. 9). (4) Love must manifest itself in action and in the prescribed manner (1 John ii. 4; iv. 20; John vi. 29; xiv. 15, 21, 23).—A. A. Hodge, D.D.

INTRODUCTION.

After the capture of Jerusalem David fortified the city and built for himself a palace of great splendour. The nation prospered under his energetic and wise rule. The enemies of Israel could no longer make their attacks with impunity. The Philistines had been twice decisively repulsed; peace and prosperity prevailed. It was now David's purpose to make Jerusalem the spiritual centre of the kingdom as well as the civil capital of the country, and to-day's lesson tells how he set about this important undertaking.

I. The Ark to be Brought to Jerusalem.—The Ark, constructed of the most precious materials, and the depository of the tables on which the Ten Commandments were engraved, the symbol of God's presence with His people, shadowing forth also His righteousness and mercy, had been taken into battle by Eli's sons and captured by the Philistines. Soon after it was given into the charge of the men of Kirjath-jearim, where it had remained ever since—a period of nearly seventy years. David now resolved to remove it to Jerusalem, and for this purpose he gathered the representatives of the various tribes, to the number of thirty thousand, and made preparations for the restoration of the Ark to its central position in the national life and worship. There the tribes of Israel would assemble thrice a year, and it was fitting that the religious services at the great festival seasons should be complete. "Isaiah of Judah" is understood to be another name for Kirjath-jearim. There David and his large retinue assembled for the purpose of bringing up the Ark with pomp and splendour. A new cart had been prepared for its removal. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, in whose care the Ark had been, took care of the cart on which it was carried. This method of carrying the Ark was contrary to God's express command, as will be seen by a reference to Numbers iv. 15 and xix. 9. It is this that explains the terrible occurrence that befel Uzzah. The procession advanced. At the outset gladness and rejoicing were great. David, himself a skilled musician, and those that accompanied him, played on all kinds of instruments in use among the Israelites at the time. They are here enumerated: harps, somewhat like those in use at the present day; psalteries; the psaltery is the same as the lute used by the Greeks and Romans, a ten-stringed instrument; timbrels, instruments like the drum and tambourine; cornets, horns; and cymbals the same as are used still.

II. Uzzah's Death.—The company went forward with mirth and gladness till the threshing-floor of Nachon was reached. The precise place where this sad calamity occurred cannot now be determined. The oxen drawing the cart stumbled, the Ark rolled as if it would fall, and Uzzah put forth his hand to steady it. As the Ark was to be regarded with the greatest awe, being the symbol of God's presence, it was presumption in Uzzah to touch it. King and people and priests had evidently forgotten the law relating to the most sacred things pertaining to public worship. This signal manifestation of the divine displeasure would make a deep impression on all who beheld it, and would not soon be forgotten. It is said that "David was displeased." It was not with God's judgment that he was displeased, but with himself. He took the lesson that sad event was intended to teach, home to himself. He felt he was to blame. He had countenanced neglect of God's commands concerning His service. "David was afraid of the Lord that day." He had transgressed, through inattention to God's precepts; he feared lest he might again transgress, and thus bring punishment on others as well as on himself.

III. The Ark in the House of Obed-Edom.—So the object for which David and the great multitude with him had set out, failed of accomplishment. The Ark was carried into the house of Obed-Edom, the Gittite. He was a Levite, and therefore a proper person to be entrusted with the care of the Ark; a Gittite—a native of Gath-rimmon, a Levitical city in Manasseh. Here the Ark remained for three months. God bestowed a blessing on the home where the Ark rested. It was welcomed as the symbol of God's presence, and the inmates of that home walked as in the light of God's countenance, therefore they enjoyed His blessing. God's blessing on the home where the Ark rested became manifest. Others besides themselves were aware of it. It was a matter of general observation and in due time it was told to David. He could now understand that God's law required obedience, and that when His worship was observed and His service was maintained, His blessing remained. The work of bringing the Ark to Jerusalem, so sadly interrupted three months before, is again resumed, and in due time it is brought to the place prepared for it in the city of David. With glad hearts and with much rejoicing the work is completed, and an important event in David's reign and in the nation's history has taken place. God's presence was with them, and He was publicly recognized as the Guardian of Israel.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

There can be no real blessing without God's presence. He is now willing to dwell by His Spirit in the hearts and homes of His people.

The only way to enjoy God's presence is by carefully obeying Him. He is to be worshipped and served in the way He has appointed.

The judgments of God, like His goodness, are designed to lead us to repentance.

There can only be a religious nation when the people themselves are religious.

In promoting the public service of Jehovah David found it a joyous service.