

Presbytery of Paris.

THE regular quarterly meeting of the Paris Presbytery was held on the 8th inst., in Dumfries street church, Paris, Rev. R. G. Sinclair, Moderator, in the chair. Mr. Hutt, of Ingersoll, submitted a motion, of which previous notice had been given, making total abstinence a term of communion in the Church. Dr. McMullen moved an amendment, denying the power of the Church courts to alter the terms of membership laid down by Christ Himself. The debate was adjourned to next ordinary meeting. Mr. Meyers tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge at Norwich and Windham on account of the critical state of his wife's health and the necessity of change. Mr. Burns, of Toronto, addressed the court on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and a committee was appointed to co-operate with Mr. Burns in soliciting subscriptions within the Presbytery of Paris. Dr. G. L. McKay was nominated Moderator of the next General Assembly. A lengthy report on the revision of the Hymnal was submitted by Dr. McMullen, convener of Presbytery's committee, concurring largely in the criticisms adopted by the Presbytery of Kamloops. The report was ordered to be printed, and the discussion is to be resumed at next meeting, March 5th, in Zion Church, Brantford, at 11 a.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Halifax

Met in Chalmers Hall, Halifax. There were twenty-four ministers and two elders present. As accommodation is now provided for members it is hoped the attendance will improve. It is the privilege every minister and elder to be present and assist. The Presbytery needs the voices and votes of all its members, particularly when important matters are under consideration. The clerk called attention to the death of Rev. Samuel Rosborough, M. A., which occurred at Sheet Harbor, January 20th, and in a few words expressed the feeling of loss sustained by his early and sudden removal. An appropriate minute prepared by Messrs. Dickie and Dawson was approved and ordered to be engrossed in the records of Presbytery, the clerk to transmit a copy to Mrs. Rosborough. The Presbytery sympathize deeply with the bereaved congregation, but especially with the family and near relatives of the late Mr. Rosborough. Supply was arranged for the congregation for February and March. Bedford and Waverly were placed on the list of augmented charges, and are moving in the matter of a call. A very unanimous and cordial call in favor of Rev. John M. Allan was sustained from the congregation of Waterville and Lakeville. On hearing of his acceptance, which Presbytery hope to do at an early day, arrangements will be made by the clerk for his induction. Rev. J. W. Nelson having been received by the General Assembly of 1892 was recognized as a minister of the Church within the bounds of the Presbytery. Rev. R. S. Whitten was appointed convener of a committee to look after the interests of two groups of mission stations—(1) Digby and Bay View, (2) Middleton and Melvern Square. Delegates were appointed to visit the augmented congregations, and report at next meeting. Rev. W. M. Fraser's report of the Presbytery fund was approved and he was thanked for his services as treasurer. A committee on Sabbath Observance was appointed, Rev. Mr. McPherson to be convener. Much time and attention were given to the remits of the General Assembly. The consideration of the remits in re the proposed new Book of Praise was greatly facilitated by the report of the Presbytery's committee thereon, which was presented by Mr. Gordon, the convener. The most of the suggestions made under sections B, C, D, and E, were adopted by Presbytery. Regarding section A, "Selections from the Metrical Psalms," the Presbytery approved of the deliverance of the Assembly which is, that the entire Psalter be included in the proposed Book of Praise. The remits in re appointment of Professors in our Colleges was disposed of as follows: "This Presbytery is of the opinion that the best method of appointing such Professors is upon nomination of the College Boards, followed by appointment by the Assembly; at the

same time, the Presbytery does not consider it necessary to have absolute uniformity in the method of appointment; so long as appointments cannot take effect without the approval of the Assembly." The Presbytery approved of the spirit of the remits in re Enlarged Synodical powers, and requested Dr. Forrest and Mr. Murray to draw up a deliverance thereon to be submitted to next meeting. The remits in re representation of Mission Sessions was approved. The remits of Synod will be considered at the meeting in April. The clerk was instructed to assign trials for license to certain members of the graduating class in the Presbyterian College, Halifax. The next meeting of the Presbytery for general business is appointed to be held in Chalmers Hall, Halifax, April 3rd, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The conveners of committee will please have their reports ready for that meeting.—ALLAN SIMPSON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Minnedosa.

A *pro re nata* meeting of the Minnedosa Presbytery was held at Franklin on Wednesday, January 31st, for the purpose of considering remits from higher courts and Home Mission business. The Synod's remits ament Presbytery bounds being considered, it was agreed to ask the Synod to divide the Presbytery of Minnedosa by a line beginning at the point of intersection of our southern boundary and the Little Saskatchewan River, from thence along the said river to where it crosses the line between Rouge 18 and 19, thence north to the line between Tp. 22 and 23, thence west to the line between R. 25 and 26, thence north indefinitely; that congregations of Rapid City and Minnedosa situated on the proposed line of division to be included in the eastern division which will retain the name of the Presbytery of Minnedosa. The remits ament Sabbath observance was considered and the clerk and moderator were appointed a committee to draft suggestions to be laid before the next meeting of Presbytery. The clerk was instructed to carry out the wishes of the Synod in the matter of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The remits of the Assembly's Committee on Hymnology was then considered seriatim, and it was agreed on motion to adopt the recommendations of the Committee as a whole with the following amendment to the sixth recommendation, that it is thought better by the Presbytery to have a Children's Hymnal separate from the regular Church Hymnal. Among other items of Home Mission business Mr. James Hamilton's case was considered and the Convener was instructed to invite Mr. Hamilton to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Gladstone on Monday, March 12th, at 2 o'clock.—THOS. BEVERIDGE, Jr., Clerk.

Obituary.

MR. JOHN GRAHAM, sr., a respected member of the Presbyterian congregation of Miami, Manitoba, and an elder of our Church, passed away on Sabbath the 24th of December, at the comparatively early age of fifty three. He came in his boyhood with the other members of his family from Scotland to Ontario and with them settled in Claude, in the County of Peel. About sixteen years ago he was called by the congregation of Clande to the office of the eldership, the duties of which, and also those of the Superintendent-ship of Sabbath schools, he always discharged with faithfulness and ability both in Ontario and Manitoba. During the time (a little more than three years) he lived in the vicinity of Pilot Mound, he was for two years the representative elder in Synod and Presbytery of the session of that congregation, and was twice or three times in succession elected as member of the Municipal Council by the ward in which he lived. He came to Miami in the early part of last summer, and although only a short time with us, by his gentle and unassuming disposition, as well as by his integrity and uprightness in business, he won the esteem and affection of those he came in contact with. Possessed of more than ordinary intelligence, well acquainted with the working of our Church, taking a deep interest in the instruction of the young, for which he was so well qualified, the Church has lost in

him a faithful worker and an earnest and devoted Christian. For a number of years he was afflicted with dyspepsia, and although scarcely ever free from pain he bore all his sufferings with Christian fortitude and submission, until on Sabbath, the day before Christmas, he quietly fell asleep in Jesus surrounded by the members of his family. He leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters to mourn for what is their loss but his gain.—J. B.

Some Thoughts for the Young on Perseverance.

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THE greatest difficulties in the world have been overcome by perseverance. "Thereshall be no Alps," said Napoleon, and he himself built roads right over them and led his troops into sunny Italy; and so mountains of difficulty can be surmounted by industry and perseverance. History tells us that there was at the beginning of the seventh century, a bishop of Seville whose name was Isidore. When a boy attending school, he grew wearied with the drudgery of learning, and despairing of ever making progress in learning, one day he ran away. About noon the sun grew very hot, and the tired boy sat down to rest by a little spring that gushed over a rock. As he rested by the cooling spring, he noticed that the continual dropping of the water had worn a large hole in the hard rock. Then he thought that if the light drops of water could wear away the hard stone, that constant study would at last overcome his difficulty in learning. He went right back to school and began his lessons with a determination to conquer. He persevered and he succeeded. He became a learned doctor of the church, and now, 1,200 years after his death, his books are read by a great many people. When Paley was a student at Oxford, he was lazy and careless and was seldom at his books. One night a fellow-student said to him, "With your abilities, Paley, if you would only study you would rise to the highest eminence." Paley took the advice to heart, he applied himself to his work, and he lived to write books that all young people ought to read. Elihu Burritt, the learned blacksmith, worked at the forge for some ten or twelve hours every day, yet he managed by perseverance and a good method to learn some twelve different languages. When Robert de Bruce was a fugitive lying in a cave, he saw a spider trying to reach the roof of the cavern, eight times it failed, the ninth time it tried and succeeded. Bruce took courage, tried once more, rallied his forces and won the battle of Bannockburn. The finest model of Jerusalem I ever saw, and which can be seen in the British Museum, London, was made by a common hand loom weaver in England, and out of old looms. It took the evenings of thirty years to make it. "How do you intend getting all that snow away?" said a gentleman to a boy shovelling snow one day in New York. "By keeping at it, that's how," said the boy. Stroke by stroke men fell great oaks. There never can be anything great accomplished without perseverance. Without this, Columbus would never have been a discoverer; Newton an astronomer; nor Edison an electrician. But for perseverance, Milton had never written his great poem; Raphael had never painted his immortal pictures, nor Smeaton erected his lighthouses, or constructed his bridges. Let us all endeavour to make our lives pure and noble and good, and let us persevere in every good work we undertake.

One step at a time, and that well placed,
Will reach the grandest height;
One stroke at a time, earth's hidden stores
Will slowly come to light;
One seed at a time, and the forest grows;
One drop at a time, and the river flows
Into the boundless sea

One grain of knowledge, and that well stored
Another: to those add more;
And as time rolls on, your mind will shine
With a precious, fruitful store
Of thought and wisdom, and time will tell
One thing at a time, and that done well,
Is wisdom's golden rule.