

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH—
RECORD FOR JULY.

We regret to find that in some instances errors have been overlooked in correcting the proof, as in page 137, the sum of £1 1s., for the Foreign Mission fund, is placed opposite to Gananoque instead of Picton.

We would again remind our readers that the discrepancy between the general statement and the particular accounts, arises from the former being open until the end, when the latter were closed at the beginning of Synod, and that contributions to Presbytery funds are not included.

THE STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLES—Although printed forms were sent to all congregations, in some instances the information returned could not be embodied in the tabular form. In the attempt to do so we may have erred. The table was made up before the meeting of Synod, and was accessible to every member during the sittings, when corrections should have been made.

In some instances the table is defective as in the case of Gananoque, where it does not exhibit all the religious means which are used by the pastor and a devoted lay missionary, Mr. Hepworth. Besides the regular Sabbath-day services, there are, 1st, A weekly prayer-meeting, with exposition of scripture, or a lecture; 2nd, On the first Monday of each month a meeting for prayer and the reading of missionary intelligence, &c.; 3rd, A Union Sabbath School, average attendance 80, occasionally visited by the pastor, who examines and addresses the school; 4th, A Bible Class held on Sabbath afternoon (the congregation not having at present the use of a place of worship for afternoon service). Over 50 young persons attend, besides a few adults and a considerable number of hearers. This class, which is conducted on the explanatory and conversational method, is designed for parents and Sabbath School Teachers as well as the young. The pastor generally attends weekly at the Schools and examines the children of parents connected with the congregation, on the Shorter Catechism.

A Tract Society has also been organized, and a Bible Class in a central part of the country, has recently been established; 5th, Pastoral Visitation. This duty is attended to more or less every week. Hereafter the pastor intends to set apart such portion of his time as will enable him systematically and regularly to visit the whole congregation twice a year, and the out stations as he may be able to overtake them.

The congregation contributed during the past year to Knox's College, £7 11s.; Presbytery Mission Fund, £5 14s.; Home Missions Fund, £1 17s. 6d.; Synod Fund, £1 10s. 3d.; French Canadian Mission, £4 15s.; Regular annual Stipend £115; Donation to Mr. Hepworth, say £20; total, £156 7s. 9d.

MR. DANIEL HEPWORTH

Some time ago we noticed the presentation to this gentleman, of a letter, by the grateful people among whom he labours as a missionary. We have in our possession a letter from the Rev. H. Gordon, of Gananoque, in which, honourable men-

tion is made of this self-denying missionary. We give the following extract that others may be induced to imitate Mr. Hepworth's example. How much would the hands of ministers be strengthened had they many such pious assistants:

"I may state a peculiarity of a pleasing kind connected with the locality of my labours. About the time of the Disruption, in 1844, a particular and much respected friend of mine, Mr. Daniel Hepworth, formerly employed as a public Lecturer, giving popular lectures on astronomy and chemistry, from place to place, came to Gananoque, and was soon after appointed a catechist, in connection with the Presbytery of Kingston—Mr. Hepworth has been laboring, I may say gratuitously, very much ever since that period, among the stations who do not enjoy regular ordinances, over a range of country of an extent requiring him to travel six or seventy miles in the fortnight, calculating merely from point to point where he has engagements, and exclusive of much extra journeying in visiting from house to house. He supplies desolate stations on the Sabbath, which I occasionally visit, and carries on Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes and Prayer Meetings. Mr. Hepworth's pursued piety and devotedness, great intelligence, prudent demeanour, modesty, and unobtrusiveness of manners, as might be expected, have secured general respect and much acceptance.

"The people do signify this by donations from time to time. But his field is not of that nature to place him in such circumstances of comfort as his character, attainments, habits, and indefatigable efforts justly claim. It is from no want of value for his labours, that they are so inadequately rewarded as respects earthly support, but from the fact that although he supplies perhaps as many as would compose a large congregation, yet from being scattered here and there, and from some of them being new settlers, and having other responsibilities, it is no easy matter to raise any regular adequate provision for Mr. H. This has grieved me and has led me to make exertions to obtain a field where he could be better sustained. His interests and affections, however, have taken root so deeply here, and he is so desirous to see God's blessing upon his labours in one field before going to another, that he continues his truly self-denying labours, rather than leave it, which I have occasion to know has been in his power. I feel, however, impelled from a sense of simple justice to make this statement respecting Mr. Hepworth's labours somewhat minute. Because it is right that a course so single-hearted and disinterested as, there is every reason to believe, Mr. Hepworth's has been, should be known, and as our section of the Church has received so large a measure of labours, so much gratuitous, I think it right that a person of Mr. Hepworth's description should be before the eye, as a person qualified to sustain some important part, when the heart and opportunities of our Church shall expand to enterprises of Christian philanthropy, on a larger and more varied scale."

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—The Presbytery of Toronto met in the Library of Knox's College on the 3rd July. Messrs. Ure and Cameron having finished their curriculum at Knox's College, and given in the usually prescribed trial exercises, were licensed to preach the gospel of Christ.

An unanimous call from the congregation of Streetsville, was presented to and accepted by Mr. Ure. The Presbytery appointed their next meeting to be held at Streetsville, on Friday, the 2nd of August, for the ordination of Mr. Ure.—The Rev. Dr. Burns to preach and preside.

In the absence of any official notification from the Presbytery of Kingston, we are enabled from

a private source to state, that Mr. John Gray, student in Divinity, who had finished the prescribed course at Knox's College, and given in his trial discourses, was licensed at Kingston on the 3rd July.

INDUCTION.

In our last issue we stated that an unanimous call had been presented to the Rev. Wm. Rintoul, A. M., late Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Criticism, in Knox's College Toronto, by the congregation of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, and that the same had been accepted.

"Mr. Rintoul who had been connected with Knox's College, Toronto, concurring in the views of the directors of that Institution, as to the desirableness of taking advantage, as far as possible, of the Provincial University, had, with others of the Professors, demitted his Professorship of Hebrew after the recent modification of the University. He was inducted into his new pastoral charge on Wednesday, 3rd ult., by the Presbytery of Montreal, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The Rev. J. C. Fairbairn, minister of the Free Church, Allanton, Scotland, now supplying in Coit Street Church, preached from 2 Cor. v. 18—20, and presided on the occasion. The solemn services were conducted by him in a very able and edifying manner. Mr. Rintoul was most cordially welcomed, both by the Presbytery and the members of the congregation. And in token of esteem and welcome, received from the ladies of the congregation a handsome Bible and Psalm book."

We rejoice that Mr. R. has been thus harmoniously settled in a field where his excellent pastoral abilities will be called into ample exercise, and we trust duly appreciated. Intimately acquainted with him for many years, and enjoying for a considerable period the benefit of his ministrations, and also associated with him in the public business of the Church, we cannot speak too highly of his many amiable qualities. We consider St. Gabriel Street Church highly privileged in obtaining such a pastor, and hail the event as a prelude to its future revival and improvement. In the warmth of our heart we would say much more, but we forbear,—implore the Great Shepherd to bless the labours and encourage the heart of his faithful servant.

PERSECUTION.—The adherents of the Scottish Establishment have driven the Rev. Mr. Munro, of Manchester, (England,) and his Congregation, from their Church, which they had built at a cost of about £5000. The prosecutors in this case had not contributed £37 to the building which they have seized, and number only six communicants. Mr. Munro's congregation, when driven out, amounted to 550. They are now upwards of 600 communicants, worshipping in the Mechanics' Institute. "How monstrous, how unhalloved the injustice of exacting such a sacrifice!"

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—A new Theological Seminary has been established at Cincinnati, in connection with the old School General Assembly. The Rev. James Hegg, D. D., and the Rev. N. L. Rice, D. D., editor of the *Presbyterian of the West*, have accepted Professorships, and will take charge of the Students during the first Session, commencing on 2nd September.