

instant in your attention to the sick and troubled, generous, kind and encouraging always, and faithful in the discharge of your duty; and the deep earnestness with which you have, both in the pulpit and in your daily walk, ever presented the blessed Gospel of Christ, has alike brought us nearer to the realization of His great work and endeared us to you as His faithful minister. We trust that the seed sown by you may be blessed in bringing forth an abundant harvest, a lasting memorial of your loving labour among us. It is beyond us to express the profound regret that we feel upon having our relations severed so soon, but we rejoice that in the new field of labour to which you have been called, a greater opportunity has been opened to you for the work for which your qualifications so eminently befit you, and that those among whom duty now calls you will be gainers by our loss, and that a broader swath may be possible in sin's destruction. Permit us, dear pastor, now so soon to leave us, to tender to you this case as a reminder of the deep affection and kind wishes of those who are indeed about to lose you in material sight, but who will continue to watch your future with prayerful solicitude and whose blessings will ever be with you."

This congregation of St. Andrew's, Orangeville, had the pleasure of listening a few Sabbaths ago to an address from Rev. Dr. Christie, of Tarnus. The late Mr. Shepherd, of New York, some years ago founded a missionary institute in Tarnus and named it St. Paul's Institute. Of this institution, Dr. Christie is and has been principal for a number of years. His discourse was largely an account of the needs of that country and the efforts put forth by the institute to meet these needs. From what Dr. Christie said it appears that the population of Tarnus is a very mixed population. He stated that at his closing exercises last spring recitations were heard in no less than six languages: Arabic, Turkish, Armenian, Modern Greek, English and French. These different nationalities it seems are very exclusive and suspicious of one another, making mission work among them much more difficult than it otherwise would be. Dr. Christie and his associates direct their energies especially towards the work of evangelizing the Armenians, and great as the difficulties encountered are, he looks to the future in a hopeful spirit. In the course of his remarks Dr. Christie referred to the late Rev. H. S. McKittrick, who was associated with him for some time in the work at Tarnus. The speaker in effect said that his late colleague was a young man of great promise, thoroughly consecrated to the work to which he had devoted his life, diligent in his studies and energetic in his evangelistic work, beautifully modest, but of manly courage. As Mr. McKittrick was formerly a member of St. Andrew's, the few words spoken of him were much appreciated. Dr. Christie carries with him the sympathy of the congregation in his return to his difficult and important field of labour.

### Presbytery of Huron.

This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Huronsburg on the 10th July. Mr. Shaw was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. Commissioners reported their attendance at the Assembly. Mr. David Buchanan, a young man with the ministry in view, was ordered to be certified to the Senate of Knox College. The committee appointed to visit the congregations of Manchester and Smith's Hill, respecting the supply of Leeburn in connection with said congregation, reported that both congregations and their minister declined to have Leeburn associated with them for regular supply. Standing Committees for the year were appointed of which the following are the members: Home Missions, Mr. Martin; State of Religion, Mr. Stewart; Temperance, Mr. Anderson; Sabbath Schools, Mr. Archem; Sabbath Observance, Mr. Mungrave; Finance, Mr. Shaw; Sacerdotalism of Students, Dr. McDonald; Systematic Benevolence, Mr. McLean; Christian Endeavor, Mr. J. S. Henderson. Mr. Anderson gave notice that at next meeting he would move "that in future Presbytery shall hold its regular meetings in Clinton." Next meeting

of Presbytery is to be in Clinton on the 11th September, at 10 a.m.—A. McLEAN, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Paris.

This regular quarterly meeting was held in St. Paul's, Ingersoll, July 10th. Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., was appointed moderator for the year. A unanimous call to First church, Brantford, was accepted by Mr. H. M. Hamilton and his induction was appointed to take place on the 31st inst. at 2.30 p.m. Presbytery to meet for ordinary business at 11 a.m. Mr. Archibald C. Reeves, B.A., of Montreal College, after a very satisfactory examination was licensed to preach the Gospel. A moderation in a call was drafted to East Oxford and Blenheim. Representatives of Norwich and Bookton were heard on readjustment of that field, other interested congregations were notified, and the matter will be considered at an adjourned meeting July 31st at 11 a.m. in the First church, Brantford.—W. T. McMULLIN, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Inverness.

This presbytery met at Orangedale on the 3rd inst. All the ministers and one representative elder were present. Rev. J. Rose, of Ashfield, Ont., sat as corresponding member. Arrangements were made for supplying vacancies. Rev. A. Grant was appointed to moderate in a call at Little Narrows at the close of the ordained missionary's year there. A call with relative documents from the congregation of Whyocoomagh to Rev. John Fraser, B.A., in the Presbytery of Sydney, was read. It was signed by 191 communicants and 321 adherents, and declared to be cordial, hearty and enthusiastic. The Presbytery sustained it as a regular Gospel call, and instructed the clerk to forward it to the Presbytery of Sydney. Rev. E. S. Rayne and Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Whyocoomagh, were appointed to prosecute it before that Presbytery. Mr. Rayne and Mr. McMillan will represent the Presbytery at the meeting of the W. F. M. S. at West Bay, on the 15th inst. The next meeting of Presbytery will be at Whyocoomagh, on Tuesday, Sept. 25th.—D. McDONALD, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Sarnia.

This Presbytery of Sarnia held its usual quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, July 3rd; Rev. Mr. Lochoad, moderator, in the chair. Intimation having been received that the General Assembly had granted, in terms of request, leave to this Presbytery to receive Rev. Samuel G. Livingstone as a minister of this Church, Rev. Mr. Nichol reported that, according to instructions, he had moderated in a call to Burns' Church and Moore Line. It was in favour of Rev. Mr. Livingstone, signed by 153 members and forty-seven adherents, promising \$300 a year and manse. Mr. Livingstone intimated his acceptance of the call, and his induction was appointed to take place at Burns' church on Wednesday, the 15th day of July, at two o'clock in the afternoon; Rev. Mr. Daly to preach, Rev. Mr. Urquhart to address the minister and Rev. Mr. Nichol to address the people. The edict to be issued in due time. The matter of review of the report in regard to the deputations to Corunna and Mooretown, which was taken up at the Petrolia meeting, was again resumed and satisfactorily explained. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's church, St. Catharines, on the third Tuesday in September, at 11 a.m., when session records will be called for. The following standing committees were appointed for the year, the first named gentleman on each to be convener: Home Missions—Revs. Hector Currie, Jas. Pritchard, John C. McKee, with their representative elders. Colleges—Revs. Dr. Thompson, H. Graham and Neil McPherson, with their representative elders. Temperance—Revs. F. Nichol, S. Livingstone and A. Urquhart, with their elders. Statistics—Revs. J. McKinnon, W. G. Jordan and elders. Finance—Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson and T. F. Towers, elder. State of Religion—Revs. Wm. Lochoad, Jas. Pritchard and

A. McDiarmid, with their elders. Sabbath Schools—Revs. Messrs. McKee, Daly and Bradley, with their elders. Sabbath Observance—Revs. Messrs. Eady, Nichol and Livingston, with their elders. Examination of Students—Revs. Dr. Thompson, Joseph Elliott, Neil McPherson and J. McKinnon, with Messrs. McMillan and McDiarmid, elders. Systematic Benevolence—Revs. Messrs. Graham and Jordan, with their elders. Business—The clerk and Rev. Mr. Nichol. Leave was granted to the congregations of Parkhill and Camlachie to have calls moderated in them, if called upon, before next meeting. On motion of Rev. Mr. Jordan, it was agreed to take up consideration of Assembly remits at the ordinary meeting in December.

### Presbytery of Brockville.

This Presbytery met at Cardinal July 9th. Mr. Macalister presided. Mr. Connery obtained leave to moderate in a call at Morewood and Chesterville. The treasurer's accounts were examined and found correct. A letter from Mr. Higgins set forth his intention to return to his congregation in September. It was agreed to discontinue the Presbyterial S. S. Association. The committee on the A. I. M. F. was urged to continue the canvass in the interests of that fund. Mr. Graham was appointed moderator for the next six months. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held at Winchester, second Tuesday in September. Mr. Sinclair gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would move that the motion on record forbidding any complimentary resolution regarding ministers removing from the bounds be rescinded. It was decided to hold a public presbyterial conference at the next meeting on the question, "The importance of the various parts of the public service." Leaders were appointed as follows:—on music, Mr. Aston; on reading, Mr. Connery; on prayer, Mr. Madill; on sermon, Mr. Macarthur; on giving, Mr. Sinclair. The evening session was taken up with a conference on Sabbath Observance. The conference was opened by a thoughtful address by Mr. James Moodie, elder. He was ably followed by Mr. Connery. After several members had taken part and Mr. Sinclair had given his impressions of the last General Assembly the meeting closed.—Geo. MACARTHUR, Clerk.

### Knox College Semi-Centenary.

KNOX COLLEGE now enters on the fiftieth year of its existence. The beginnings of the institution were small, and possibly those early friends of the Church who founded the theological school, from which the college has gradually developed into its present importance, formed but little idea of the results which would crown their efforts. The rise, continuous progress and success of Knox College as a school of evangelical theology, must form a matter of profound thankfulness and gratitude to Almighty God from the whole Presbyterian Church. Through the large number of ministers and missionaries who have issued from its halls, and now occupy positions of importance at home and abroad, it has been largely influential in moulding the character and habits of thought of our people, and its teachings have ever been powerfully directed in favour of sound doctrine and vital religion. A brief review of its history may awaken fresh interest in its work and gratify the friends of the institution when they see that their efforts on its behalf have been fruitful in good results. It seems opportune that some steps should be taken at this time, specially and appropriately to acknowledge the Divine goodness towards the college during so many years. The college was instituted to provide for the education of ministers for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which was organized on the disruption of the Church of Scotland. In November, 1844, it was opened in a room on James street, Toronto, with an attendance of fourteen students. The room contained a long deal table, two wooden benches, a few chairs and a range of book shelves. The institution was originally known as "Knox's College," and this name it retained until its