

resignation of his charge of Glenvale, Harrow-smith and Milton, on account of ill-health. Mr. Nicholson's resignation of the pastoral charge of Lansdowne and Fairfax was accepted. A call from Amherst Island to Rev. Alex. McLennan was sustained. The Mission work of the Presbytery occupied much of the time. In point of extent and importance the field is second to none in the Church, excepting Manitoba and the Muskoka District.

LINDSAY: 21st October.—Mr. McNabb reported having moderated in a call at Woodville to Rev. A. Ross, of Pictou, N. S., and the same was sustained. The Presbytery having sustained Mr. W. J. Smyth's examination, proceeded to ordain him to the office of the Ministry and inducted him into the charge of Scott and Uxbridge.

TORONTO: 5th November:—A call from the congregations of Georgetown, 1 Limehouse to Mr. John Pringle was sustained and accepted by him, and arrangements made for his ordination and induction on the 26th November. A minute was adopted in reference to the Rev. R. D. Fraser's resignation of Charles St. congregation, Toronto. There was read a remit of the General Assembly anent the oversight of Sabbath-school work and a committee was appointed to consider the same and report to next meeting. In terms of another remit, the deputies appointed to attend the Missionary Meetings were instructed to make enquiry anent the existence of a Missionary Association in each of the congregations and to report.

BARRIE: 15th October.—The Rev. Henry Sinclair, of Mulmur and Tesorontio, having accepted a call from Knox Church, Oro, the Presbytery agreed to his translation and made arrangements for his induction at Oro. The Presbytery agreed to supply the Station of Waubaushe during the winter, by each of the ministers giving a day's services in the field. The rate to be raised for Presbytery, Synod and Assembly expenses was found to be thirteen cents per member.

OWEN SOUND: 15th October.—A basis of union between Meaford and Griersville congregations was agreed to. The Rev. William Forrest's resignation of the charge of Lake Shore and Leith was accepted, and a minute was adopted expressing the Presbytery's deep sympathy with Mr. Forrest in his affliction, and with the congregation in the great loss they sustain. Leave was granted to moderate in calls to Meaford and Griersville, Thornbury and Heathcote, and Lake Shore and Leith.

LONDON: 24th September.—Mr. George Sutherland was appointed Moderator. A call from Westminster to Mr. F. Ballantyne was sustained, and one from Scaforth to Mr. Mungo Fraser, of St. Thomas, was laid on the table. It was agreed to receive as a minister of this

Church Mr. McIntock, from the Presbyterian Church of England, subject to the approval of the General Assembly. Mr. Duncan reported that he had organized a congregation at Arkona. —29th October: In terms of the recommendation of a committee appointed to confer with Mr. West, it was agreed to suspend him from exercising the office of the holy ministry. It was agreed to accept Mr. Donaldson's resignation of the charge of Wardsville. Intimation having been received of the death of Rev. Donald McDonald, of Napier, a committee was appointed to prepare a minute expressing the Presbytery's deep sympathy with his widow and family. Mr. Galloway was licensed to preach the Gospel.

STRATFORD: 29th October.—Rev. Mr. Kay requested that application be made for him to be received as a minister of this Church, and intimated his willingness to accept an invitation from the congregation of Milverton and North Mornington as stated supply, *ad interim*. Mr. Wilson signified his acceptance of a call from St. Mary's, Second congregation, and the Presbytery agreed to proceed to his ordination on the 19th November. Missionary deputations were appointed to visit all the congregations in the bounds. Mr. McLeod reported on behalf of the Sabbath School Committee. The Presbytery then entered into conference on "Pastoral Oversight, Discipline, The Work of Elders." Mr. Boyd, according to arrangement, introduced the discussion. In the evening: public conference was held on the questions—1st. The number of our communicants in proportion to adherents; how to increase the number of our communicants; how to deal with those applying for admission to the Lord's Table. 2nd. Evangelistic services—their place and value; how to conduct evangelistic meetings.

HURON: 29th October.—The congregation of Fordwich and Gorrie were united to form one charge. The Rev. D. McRae, of Grand Bend, tendered the resignation of his charge on account of ill-health. A committee was appointed to arrange for holding a Sabbath School Convention, to be held at Blyth in the month of February. A Conference on the state of religion was held at the evening sederunt.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX. OPENING OF THE SESSION.

The Session of 1878-9 was opened on Wednesday 6th November. A very large audience assembled in Chalmers' Church, to hear the Inaugural Lecture by Professor Pollok. The subject of Lecture was,—"A contrast and its lessons." The theological changes in Scotland in Germany during the past twenty-five years were sketched, and their practical importance was indicated.—Dr. Pollok in closing congr-