

Though we don't see 'em, we have all pokes on of this kind, more or less, from a small one that would suit a young pig to one that would suit for a horse seventeen hands high. I was thinking, sir, that the *man pokes* are, for the most part, manufactured by our parsons, some of whom wear enormous ones themselves, which they seem to think become them very much.—Do I speak riddles, sir? I am a plain man, and I dwell in a log hut, but I was thinking some day of trying to write a book about pokes, and to call it "Ephraim and Judah." But I hope the time is fast coming when we shall have a good piece sawn of our pokes, so that that our feet may be ready for a spring!" I admitted that the comparison was both amusing and very instructive; and I said that I would put it down in my note book, from which it now emerges into the open light of day

Presbytery of Hamilton.

This Presbytery held its ordinary meeting at Hamilton on the 10th September. All the ministers and four elders were present, together with Mr. MacKidd and Mr. Stevenson, of the London Presbytery. By the formation of the London Presbytery the number of ministers in that of Hamilton had been reduced to ten.

The time of holding the ordinary meetings was altered to the third Wednesday of April, August, and December.

Considerable time was spent in receiving reports of the fulfillment of missionary appointments; which always form an interesting part of the business and is useful as making the several members better informed as to the actual state of our vacant congregations and destitute settlements. The mission field to the north west is a very interesting one, and contains the elements of many future congregations.

The Presbytery again took up the consideration of Mr. Gregor's demission of the pastoral charge of Guelph; when he still adhering to his purpose formerly expressed and all matters affecting his interests, being satisfactorily arranged by the congregation, the Presbytery accepted his demission and ordered the church to be declared vacant.—Mr. Gregor's name is still retained on the roll, and as an ordained missionary he will perform such labour, as the state of his health will allow.

The case of Mr. Whyte, remitted by the Synod was taken up. Several testimonials highly favourable to Mr. Whyte, besides those before the Synod, were produced and read. In referring to the proceedings of Synod, Mr. Whyte was questioned in the way of friendly conference regarding his views and feelings, respecting his past conduct and his purposes and desires for the future, and the result was felt by all to be highly gratifying, from the excellent spirit which he manifested and the frankness with which he replied to the enquiries of the Presbytery. After the members generally had spoken their sentiments, which were in all cases characterized by affectionate tenderness towards Mr. Whyte, the following evidence was come to;

"After due deliberation the Presbytery, on motion of Dr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Robertson, unanimously agreed, that, inasmuch as Mr. Whyte has now furnished satisfactory evidence of repentance, and assurance of becoming conduct for the future, his suspension from his ministerial functions be and is hereby now removed. The Moderator, at the desire of the Presbytery, intimated this deliverance to Mr. Whyte, and addressed to him suitable fraternal admonition and counsel."

A form was agreed upon of blanks to be printed for statistical returns, and it was determined that an abstract of these returns made to the Presbytery at the end of the year should be published.

Intimation was given to the Presbytery that steps were in progress for the formation of a second congregation in Hamilton; that a temporary building had been contracted for, to be finished in two months, and that Mr. Burnet would preach therein on Sabbath afternoons, when supply was not otherwise provided. The Presbytery recorded the great satisfaction with which the information was received, their thanks to Mr. Burnet for his liberal offer of services, and their purpose to give such presbyterial supply as was in their power.

A memorial was received from our members and adherents in and around Paisley, in the county of Bruce, setting forth their spiritual destitution, and soliciting aid. Also a memorial from members and adherents at Clifton, praying to be organized as a congregation. Appointments were made to carry out the wishes of both parties. The people at Clifton have just completed a large and extensive church, and as the place is growing with wonderful rapidity, (being the point of connection between the American and Canadian railways at the Niagara River) there is every prospect of a good congregation being formed there.

A large number of appointments were made for vacant congregations and missionary stations, of which the Presbytery have still a large number, notwithstanding that their bounds are considerably circumscribed by the formation of a new Presbytery.

The Presbytery will at its next meeting probably assemble in the new Church, which is rapidly approaching completion. The lofty stone spire is much admired, and the whole building is not only highly creditable to the congregation, but an ornament to the flourishing City of Hamilton.—*Presbyterian.*

Ordination and Induction at Lochiel and Williamstown.

It is our pleasing duty to state that, in accordance with the intimation in our last number, the Presbytery of Glengary met by appointment at Lochiel, on the 3rd day of September, for the purpose of ordaining and inducting the Rev. Donald Macdonald to the pastoral charge of the church and congregation there. The Presbytery having been constituted by the Rev. Hugh Urquhart, of Cornwall, the Moderator, the Rev. Peter

MacVicar, of Martintown, preached a sermon suitable to the occasion, and after the conclusion of the discourse, and the usual questions having been put and satisfactorily answered, the Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Macdonald, who was thereafter received into ministerial communion by the brethren, the ministry, and by the elders as their moderator.

The Rev. Dr. Mathieson, of Montreal, whose paternal concern for the young pastor induced him to be present, at the request of the Presbytery addressed him on the solemn duties of the office to which he is set apart, and the Rev. Thomas McPherson, of Lancaster, addressed the people in Gaelic, and concluded the religious services of the day with prayer and the benediction. The attendance was large and respectable, and the people who manifested the highest interest in the settlement of a minister among them, gave him a cordial welcome, which, we trust, will prove an augury of success in that portion of our Lord's Vineyard.

The Presbytery again met at Williamstown, on the 4th day of September, for the ordination and induction of the Rev. Peter Watson. The services were opened by Dr. Mathieson with reading of the Scriptures and prayer. Thereafter Mr. Urquhart preached a faithful and appropriate discourse, at the conclusion of which the usual questions were put and satisfactorily answered: whereupon Mr. Watson was ordained to the sacred office of the ministry by the laying-on of the hands of the Presbytery and prayer, and afterwards was admitted to ministerial communion by the brethren present, and by the elders as their minister. Mr. MacVicar then addressed the pastor, and Mr. MacPherson, the people. The solemn services being closed with prayer and the benediction, the young minister received a cordial greeting from his numerous flock.

It must be pleasing to the friends of our Zion to hear of these settlements. We hope that, by the blessing of God, they may result in much good. There are other vacancies still in Glengary, yearning for pastoral oversight; may the Lord of the harvest in his own time send labourers into His Vineyard.—*Id.*

Death of Professor Smith.

It is with no ordinary sorrow that we announce the untimely death of Professor Smith, of Queen's College. The Church and the College have alike sustained a painful bereavement in his early removal. An Oriental scholar of high standing, a gentleman and a Christian, it will be no easy task to supply his place. The dispensation is indeed an afflictive one, and reads a lesson to all. May we profit by it. We hope to be favoured with particulars regarding this painful event and also a sketch of the brief career of this estimable minister.—*Id.*

Presentation to the Rev. Dr. Machar

The Rev. Dr. Machar having during the past session of Queen's College conducted the Hebrew classes of the late Rev. Professor Smith, the Trustees desired to show their sense of the important services thus rendered, and which were the more arduous from having been bestowed while the duties of