

he be gone. Our prayer is that God may bring by His grace those who have seen his life and heard his words, those who were to him as friends, to that temple not made with hands; also that those who have been thus bereaved of a husband and father may find in Jesus our Lord and Redeemer a very present help in this their time of sorrow.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—According to adjournment this Presbytery met on the 21st of October, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in Duff's Church, East Puslinch, chiefly for the purpose of inducting Mr. William Robertson, M.A., who had signified his acceptance of the call addressed to him by the congregations of that, and of the sister congregation of Knox Church, West Puslinch. Among the other business transacted was the appointment of a committee with Mr. John Davidson, of Alma, as Convener, to prepare answers to Mr. Smith's reasons of protest and complaint against the finding of the Presbytery at its last meeting in reference to Drayton. The Clerk reported that he had received and remitted to the proper quarters the augmentation granted for the last half year to the congregations of Hawkesville and Linwood, and to that of Cummock. He further stated that he learned from the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Committee that the application for a grant to Drayton had been declined. Leave was granted to the congregation of Melville Church, Fergus, to raise by mortgage on the manse and grounds the sum of one thousand three hundred dollars, the same, with interest, to be paid in five years or less, as the congregation may decide. The Presbytery then proceeded to Mr. Robertson's induction according to the practice of the Church. Mr. Winchester, of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, preached from 2nd Cor., iv. 5. Dr. Torrance, who has been Moderator of the Session of Duff's Church during the vacancy, gave a brief narrative of the steps in the call, put to Mr. Robertson the questions presented for such occasions, and, satisfactory answers to these having been given, led in solemn prayer, in the course of which Mr. Robertson was duly inducted into the pastoral oversight of the two congregations of Duff's Church and Knox Church. Mr. Smith then addressed him, and Dr. Torrance the people on their respective duties. The former repaired at the close of public worship to the door of the church with the newly-inducted pastor, that the people as they retired might welcome him among them, and the latter was appointed to introduce him to the Kirk Session, which was instructed to meet after the rising of the Presbytery. Mr. Robertson's name was then added to the roll and he took his seat as a member of the Presbytery. A happy settlement of these congregations has been effected and there is good reason to believe that the union will be a comfortable and prosperous one. After the induction a welcome social was held in the evening at which there was a large attendance. After a splendid tea Rev. Dr. Torrance took the chair. Interesting addresses were delivered by Revs. J. C. Smith, Winchester, and the newly-inducted pastor, Mr. Robertson, and grand music was furnished by a quartette choir from Guelph, composed of Mrs. Savage, Miss Schofield, Messrs. Brydon and Mills.

HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The executive sub-committee of the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee met in the deacons' court room of Knox Church, Toronto, on October 1. Several members of the committee were also present.

The following time-table for next examination was agreed upon: Saturday, January 31, 1891, 9-11 a.m., International Sabbath School Lessons; 2-4 p.m., "Life of Christ;" 11 a.m.-1 p.m., The Reformation; 4-6 p.m., Shorter Catechism.

The chief and sub-examiners of last year were re-appointed, with one or two necessary changes. The appointment of local centres and presiding examiners was left, as before, in the hands of Presbytery Conveners. Presiding examiners will in future mail all their answers to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee instead of sorting them for direct transmission to the sub-examiners. This arrangement will simplify the work of all parties and be in every way more satisfactory.

The following is the Syllabus for 1891 as agreed upon by the Committee:—

Department 1.—Biblical.—Junior and Intermediate—The International Sabbath School Lessons for 1891. Senior—The same as for Junior, but with somewhat more difficult questions. Also an additional paper on "The Kings of Judah," by Rev. Prof. Given, Ph.D.

Department 2.—Doctrinal.—Junior and Intermediate—"The Shorter Catechism," by Professor Salmond, D.D. Part II. Sec. 2 (Questions 82-107). Senior—"The Church," by Rev. Professor Binnie, D.D. The study of Dr. White's Handbook on the Shorter Catechism will be resumed in 1892.

Department 3.—Historical.—Junior and Intermediate—"The History of the Reformation," by the Rev. Professor Witherow. Senior—"The Reformation," by Professor Lindsay, D.D.

Candidates who presented themselves at the last examinations will not be excluded; but no second medal, prize or diploma will be given to anyone, nor will a medallist of last year be eligible for a prize.

In 1892 "Scottish Church History" will be substituted for "The History of the Reformation." The text books will be Professor Salmond's Primer and Dr. Walker's Handbook.

Department 4.—Essay.—Junior and Intermediate—"The Life of King Hezekiah." Senior—"The Life and Writings of the Apostle John."

The attention of intending candidates is drawn to the following changes: (1) The examination will be held on January 31, 1891, consequently all the dates depending on this one should read one month earlier than is stated in the printed copies of the regulations. (2) For the coming examination only candidates who are in their seventeenth year will rank as Juniors. In future all over sixteen will be graded as Intermediates. (3) A separate paper will be set for Juniors with questions

more adopted to that standard than were those given last year.

The Convener would urgently request treasurers to forward to him the contributions of their schools without delay. The Committee have, so far, been able to pay every bill as it fell due, and he is anxious to maintain this creditable record.

T. F. FOTHERINGHAM, *Convener*.

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SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The following circular has been sent to the Clerks of Presbyteries along with a supply of blank forms for petitions to Parliament:—

It is highly desirable to have a Sabbath Law, if such can be obtained, that will apply to the whole Dominion.

A Bill to secure such a law was introduced into Parliament last Session but did not come up for a second reading.

Mr. Charlton, who has the Bill in hand, will introduce it at the earliest possible date in the coming Session. To give this Bill every advantage before Parliament it is necessary that it should be well backed by petitions. A goodly number of petitions were sent in last year, but not nearly as many as might have been.

These petitions are not lost. They are preserved on file, and a return of them can be called for by any member on the floor of the House. The Lord's Day Alliance has again issued forms of petition in the hope of seeing the House flooded with petitions during next Session. The Alliance is sending them out through the channels of the various religious denominations. The denominations in any locality may, with advantage, unite in sending in a petition. I have sent to the Clerks of Presbyteries sufficient forms to supply all the congregations of our Church. I respectfully ask the Clerk of Presbytery, or where there is a Presbytery Committee on Sabbath Observance, the Convener of that Committee, to see to their distribution. Petitions may be sent in (1) from a Presbytery; (2) from a Kirk Session on behalf of the congregation; (3) from a congregation signed by members and adherents; (4) from the community generally. The most influential petition is, of course, one signed by the people and sent to the representative of the Riding with the request that he present the petition and support the measure. Where practicable let deputations wait upon the member and urge the matter upon his attention. It is only by united earnest effort we can hope to see the Bill become law. In this movement we are acting in harmony with the "Sabbath Union" of the United States, who have a similar Bill before their Legislature. Should more forms be required I shall be glad to furnish them.

W. D. ARMSTRONG,

Convener of Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Observance and Secretary of Lord's Day Alliance.

It is to be hoped that this important matter will be taken up heartily by the Presbyteries and congregations throughout our Church.

OBITUARY.

MRS. WILLIAM CLARK, LONDON.

Mrs. Clark—Catharine McKay, relict of the late William Clark—died at London on the 21st September. The name of William Clark was a household word in many families connected with the Presbyterian Church, especially in Western Ontario. Mr. Clark was closely connected with the beginning and progress and development of Presbyterianism, especially in the London Presbytery, which in his early days covered an area of two hundred miles by seventy. A very great number of the congregations west of Hamilton to-day have a grateful remembrance of Mr. Clark's special interest in their prosperity and growth. Mrs. Clark was born in Inverness, the capital of the highlands of Scotland, in 1806. She married Mr. Clark in 1834, and emigrated to Canada in 1835, and settled in London, then consisting of only a few houses. From the very commencement of Mr. Clark's residence in London his house became a centre of religious influence, a place of rendezvous of the faithful, of rest, shelter and entertainment to the pioneer missionaries of the Presbyterian Church, and a centre of missionary operations, gradually increasing and spreading throughout the surrounding country.

In connection with those early pioneer movements, Mrs. Clark became a prominent person, entering most heartily and with sympathy into the work of the Church.

In ministering to the necessities of those servants of Christ and in enjoying their fellowship and the benefit of their Christian converse and instruction, Mrs. Clark combined, to some extent at least, the character of both Mary and Martha.

Often in late years did she refer to those early associations with regard and depth of feeling indicative of her sympathy with the cause of the Lord, and the moulding which her spiritual nature had received from those hallowed associations.

Mrs. Clark was naturally modest, of a retiring and unobtrusive disposition, warm and steadfast in her affections, and specially kind and sympathetic. She shrank from anything savouring of ostentation, so that her acts of kindness were a carrying out of the precept: "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

As a member of the Church she took special interest in the prosperity of her own congregation and the Church in general. As an evidence of this she has left by her will a handsome legacy to the Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, September 24, from her late residence, Central Avenue, to St. Andrew's Church Cemetery, the pall-bearers being composed mainly of survivors of those making up the first communion roll of St. Andrew's over thirty years ago. As the Lord is thus gathering home from time to time one by one such as witnessed faithfully for Him in the past, may He graciously raise up others from the present and rising generations, who shall, with increased faithfulness, "display a banner because of the truth."

British and Foreign.

At Auckland a Presbyterian elders' and lay preachers' association has been formed.

The Gaelic Church, Greenock, was built in 1791, so that next year its centenary will be celebrated.

A NATIVE teacher of Tanna, in the New Hebrides, has bequeathed his all, \$45, to the Bible Society.

PROFESSOR CHARTERIS dined with the Queen at Balmoral, and on the following Sunday preached before the court.

DR. JAMES BROWN, of Paisley, is still so prostrate that his congregation have made arrangements for pulpit supply till the end of the year.

THE induction of Rev. Findlay MacRae to Knockbain West terminates a dispute which has agitated the parish for twenty-three years.

DR. PETER BAYNE gave the opening address this session before the Ruskin Society of London. It was delivered at the London Institution.

THE new parish church of Pitsligo has at last been erected after eleven years' litigation with the heritors, preceded by two years' "consideration."

ARBROATH Presbytery is taking steps to form a pastoral association in which the ministers of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches could co-operate.

THE poet-queen of Roumania, who was the guest of her Majesty at Balmoral, attended service in St. Giles', Edinburgh, when Dr. Cameron Lees was the preacher.

OF the twelve students in Glasgow Presbytery entering the theological hall ten received certificates while two were rejected because their Bible papers were miserably poor.

THE first number of the *Critical Review*, edited by Professor Salmond, contains contributions from Canon Driver, Principal Rainy, Mr. A. Taylor Innes, Dr. Hutchison Stirling, and many of the leading divines of the Free Church.

THE St. George's Road congregation, Glasgow, of which the Rev. Dr. Anderson is pastor, have unanimously and cordially agreed to clear off within the next twelve months the remaining debt of \$5,000 resting on the church property.

OF the residue of the estate of Mr. William Grant, merchant, Grant's House, Berwickshire, the China Mission receives \$8,810, an equal sum going to Mr. Hudson Taylor's mission, and \$17,625 to the National Bible Society of Scotland.

THE Rev. J. Scott, of Impolweni, has been appointed secretary of the joint committee for the revision of the Zulu Bible; it also includes Dr. Dalzell, of the Free Church, and representatives of the American, Wesleyan, German and Norwegian missions.

ALREADY 50,000 copies of the new edition of Norman Macleod's "Old Lieutenant and His Son," have been sold, and an equal number of "The Starling." One Glasgow bookseller in a very short time disposed of 10,400 copies of the same author's "Wee Davie."

THE Rev. Alex. Andrew, of the White Memorial Church, Glasgow, was presented at a congregational soiree, held to celebrate his semi-jubilee, with an illuminated address and a cheque for \$1,500, while his wife received an afternoon tea-service. A native of Paisley, Mr. Andrew previous to his studying for the ministry was employed in Mr. Peter Drummond's Tract depot at Stirling.

DR. P. HATELY WADDELL, on account of advancing years with their infirmities, has resigned his charge of the congregation meeting in the Trades Hall, Glasgow; and the Presbytery has appointed a committee to confer with Dr. Waddell and the congregation with a view to its continuance.

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