

erator for the ensuing six months. The following minute was adopted in reference to Mr. MacMechan. "The Presbytery in parting with their brother would follow him to his new field of labour with their continued sympathy. They would also place upon record this expression of their esteem: Assiduous in labours, courteous in bearing, faithful in the discharge of duties assigned, his counsel and countenance will be long missed by those who have been long privileged to meet with him; yet as another section of the Church has become the gainer, the Presbytery can only trust that the new field of labour now opened up to their brother may be found congenial, and abundantly blessed by the Great Head of the Church, to whom they earnestly commend him." The Presbytery declined to take charge of the Palmerston mission field at present under the care of the Lanark Presbytery. The congregation of Trenton were granted permission to sell their church and the property on which it stands, that they may apply the proceeds to the building of a new church on a more eligible site. Messrs. Hugh Taylor, Thomas S. Glassford, B.A., Alexander H. Scott, M.A., and Alexander McLean, B.A., students of Queen's College, Kingston, were, after examination in all the subjects prescribed, licensed to preach the gospel. Mr. John Mordy, M.A., was transferred to the Presbytery of Bruce with a view to license. Arrangements were made for the dispensation of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in all the vacancies and mission stations within the bounds. The list of supplemented congregations was revised; Picton was added to the list, while action in regard to some was deferred for lack of information. Mr. Cormack tendered resignation of his pastoral charge, and the Clerk was instructed to cite the Kirk Session and congregations concerned to appear for their interests in the matter at an adjourned meeting to be held on the 6th day of August next. Messrs. Young and Smith were empowered to moderate in calls at Picton and Amherst Island respectively, when the people are ready. A bequest of \$100 to the Presbytery of Kingston for mission purposes by the late Mrs. Patterson, one of the managers of that congregation to be used as they see best for its interests. The Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was reappointed for the ensuing year, Mr. Smith, Convener. The Clerk's salary was increased to \$150 per annum. Mr. Steele was cited to appear at the adjourned meeting in August, to give explanations as to his present anomalous position with regard to this Church. A portion of the evening sederunt was spent in listening to addresses in favour of the endowment of Queen's College, Kingston. An adjourned meeting is to be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on Tuesday, the sixth day of August next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—A quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal was held in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on Tuesday, the 9th of July. The attendance was fair for the season of the year, but certainly not large. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting and of special meetings, held in the interval, were read and sustained. Elders' commissions were read and sustained as follows:—From the session of Rockburn and Gore in favour of James Rennie; Erskine church, Montreal, John Brodie; Crescent Street church, Montreal, John Stirling, and from St. Andrew's church, Huntingdon, in favour of James Learmont. Rev. James Watson, M.A., of the Second Presbyterian church, Huntingdon, was chosen Moderator for the next six months. Much time was occupied discussing a dissent on the part of Joshua Breadner and others from the finding of a commission appointed some time ago to visit the congregation of Huntingdon and Athelstane, and the further consideration of it was laid over till next quarterly meeting. An extract minute of the Presbytery of London, Eng., intimating that the Rev. Mr. McKay, Brighton, Eng., declined the call to the Crescent Street Church, Montreal, was read and the clerk instructed to communicate this decision to the Kirk Session. The necessary extracts from the minutes of the General Assembly were read, and in terms thereof the Presbytery resolved to receive the Rev. Omer Camerle as minister of this church, to take Messrs. Chas. McKillop, B.A., W. D. Russell, J. R. McLeod, A. B. Cruchet, and F. Walker, Students in Divinity, on public probationary trials for license, when these gentlemen made application for this purpose; also to receive Mr. A. Internoscia, an Italian ex-priest, as a student of the third year, and to place

Mr. G. B. Tanguay, a French ex-ecclesiastic of the Church of Rome, under the care of this Presbytery and of the senate of the Presbyterian College, with a view to his further attendance on classes. Messrs. Watson (convener), the Clerk, D. Yulle, Treasurer, James B. Muir, and J. S. Black, were appointed a committee to enquire into the present condition of the Presbytery fund, take such steps in regard thereto as may be deemed necessary, and report to next quarterly meeting. The final consideration of an application from New Glasgow for moderation in a call was deferred till next meeting. Rev. Chas. A. Doudiet called attention to the fact that at the last Corpus Christi celebration in Montreal an arch had been erected immediately opposite St. John's Church, on St. Catharine Street, in such a way that his congregation were unable to assemble for services at the time appointed. A committee was appointed to enquire into this and some other cases of a similar nature, and report. The Rev. Mr. Groulx's application to be received as a minister of this Church was referred in the meantime to the French Evangelization Board for consideration—the Presbytery recommending the Board to employ Mr. Groulx in French work if they see fit. A communication from Rev. George McKay, River La Guerre, anent arrears was referred to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee to take prompt action. Messrs. Chas. McKillop, B.A., and A. B. Cruchet having applied to be taken on trials for license, the Presbytery proceeded to do so. Upon a conjunct view of the whole trial the Presbytery resolved to license them, which was done by the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Watson, after satisfying answers had been given by them to the questions appointed to be put to candidate for license. The next quarterly meeting was appointed to be held in this place on Tuesday, the first day of October, at the usual hour, due intimation of which was given, and this meeting was closed with prayer.—JAMES PATTERSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—The Presbytery of Saugeen met at Mount Forest on the 9th and 10th of July. The resignation of the Rev. Mr. Park as clerk was accepted, the thanks of the Presbytery tendered him for his long and faithful services. The Presbytery also expressed their deep sympathy with him for that state of his health which led to his resignation. The Rev. Stephen Young, of Clifford, was chosen clerk. A call was read from Priceville, signed by 112 members and sixteen adherents, in favour of Mr. Donald McLeod. The stipend promised is \$700 and manse, with two acres of glebe. The call was sustained, and the clerk instructed to transmit said call to Mr. McLeod after being notified that the portion of the congregation still in arrears to Messrs. Cameron & McKenzie had made arrangements for the payment of the same. On condition of Mr. McLeod accepting said call, the Presbytery agreed to meet in Priceville, on Tuesday, the 20th August, at 7.30 p.m., to hear Mr. McLeod's trial discourses, etc., the ordination and induction to take place on Wednesday, 21st August, at 11 a.m., Mr. Crozier to preach and preside, Mr. Morrison to address the minister, and Mr. Park the people. A call from Knox Church, Harriston, in favour of Rev. John Campbell, of Cannington, in the Presbytery of Lindsay, was also read. The call was signed by 116 members and twenty-five adherents. The stipend promised is \$800 and manse, or rented house. Reasons for translation from the congregation were read, and commissioners heard in support of said call. The call was sustained, and the clerk instructed to transmit it to the Presbytery of Lindsay. Robt. Blackwood from the congregation, Rev. D. D. McLennan, of Kirkfield, from the Session, and Rev. John McClung from the Presbytery, were appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Lindsay. On condition of the call being accepted and the Presbytery of Lindsay agreeing to his translation, the Presbytery agreed to meet in Knox Church, Harriston, for Mr. Campbell's induction, on Wednesday, the 7th August, at 11 a.m., Mr. Baikie to preside, Mr. Young to preach, Mr. Cameron to address the minister, and Mr. McClung the people. A case between Palmerston Session and Mr. Gambol was deferred till next meeting of Presbytery, when all parties concerned are to be cited to appear for their interests. Mr. Moffat gave in a report of the Presbytery's Home Mission work. A petition from West Brant was read asking to be separated from North Brant with a view of being united to Pinkerton. A petition was also read from West Bentwick asking to be united to North Brant under the pastoral charge of Mr. Duff. Papers were

also read from North Brant and Hanover. Commissioners from all the congregations were heard. Mr. Duff was also heard. After due deliberation it was moved and carried that the prayer of the petition from West Brant be granted, to take effect after the 21st inst., the congregation of West Brant continuing to pay Mr. Duff's salary up to the 1st October, Mr. Duff to continue Moderator of West Brant Session. It was further moved and agreed to, that all the stations in Normanby, and Egremont, and Hanover station be cited to appear at the next ordinary meeting with the view of adjusting all the stations and making such changes as may best suit the wants and necessities of all parties. A petition was also presented by the West Brant congregation praying that in the event of disjunction from North Brant, the congregation desire to be transferred into the Presbytery of Bruce. The Presbytery expressed its willingness to the transference. The Session records of Clifford, Balaklava, North Brant, Egremont, and Proton were examined and attested. The committee appointed to draw up a minute anent the resignation of Rev. P. Greig, submitted the following which was adopted:—"In parting with their esteemed brother, Rev. Mr. Greig, the Presbytery would record their sense of the long and faithful service rendered by him, extending over the period of seventeen years, in a wide and difficult field, and their appreciation of his courteous and kind co-operation as a member of the Presbytery, his singleness of purpose in advancing the good cause. Their prayer is that he may be still spared in the service of the Master, and that another sphere of labour may be provided for him to set forth and commend the glorious Gospel." A letter was read from Cotswood congregation asking for a supplement of \$200 as North Arthur had declined to unite with them. It was agreed to defer the consideration of the application in the meantime, and cite North Arthur to appear for their interest at the next regular meeting. Mr. McClung was appointed Moderator of Ayton and North Normanby. A letter was read from Mr. McAlmon claiming arrears from the congregations of Markdale and Flesherton. The clerk was instructed to correspond with said congregations anent the matter. After the transaction of some other business of less public importance, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Palmerston, on Tuesday, the 17th September, at 2 o'clock p.m.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

MOSES' LAST LOOK.

The end was at last come. It might still have seemed that a triumphant end was in store for the aged prophet. His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. He had led his people to victory against the Amorite kings; he might still be expected to lead them over into the land of Canaan. But so it was not to be. From the desert plains of Moab he went up to the same lofty range whence Balaam had looked over the same prospect. The same, but seen with eyes how different! The view of Balaam has been long forgotten; but the view of Moses has become the proverbial view of all time. It was the peak dedicated to Nebo on which he stood. He lifted up his eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward. Beneath him lay the tents of Israel ready for the march; and over against them, distinctly visible in its grove of palm-trees, the stately Jericho, key of the Land of Promise. Beyond was spread out the whole range of the mountains of Palestine, in its fourfold masses; all Gilcad, with Hermon and Lebanon in the east and north; the hills of Galilee, overhanging the lake of Gennesareth; the wide opening where lay the plain of Esdraelon, the future battle-field of the nations; the rounded summits of Ebal and Gerizim; immediately in front of him the hills of Judaea, and, amidst them, seen distinctly through the rents in their rocky walls, Bethlehem on its narrow ridge, and the invincible fortress of Jebus. To him, so far as we know, the charm of that view lay in the assurance that this was the land promised to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, and to their seed, the inheritance—with all its varied features of rock and pasture, and forest and desert—for the sake of which he had borne so many years of toil and danger, in the midst of which the fortunes of his people would be unfolded worthily of that great beginning. To us, as we place ourselves by his side, the view swells into colossal proportions, as we think how the proud city of palm-trees is to fall before the host of Israel; how the spear of Joshua is to be planted on height after height of those hostile mountains. All this he saw. He saw it with his eyes, but he was not to go over thither. It was his last view.—Dean Stanley, in *Lectures on the Jewish Church*.

THE Bishop of Madras numbers the native Christians in his diocese at 79,917.

SIR HUMPHREY DAVY observes: "Of all the religions which have operated upon the human mind, Christianity alone has the consistent character of perfect truth; all its parts are arranged with the most beautiful symmetry; and its grand effects have been constantly connected with virtuous gratification, with moral and intellectual improvement, with present and future happiness."