

like portrait of himself, as a mark of the high esteem which the deputation and many others, who, by the testimony of many witnesses, he so zealously discharged for seven years in his far distant land, and under a burning sun—life. The portrait, painted by Mr. Levack, of Airdrie, a young artist of high attainments in his profession, being exhibited, Dr. Clark rose and said.—Mr. Watt.—It gives me a pleasure of no ordinary kind to have been selected to present you with this portrait. You and I have now arrived at a great age. Sixty years have now elapsed since you first taught in the parish school, and the hearers having formed a favourable opinion of your abilities, would then have elected you as parish schoolmaster, but this you declined, wishing to arrive at still further proficiency in your studies. After three years of further preparation you returned to New Monkland, and were then elected. In the year 1809 you became a licentiate of the Church of Scotland. The even tenor and laborious nature of a parish schoolmaster's life does not admit of any great variety of incident or of much being said concerning it; still the office of a teacher is of the highest importance. To him belongs the duty of instilling the principles of piety and virtue into the young mind, and to the teachers of Scotland, by general consent, has always been attributed the high standing which Scotchmen have attained in every quarter of the globe; and it gives me great pleasure to add, that many of your pupils, both at home and abroad, have arrived at great eminence in various professional employments. Your own course, I would say, has been fortunate and happy. About thirty years ago you received a highly valuable testimony of respect and regard as a successful teacher,—and now again a number of your neighbours and former pupils have agreed to present you with this evidence of their esteem, which I doubt not will be an object of the greater gratification, in that it conveys to you—near the close of a long life usefully spent—a testimony of the continued respect of those amongst whom you live. I am glad to say that Mr. Levack has produced in this painting not only a very exact likeness, but also a highly-finished and successful work of art, which has been seen and universally admired by a wide circle of your friends and acquaintances, and which will carry down to future generations a correct representation of your lineaments and personal appearance. In name, therefore, of the subscribers, I beg to present you with this portrait. Mr. Watt acknowledged the deep feeling of gratitude experienced by him on the reception of this testimony of their esteem, and after several interesting remarks as to the various changes that had taken place around him since his election to this parish, the whole party sat down to a substantial dinner, after which the several guests, during the intervals between the toasts, rehearsed some curious stories of their schoolboy days, and thus spent the evening in a very pleasant manner.

THE LATE REV. ALEXANDER STEVENSON, MINISTER OF RUTHWELL.—On Wednesday last, in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and parishioners, the last sad duties were paid to the mortal remains of this lamented gentleman. He had faithfully fulfilled the period of service assigned to him in his Master's vineyard. His ministerial life extended over twenty years; and but a few brief months ago, none who saw him but might have anticipated for him a long, long succession of years of usefulness and honour. Such expectations, however, were not to be realised. He has died in his prime, and gone prematurely to

his rest. Yet the work and labour of love, which, by the testimony of many witnesses, he so zealously discharged for seven years in his far distant land, and under a burning sun—and the quiet, unobtrusive goodness, pious counsels, and kindly and consolatory offices which marked his daily life as parish minister at Ruthwell—have not been unproductive of good, and will not fail of their reward.—*Dumfries Herald.*

NEW CHURCH OF DUMFRIES.—The Presbytery of Dumfries met in the new church here, on Thursday, for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Andrew Gray to the new church and parish of Dumfries, in the room of the late Dr. Thomas Tudor Duncan. The services of the day were ably conducted by the Rev. William Moore, M. A., Lochruton. At the close of the very imposing ceremony, Mr. Gray received a hearty welcome from the members of his flock as they retired from the church.

PARISH OF STEWARTON.—At a meeting of the congregation of the Parish Church of Stewarton, at which the minister presided, on Monday evening last, Mr. Wm. T. Shanks, preacher of the gospel, a recent licentiate of the Presbytery of Irvine, was unanimously chosen as a suitable assistant to the Rev. C. B. Steven. We understand this appointment promises to give general satisfaction to this large parish and congregation.

We (*Perthshire Advertiser*) understand the Rev. Andrew James Baxter has been appointed minister of the chapel at Stanley, in connection with the Church of Scotland. Mr. Baxter is son of Mr. Daniel Baxter, who was several years the respected chaplain of our County Prison, and who now fills the same office in the County Prison of Aberdeen. The newly appointed minister was a distinguished student of Aberdeen College, and has for a considerable time acted as missionary in the East Church parish of that city.

CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Induction at Hemmingford, C. W.

The Presbytery of Montreal met at Hemmingford, according to appointment, on the 8th ult., for the induction of the Rev. James Patterson to that charge. There were present the Rev. F. P. Sym, Moderator; Alexander Wallace, John Macdonald and William Snodgrass, Ministers; and Adam J. Reay, Elder. Although it was a very precious harvest day, the people showed their interest in the settlement of Mr. Patterson by attending in large numbers. The Church was full. Mr. Patterson having preached before the Presbytery, according to appointment, and it having been reported that he preached, as required, before the congregation on the 15th Aug., the edict for his induction was returned duly attested, as having been served agreeably to instructions. Proclamation was then made three times at the church door, that, if any person had any objection to offer against the life, doctrine or conversation of the Rev. James Patterson, he should immediately repair to the Presbytery and lodge certification with proof why the said

Rev. James Patterson should not be inducted. No one having appeared to object, the Rev. William Snodgrass went to the pulpit and preached a sermon suited to the occasion. Thereafter he gave a history of the vacancy and the steps taken by the Presbytery to supply it, and then in the face of the congregation put to Mr. Patterson the questions required by the Church to be put to Ministers at their induction, to which satisfactory answers were received, read the Act of Synod declaring the spiritual independence of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and received Mr. Patterson's assent thereto, and then, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Head of this Church, and in the name of the Presbytery, inducted Mr. Patterson to this charge, investing him with the full character of minister of this congregation, and conveying to him, by prayer, all the powers and privileges implied in that character. Prayer being ended, the right hand of fellowship was given to Mr. Patterson by the brethren present, and Mr. Snodgrass then addressed him and his congregation on their respective duties. After the services were finished, the congregation had the usual opportunity of welcoming their newly inducted minister. Mr. Patterson subscribed the Formula prescribed by Act 10, Assembly 1711, and Bonds in duplicate for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Funds, and his name was added to the Presbytery Roll. The Clerk was instructed to intimate this induction to the Secretaries of the Temporalties Board, the Board of Managers of the Ministers Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. The Presbytery then made inquiries into the state of the session, church, manse, glebe, and management of the temporal affairs, and agreed to record their satisfaction with the interest and efforts manifested in connection therewith.

The Presbytery having made arrangements for the dispensation of the Lord's Supper to the vacant congregation of Dundee, the Moderator closed this meeting by pronouncing the Benediction.—*Montreal Presbyterian.*

Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery met at Niagara on the 25th of August, and proceeded to the induction of the Rev. Charles Campbell, Messrs. Herald, Bell, and Niven officiating. This was a most satisfactory and harmonious settlement; may it be abundantly blessed of the great Head of the Church.

"The Presbytery, on motion of Mr. Niven, seconded by Mr. Whyte, unanimously agreed to record their high sense of the liberality of the Kirk Session of Niagara in their defraying the expenses of the members of Presbytery who were appointed to induct the Rev. Mr. Campbell over the vacant congregation there on the 25th of last month, and who, as a Kirk Session, have been the first in the history of our Church to exhibit an example so considerable and so worthy of imitation." This minute is commended to the attention of the Sessions of other vacant congregations, and the zeal and liberality of the brethren at Niagara may provoke them to follow an example, as it says, so deserving of imitation.—*Id.*

Presbytery of Toronto.

The ordinary quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Saint Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the 17th of August, and was