

Indian youth favourably; also, the overture regarding church building aid.

Prof. Bryce, as the Presbytery's Commissioner to the General Assembly, gave a very interesting and encouraging report of the Assembly's proceedings. Mr. McV. also gave an interesting report as Commissioner to Assembly.


Rev. Dr. Patterson addressed the members of Presbytery with regard to his mission to the mother country. A committee was appointed to confer with Dr. Patterson.

Rev. Mr. Scott's efforts to erect a church at Pembina were highly commended by the Presbytery.

The question of supply for Prince Albert Mission was taken up and earnestly discussed. It was resolved to urge the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to lose no time in appointing a suitable missionary to Prince Albert.

Rev. Mr. Ross, of Lancaster, Ont., being present, was cordially invited by the Presbytery to address the Court, which he did in eloquent and encouraging terms.

Obituary.

 THE REV. JAMES WHYTE, of Manotick and Gloucester, whose death we announced last month, was born at Perth, Scotland, in 1830. He commenced his studies in Glasgow University and completed his curriculum at Knox College, Toronto, after which however he took an extra session at the Divinity Hall, in Edinburgh. He was ordained and inducted to the charge of Osgoode in 1858, where he continued his ministrations for seventeen years. In November 1875, he was translated to Manotick. He was a faithful and laborious minister of the Gospel, whose name was associated with every good work. He took a deep interest in the cause of education and was many years a member of the Board of Examiners for the County of Carleton. He was also a warm friend of the Temperance cause. Especially, he was a friend of the young. An earnest student of the Bible, he was always prepared to preach the Gospel. His preaching was fresh and powerful. He had also great faith in dealing personally with souls. His brethren of the Presbytery, no less than his own congregation appreciated his fidelity. Mr. Whyte's father was an Elder in the Renfield St. Church in Glasgow, of which Dr. Willis—the late Principal of Knox College, Toronto,—was at that time the pastor.

REV. WILLIAM RICHARDSON, of Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, N. B., died suddenly at New York, on the 18th of July. Mr. Richardson was inducted at St. Andrew's, in 1876. He was a faithful worker in the Master's service and was much esteemed by his people. He had gone to Bermuda about two months before his death to supply for a short time the congregation rendered vacant by the removal of Rev. Kenneth Junor. The people there had resolved to give him a call, though his acceptance of it was uncertain. On his return voyage to New York he took ill, and after his

arrival sank rapidly. Rev. Dr. Ormiston was in constant attendance upon him while in New York. His wife, who was awaiting his arrival at Boston, though summoned by telegraph, did not reach New York until his eyes were closed in death.

MR. D. R. MCPHERSON, an Elder of the church, died at Embro, Ont., on the 18th of June last. The deceased was a native of Tain, Scotland, born in the year 1814. In 1836 he came to Canada and spent most of his future life in the County of Oxford. He was elected to the Eldership in 1872; and was clerk of the Kirk-Session of the congregation of Zorra (Rev. G. Munro's). He was a man of excellent judgment, and of a truly catholic spirit. His death was unexpected and cast a gloom over the community in which he lived. But he was ready to depart, and his words and deeds will be fragrant in the memory of his numerous friends for many a day to come.

THOMAS GUNN, ELDER.—Mr. Thomas Gunn, Elder, died at West Branch, River John, Pictou County, on the 23rd June, in the 73rd year of his age. He was a native of the parish of Lairg, Sutherlandshire. He emigrated to Pictou in 1831. His father and grandfather were Elders and Catechists in Lairg, in their day. He was precentor in the parish five years next preceding his emigration; and he officiated in that capacity and as an Elder in the West Branch Congregation until his last illness which he endured for seven months with exemplary patience and resignation to the Divine will. He had eleven of a family, and he leaves seven children and a sorrowful widow, and a circle of relations, to mourn their irreparable loss. The congregation sustained a loss in his removal; but death to him is a great gain.

The Potter.



WITH skilful hand the potter holds
The soft and swiftly circling clay,
And the rude mass with patience moulds,
And fashions to his will and way.

Beneath his practiced touch it grows,
Like the fair form before his eye,
Until the finished vessel shows
The model's rounded symmetry.

Each pressure of the finger tells,
Each turning of the wrist appears:
As slowly the material swells
And gathers shape for after years.

So God has put in each man's power
A character to mould or mar,
And all our acts from hour to hour,
Combine to make us what we are.