

BRUCEFIELD.

On Wednesday, the 13th of October, the U. P. Congregation here unanimously called Mr. John Mackie, Probationer, to be their Pastor. The Rev. Matthew Barr, of McKillop, presided.

FUND FOR AIDING AND ENCOURAGING STUDENTS OF DIVINITY.

Thomas Sandilands, Esq., Guelph, has handed us the sum of £10 as his annual contribution for an Exhibition to a Student whom the Committee on Theological Education may select. Mr. F. B. Tisdell, B.A., Probationer, has also repaid the sum of £11, which he received as an Exhibition, when a Student, in 1855. It is impossible not to form a high estimate of the honorable feeling which prompted him to take such a step; but no idea is entertained of any Student who goes forward to license being under the slightest obligation to refund. We regret to add, that Mr. Tisdell's health is, at present, in a somewhat unsatisfactory state. We earnestly hope it will please Providence speedily to restore him, that he may resume his public labours in the service of the Church.

U. P. DIVINITY HALL.

The Session of the Hall was opened in Gould Street Church, Toronto, on the evening of Tuesday 19th Oct. All the Members of the Synod's Committee on Theological Education, and several other Ministers were present. The Rev. the Moderator of Synod occupied the Chair. After singing and reading the Scriptures, prayer was offered up by the Rev. Mr. Thornton; an Address was given from the Chair; the Rev. Dr. Taylor read his Introductory Lecture; the Rev. Mr. Ormiston delivered an Address; and the Rev. Dr. Burns of Knox College concluded with prayer. The number of Students who have entered is sixteen.

CARLISLE.

We understand the U. P. Congregation here have called Mr. William Fletcher to be their Pastor.

PERRYTOWN AND OAKHILLS.

We have heard that the United Presbyterian Congregations of these places have called the Rev. James R. Scott to be their pastor.

Gleanings.

ADOPTION OF THE CONFESSION OF FAITH.

[There is an elaborate article, bearing the above title, in the October number of the *Biblical Repository*, edited by the Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D. The subjoined extract may be interesting at present. In the "Basis of Union," now under consideration, it is proposed to reject certain "interpretations." It will be seen that the writer goes farther, and maintains that our Old School brethren are not regarded as bound to receive all the "propositions" in the Confession. The Question put to every candidate for ordination in that Church is, "Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith of this Church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?"]

"The principle that the adoption of the Confession of Faith implies the adoption of all the propositions therein contained, is not only contrary to the plain, historical meaning of the words which the candidate is required to use, and to the mind of the church in imposing a profession of faith, but the principle is impracticable. It cannot be carried out without working the certain and immediate ruin of the church. Our Confession is a large book; beside the system of doctrine common to all the Reformed churches, it contains deliverances on many other topics relating to the church, the state, and to our social relations. No doubt the original framers of the Westminster Confession, or the majority of them, thought these deliverances both important and scriptural. No doubt also the majority of our own church have concurred in so regarding them. But this is a very different thing from making the adoption of these judgments, all and several, a condition of ministerial communion. One man may dissent from one of them, and another from another, while some may adopt them all; and to many of them they may attach very great importance, without recognizing them as terms of communion.