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### HOME MISSION FUND.

By appointment of Synod, a collection in aid of the Home Mission Fund should be taken up in all congregations where there are no associations or organized plan for raising money for the schemes of the Church, on the third Sabbath of December. We trust that associations have been organized in most of our congregations; they should be in all. Where they are not yet in existence, we trust that means will be taken to bring this most important department of the work of the Church under the notice of congregations, so as to secure their sympathy and liberality in its behalf. We refer, for necessary information, to the official communication of the Conference, in last month's RECORD.

### KNOX COLLEGE.

A circular, with reference to the annual contributions for Knox College, will be in the hands of Clerks of Presbyteries and Ministers in the course of a few days. In the meantime we may remind congregations that contributions for the College should, according to appointment of Synod, be in the hands of the Treasurer before the end of the month of January.

As stated in last month's RECORD, the College is attended by about seventy students, not including a very considerable number of students who are taking a University course before entering Knox College. Of

those attending the College, rather more than one-half are in the preparatory department, under the Rev. G. P. Young; the rest are studying Theology, in its varied departments, under Principal Willis, Professor Caven, and Mr. Proudfoot. After the holidays, Mr. Ure will give a course of lectures in Apologetics.

We are glad to say that every year the number of scholarships or bursaries is increased. There are now, including three for proficiency in Gaelic, fourteen scholarships, ranging generally in value from \$40 to \$60 per annum, with two or three exceptions, open for competition.

We trust that when called upon, in due time, the various congregations will be heartily disposed to contribute liberally for the support of this institution, which has done, and is doing, so much for the supply of ministers and missionaries for the Church.

### PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The second session of this College opened on the 7th day of October last. Twenty-three students were reported as having given in their names, and nineteen are now in attendance in classes taught by Prof. McVicar and Rev. J. M. Gibson. The latter gentleman was unanimously appointed by the College Board to lecture during the present session in the department of Exegetics.

The College is established by charter, obtained under the direction of the Synod, and is affiliated with the University of McGill, and thus enjoys the fullest facilities for the literary training of young men.

The friends of the institution at Quebec have generously contributed to its Endowment Fund \$4,640, making a total now subscribed of \$24,864; of which sum \$12,343 is paid and invested as follows, viz: In city of Montreal consolidated stock, at 7 per cent., \$6,000; on a mortgage, at 8 per cent., \$4,000; and waiting investment in the Savings Bank, at 5 per cent., \$2,343. There are, also, about to be competed for by students, 11 Bursaries, of the value of \$50 to \$60 each; and the Library contains over one thousand volumes. Such is the present state of the College.

The Board, at its meeting in October last, feeling that the time had arrived for increased and energetic effort in order to place the institution in a better position, financially and otherwise, resolved—

1. To seek, as far as practicable, the immediate payment of the amount now subscribed to the Endowment Fund.

2. To increase said Fund to at least \$30,000; and this committee was then empowered to take steps for this purpose.

3. To authorize the same committee to solicit subscriptions and donations of books for the Library.

The committee, therefore, issues this statement and appeal, in the hope that it may meet with a favorable response. It is obvious that a very decided increase in the number of Ministers and Missionaries is required in order to meet the present wants of the Church in Canada. The Home Mission Committee, in the last number of the RECORD, reports forty-eight vacant congregations, with only thirteen probationers to supply them. And this is exclusive of several vacancies not reported to the committee, and exclusive of our Mission Field, Home and Foreign. As yet the Canada Presbyterian Church has only one Missionary to the heathen. This Committee, therefore, learns with satisfaction that some of the students have Foreign Mission work in contemplation. But if Ministers and Mis-

ionaries are to be multiplied, our College work must be vigorously sustained and extended.

It is proper to state that in making the present appeal the Board does not contemplate overstepping any conditions as to time of payment contained in the subscription list; it only invites and urges subscribers, in the interests of the College and of their own accord, to pay earlier than promised.

The success thus far achieved, under the Divine blessing, is highly gratifying, and it is believed that aid rendered *now* will be of much greater value than if *delayed*. Thirty-seven pastoral charges have already contributed to this Fund, and there are in all forty-three congregations, consisting of those in the Presbyteries of Montreal, Ottawa, and Brockville, set apart by the Synod for the support of the College. Let all cheerfully and liberally respond to the present call, and more than the sum indicated may be realized. The committee has arranged to present this matter by deputation to as many congregations as possible during the winter.

The addition of four or five hundred volumes of recent books to the Library is indispensable, and would greatly facilitate the work of Professors and students. One gentleman has purchased seventeen volumes. Will others make this matter an object of their Christian liberality?

The committee reminds Ministers and office-bearers in all the congregations and Mission stations in the above-named Presbyteries, that, by appointment of Synod, the *annual contributions* for the College are to be sent in not later than 31st January next. It is most desirable that *ALL should contribute liberally*, and that, in all cases where it is practicable, the Sabbath-day collection should be supplemented by special donations, received by persons appointed in each congregation to wait upon members and adherents to seek such.

Contributions to the Endowment Fund, for the Library, and to the Annual Revenue, are to be sent to Warden King, Esq., Montreal.

Attention is directed to the Form of Bequest, on the cover of the RECORD, which may be used by persons wishing to will money or property to the College. One legacy has been bequeathed; others are solicited.

In behalf of the committee.

ALEX. MCGIBBON, *Convener*.

#### DENOMINATIONAL GRANTS.

Our readers are aware that an Act was passed by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario during last session, declaring that it should be hereafter unlawful to continue such grants as had, for some years, been made to colleges under denominational control. As might have been expected, where so many influential parties in the country had a pecuniary interest in their continuance, the Act was not passed without considerable opposition, and ominous warnings from sundry quarters that a combined effort would be made to upset, at a future period, the just and wholesome measure. The threat has been only too faithfully kept. The former recipients of these grants have been quietly, but industriously, maturing their plans for a joint attack at once on the public purse and the system of public instruction which, in conformity with the general sentiment of the people, the country long ago adopted. The machinery of the Churches has been put in requisition to circulate ambiguously-worded petitions to the Legislature and secure signatures thereto. Members of Parliament, on both sides of

the House, have been urged, by personal appeals, to depart from their well-known principles, and reverse the legislation of the previous session.

The measure, for the introduction and successful carrying through of which these efforts are designed to prepare the way, aims at establishing these grants for superior education on a footing different, in at least two respects, from that on which they have formerly stood. In the first place, they are to be made only to colleges, in affiliation with the University of Toronto, (reconstituted, doubtless) following the course of study prescribed, and sending their students to be examined by that body; and are to bear a proportion to the work done as ascertained by these examinations. The colleges thus assisted, may belong to, and be under the management of, any corporation, ecclesiastical or civil. They must have buildings of a certain value, and an income of an amount to be defined in the Bill, independent of the Government assistance. In the second place, colleges, meeting these conditions, will thenceforth take their place as a recognized part of the system of public instruction, and be entitled to receive the public moneys in the same way as the Common and Grammar Schools of the Province, without being dependent on an annual vote of the House. In other words, it is sought by the measure, for whose adoption by the Legislature, all this quiet, concerted effort has been put forth, to give these grants a much more secure place in the system of public instruction than they held, even in the days when Upper Canada had not obtained independent control over the legislation and expenditure of the Province.

The scheme, as thus modified, it will be observed, is open to several grave objections. Its inconsistency with the general system of education in operation among us, will be apparent to all. It is safe to say that if it is adopted by the Legislature, the principle on which it is based, that of assisting with public moneys *ecclesiastical* or other corporations doing a certain amount of educational work, cannot stop at the point contemplated in the Bill. If it may be applied to Colleges, why not to Grammar Schools; if to the higher education of young men, why not to the higher education of young women? If to the education by this and the other Church, of the better classes of society in Latin and Greek, and natural science, why not to the education of the same or other Churches of the humbler classes of—let us say ragged and neglected children, in reading, writing, and the principles of morality? Most of our readers will see a far stronger ground for the application of the principle, in the latter case, than in the former. Its tendency to lower the standard of higher education in the Province may not be so apparent—but it is just as certain.

The objectionable feature of the measure, however, the discussion of which comes most properly within the sphere of this Journal, is the old sectarian one. This feature is slightly disguised, it is true; but only the more obnoxious to those who are, on principle, opposed to denominational grants, or even regard them as highly inexpedient in a country such as ours. In this aspect of it, the adoption of the measure by the Legislature will be fraught with the worst results. The unity of the Churches, in feeling, if not in outward organization, happily on the increase, will be seriously marred—the ministers and members of various Protestant bodies, whose real interests and aims are the same, will be set at variance by the agitations which will at once ensue. A real wrong will be done, moreover, to large classes of the community who cannot from principle share in these grants, and a *sense* of injustice awakened all the more bitter, that the wrong has been done in the name of religion, and by Christian Churches.

The danger of such a measure passing the Legislature within a short period is great. Few would have believed it to be so a month or two ago; but from this very security, as so often happens, the peril has sprung. The friends of unsectarian education, happily found in all the churches, have no time to lose. Public meetings should be held at once. Petitions against the renewal of these grants, in any form, to Colleges not entirely national in their appointments of Professors and general management, should be put in circulation and sent forward without delay; and the members of the Legislature, a majority of whom, it is believed, are disposed to do what is right and just in the matter, should be assured that they have the support of the country.

If the measure is defeated by the immediate and unmistakable action of the constituencies—and by the firmness of the Legislature to their well-understood convictions—not injury but good will be done to the denominations moving in the matter, through their clergy, but in opposition to many of their own most intelligent and pious members. Churches travel beyond the sphere which the Great Head has marked out for them when they employ their resources, either alone, or in conjunction with Government, in giving classical and scientific instruction to the general community; and suffer for doing it. One may admire their liberality; but surely the givings of a Christian Church would be more appropriately used in teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to the millions of perishing men who do not know it. One cannot help grieving that any influential section of the Church of Christ should so mistake the work devolved on it by the Saviour. It is the province of the Government, as it is understood among us, to provide facilities for education, both common and higher, for all the citizens; or of these citizens, in their capacity as such; and if one college in Toronto is not enough, let others be instituted in other parts, or those in existence adopted, where the locality is suitable. No better use could be made of the public moneys, if the need for additional colleges can be made out.

In the meantime, we commend the matter to the intelligent and prayerful consideration of our readers. In one aspect of it, quite secular—in another it cannot fail to appeal powerfully to all that is most distinctively christian in us. It is in what is conceived to be the interests not of political parties; not even of our excellent educational system; but of true religion—in all the Churches, and what is closely connected therewith, brotherly feeling between them—that these lines are written; in the interests, we will add, of that public justice of which Churches should be the chief defenders, but which they have sometimes, in misapprehension of their true interests, not hesitated to violate.

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### WEEK OF PRAYER, JANUARY 1869.

An address has been issued by the Evangelical Alliance inviting Christians in all lands to unite in special prayer, in January 1869, from 3rd to 10th inclusive. The following is the address, which is signed by the secretaries of the several branches:—

**BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST OF EVERY LAND.**—In prospect of the coming new year, and mindful of the great blessings graciously vouchsafed by God in answer to the united supplications of his people, the Evangelical Alliance cordially renew their invitation to Christians throughout the world, to observe a week of prayer in January next.

Very gratifying reports have been received of the observance of this

annual Week of Prayer in different distant countries; still there is reason to know that in many towns and cities of our own and foreign lands, Christians have not in this way been brought into sympathy with the universal Church of Christ. The Evangelical Alliance, therefore, desirous of manifesting the union of all true Christians, and of extending the benefits which in various ways have attended these annual assemblies for united prayer, affectionately call upon the children of God everywhere to take counsel, and to make arrangements for observing it in their respective localities. The Alliance feel assured that thereby the hearts of Christians will be refreshed, and the hands of those brethren strengthened, who in other places, at home and abroad, plead before God for the gifts of His grace and the outstretchings of His arm to bless His Church and convert a perishing world.

Fellow Christians! Let us with one accord, if spared to see the commencement of a new year, encircle the world with our faithful, fervent, and united prayers. Let us, then, gather around the throne of our Heavenly Father, forgetful of our differences of language, nation, and ecclesiastical system. Let us plead in the name of one Lord, Redeemer, and Intercessor, for blessings which the circumstances of our time show to be most needful, urgent, and important.

"If two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven."

"O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come."

The following topics, among others, are suggested as suitable for exhortation and intercession on the successive days of meeting:—

*Sunday, January 3.*—SERMONS. Subject:—The intercession of the "High Priest over the House of God," the motive and model of united prayer.—Heb. x. 19-22.

*Monday, January 4.*—CONFESSION OF SIN, and THANKSGIVING for special and general mercies during the past year, to Nations, Churches, and Families.

*Tuesday, January 5.*—NATIONS: for their temporal and spiritual prosperity; edifying intercourse, and the maintenance of Peace; for increased openings for the Gospel; for the removal of social evils; for the better observance of the Lord's Day; and for kings and all in authority.

*Wednesday, January 6.*—FAMILIES: for children of Christian parents; for a blessing on home influence; for all Seminaries of Christian learning; Universities, Colleges, and Schools; for Sunday Schools, and private instruction; for our youth abroad; and for a blessing on Christian literature.

*Thursday, January 7.*—THE CHURCH: for more knowledge of God's word, and increase of spiritual life; for sound and faithful preaching adapted to rich and poor; growing love to Christ; a more earnest love to Christians of varied name, and of all nations; and for the sending forth of more labourers into the harvest.

*Friday, January 8.*—MISSIONS: for the conversion of the heathen and Mohammedans; for the growth of missionary zeal; for the removal of hindrances to preaching the Gospel among all nations; for recent converts; and for all who are suffering persecution for the truth.

*Saturday, January 9.*—GENERAL: for the conversion of Israel; for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures; for Christian and Philanthropic Societies; and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christians and Christian Churches throughout the world.

*Sunday, January 10.*—SERMONS. Subject: The duty of the Christian Church in relation to the Religious Wants of the world.

## Missionary Intelligence.

### MOST RECENT INTELLIGENCE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.

REV. W. AITKEN.—A letter has been received from Rev. W. Aitken, written on board the steamer *Henry Chauncy*, from which we learn his safe arrival at Aspinwall, on the 1st Nov. The ship was quite overcrowded, carrying some 1,200 or 1,400 passengers; but the weather being very calm, the passage was very favourable. We trust that by this time Mr. Aitken has reached his destination, and has entered on his work.

REV. JAMES NISBET.—From a letter received from Mr. Nisbet, dated Prince Albert, 29th Sept., we learn that he had, after a prosperous journey across the plains, reached the Mission about the 26th Sept., where his arrival was anxiously looked for by those left in charge of the work, and also by the natives, who soon assembled in large numbers to hold a conference with him. Their demands, at first, were not very reasonable, but Mr. Nisbet seems, with his usual tact, to have satisfied them. The crops on the Mission farm have been very fine, so that there is a good prospect that there will be an ample supply of food for all connected with the Mission.

REV. R. JAMIESON was, when last heard from, labouring on single-handed, endeavouring to supply Victoria and Nanaimo, while keeping an eye upon the interests of the Church at New Westminster. By this time we doubt not, he is rejoicing over the arrival of a fellow-labourer.

### INTELLIGENCE FROM RED RIVER AND PRINCE ALBERT MISSIONS.

RED RIVER.—We are in receipt of letters from Rev. J. Black, of date 23rd Oct., reporting all well. Mr. Fletcher arrived in safety on Saturday, 10th October, and had entered with energy and spirit on his work, and, at the date of Mr. Black's letter, had visited and preached at all the stations. His services were very acceptable, and our highly esteemed minister, Mr. Black, rejoices at the aid which he has received in Mr. Fletcher. He is very anxious to have a minister for Little Britain. The manse there is partly up, but the work is stopped for the season. The Winnipeg Church is making rapid progress. It is enclosed and roofed. The work is being carried on rapidly, and the church was to be opened in a few weeks.

Mr. Black mentions that a man had arrived in the settlement, who had been at Prince Albert Mission, and had helped to harvest the crops. They were abundant, and it was calculated they would have between 400 and 500 bushels of wheat, besides barley, peas, potatoes, turnips, &c. The mission families are now quite independent in the matter of provisions. The person referred to met Mr. Nisbet and his party four or five days' journey from Prince Albert.

Mr. Black writes that at Red River there would be a great scarcity during the winter, but speaks hopefully and gratefully of the relief which is being sent. Committees are organised, and they are all preparing to make the most of the supplies which friends are forwarding.

### FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

We take from the *Free Church Record* the following interesting communication from the Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Nagpore:—

“During the past three months the following individuals have been received into the membership of the Church, on a personal profession of



their faith in Christ, and after different periods of instruction and probation :—

“1st. Neganna, who took the name of Simon, a sepoy of Her Majesty’s 7th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, and brother of Cornelius, who was baptized several years ago. It was only after long study of the Word of God, combined with the example and instruction of his brother, that he was led to take the final step of coming out and confessing the Saviour before men.

“2nd. Ungu, now Sarah, a Tamil girl, about fifteen years of age, whose mother some time before became a professed Christian, and was admitted a member of our native Church, but her daughter at the time was deterred from following her example by the evil influence of heathen relatives. Intercourse with her mother and other native Christians, as well as attendance upon the public means of grace, seem to have been made instrumental in bringing her to join the company of believers.

“3rd. The Maha Lakhsmi, now Rebekah, a Telugu widow, about thirty-five years of age, who, after being an adherent of our native congregation at Sitabuldi for some time, and receiving special instructions from Benjamin, catechist, was induced to cast in her lot with the Lord’s people.

“4th. William Paul, a Tamil Romanist, about thirty-three years of age, who, by the reading of the Word of God, instructions of Benjamin, and the preaching of the Gospel in the regular services of the Church, having been convinced of the pernicious errors of Popery, came forward and publicly abjured them before our English congregation at Sitabuldi ; and, on confessing his personal faith in Christ, as well as acknowledging in detail the great and saving doctrines of the Gospel, was, by prayer and the giving of the right hand of fellowship, admitted a member of the Church. In general, native Romanists who seek to join our Church, desire to be received by baptism, because they have lived almost, if not altogether, as ignorant of Christ and the Gospel as the heathen around them ; and on this ground I have never hesitated to comply with their wishes. However, in the case of William Paul the rite was not dispensed, as he did not think it necessary ; but at the same time he deemed it of much importance, and very desirable, that he should publicly renounce the Popish system of religion, and embrace the faith as set forth in the word of God alone.

“All these cases, I trust, give evidence of the silent but effective progress of the truth among a certain class at this station. The knowledge and experience of the truth may not be in every instance all that we could desire, yet if there be a clear and full understanding of the way of salvation through Christ, with proof of a sincere and earnest desire to follow him, may we not reasonably hope that a good work has been begun in their souls, which the Lord himself will perfect ? ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.’

“Our educational and evangelistic work proceeds as usual. Up to the middle of April, when our schools, in consequence of the setting in of the hot weather, began to assemble in the morning, Chumpa and I visited the city, and Sitabuldi town twice a week to preach the Gospel, when we generally had large and attentive audiences. Mrs. Cooper and Virama, too, occasionally accompanied by Mrs. Dalziel, went once a week to speak and read to the females, who always gathered round them in considerable numbers. These labours we all hope (D.V.) to be able to resume, as weather permits, during the rains. Pahad Singh, also, in addition to his visiting Sitabuldi town school to give Scripture lessons, continues to go to

the city and neighbouring villages to make known the glorious Gospel, and I am happy to say that he meets with not a few who listen with attentive attention and interest to his statements of the truth. As he is getting old, I have bought him a pony, which cost about thirty rupees, and I give him a monthly allowance of five rupees to keep the animal, to enable him with more ease and comfort to carry on his quiet but effective labours. He proposes also to visit Dapawada occasionally, to minister to the native Christians there. Benjamin, catechist at Sitabuldi, continues also to work dilligently, and not without a blessing on his efforts.

“May the good Lord render successful all these humble endeavours to make known the truth to the heathen, and in due time answering our prayers, establish more and more his own kingdom in this destitute part of India.”

### MISSIONS OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

**JEWISH MISSIONS.**—The intelligence lately published with reference to the Jewish Missions of the Irish Presbyterian Church is highly interesting and encouraging. Dr. Craig writes that at HAMBURG they have had a much greater number of Jews than usual under instruction for a shorter or longer time. Dr. C. has especially good hopes of two young men, who are daily receiving instruction, and appear to be very earnestly seeking the truth. The other branches of the Mission work are all prospering, New life is springing up everywhere, and wanderers are being wondrously drawn into the fold.

The Rev. Mr. Robson, writing from DAMASCUS, gives an interesting account of a visit paid to Arnish-Sharah, where he met with a very warm welcome from all the different races and classes. He preached on the Sabbath to a mixed but very attentive congregation. After service, three heads of families remained to confer with the Mission and seek admission into the Church. He remained for some days, examining the school, holding meetings, and visiting the people in their own houses. He breakfasted one day with the Druze Sheikh of the village.

At VIENNA, there is to be a Mission established under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Moore, formerly connected with the Foreign Mission.

**BOARD OF MISSIONS.**—The Board of Missions, at a recent meeting, transacted much important business with reference to the Missions of the Church, Home, Foreign, Continental, and Colonial. The Rev. Mr. Waddell was appointed to go to China as Missionary, and is to be accompanied by Dr. Hunter, of Belfast, as Medical Missionary. Among the Missionary appointments made, we observe the appointment to Canada of the Rev. Hugh Blair. It is most desirable that we should still receive labourers from the parent churches to take part in the spiritual cultivation of this great field, and we have, therefore, great pleasure in noticing this appointment.

### MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

#### SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

We copy the following statement of signs of progress from the last number of the *Missionary Record* of the United Presbyterian Church:—

“In the absence of any notice in this month’s *Record* from Old Calabar, we are happy to announce, that two new missionaries sailed from Liver-

pool with the Rev. Alexander Robb, on the 24th ultimo, to reinforce our mission there. These two agents are Dr. James Robertson and Mr. James Lawson. Dr. Robertson has lately completed, in a very satisfactory manner, his studies as a medical man, and has devoted himself in that capacity to the work of our mission in Old Calabar. He was a member of the congregation under the ministry of the Rev. David Pirrett, Glasgow. He goes to occupy meanwhile the mission house at Old Town. His primary duties will be to attend to the health of the mission families, and to employ his medical skill wherever he has the opportunity among the natives, in such a way as, if possible, not only to heal their diseases, but to direct them to the great Physician, who alone can deliver them from the malady of sin. He will also, when called on to give medical attendance on Europeans and others connected with the shipping in the Calabar river, be understood to take his place among them as a representative of the mission, and a recognised servant of Jesus Christ. In going to discharge these momentous and difficult duties, he has claimed, and we trust he will obtain, an interest in the prayers of the Church.

"Mr. Lawson, who was a member and earnest Sabbath school teacher in our church at Carlisle, under the ministry of the Rev. Henry Miller, goes to Calabar in the capacity of teacher and catechist. He will in the first instance reside with Mr. Robb, who is expected to dwell meantime at Ikoroifong, to take charge of the station there, and, so far as in his power, superintend that of Ikunctu. Mr. Lawson has already begun his study of the Efie, in this country, under Mr. Robb, and will, by the arrangement referred to, have the great advantage of prosecuting his acquisition of the language under the same superintendence and tuition. He also earnestly desires, and justly claims, an interest in the prayers of God's people in all our congregations.

"Mr. Robb bears back with him to Old Calabar a gift from God and the Church to Western Africa, which it falls to the lot of few to present in the same full sense. Six years ago Mr. Goldie gave the New Testament to Old Calabar. Mr. Robb now bears to those dark shores, his translation of the Hebrew Scriptures in the Efie tongue. This gift of the entire Bible marks a new and promising stage in the West African mission, and in the missionary history of our Church, which calls for special thanks to God.

"We take occasion, with great gladness, to announce, that the Lord of missions seems to be answering the prayers of his people, that he would thrust out labourers in His harvest. Besides the Missionary referred to in a subsequent page, who is about to set sail for the Grand Cayman, another, Mr. Robert S. Leslie, is about to leave for Caffreland. Two students, who have completed their fourth session at our Theological Seminary, have offered themselves, and have been accepted, for India. Several other promising and earnest young men, whose hearts have been touched with the cry for labourers coming from so many fields, have opened *confidential* communication with the Foreign Missionary Secretary. If there be others under similar impressions, we would earnestly counsel them to act with promptitude, and at the same time with thoughtfulness and prayerful caution, on those words of the Master, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'

#### MISSIONS OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CHINA.—At Formosa, things remain in an unsettled state. The hostility of the local government, and their refusal to afford any redress or

protection to the Christians, still continue. The chapel has again been demolished by a mob, led on by the soldiers of the government in undress.

In other places, especially at Bay-pay and Chin-chew, cheering progress is being made. At the former place, on a recent occasion, more than 120 sat down at the Lord's table, and many candidates for admission were examined. At Khi-boey, the chapel had been so crowded that thirty or forty had to remain outside. Three elders and three deacons had been ordained. At most of the stations baptisms had taken place. At New-chwang, the scene of the brief but precious labours of the late Rev. W. C. Burns, four converts had been baptized by the Rev. A. Williamson. We subjoin an interesting letter from Rev. H. L. McKenzie, at Amoy:—

“SWATOW, July 7th, 1868.

“*Six Baptisms—Value of Medical Work—Urgent need of more Labourers.*

“MY DEAR MR. MATHESON,—We were privileged to receive three adults into church-fellowship by baptism on Sabbath last, the 5th ult. Thus, during the half-year that has just drawn to a close, the whole number baptised is between forty and fifty. About one-half of these were brought to the knowledge of the truth in connection with Dr. Gauld's hospital, a fact which of itself is enough to show the great value and importance of the medical work in our mission field. Indeed, since Dr. Gauld's arrival, by far our best opportunities for preaching, and the opportunities which have yielded the most important results, have been in connection with his work. A field so promising and so fruitful demands and deserves energetic cultivation. Our chief difficulty is the want of labourers, foreign and native, to carry on this work, and specially to *look after the members already gathered in*. These are to be found in many parts of Tie-Chiu, and in places most inviting as new centres for extending the work; but, to our great sorrow, we can, owing to our fewness, neither sufficiently care for these lambs of the flock (many of them but very imperfectly instructed, and with very few opportunities for instruction), nor occupy the new places to which they and their wants invite and beckon us.

“Of the six baptised last Lord's day, five are from the hospital. The sixth is a young lad who has been in our employment for a few years as a servant. His brother, who is also one of our servants in Swatow, was baptised two or three years ago. The two brothers, A Chong and A Ho, aged twenty and nineteen, have been orphans for the last seven years; we hope that through grace they have both been led to trust in God, in whom the fatherless find mercy. You will also be interested to hear that on the occasion of the six above referred to, and in presence of the Chinese members and patients from the hospital, baptism was administered to Dr. Gauld's baby. In the afternoon twenty-four Chinese communicants partook of the Holy Supper, administered by Mr. Smith. Owing to the heavy rains, both on the Saturday and on Sabbath, there were several members from the country who were prevented from meeting with us. I am glad to say that Mr. Smith is gradually recovering strength, though still far from strong. It is his own wish to go to Britain, hoping thereby to recruit in health; and nothing but a strong sense of the necessities of the work now keeps him in the field.

“With kindest regards, and still desiring the prayers of the Lord's remembrances, on our behalf and on behalf of the dear converts, especially those more recently received, I remain, &c.,

“H. L. MACKENZIE.”

## MISSIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOWER PROVINCES.

The November number of the *Home and Foreign Record of the Church in the Lower Provinces* contains a letter from Dr. Geddie and members of Mission Council, held in the end of May last. Intelligence had been received from Rev. Mr. McNair, at Erromanga, of date July 4th. Mr. and Mrs. McNair were in good health, and the aspect of affairs in the island was favourable.

We observe that, at the Mission Council, Dr. Geddie was appointed to correspond with the Canada Presbyterian Church on the subject of the New Hebrides Mission. Correspondence was to be carried on with other Churches.

We subjoin the principal portions of Dr. Geddie's letter :—

"We have just closed our annual missionary meeting. It has been an unusually pleasant and harmonious one. All the members of the mission were present except Messrs. Morrison and Paton, and the absence of the former on account of sickness had a solemnizing effect on our whole number. I trust that we had the presence of our Divine Master with us. Much important business was done, and I trust that our deliberations will result in God's glory and the extension of the Redeemer's cause in these islands. Mr. McNair will furnish you with a copy of our minutes.

"I feel thankful to say that we enjoy tolerably good health in this island at present. Mrs. Geddie suffered much during the hot season, but her health improves as the weather becomes cooler. You probably know more about Mr. Morrison than I can tell you, as our communication with Sydney is not frequent. It was a sad disappointment to us all that he did not return to the island in the *Dayspring*. I have heard fears expressed indeed that he may not be able to return at all to the missionary work. His withdrawal from the work in our present weakened state is a serious calamity to the cause. May God in mercy disappoint our fears, and spare our brother to labour in the work which he loves. Mr. Gordon has returned from Australia improved in health and spirits. I am glad that you have consented to give him up, as this commits another church to the work. The change will, I think, be agreeable to himself, and beneficial to the cause. He is about to visit Santo, and let us pray God to bless this new effort to extend His cause. Mr. and Mrs. McNair are here at present. He, no doubt, keeps you informed about his labours.

"I grieve to think that our prospects of help are not more encouraging. The Board of Foreign Missions ought, I think, to address a *call* to some of the settled ministers who may be deemed suitable for the work, and such an appeal might induce some to exchange home for foreign service. It is quite probable that, if you were to invite two of those who have had the missionary work before their minds for years, they might feel it their duty to come here. The matter is worthy of your serious and prayerful consideration. But while I plead earnestly for help, let me caution you against sending unknown, untried, and inferior men.

"I have not time to write you more at present; we are just winding up the business of our meeting. I expect to write soon and send letters by Mr. H. Robertson, who expects to leave here in about two or three months, and go direct to Nova Scotia.

"Ever yours, &c.,

"JOHN GEDDIE.

"REV. P. G. MCGREGOR."

## MADAGASCAR.

We find in the *Missionary Chronicle* of the London Missionary Society much interesting information with reference to Madagascar. The present Queen, while she has not openly professed Christianity, has banished idols from the palace, and, with the idols, the idolatrous priests. The Bible is read and explained in the precincts of the palace, and in the presence of many of the native officers. No business is transacted in the palace on the Lord's day. The favourable aspect of the Queen and Prime Minister towards Christianity has brought large numbers to the churches who previously stood aloof. Many of the churches are too small for the congregations. The population of the Capital is 45,000, and it is calculated 10,000 attend public worship each Lord's day. The congregations are not only increased in numbers, but in earnestness and readiness to hear the truth. Some of the native preachers are spoken of as really powerful preachers.

## SAMOA.

The Rev. J. B. Smyth, Chaplain to H. M. S. "Brisk," bears the following testimony to the Missionary work in the Samoan Mission:

"What I have stated of the success of Mission work in Fiji applies equally to that in the Navigators' group, for few Mission fields are blessed with such truly excellent men, of long experience and sound judgment. The Native Seminary at Malua, under the able management of Dr. Turner and his colleague, is a perfect model of its kind. It is the first of the sort I ever saw, and when I consider the beauty of the situation, the harmony which pervades every part, the admirable course of instruction, and the exact method with which everything is carried out, I cannot but compare it favourably with many of our English grammar schools.

"It is self-supporting, and contains generally from ninety to a hundred students, and turns out annually, on an average, thirty well-trained candidates for the ministry, who are allotted their respective spheres of labour, to take charge of day-schools and conduct Divine service on Sunday; the Missionaries, of course, having the superintendence of the whole. In this way each village has its own teacher, and supports him comfortably.

"Things are so well managed, that not only do the natives provide for their own educational wants, but they make a large contribution every year to the London Missionary Society.

"A handsomely bound copy of the Holy Scriptures, and nearly all the useful English school-books, are translated into the native language, and are in universal use. The Samoans are naturally a superior, and, comparatively speaking, a refined race, and I believe they are farther advanced than any other native race in the South Seas, except, perhaps, the Tongans of the Friendly Islands, whose great progress I know only by reputation. They are all Christians, and are now manifesting a desire for progress in the direction of law and order. Their hospitality, combined with their ceremonious manners, impress all visitors with a feeling of satisfaction.

"I may here state that so very strictly is the Lord's day observed in all the Christian islands of the South Seas, that I have heard the wisdom of this exact teaching questioned even by serious men, who averred that 'the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.' To me it appears quite right, for the heathen must be dealt with in the beginning as children, and we do not give the same liberty to the infant mind as to that of mature growth."

We may add that one of the Missionaries associated with Dr. Turner in the work above referred to, is Rev. Henry Nisbet, brother of Rev. J. Nisbet, of the Saskatchewan Mission. He is spending the winter with his father and sister at Oakville.

## General Religious Intelligence.

### SPAIN—ITS RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL CONDITION.

As the attention of the community has been drawn very powerfully to Spain since the tidings have reached us of the revolution which has been effected so quickly and so thoroughly, a few facts in connection with its past and present condition may not be uninteresting. As to the past, many of our readers, who have read the volumes of McCrie, are, no doubt, aware that in the 16th century the Reformation was introduced into Spain, and was as gladly welcomed as in any other country. It appeared at the time as if it were to take firm root in that sunny land. Some persons high in rank professed attachment to the Reformed Faith soon after the appearance of Luther, among whom was the Secretary of the Emperor Charles V. Many Protestant books were printed at Antwerp at the expense of the Spanish merchants, and were brought to Spain to be circulated among the people. The Scriptures were translated into the language of the country, and Protestant churches were formed in a number of the leading cities. But the power and cruelties of the Inquisition were called into active requisition for the suppression of the truth; and so energetically were the fires of persecution fanned, that even before the end of the century the Reformation was suppressed, the few surviving followers of a pure faith being compelled to seek refuge in foreign countries. For much more than two hundred years Popery has reigned in Spain with an iron hand, and only occasional attempts have been made, not altogether without success, to introduce the word of God among the inhabitants of the Peninsula.

Its religious and educational condition has been deplorable in the extreme. No doubt, it has had churches and convents, priests, monks, and nuns enough. It contains 800 convents with 15,000 nuns, 55 bishops, 2,500 canons, about 1,800 "regular priests," 24,000 vicars, &c. What have all these done for the education and devotion of the people? The London *Christian Times* gives the following details, compiled from authentic documents:—

"In the province of Iden there is a town of the same name, containing 36,000 souls; of these more than 30,000 are unable to read, and as ignorance and crime go hand in hand, there are every year in this town between three and four hundred murders, without reckoning robberies with violence, which are proportionally numerous. We could easily also a hundred towns where the mayor and magistrates do not know how to read or write. When the last census was taken, ten years ago, the population of Spain was 15,613,536. Out of this number we find no fewer than 12,843,169 could neither read nor write. What a burning disgrace to the Popish priesthood who control the education of the nation! Spain possesses ten universities. The students are thus distributed:—Madrid, 5,194; Barcelona, 1,365; Seville, 887; Valladolid, 828; Grenada, 617; Valencia,

624; Santiago, 403; Samogosa, 389; Salamanca, 242; Oviedo, 155. Some of these universities were once the most celebrated in the civilized world; but how are the might fallen! Salamanca, which now has scarcely 250, numbered 10,000 in the fourteenth century, and its reputation eclipsed most of the universities of Europe. That such should be the state of Spain at the present day is most lamentable, and we do not wonder that, among the great subjects demanding consideration and correction, the present provisional government should specify national education."

What may be the future form of government is not yet known, but it may be regarded as certain that a new era has dawned on Spain. Freedom, religious and civil, will, we trust, be firmly established. We trust that the change will open a door for the introduction of the truth, such as has not been witnessed for centuries, and that the friends of the gospel, especially in Britain, will be enabled at once to set themselves to embrace an opportunity so unexpectedly given in the providence of God.

**PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN ENGLAND.**—At the Synod of the English portion of the United Presbyterian Church, held in Liverpool last month, a Conference was held between the Synod and a large committee of the English Presbyterian Church, on the subject of union in England. After a lengthened deliberation, in which many on both sides took part, the following resolutions were agreed to:—"1. Approve generally of the finding of the Union Committee on the ninth head of the programme, on the understanding that it does not bar the Union until all the four Churches agree to a basis; 2. Declare our readiness, in the event of lengthened delay in Scotland, to seek Union on the basis of the said finding of the Union Committee; 3. That a Committee be appointed by the English United Presbyterian Synod to confer with the Committee of the English Presbyterian Synod, in order to their conjointly taking steps, according to emerging circumstances, for the accomplishment of the desired object."

**DEATH OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.**—Dr. Langley, Archbishop of Canterbury, who has, since 1862, occupied the highest position in the Church of England, lately died at the age of seventy-four. He was a good man, and universally respected, but his administration of ecclesiastical matters was not characterised by much rigour. He is succeeded by Dr. Tait, formerly Bishop of London.

**THE QUESTION OF PATRONAGE IN THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.**—The subject of patronage has been engaging the attention of Presbyteries in the Established Church of Scotland, as, in accordance with a resolution of the General Assembly, they are required to prepare answers to certain queries on the subject. The Presbyteries of Aberdeen and Paisley have reported in favour of a modification of the law of patronage. But throughout the Church there appears to be great difference of opinion on the subject.

**THE CHURCH QUESTION IN IRELAND.**—The elections in Ireland—in Belfast in particular—have been characterised by considerable heat. Formerly the Presbyterians supported, in general, the Conservatives; but in many places they have given their influence and their votes to the candidates who favour the policy of Mr. Gladstone. In Belfast, a letter was published, written by Dr. Cooke, who is supposed to be on his death-bed, calling upon the Protestants to rally for the defence of the Established Church.



**TESTIMONIAL TO REV. DR. WILSON OF BOMBAY.**—The inhabitants of Bombay have united, without distinction of race or creed, to do honour to Dr. Wilson, who, for forty years, has laboured for the advancement of the best interests of India. A fund is to be raised as a testimonial to the devoted Missionary, which is to be at his disposal during his life, and after his death, is, at his own suggestion, to be devoted to the support of a Philological Lectureship, in connection with the University of Bombay.

**EMINENT MEN DEPARTED.**—We notice the death of two useful and honoured men in the Free Church of Scotland—Rev. Dr. Lorimer, of Glasgow, and Sir George Sinclair, Bart. Dr. Lorimer, who had been for many years a highly esteemed minister in Glasgow, died after a startlingly short illness.

**MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS.**—Very munificent bequests have just been made by Mr. David Duncan, of Greenbank, who had long carried on business as a flax-spinner in Arbroath. Mr. Duncan is said to have left £50,000, of which £7,500 are to be distributed among several of the schemes; £15,000 to be set apart as a permanent endowment for ministers of the Presbytery of Arbroath, and £10,000 to be employed as a fund for helping forward young men for the ministry.

**THE BRITISH PREMIER ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.**—The Premier, in his manifesto, recently issued to the country, puts forth the following proposition:—"The religious liberty which all Her Majesty's subjects now happily enjoy, is owing to the Christian Church in this country having accepted the principles of the Reformation, and recognized the supremacy of the sovereign as the representative of the State, not only in matters temporal, but in matters ecclesiastical. This is the stronghold of our spiritual freedom. So long as there is in this country the connection through the medium of a Protestant Sovereign, between the State and the Church, religious liberty is secure." It need not be stated that this is the very principle against which the Scottish Church contended, and for opposition to which all the persecutions suffered by our covenanting fathers were endured.

**DR. LIVINGSTONE.**—Intelligence has reached England that Dr. Livingstone was within a week's march of Zanzibar, thus confirming the anticipation of Sir R. Murchison as to the route of the great discoverer.

**PRINCETON—DR. McCOSH.**—In our last we referred to the arrival and installation of Dr. McCosh. His inaugural address was on the subject of Collegiate Education, and was received with enthusiastic marks of appreciation. Many distinguished men from New York and Philadelphia were present. In the course of his remarks, Dr. McCosh referred to the importance of a gymnasium in connection with the college, and stated that the sum of \$20,000 would be required for the erection and furnishing of a suitable gymnasium. Two gentlemen immediately supplied the necessary funds.

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## Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

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### CALLS AND INDUCTIONS.

**SMITH'S FALLS.**—A call has been given by the congregation of Smith's Falls, in favour of Rev. J. Crombie, of Inverness.

**BOSTON CHURCH AND MILTON.**—The congregations of Boston Church and Milton have given a call to the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Nova Scotia.

**BRADFORD & W. GWILLIMBURY.**—The congregations of Bradford and W. Gwillimbury have given a call the Rev. James Barron.

**RAMSAY.**—The congregation of Ramsay, a short time ago, united in a call to the Rev. A. Dawson. The call has been declined, and Mr. Dawson has since accepted a call from the congregation of Ashburn and Utica, and has been inducted.

**TIVERTON.**—A call has been given by the congregation of Tiverton, in favour of Rev. J. Anderson, of Lancaster.

**CAMBRAY.**—On Tuesday, 29th September, the Rev. J. R. Scott, formerly of Whitby, was inducted to the pastoral charge of Cambray. The Rev. R. Binnie preached; Rev. J. McTavish presided at the induction, and addressed the pastor; Rev. J. Smith addressed the people. After the induction services, the congregation and friends partook of an excellent tea, prepared by the ladies. Addresses were delivered to the large and happy meeting by Rev. J. Paterson, who was in the chair, Rev. J. McTavish and Rev. G. Jamieson. In the evening there was another social gathering, when, after refreshments, addresses were delivered by the newly inducted pastor, Rev. J. B. Edmondson, of Columbus, Rev. J. Smith, of Bowmanville, Rev. J. Douglas, of Uxbridge, and Mr. Wilkinson, Superintendent of the Union Sabbath School. Everything promises well for the prosperity of the congregation.

**BALTIMORE AND COLDSPRINGS.**—On the 28th October, the Rev. J. L. Murray was ordained by the Presbytery of Cobourg, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregations. The Rev. W. C. Young, of Norwood and Hastings, preached an excellent sermon from Rev. ii. 10. Rev. J. W. Smith addressed the minister, and Rev. J. Laing the people. In the evening, a soiree was held in the village of Baltimore, which was numerously attended. The Rev. T. Alexander, of Percy, (through whose early labours, especially among the young, the two congregations were formed) was called to the chair. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Young, Smith and Waters, and by Rev. M. Sylvester, of the Wesleyan Church; on the following evening a soiree took place at Coldsprings, where Mr. Alexander also occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by the pastor, Mr. Murray, Mr. Laing, and several others. Mr. Laing, in his remarks, referred to the Presbyterian element found in a large proportion of Evangelical Churches at home and abroad. A vote of thanks was given to him for his services during the vacancy.

**YORKVILLE.**—On Tuesday, 3rd November, the Rev. J. Campbell, M.A., was ordained by the Presbytery of Toronto, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the new congregation. The Rev. R. M. Croll preached, the Rev. R. Wallace presided at the ordination and afterwards addressed the minister, and the Rev. J. Dick addressed the congregation. In the evening, a social meeting of the congregation and other friends was held in the Town Hall, Yorkville. The Rev. W. Reid was in the chair, and brief but appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. J. M. King, Rev. Dr. Jennings, Rev. Mr. Thomas, Dr. D. Wilson, Dr. Willis, Dr. Ormiston, Rev. D. Inglis, and the newly ordained minister. Several pieces of music were performed by the choir. The proceedings were of an interesting and pleasing character. The young pastor enters on an interesting and promising field of labour.

CAMDEN, &c.—The Rev. James Pritchard was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Camden and Sheffield, on the 27th of October. The settlement has been formed under favourable auspices, and Mr. Pritchard has received every token of welcome from the people.

MILLBANK.—The Rev. J. E. Croly has been ordained and inducted as pastor of the congregation of Millbank. He has a large and promising field, where, we doubt not, by the Divine blessing, great good will be done.

DUNNVILLE.—The Rev. R. Fleming, formerly of Farnham, Province of Quebec, was, on the 26th ult., inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Dunville by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

#### CHURCHES OPENED, &c.

SARNIA.—On Sabbath, 25th October, the church recently erected by the congregation there, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. J. Thompson, was opened for public worship. The Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of Hamilton, preached in the morning and evening, and the Rev. A. F. Kemp, of Windsor, in the evening. The attendance was very large, and the collection liberal, being, in all, over \$850 (after paying expenses). This sum was increased by the proceeds of a soiree on Monday evening, and the collection on the following Sabbath, to the total amount of \$1,114. The whole amount raised for the Church hitherto—exclusive of sums raised by private liberality for special purposes, and not appearing in the accounts—is \$13,000, leaving a debt of \$3,000, a burden by no means large, considering the value of the building and the ability and spirit of the congregation. The amount has been raised almost entirely by the congregation, the average contribution being over \$100 per member.

Our space will not allow us to enter into a description of the building; but we may state that it is in the highest degree commodious and well finished. The church is in the early English style, with a tower and spire of about 150 feet in height; the extreme length is 94 feet, and the breadth 46 feet. The roof is finely frescoed, and there is a beautiful harmony in all the details. Altogether, St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, is one of the finest in the country.

We understand that most of the sittings are already taken, and that the attendance both on the Sabbath and at the prayer meetings is most encouraging. We congratulate pastor and people on the success which has attended their efforts in the past, and trust that, through the blessing of the great Head of the Church, their prosperity, both outward and spiritual, may continue and increase.

CHARLES STREET, TORONTO.—The Church erected for the Yorkville congregation in Charles Street was opened for public worship on Sabbath, 1st November. The services, morning and afternoon, were conducted by Rev. D. Inglis, of Hamilton, and in the evening, the service was conducted by Rev. A. Topp, of Knox's Church. The services were interesting and impressive, and the congregations large, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. On the following Sabbath, the Rev. J. M. King, of Gould Street, preached in the morning, introducing the Rev. J. Campbell, the newly ordained pastor; in the afternoon, Rev. W. Gregg, of Cooke's Church, officiated; and in the evening, the Rev. J. Campbell began his ministry by preaching an able and impressive sermon from Isaiah ii, 5, 6.

The Church is pronounced by all who have seen it to be one of the neatest and prettiest churches in the city. It is the sixth church in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church in Toronto.

**STREETSVILLE.**—On Sabbath, 1st November, the new Church erected at Streetsville, by the congregation of the Rev. A. W. McKay, was opened for the worship of God. Principal Willis, of Knox College, preached in the morning and evening, and the Rev. W. Gregg, of Cooke's Church, in the afternoon. The attendance was large, and the whole services were exceedingly appropriate and impressive. On the following evening there was a soiree, one of the most interesting incidents at which was the remarkably successful effort to raise the amount necessary to remove the debt from the church, being about \$1,200. Not only was the amount raised, but upwards of \$200 more. We congratulate the friends at Streetsville on the completion of their commodious and handsome church. Their old church was hallowed by many interesting memories and associations; but it had become quite necessary to replace it by a larger and more commodious building.

**ORILLIA.**—We regret that, from some unaccountable cause, the account of the opening of the Orillia Presbyterian Church on the first Sabbath of August, after its enlargement, never reached us. We may now, however, even at this late period, state that a debt of nearly \$900 was, last January, entirely liquidated, by the liberality of a deceased member of the congregation.

For some time, several families being unable to find accommodation in the church, it was, last January, resolved to enlarge it. This was accordingly done by adding twenty feet to the length, and otherwise so renovating and tastefully improving it, as to make it one of the neatest and most comfortable rural churches within our bounds. It was opened, with most impressive services, by the Rev. J. McTavish, of Woodville.

**BUXTON.**—On Wednesday, 30th September, the corner-stone of the new church, in course of erection at Buxton, was laid by the Rev. William King, who has been long connected with the settlement, and done much for the improvement, both temporal and spiritual, of the population. Several members of the Presbytery of London were present and took part in the exercises. The weather was exceedingly unpropitious, but the attendance was large, and all seemed to take a deep interest in the proceedings. The building, when completed, will be an ornament to the village of Buxton. We trust it may be the means of spiritual good to many around.

**WESTPORT.**—A soiree was held at Westport, on Tuesday, 29th September, for the purpose of raising funds for the painting of the church. The soiree was a decided success. The day was very fine, and the church was crowded with representatives from every Christian denomination. After refreshments had been served interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Fessant, O'Hara, and James Fraser, the student labouring there for the summer season. The entertainment was greatly enhanced by a choir, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas McCaw. The proceeds amounted to \$51.

**MOORE.**—Mr. H. J. McDiarmid, student, who for a time during the summer occupied the place of Rev. P. McDermid, of Moore, before leaving the congregation to return to College, was waited upon by a num-

ber of friends, and presented with the sum of forty dollars, as a token of personal regard and of appreciation of his services. Mr. McDiarmid, who originally belonged to the congregation, cannot but feel gratified by this expression of feeling on the part of friends in Moore.

ST. CATHARINES.—On Friday, 23rd October, the ladies of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at St Catharines, made a handsome presentation to the Rev. G. Burson, consisting of several valuable and useful articles of household furniture. The generosity and good feeling thus expressed by the ladies of his congregation, cannot but be most gratifying and encouraging to the Pastor, who has just completed the first year of his ministry in this portion of the Master's vineyard.

BRISTOL.—Rev. D. WARDROPE.—It will be seen from another page of the *Record* that the Rev. D. Wardrope, of Bristol, has resigned his charge. Mr. Wardrope has had a strongly attached flock, and they are deeply moved at the prospect of separation. A correspondent, who was recently in Bristol, has sent us the following account of a parting meeting held by Mr. Wardrope with the young people of his late charge:—

To the Editor of the *Record*:

DEAR SIR,—Although a stranger to you, I cannot refrain from asking a space in your pages, to state a pleasant incident that has recently come under my notice, while paying a short visit to Rev. David Wardrope, Bristol. I do so more confidently, as I am quite sure it will reach you from no other source.

Those who know anything about the Bristol congregation, know what singing they have, both in Sabbath School and congregation. Mr. W., from his first settlement in the place, has taken a deep interest in the children and young people of his flock; and has coupled religious instruction and singing so richly together, that, while the voices of the children and youth have become thoroughly cultivated, many of them have learned to sing *with the heart* as well. On Thursday, November 12th, it was my privilege to be present. The young people had informed Mr. W. that they desired to meet him again, as they had so often done, to sing together the sweet songs of Zion, and listen to what was likely to be his parting address; the body of the church was filled with girls from five to fifteen years of age; the left side with boys and young men; the right with as many of the parents as could be present. At the close of a most interesting exercise in singing, and a thorough examination of the children in scriptural proofs of what they sang, the exercises were closed by Mr. McCready, (one of the elders) on behalf of the young people, presenting Mr. Wardrope with a purse of over sixty dollars. This wholly unexpected event Mr. W. responded to in a short and touching address.

The love and sympathy between pastor and people are truly wonderful, and the many tearful eyes and sorrowful countenances tell of sad hearts, at the prospect of the speedy termination (on account of the failing health of Mr. W.,) of the endearing relations existing for over eleven years between a devoted pastor and people.

JAMES W. FARRELL,  
Of Detroit, Michigan.

## Proceedings of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery met at Cobourg, on the 29th September.

There were present eleven ministers and four elders.

The Rev. James Thom, B. A., was elected Moderator for the next six months.

Mr. Laing reported that he had Moderated in a call at Baltimore and Cold Springs on the 3rd September, and that the call was in favour of Mr. John L. Murray. The call was signed by 181 members and forty-four adherents. There was also read a copy of a resolution, stating that the congregation would pay at the rate of \$800 per annum, and provide the minister with a manse. The call was sustained and put into the hands of Mr. Murray, who, at a subsequent stage of the proceedings, signified his acceptance thereof. Trials for ordination were prescribed to Mr. Murray, and the Presbytery agreed to meet at Baltimore, on Wednesday, the 28th October, to hear Mr. Murray's ordination trials, and thereafter to ordain and induct him into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Baltimore and Cold Springs, should the said trials be sustained.

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the recommendations given to the minister and congregation of Centreville and Millbrook at the special meeting of Presbytery, held at Centreville. After hearing commissioners from the congregation of Centreville and Millbrook, there was read a letter from the Rev. James Douglass, resigning his charge of the congregation, and leaving the Presbytery to make all arrangements as to retiring allowance. The Presbytery decided as follows:—

1st. To accept the resignation of Rev. Mr. Douglass, and to appoint the Rev. J. M. Roger, M.A., to preach in both congregations, and declare the pulpit vacant, on Sabbath, the 18th October.

2nd. That the full salary be paid to Mr. Douglass up to January 1st, 1869, and that thereafter a retiring allowance of \$140 from Centreville, and \$60 from Millbrook, per annum, be paid, half-yearly, to be counted from January 1st, 1869.

3rd. That application be made by the Presbytery to the Synod's fund for aged and infirm ministers, asking for \$100 per annum for Mr. Douglass, dating from January 1st, 1869.

The Rev. William Blain was appointed Moderator of the united session of Centreville and Millbrook.

Reports were received from deputations appointed to visit the congregations of Perrytown, Oakhills, and Percy. It was agreed to recommend that the salary of the minister at Percy should be supplemented to the amount of \$100 per annum.

There was read a letter from Mr. J. S. Russell, setting forth that he had not yet received a certificate from the session at Keene, and asking the Presbytery to see that justice should be done to him in this matter. The clerk was instructed to communicate with the session at Keene, through the Moderator, calling their attention to the decision of Synod, with reference to the case of Mr. Russell, and to furnish a copy of said finding and of the letter of Mr. Russell to the Presbytery of the date of 11th September, 1868, and instruct the session to consider the matter, and report their action at the next meeting of Presbytery.

A communication from Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Haultain was received, in which he stated that he had accepted the agency of the French Canadian Missionary Society. The Presbytery, after consideration, unanimously resolved:—“That this Presbytery having confidence in the high Christian character of Colonel Haultain, who is an elder in the congregation of Peterboro', and being well assured of his gift of exhortation for the edification of the Church, cordially commend him to the ministers and kirk sessions of this Church, as well as to any other Christian Churches to which he may have access in the discharge of his present agency, and give their approval to his conducting public worship as God may enable him, wherever opportunity is afforded.

Reports from missionaries were received, read, and approved.

Mr. Laing read an interesting report of his visit to the Northern Mission-field of the Presbytery. The report was received, and the thanks of the Presbytery given to Mr. Laing. The Presbytery authorized their Home Mission Committee to employ a missionary for a year in the Minden and Kinmount groups of mission stations.

The Presbytery revised the list of mission stations.

Mr. William Johnston, a member of the congregation at Cobourg, made application to be received as a student, entering upon the studies of the 3rd literary year, in Knox College. After conference had with Mr. Johnston, the Presbytery agreed to receive him as a student, and recommend him to the Board of Examiners in terms of his application.

Mr. Donald Fletcher, a member of Knox Church, Ottawa, made application to be received as a student, entering upon the studies of the 1st literary year, in Knox College. After conference had with Mr. Fletcher, the Presbytery agreed to receive and recommend him in terms of his application.

After the transaction of some routine business, the Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Peterboro', on Tuesday, the 26th January, 1869 at the hour of eleven o'clock, a.m.

D. WATERS, *Pres. Clerk.*

The following appointments for missionary meetings were adopted at the meeting, of the Presbytery of Cobourg, on the 25th August were:—

CONGREGATION.	DEPUTATION.	DATE.	HOUR.
Oakville . . . . .	Messrs. Waters, Blain, Macwilliam and Lieutenant-Colonel Haultain . . . . .	Time to be fixed by Convener.	
Perrytown . . . . .			
Port Hope . . . . .			
Cobourg . . . . .	Rev. J. Ewing and T. Fairbairn, Esq. . . . . " J. Laing " " . . . . .	Time to be fixed Mr Laing Con- vener . . . . .	
Baltimore . . . . .			
Cold Springs . . . . .			
Grafton and Vernonville	Messrs J. M. Roger and Thos. Alexander . . . . .	Sept. 28 and 30.	6 30
Colborne and Brighton } Percy . . . . .	Messrs. Laing, Lochead, and A. Fraser, Esq. . . . . " Duncan " " . . . . .	Time to be fixed by Convener, Mr. Duncan . . . . .	
Mount Pleasant . . . . .			
Onemec . . . . .	Messrs. Duncan, F. Andrews, & R. Kingan, Esq. . . . . " " Lt.-Col. Haultain . . . . .	January 25 . . . . .	6 30
Bethany . . . . .		" 27 . . . . .	6 30
Peterboro' . . . . .	Messrs. Roger, Laing, Smith and Murray . . . . .	January 25 . . . . .	7 00
Warsaw . . . . .		" 27 . . . . .	6 30
Lakefield . . . . .	Messrs. Waters, Paterson, & — Eastwood, Esq. . . . . " " " " " " . . . . .	January 25 . . . . .	6 30
North Smith . . . . .		" 27 . . . . .	6 30
Springfield . . . . .	Messrs. J. Paterson, W. C. Young, & W. Best, Esq. . . . . " " " " " " . . . . . " " " " " " . . . . . " " " " " " . . . . .	January 11 . . . . .	6 30
Lakevale . . . . .		" 12 . . . . .	6 30
Centreville . . . . .		" 13 . . . . .	6 30
Millbrook . . . . .		" 14 . . . . .	6 30
Dunsford . . . . .	Messrs. W. Lochead, J. Thom & R. Armstrong, Esq. . . . . " " " " " " . . . . . " " " " " " . . . . . " " " " " " . . . . .	February 1 . . . . .	6 30
Bobcaygeon . . . . .		" 2 . . . . .	6 30
Fenelon Falls . . . . .		" 3 . . . . .	6 30
Somerville . . . . .		" " . . . . .	1pm
Norwood . . . . .	Messrs. Roger, Blain, and W. Hall, Esq. . . . . " " " " " " . . . . . " Murray " " " " . . . . . " " " " " " . . . . .	February 1 . . . . .	6 30
Hastings . . . . .		" 2 . . . . .	6 30
East Seymour . . . . .		" 3 . . . . .	1pm
Campbellford . . . . .		" 3 . . . . .	6 30
Keene . . . . .	Messrs. T. Alexander, J. Thom, T. Fairbairn, Esq. . . . . " " " " " " . . . . . " Laing, Scott, & A. Fraser, Esq. . . . . " " " " " " . . . . .	February 11 . . . . .	6 30
Westwood . . . . .		" 12 . . . . .	6 30
Bethesda . . . . .			
Alnwick . . . . .			

**PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.**—The regular quarterly meeting of the Paris Presbytery was held within Knox's Church, Woodstock, on the first Sunday of November, the Rev. Mr. Straith, of Ingersoll, Moderator. There was a large attendance of members.

The Clerk reported that the Home Mission Committee had made a grant of \$100 for the present year to St. George.

Mr. W. Robertson, of Chesterfield, gave in a verbal report of the church at New Hamburg, stating that two Elders had been regularly elected, and asking consent of the Presbytery to proceed with the ordination. The request was granted, and the Hamburg Church continued under Mr. Robertson's care until the next meeting of the Presbytery. A committee, consisting of Mr. Cochran, Minister, and Mr. Alexander, Elder, was appointed to visit New Hamburg, and inquire into the state and prospects of the new organization.

A letter from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Simcoe was read, in reference to the employment of the Rev. John Cook as Missionary within their bounds. After discussion, a deliverance was agreed upon, unanimously objecting to the employment of Mr. Cook.

A petition for moderation in a call to a Minister to Stanley Street Church, Ayr, was read. Messrs. Dunbar and J. Robertson were appointed to attend to this duty, at any time most convenient for the congregation, before the next meeting of the Presbytery.

A letter from the Clerk of the Montreal Presbytery was read, intimating the deposition of the Rev. Alexander Thompson from the Ministry and membership of the church.

The Presbytery took up the consideration of the draft act of the proposed General Assembly. A motion was made to approve of the act simpliciter; an amendment to postpone its consideration until the next meeting, and a second amendment to consider the different clauses at the present meeting seriatim. On the vote being taken, the motion was carried by a majority, approving simpliciter of the act as transmitted.

Mr. Donald brought under the notice of the Presbytery the cases of Mr. D. Bucknell and Mr. Andrew Gladding, both at present engaged in the work of teaching, but desirous to engage in the work of the holy ministry. It was stated that these gentlemen were anxious to have the advice of the Presbytery as to how best they might be fitted to begin their Theological studies in Knox's College next year. After enquiries had been made as to the peculiarities of the cases, and their proficiency in their preliminary studies, it was agreed to request the Minister of whose church they may attend to superintend their further studies, reporting their progress from time to time to the Presbytery.

The evening sederunt of the Presbytery was devoted to a conference on the state of religion within the bounds. Mr. Lowry, convener of the committee on this subject, read several of the reports that had been given in, and Mr. James, at the Moderator's request, engaged in prayer. The conference was then freely entered upon by the Presbytery. After a very full and interesting discussion, it was agreed to re-appoint the committee, with instructions to consider the subject more fully and report at the next meeting, when the conference is to be resumed.

The matter of Sabbath profanation by the running of trains on the Lord's day having been brought before the Presbytery, the Ministers of Woodstock and Paris were appointed a committee to devise such means as might lead to the suppression of Sabbath traffic on the Great Western Railroad, and report to the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Mr. Richardson, of Tilsonburgh, laid on the table his resignation of the pastoral care of the united congregations of Tilsonburgh and Culloden. The Presbytery, after consideration, agreed to cite all parties interested to appear at the next regular meeting. Mr. Donald was appointed to preach and intimate the decision of the Presbytery.



Financial returns from several congregations within the bounds were read, all of a satisfactory character.

The Clerk called the attention of the Presbytery to the necessity of increased contributions during the present year to the Home Mission Fund, in view of the large number of grants made to Weak Congregations and Mission Stations, and also referred to the fund for the training of students in the preliminary branches, to which several congregations had already subscribed, and others were expected.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet within Knox's Church, Ingersoll, on the first Tuesday of February, 1869.

WILLIAM COCHRANE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in the McNab Street Church, Hamilton, on the 13th of October, the Rev. John Porteous, Moderator.

The Clerk read an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Ottawa, translating the Rev. Walter M. Roger from the congregation of Perth to that of Drummondville and Chippewa. He also read an extract from the minutes of a congregational meeting, held at Drummondville, at the request of Mr. Roger, in which they state that, in view of the explanations made to them by Mr. Roger they free him from the promises given to them to accept their call. Mr. Roger was then heard at length in explanation of the steps which he had taken and of his present position in reference to the call: after which the following deliverance was made by Dr. Ormiston, seconded, and unanimously adopted:—“The Rev. Walter M. Roger having stated to the Presbytery that, owing to events which have transpired since he intimated his acceptance to the call of the congregation of Drummondville and Chippewa, events in no way affecting these congregations, he had changed his views in reference to the call referred to, and asked permission to withdraw his acceptance, in which request the congregations concur. The Presbytery regret this, yet feel constrained reluctantly to grant his request, and resolve that no further steps be taken in the matter, and that a copy of this minute be sent to the Presbytery of Ottawa.

A communication was read from the Moderator of the Session of the Seaforth congregation, stating that, in consequence of Mr. Simpson having so clearly expressed his resolution to decline their call, they had resolved to request the Presbytery of Huron to allow them to fall from their call. It was then resolved to refuse the translation, and continue Mr. Simpson in his present charge.

A call from Dunnville and North Cayuga to the Rev. Robert Fleming, was sustained.

Mr. Murray laid on the table his resignation of the congregations of Beamsville and Clinton, now forming part of his pastoral charge. It was agreed to cite all the parties interested to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery, which was appointed to be held in the McNab Street Church, Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of November, at 11 a.m.

The Presbytery then heard the trials for license of Messrs. Blaikie and Clark, which were very cordially approved, and they were duly licensed as preachers of the Gospel.

DAVID INGLIS,  
*Presbytery Clerk.*

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton was held in the McNab Street Church, on the 10th of November.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. J. W. Bell, declining the call from Thorold.

The induction of Mr. Robert Fleming, formerly of Farnham, was appointed to take place at Dunnville, on the 26th of November.

Mr. Thomas Shaw was introduced to the Presbytery by Mr. Cheyne, as applying to be recognised as a catechist or evangelist. Mr. Cheyne testified to Mr. Shaw's zealous and acceptable labours within the bounds of his congregation. The Clerk also introduced Mr. Alexander Henderson, making a similar application, and testified to the very acceptable services which Mr. Henderson had rendered in the bounds of the Presbytery. After a full examination of these gentlemen, in reference to their motives for seeking to engage in evangelistic work, and to their views of Divine Truth, it was unanimously agreed to recognize them as catechists, and to authorize them to labour as evangelists within the bounds of the Presbytery, as opportunity may offer. Mr. Cheyne and Dr. Ormiston were appointed a committee to direct their studies.

The Presbytery, after a full hearing of all the parties in the case, accepted Mr. Murray's resignation of the Beamsville and Clinton congregations. Mr. Murray's labours will now be confined to Grimsby and Muir Settlement, while Beamsville and Clinton are united in one pastoral charge, and it is understood that they will be self-sustaining.

Next ordinary meeting will be held in the McNab Street Church, Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of January, 1869.

DAVID INGLIS,

*Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—Pursuant to adjournment, this Presbytery met, and was duly constituted, at Montreal, in the vestry of Knox Church, on Tuesday, the twentieth day of October, 1868,—the Reverend Dr. Irvine, Moderator for the time, and present with him the Reverend A. Young, J. Crombie, A. C. Gillies, J. Watson, J. M. Gibson, Dr. W. Taylor, and Professor D. H. McVicar. *Inter alia*,—the Court provided for the translation of the Reverend R. Fleming to the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton, for induction into the united congregations of Dunnville and North Cayuga. Rev. A. C. Gillies was appointed to preach at Farnham, and declare the church vacant. The case of Alexander Thompson, lately ordained Missionary at Kennebec, in the County of Beauce, and under libel for immorality, was brought to an issue, and he was deposed from the holy ministry and expelled from the communion of the Church. The action was closed by the Moderator offering up deeply impressive prayer to Almighty God.

JAMES WATSON,

*Clerk of Presbytery.*

Huntingdon, Pr. Qu., Oct. 26, 1868.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The Presbytery of Stratford met at Stratford, on the 10th November, the Rev. Robert Hall, Moderator. There were nine ministers and five elders present. A call from the congregation of Widder Street Church, St. Mary's, signed by 209 members and 216 adherents, to the Rev. David Waters, was sustained, and the Rev. A. A. Drummond was appointed to prosecute the same before the Presbytery of Cobourg.

The ordination trials of Messrs. John Edgar Croly and J. W. Bell were heard and sustained, and their ordination and induction appointed as follows:—Mr. Croly at Millbank, on the 25th November, at eleven a.m., Mr. Musgrove to preach, Mr. Boyd to address the minister, and Mr. McPherson the people. Mr. Bell, at Listowell, on the 22nd December, at eleven a.m.; Mr. Mitchell to preach, Mr. Hall to address the minister, and Mr. Renwick the people. A circular on the state of religion was sent down to sessions, to report at next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery was divided into districts for the purpose of lectures being delivered in connection with the Schemes of the Church, and Messrs. Renwick, Musgrave, Mitchell, Hamilton and Hall were appointed to deliver lectures with the view of giving information upon the Schemes of the Church, and it was recommended that the lectures should be delivered before the end of January. The Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Stratford, on the third Tuesday of January, at eleven a.m.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Pres. Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.**—The Presbytery of Brockville held its regular quarterly meeting in Waddington, N. Y. on Tuesday, 10th ult.

Mr. Matheson's induction into the pastoral charge of Osnabruck and Colquhoun Settlement was fixed for 26th instant, at Lunenburg.

The Presbytery's Home Mission report was received, reporting a gratifying increase in membership at the mission station and signs of renewed activity.

Appointments were made for holding missionary meetings throughout the bounds on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st proximo, as follows:—

Deputation—Messrs. Lochhead, McKenzie and Burton.

Monday..... Kemptville and Oxford.

Tuesday..... South Gower and Mountain.

Wednesday..... Gloucester and Long Island Lock.

Thursday..... North Gower.

Deputation—Messrs. Melville, Bennett and Jones.

Monday..... Edwardsburgh and Iroquois.

Tuesday..... Spencerville and Prescott.

Wednesday..... Paufield and Brockville.

Thursday..... Yonge and Lyn.

Deputation—Messrs. Morrison, Matheson and Hen de Bourck.

Monday..... Cornwall.

Tuesday..... Lunenburg and Colquhoun Settlement.

Wednesday..... Thom Settlement and West Winchester.

Thursday..... Kyle Settlement.

A letter was read from a probationer, who had removed his name from the H. M. Com. list, requesting to be heard in vacancies. Request refused.

The next quarterly meeting was appointed at North Gower, on the first Tuesday of February next, at seven o'clock, p.m.

**PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.**—This Presbytery met in Bristol, on the 3rd of November. There were present eight ministers and six elders.

A call from Smith's Falls to Mr. Crombie, of Inverness, was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Montreal. The people promise \$650 per annum with a manse. Mr. Wardrope, of Ottawa, was commissioned to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Montreal.

Mr. Davidson has declined the call from Ramsay. Notice was ordered to be given to the congregation. Mr. Gourlay's demission of Aylmer was accepted. Mr. Gouriay tendered the resignation of Nepean, the associated congregation, for the reason, "That the congregation is not able to support a minister." The Presbytery took steps to have Nepean congregation cited to appear on the 11th instant.

There was held a Presbyterial visitation of Bristol congregation. The following deliverance shows the result:—"The Presbytery, after full investigation, record as their deliverance, their great satisfaction with the condition of this congregation, especially in view of the following particulars:—1.—The excellence of the congregational singing. 2.—The liberality of the contributions to the schemes of the Church, the activity of the Sabbath school work, and the efforts now being made for the increase of Church accommodation. The Presbytery would also recommend that the efforts now being put forth for the augmentation of stipend be continued until at least the *minimum* be attained."

The above deliverance was ordered to be read from the pulpit.

Mr. D. Wardrope, in terms of notice formerly given, tendered the resignation of his charge. 1.—On account of the present state of his health. 2.—A willingness to close with an overture to go to Red River, after some time had been allowed to recruit his health.

Mr. Wardrope was deeply moved when referring to the past, and spoke in the most grateful terms of the kindness of the people. The commissioners ex-

pressed deep sorrow at the prospect of a separation. A great congregation, watching the proceedings, sobbed and wept. The scene was truly touching!

Finally, the Presbytery agreed to accept and placed on record the following minute:—

“The Presbytery cannot allow Mr. Wardrope to leave without recording their sense of deep sorrow that he has seen it to be his duty to demit his charge in Bristol. He leaves a congregation most strongly attached to him, and he has endeared himself to all his brethren who have had the opportunity of intercourse with him, and the disruption of these ties is keenly felt. While a member of this Presbytery, he approved himself to be a faithful minister of Christ, ably fulfilling all his duties, and enjoying a far more than ordinary measure of success. He carries with him the esteem and affection of all his brethren; and their prayer is that the blessing of God may be with him more abundantly in any other sphere of labour whereto he may be appointed, and that he may be long spared for the work of the ministry.”

A circular from Simcoe Presbytery, anent Mr. J. Cook, was read. The Presbytery agreed to note the unusual proceeding in this case, and to recommend caution to the Presbytery of Simcoe.

The Draft Act on the General Assembly was approved, with this exception—“That they cannot approve of *five* Presbyteries being allotted to the Toronto Synod, while only *three* are assigned to Montreal—the natural division being four to each of these Synods.”

Home missions, missionary meetings, and matters of routine engaged the attention of the Presbytery for the remainder of the time.

Next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Osgoode, on the first Tuesday of February, at two, p.m., the moderator to preach, and the congregation to be Presbyterially visited immediately after.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.**—This Presbytery met at Columbus, on the 28th October. A call from Ashburn and Utica in favour of Rev. A. Dawson, was sustained, and accepted by Mr. Dawson, who was present.

The Presbytery again met at Ashburn, on the 17th ult., for the purpose of inducting Mr. Dawson to the pastoral charge. The Rev. J. B. Edmundson preached an appropriate sermon; Dr. Thornton put the questions and offered up the prayer; Mr. Smith addressed the minister; and Mr. McTavish the congregation. The services were all attended to with deep interest on the part of the audience, which, however, was not large, owing to the extreme inclemency of the weather.

The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held at Columbus, on 12th January, 1869.

**PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.**—A letter was read from Mr. J. Cook, tendering his resignation of the appointment of Missionary, as well as of work assigned him by the Presbytery. It was agreed, after deliberation, to accept of Mr. Cook's resignation in terms of his communication. In connection with his case, the following resolution was also passed:

“That, having considered the communication from the Presbyteries of Montreal and Huron, disapproving of our action in reference to Mr. Cook, we are of opinion that, as the law now stands, we have not acted irregularly or *ultra vires*; but that we, in that matter, carried out the letter of the law of the Church, as contained in the Book of Forms, Sec. V., Articles 2 and 3.”

A petition for authority to moderate a call from Bradford and Scotch Settlement, West Gwillimbury, was received, and its prayer granted.

In reference to the Muskoka field, the following decision was agreed to, after a long and earnest discussion:

"That Mr. Wright be continued in his present field for the ensuing year, at the rate of \$400 a year, with the prospect of being employed for twelve months, if, at the end of six, it be deemed prudent by the Presbytery."

The following scheme for holding missionary meetings, was adopted:—

"That the Presbytery be divided into the five following districts, and that the undermentioned ministers shall be Conveners thereof, who, with the minister of each district, shall constitute a deputation to hold the Missionary meetings therein.

*District No. 1.*—Duntroon and Stayner, Osprey, Collingwood and Nottawa, Rev. M. Fraser, Convener

*District No. 2.*—Alliston, &c.; Innisfil, &c.; Mulmur and Melancthon—Rev. R. Knowles, Convener.

*District No. 3.*—Bradford and West Gwillimbury, Bond Head and Essa, and Tecumseh—Rev. R. Rogers, Convener.

*District No. 4.*—Orillia and Esson Ch., Oro.; Knox Church, Oro.; Willis, Ch., Oro.; Mara and Muskoka—Rev. James Greenfield, Convener.

*District No. 5.*—Barrie and Guthrie Church, Oro.; Flos and Medonté; Tay and Tiny—Rev. W. Fraser, Convener.

A special meeting of Presbytery is to be held in the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at eleven o'clock, a. m. The next regular meeting of Presbytery is to be held on the 1st Tuesday of February, at eleven o'clock, a. m., in the Barrie Presbyterian Church.

JOHN GRAY,  
*Presbytery Clerk.*

## Correspondence.

### THE LATE MRS. NISBET, OF SAMOA.

Died at Oakville, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. H. Nisbet, the beloved wife of Rev. Henry Nisbet, Samoa, Polynesia. The deceased arrived in this country, with her family, in the beginning of July, on a visit to a large circle of her husband's relatives.

Though not vigorous, she enjoyed what seemed comfortable health, till a few weeks ago; she was then rather suddenly prostrated with heart disease. She suffered much for days, and occasionally, for hours together, excruciating agony, till the afternoon of Sabbath, the 15th of November. Then the tired, worn-out body sank calmly to rest. With full reliance on her Saviour, and in the enjoyment of perpetual peace, the immortal spirit passed away from earth to heaven.

Mrs. Nisbet has been allowed to finish a course of great usefulness and devotedness. She passed through many toils and trials; yet, with surprising modesty, she shrank back from anything like publicity, and loved to labour in the difficult field of South Sea missions, unknown and unnoticed.

She was the daughter of the Rev. W. P. Crook, one of the noble band of the first missionaries that went out from England in the good ship *Duff*.

She commenced her active missionary labours in connection with her husband in 1841. Her first place of residence and sphere of duty as a missionary's wife, was in the Island of Tanna, New Hebrides. During her brief residence there, with her husband and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Turner, she nobly, calmly, with true Christian heroism, passed through a terrible season of agitation and distress, caused by the deceitful and

threatening conduct of the blood-thirsty natives. She has often been heard to refer to the whole appearance of those wild warriors—their brandished clubs and darts, their glaring eyes, their wild war howl, their burning villages—and in glowing words of gratitude, thanked God for their singular deliverance through the most providential visit of Capt. Lucas. During those most memorable weeks they were truly exposed to perils among the heathen.

She passed from Tanna to Samoa, and there, for seventeen years, laboured with great assiduity and success in several districts of the islands of Upolu and Savaii. She then, in the beginning of the year 1860, removed with her husband to take the superintendence of the institution for the education and training of native teachers and evangelists. Here she especially undertook the charge of the classes for the women and more advanced female children belonging to the institution, till impaired health rendered it necessary, in 1867, for them to seek a season of repose from their labours.

We cannot help noticing the mysterious ways of God's holy providence in leading her from the scene of her labours, and all with whom she had been associated for many years. When her health was giving way, and, perhaps, was more thoroughly undermined than fond relatives supposed, she was allowed, with her husband, to visit Australia, and spend some time in Sydney with beloved brothers and sisters and her eldest daughter. She subsequently visited England, gathered all her family around her, and afterwards came to this Western Continent on a visit to her husband's relatives.

She was a woman of great prudence and discretion, of much decision of character, of warm affections and glowing piety. Those only who knew her well could fully appreciate her varied excellence.

We thank God for all he made her and accomplished by her. We adore His grace that was with her to the end, and has now removed her to a far higher, and holier, and happier sphere. We would seek to tender our kindest sympathies and condolence to her husband in the sad desolation with which he has been visited, and to the children, for ever deprived of a mother's love and care.

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ANDREW KENNEDY,  
Box 156 London P. O.

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