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OUR POSITION.

We thought we had sufficiently defined our position when we first began our editorial labours in connection with the PRESBYTERIAN, and in statements which we had subsequently occasion to make in reference to the matter.

KENDAL STATION.

We have received a letter complaining of the hardship under which our station at Kendal labors. It appears that it had some time since been disjoined from the congregation of Orono and connected with Perrytown and Oakhills.

connection with Orono. It is quite possible that there may be some hardship in the case, but the Presbytery is the proper party to go to in order to have a remedy.

We therefore, in all kindness, advise our correspondent to take the constitutional course. If after doing this he fails to get justice, we may be more inclined to let him state his grievance to the general public.

DR. WALLACE, OF EDINBURGH.

At a late meeting of the Edinburgh Presbytery of the Established Church of Scotland, the case of Dr. Wallace came up for consideration. No less than five resolutions were submitted. One by Dr. Phin was to the effect that there was causa probabilis for a libel; a second, by Mr. Smith, Kirknewton, declared that Dr. Wallace's preaching "is calculated to unsettle the minds of ordinary hearers, and to create doubts as to the fundamental truths of our religion."

STATISTICS OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR 1872-3.

We rather think that by far the majority of our readers take the Record of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and have, therefore, examined with some measure of care and interest the statistical tables given in the August number of that publication.

For a good number of years past these statistical tables have annually been prepared with a very large amount of care and with ever increasing fulness. Some five congregations still neglect to send in returns, but their number is small, and, as might be expected, there is either something unfavorable about their condition and work, or something at any rate supposed to be unfavorable which leads their office-bearers to prefer having no returns to letting the nakedness of the land be laid before the whole body.

There are two general sections in the returns. The first gives the general facts about numbers of ministers; of families; communicants; additions; dismissions, &c., while the second deals exclusively with the pecuniary contributions and intrusions for the year.

that a complete view is every year given of all the more important external facts in the history of each congregation, while all these returns have been carefully tabularized, and the various lists accurately added up so that the whole can be taken in almost at a glance.

The names of all the ministers with the date of their ordinations are given in the first place as well as the names and numbers of their congregations. Then we have the number of families in each church; communicants; accessions; removals; baptisms; Sabbath scholars; prayer meetings; pastoral visitations; elders; deacons; Sabbath school teachers; congregational libraries; sittings in churches; and whether or not there is a manse; this, it will be observed, is very exhaustive, and if in every case complete would be all but invaluable.

The result of all is that there are 19 Presbyteries with 638 regular charges, and 50 preaching stations not forming part of regular charges; as also 815 ministers on the roll. This is a gain of 18 congregations and 8 ministers during the year. The number of vacant congregations is 67, being 14 more than last year. Only 14 ministers send in no report, while 23 vacant congregations are also defaulters.

The financial statistics show also gratifying progress. The stipend promised amounted to \$216,912 or \$13,745 above the previous year, while \$221,281 were actually paid, an increase over '71-2 of \$17,570. On church and manse property \$158,676 were expended during the year. An increase of \$35,481. Other congregational contributions, not otherwise reported, amounted to \$83,431—an increase of \$5,853. This made the total congregational contributions, for strictly congregational purposes, \$463,390—an increase of \$51,870.

The total over all presenting the very encouraging sum of \$550,901, or an increase over the previous year of \$77,786. There is another very suggestive tabular statement giving the average of contributions for the various schemes of the church for each congregation in the different Presbyteries. Hamilton Presbytery gives the largest average stipend though it is a very short way ahead of Toronto—the former being \$873 and the latter \$866.

The average over the whole church shows a promise of \$745 and an actual average payment of \$685.

The average annual payment of each member for all church purposes is \$10.97 or an increase of \$1.19 over last year. The highest average per member is the Presbytery of Manitoba; the next Montreal, and the lowest Durham, which is about \$6. From the items we have given it may be easily gathered that church statistics when given honestly, fully, and clearly, may, if read aright, be very profitable and very interesting, calculated to minister reproof and afford material for quiet meditation, devout prayer, and useful comparison; while leading also to increased exertion, steady perseverance, and devout gratitude.

more than it used to be. It is more than many reckoned on its being. There is room for regret that it is not more. There is the evident duty—"Forgetting the things that are behind to reach forward to those that are before."

Ministers and Churches.

The Beaverton correspondent of the Lindsay Post says:—"The Rev. Kenneth McLennan, M.A., of Peterboro', who is spending a week or two with the Rev. D. Watson, M.A., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Thorah, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon to a large and appreciative audience in the Orange Hall last Sabbath evening."

The congregation of Dumfries Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, have presented their pastor, the Rev. F. W. Farries, with a sum exceeding \$200—another of the many expressions of kindness and affection which he has received from his people during his pastorate, which he fully appreciates.

After copying the PRESBYTERIAN'S account of the induction of the Rev. D. MacIntosh, the North British Daily Mail (Glasgow, Scotland) adds the following:—"The foregoing will be gratifying to Mr. MacIntosh's numerous friends in Glasgow. Mr. MacIntosh received his theological education in the Free Church College in this city, where he proved himself a distinguished student, having in his year obtained the Clark Scholarship. We know him to be an accomplished scholar, a good man, and one sincerely devoted to his high calling."

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.

This Presbytery met at Kildonan on the 16th and 17th day of July. In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. John Black was appointed Moderator pro t. The Rev. R. Ure, of Goderich, and the Rev. W. Cochran, M.A., of Brantford, Commissioners from the General Assembly, being present, were invited to sit and correspond. Mr. Matheson reported that the Lord's Supper had been dispensed at the Portage and six persons elected to serve as elders. Messrs. Morrison and Cunningham, of Headingly, were associated with Mr. Matheson as a Session, for the ordaining of these elders elect. Arrangements were made for the Sacrament of the Supper, at Park's Creek, Springfield and Rockwood. Mr. McNabb was instructed to dispense the same ordinance at White Mud River at such time as he may find convenient.

IN MEMORIAM.

Prof. Bryce, on behalf of the Committee, appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the sympathies of the members of this Presbytery, with the Rev. John Black, in his late bereavement, read the following minute, which was adopted and ordered to be engrossed, and a copy given to Rev. Mr. Black:—"Ye our Brethren, of the Presbytery of Manitoba, desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with you in the recent severe affliction with which it has pleased the Sovereign Dispenser of all events to visit you. The loss, which in God's Mysterious

Providence, it has been your loss to sustain is one of the most trying that we can be called on to endure in this vale of tears. You have lost a prudent, thoughtful, and devoted wife; your children, a careful, affectionate, and tender mother; your people, a wise, faithful, and generous friend; and all a noble example of fidelity in all the relations of life, and humility and earnestness in the service of Him who loved her and gave himself for her. Into the deep recesses of your grief no human sympathy can enter. Our best efforts to console, however well intended, are the "Vacant chair" and can accomplish but little in alleviating your sorrow. You have, however, a consolation that springs from a high source, you have the satisfaction of knowing that your beloved wife, whose early death was mourned, was long a sincere and earnest follower of Christ, and as she lived the life of a Christian, she died the Christian's death. To her, death was the messenger of peace. On earth she loved and served Him who has abolished death and conquered the grave, and now she has gone to dwell forever with the Lord. Her death, though early, was not untimely. Her work on earth was done, and she has entered into her eternal rest. Her's is the blessing of those who die in the Lord, and whose works do follow them. Death forms no break in her existence. Her being goes on uninterrupted, far removed from the clouds and shadows of earth, in the unclouded glory of that land where there is no need of "The sun, neither of the moon to shine in it; for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

A. FRAZER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE.

A meeting of this Presbytery was held at Barrie on the 5th day of August, all the clerical members, and five elders, being present.

Mr. J. Gray was elected Moderator for the following year.

The following minutes in reference to the resignation of the Clerkship, by Mr. Gray, was adopted:—

"In accepting Mr. Gray's resignation of the clerkship, which they do with reluctance, the Presbytery would place on record the expression of their high appreciation of the admirable manner in which, ever since the erection of the Presbytery, five years ago, the duties of the office have by him been discharged. Of the careful and judicious arrangement of the business, the correct and beautiful style in which the proceedings have been recorded, and the accuracy and promptitude with which the necessary, and often large correspondence, has all along been conducted, the Presbytery cannot do otherwise than express their high approval. The extensive and minute acquaintance, too, on the part of their clerk with ecclesiastical procedure, so greatly conducive to facilitate the transaction of business; his readiness at all times to communicate information on all points of law, and his unvarying urbanity and gentlemanly bearing towards all with whom his official relations brought him into contact, have been such as to command the Presbytery's respect and esteem. In now, therefore, relieving Mr. Gray from the duties and responsibilities of the clerkship, the Presbytery, while wishing him all comfort and prosperity in his sphere of pastoral labour, would beg his acceptance of their most cordial acknowledgments for the valuable services rendered to the Church, for all these years, in an office for which he has proved himself so eminently qualified, and which he has filled with so much honour to himself, and so much satisfaction to all his brethren."

Mr. R. Moodie succeeds Mr. Gray as Clerk.

A minute was also adopted accepting Mr. M. Fraser's resignation of the Convener-ship of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, and recording the thanks of the court for the efficient and faithful manner in which Mr. Fraser has for five years discharged the duties of that important position. Space will be asked in a future number of the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN for insertion of the minute.

Mr. D. B. Cameron was chosen Convener of Home Mission Committee instead of Mr. Fraser.

Mr. R. Knowles was instructed to organize a congregation in Adjalo, to be united to the first and second congregations of Tecumseh.

A petition from congregations of Nottawa and Dumtoun, asking that Nottawa be disjoined from the congregation of Collingwood and united to Dumtoun, was heard and prayer granted, the united congregations to be called Dumtoun and Nottawa. A unanimous call, signed by 105 members and 102 adherents, to Mr. R. D. Fraser, from Cookstown, Townline, and Ivy, was sustained. Mr. Fraser's acceptance having been signified, it was resolved that the Presbytery meet at Cookstown, on Monday, Sept. 29th, at 10 a.m., for the trials and ordination of Mr. Fraser, and for the transaction of other business—Mr. Gray, Moderator of Presbytery, to preside at the ordination, Mr. Moodie to preach, Mr. McConnell to address the minister, and Mr. Fairbairn the people.

Ordination service to begin at noon. The Treasurer was instructed to apportion to the congregations of the bounds the amounts necessary to meet the Presbytery's share of the General Assembly's expenses for this year.

Dr. J. B. Fraser, student in theology, read a discourse, which was very favourably received.

The Presbytery adopted a report recommending that a Sabbath School conference be held at Collingwood, on 16th September next.—Com.

The Wesleyan Church in England raised last year for missions \$700,000. One of the secretaries being asked how they were able to raise so much, answered, "By the grace of God and the penny a week."

It is reported that the Great Eastern has succeeded in recovering the Atlantic cable of 1865.

Official Announcements.

MANITOBA.—The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Winnipeg and within the church there on the 10th day of September, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Commercial.

PRODUCE. The market has been very firm all week, but as there was very little of either flour or grain offering, trade has been quiet.

PROVISIONS.

BUTTER.—Is fairly active. Considerable purchases have been made of lots at outside points at prices ranging from 13 to 15c., the latter being for selected.

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