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COLLECTION FOR WIDOWS' FUND, AND FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

The second collection in the Synodical year—that for the Widows' Fund, and Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers—is appointed to be made on the 3rd Sabbath of September. This is a collection, which, we believe, commends itself in a peculiar degree to the feelings and sympathies of our congregations. Last year the sum of \$2180 was paid to the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, and this year two additional families are on the fund, making the entire number 18. The sum of \$580 was also paid on account of aged and infirm ministers; and, since the Synod, one additional claim has been presented, making in all five ministers receiving annuities from the fund.

When no particular instructions are given, the collection is divided equally between the two objects.

We trust that the collection will be as usual, generally attended to, and that the amount will be liberal.

VACANCIES AND PROBATIONERS.

Returns have now been received from all the Presbyteries of the Church, shewing that the following number of vacancies are looking to the Home Mission Committee for Probationers to visit them with a view to immediate settlement.

In the Presbytery of Montreal.....	5	Presbytery of Hamilton.....	1
do. Ottawa	5	do. Guelph.....	1
do. Brockville	2	do. Paris	1
do. Kingston	3	do. London.....	9
do. Cobourg.....	1	do. Stratford	4
do. Ontario.....	4	do. Huron.....	1
do. Toronto... ..	6	do. Grey.....	3

making in all forty-six vacancies to be supplied.

The Probationers who have reported themselves as requested, and are on the list to receive appointments are, Messrs. Bates, Bauld, Dawson, McLennan, Milligan, Meikle, W. Scott, Wright.—*eight* Probationers reported as wishing to visit vacancies.—Besides these, the licentiates from other churches, and the students lately licensed by our Presbyteries will, in all probability, report themselves during the next month, as desirous of being appointed to vacancies so soon as their present engagements in the Home Mission field have expired. These may be eighteen or so in number. This will give *twenty-six* probationers for *forty-six* vacancies.

In these circumstances it seems better not to make appointments ex-

tending beyond the first Sabbath of October, leaving it for the Committee to arrange the whole matter at their semi-annual meeting. The following interim appointments are made, which, it is hoped, will be found convenient for all parties concerned.

Presbyteries and Probationers are again respectfully reminded of the Resolution of last Synod as to the inexpediency of making or allowing private arrangements between vacancies and Probationers whose names should be on the roll, to the manifest prejudice of those who are seeking to carry out regularly the declared wish of the Church.

Mr. Bates to the Presbytery of Stratford—for Sept., and 1st Sab. of Oct.

" Bauld,	do.	Ottawa,	do.	do.
" Dawson,	do.	Ontario,	do.	do.
" McLennan,	do.	Montreal,	do.	do.
" Milligan,	do.	London,	—last Sab. of Sept., and 1st. [Sab. of Oct.	
" Meikle,	do.	Paris,	1st and 2nd Sab's. of Sept.	
" "	do.	London,	3rd, 4th, and 5th Sab's. of Sep. [and 1st Sab. of Oct.	
" W. Scott,	do.	Ottawa,	1, 2, 3, and 4. Sab's. of Sep.	
" "	do.	Brockville	5th Sab. Sep. and 1st Sab. Oct.	
" W. Wright,	do.	Grey,	for Sep. and 1st. Sab. of Oct.	

J. LAING, *Convener.*

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Amongst the various matters which came under the notice of the Synod at its recent meeting, there was one, which, though it did not occupy much prominence in the way of discussion, is yet of the greatest importance as regards the comfort and welfare of our ministers, and therefore as regards the interests, the efficiency, and the extension of our church. It is not a subject which in itself required discussion in our church courts for the purpose of enlightenment and conviction, inasmuch as regarding it, there are not two opinions in the minds of intelligent people. It is rather a subject for prompt, judicious, kindly, yet decided action. And we have the utmost confidence, that the attention of our congregations has only to be called to it on the ground of Christian privilege and duty, in order that steps may be taken with all readiness and cordiality, to effect an improvement in the existing state of matters.

The subject to which we refer is the matter of ministerial support, the provision that is made for the maintenance of the ministers of our church.

We do not consider it necessary to argue the question as to the claims of the Christian ministry upon the people of God for its sufficient maintenance. This is a question which admits of no doubt amongst those who receive and reverence the Scriptures as the Word of God. "The labourer," says our Lord Himself, is worthy of his hire." "Let him that is taught in the word, communicate to him that teacheth in all good things." "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man, or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses. Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? or saith He it altogether for our sakes? For our sake, no doubt this is written, that he that ploweth should plow in hope, and he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing, if we shall

reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless, we have not used this power, but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the Gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they who minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

There is no need of quoting any more passages. Professing Christians will at once admit the truth contained in them. It is the command of God, and therefore as clearly binding upon the members of the church of Christ as any other precept in the Word of God. And yet, notwithstanding the general acknowledgment of the duty, perhaps, when the subject is spoken of by considerate, well-informed Christians, there is nothing more commonly heard than such a remark as this: "How poorly are our ministers supported! It is not right that it should be so. Why should not something be done to remedy the evil?"

In saying this, we do not mean to single out the Canada Presbyterian Church, as alone, or peculiarly lacking in this respect. On the contrary, we have no hesitation in affirming that Presbyterian Churches, as a whole, just as they have been ever anxious for a well-trained, educated, and furnished ministry, are as alive as any others to the desirableness and necessity of providing for the comfortable support of their ministers. It is a fact, for example, that in the larger disestablished Presbyterian Churches in Scotland, the average stipend of the ministers, drawn, of course, from the free-will offerings of the people, is nearly equal, if not altogether so, to that of the Presbyterian Establishment, and is gradually rising with the circumstances of the country.

At the same time, we are merely stating what is commonly felt and acknowledged, when we say that the stipends of many of our ministers are not such as to enable them, even with all possible economy, to meet the requirements of themselves and their families in the position which they occupy. They are thereby subjected to straits and inconveniences and perplexities, which must, to a certain extent, interfere with the cheerful, profitable discharge of their duties, and from which therefore, they ought to be free.

There are various considerations which ought to have weight with congregations in leading them to seriously contemplate such a state of matters, and to endeavour to provide a remedy.

There is the increased cost of living. Within the last 10 or 12 years almost all the comforts and necessaries of life have greatly risen in price. Those, therefore, whose incomes are fixed, remaining at the same amount, or very little advanced, have all the more difficulty in comfortably maintaining themselves. Indeed they cannot do so, but are obliged to exercise constant self-denial in many things.

To keep pace with this increased cost of living, there has been in all the other professions, and in all kinds of business and labour, a higher scale of income, an increase of wages. It is in this way alone, that those who are dependent upon the work either of their hands, or of their head, for the support of themselves and their families, can at all secure a livelihood suited to the sphere in which God in His providence hath placed them. The wages of Mechanics have, within the last 20 years or less, risen 20, 30, 40, and in some cases 50 per cent. And in the same way, professional men, lawyers, physicians, officers in our large institutions, public officials, and clerks, have generally asked and received a higher proportion of pay. Merchants and men in business have shared in the benefits of higher prices. And if all other classes, dependent upon their daily work, have thus been

supplied with the means of meeting the increased cost of living, if the members of our churches themselves feel that the expenses of their own households are becoming heavier, and that they have to pay more than before, for the same amount of work, to labourers, and mechanics, and professional men, who can fail to see that it is only justice that their ministers should in like manner be placed by them in circumstances which will enable them to bear the additional burden imposed on them equally with others.

Then further, the inadequate support generally provided for the ministers of our church has no doubt a very close connexion with a fact which has for some time been forcing itself upon the serious notice of all the friends of truth—we mean the diminished number of Theological Students—of young men looking forward to the ministry as their life-work.

This is observable not only in some, but in all churches. No one can read the statistics which are yearly furnished by them without being convinced of it. It is fitted to awaken deep concern, and has done so in the minds of all who love the cause of Christ. Various reasons have been assigned, as accounting for it. But whatever truth there may be in other causes, we are very strongly impressed with the conviction that one main reason is found in what we have stated, viz., the insufficient incomes which are generally afforded to ministers. Young men of talent and energy of character, looking around them, and observing that the ministers of the different churches are often in straits and difficulties, and unable to provide for themselves what they feel would be needful for the right and conscientious discharge of their duty, as well as for their families a suitable education, have thus at once a stumbling block, and hindrance put in the way of their entering into the ministry. Every converted young man is not bound to give himself to the ministry. If he feels that he has a special call from the Lord to do so, or to go forth as a missionary to the heathen, he will obey that call, whatever hardships or dangers, or trials he may have to undergo. He will have the spirit of the apostle, when he said, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you, though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved." But every young convert of ability and zeal in the cause of Christ, does not feel himself thus summoned to the ministry, though summoned of course, to consecrate himself to the Lord. And as there are many openings in the commercial world, and in all professions, for the attainment of a comfortable livelihood, or more than that, young men may choose, and they do choose such employment as will furnish them with the means of maintaining themselves and their families without being constantly straitened—and in which they may have at the same time the opportunity and the ability to do service by divine grace, for the cause of Christ.

It is therefore for the members of the church to consider in their own consciences and in the sight of God, whether by their stinted support in many cases of ministers of the gospel—by their failure to avail themselves of a high privilege, and to discharge an incumbent duty, they are not contributing to the fact, which all churches have to deplore—the limited number of those who are devoting themselves to the work of preachers of the glorious gospel of the blessed God. If any man wants wealth, or affluence, he will not enter the ministry for it. It is not there he will find it. But in the ministry, he has a right to expect, and all who are filled with knowledge and judgment from on high will feel that the people are bound, and should consider it their privilege to afford a maintenance for himself and his family, suited to the position and the sphere which he occupies.

Then again, it may be that the subject with which we are dealing, may be the occasion of shutting the windows of heaven, and preventing a

blessing on the ministration of the word and ordinances. There is much complaint of the secularity of spirit which pervades the mass of the people, and of the consequent low state of religious feeling and principle. But is the Spirit of the Lord straitened? Is His hand shortened, that it cannot save? Is His ear heavy that it cannot hear? We know that the selfish, careless neglect of the temple and its ordinances in ancient times was specially mentioned by God Himself as the ground of withholding His favour. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, consider your ways, go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. Ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?" "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

It is then, not only with the view of seeking to raise the standard of ministerial support, but of promoting the interests of the church in every way, that the Synod at its last meeting unanimately passed a series of resolutions bearing upon the subject.

These are as follows:—

"1. That the Synod, impressed with the conviction that the stipends of the ministers of this church are generally inadequate for their comfortable maintenance, resolve to aim after a *minimum* stipend of six hundred dollars (\$600) along with a manse for each minister.

"2. That with a view to the accomplishment of this end, a general and simultaneous movement shall be made by means of deputations, for the purpose of visiting and conferring with all the congregations of the church on the subject referred to.

"3. That the Synod accordingly resolve to appoint a committee to arrange with the Presbyteries of the church for the visits of such deputations during the present year, and to report to the next meeting of Synod the result of their labours."

In accordance with these resolutions, the committee have sought to carry out the purpose of their appointment by making arrangements for deputations to visit all the congregations of the church. This has been done, for the sake of convenience, and in order to save expense, by an interchange of Deputies from neighbouring Presbyteries. Four Deputies from Hamilton will go to London, and four from London to Hamilton. In the same way Stratford and Huron interchange—Paris and Guelph—Cobourg and Kingston. Montreal interchanges with Ottawa and Brockville, and Toronto with Grey and Ontario. The pulpits of Deputies from one Presbytery will be supplied by the Deputies from the other Presbytery, and by the ministers whose pulpits these latter may supply on the other Sabbath. Hence the necessity of the movement being simultaneous, beginning on the 15th September.

It is proposed that the Deputies along with Elders or other competent members of the church, as the Presbytery may determine, should visit all the congregations within the bounds. It may be that some congregations are so far discharging their duty to their ministers, as that they do not stand in need of any visit. Still, in order to prevent anything like an invidious distinction among congregations, to maintain the principle of brotherhood and equality as Presbyterian ministers, to manifest unitedness

of feeling and action in this movement, and thus to give it greater weight throughout the church, the committee thought it desirable to make that proposal. They had less hesitation in doing so, because the object of this movement is not to deal with congregations in an inquisitorial manner, or to rebuke them for their unfaithfulness in the discharge of duty, but simply to preach the Gospel, and on the ground thereof to enforce the claims of the cause of Christ upon all who profess to belong to Him, and especially the matter of ministerial support. Accordingly, in case of congregations discharging their obligations satisfactorily in that matter, they will have to be commended, and not dealt with in any way whatever, which might imply censure. At the same time the committee have no power, neither have they the wish to force a visit upon any minister or congregation who may decline to receive it.

Further, amongst recently formed congregations in new Townships or Settlements, or amongst those whose membership is small, there may be some not able to come up to the stipend proposed as the minimum. These ought to receive the necessary aid from the Home Mission Fund, or any Supplementary Fund which may be formed for the purpose. The great majority of our congregations, however, giving less than \$600, might make an effort to reach that sum without much difficulty, whilst there are few of them, even giving above that amount, whether in town or country, who could not by very little exertion, individually, add materially to the comfort and welfare of their minister. They would themselves be no losers, but greatly the gainers thereby.

We doubt not that intelligent, devoted members of our church, generally, will hail with gladness this effort, and will be ready to give it both their countenance, and their hearty support, that so, through the blessing of God, it may be crowned with a large measure of success. If there were difficulty in accomplishing the object that is aimed at, or if the accomplishment of it were to entail any hardship or burden upon the members and adherents of the church, there might be hesitation in proceeding with it. But when there is reason to believe that comfort and encouragement and cheerfulness of heart, and thus vigour for his work can be imparted to many a minister and his household by little or no sacrifice on the part of congregations, individually or collectively, surely every right feeling should prompt us to make the attempt.

The best thanks of the committee are due to those ministers who have so readily consented to act as Deputies, as well as to the clerks and committees of Presbyteries who have put themselves to trouble in making the necessary arrangements.

The work is good. It is undertaken for no selfish end, but as one very intimately connected with the best interests of the church, and the building up of the Kingdom of Christ in our land. And therefore we commend it to Him who has the hearts of all in His hands, whose are the silver and the gold, and who, when He giveth grace to any, can make "the abundance of their joy in the experience of redeeming love, and even their deep poverty abound unto the riches of their liberality." "He who soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he who soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man, according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Missionary Intelligence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—INTELLIGENCE FROM REV. R JAMIESON.

We are in receipt of intelligence from Rev. R. Jamieson, up to 12th July. In consequence of there being no minister or missionary at New Westminster, Mr. Jamieson has been spending about half his time there, an arrangement which entails much inconvenience and expense, and which cannot possibly be continued long. Mr. Jamieson expresses an earnest hope that there may be soon a minister for New Westminster, so that he may give his whole time to Nanaimo. In the absence of Mr. Jamieson service is conducted by members of the congregation both at Nanaimo and New Westminster. The Hon. J. Robson and Mr. Geo. Misener, formerly of Wellandport, are mentioned in connection with these services.

COMMUNION SEASONS.

Mr. Jamieson writes:—"Last Sabbath was our quarterly communion here. Sixteen out of our twenty-three members sat down with me at the Lord's table, and a more interested, attentive, and apparently devout membership I never addressed, while I endeavoured to illustrate a line of the paragraph we had just been singing in taking our places.—"My wondrous love." About thirty were present in addition, and not one moved till the services were concluded. On the last Sabbath of April we had the communion in New Westminster,—fourteen communicants present; and a most delightful season it proved to me, and I believe to all.

Thus we enjoy the privileges, and I trust too the promises of the blessed Gospel, under circumstances, in many respects, discouraging and difficult. We have almost literally the "two or three gathered together," and the "little flock;" but if we have the King's presence, and the assurance that it is our "Father's good pleasure to give us the Kingdom," we may surely fear not."

GENERAL DEPRESSION.

"The time has not come yet when we can proclaim temporal prosperity. It is still the old tune with us—depression—retreat. Here, if any where, have I looked for progress, if slow; while the reverse is so far the result." Mr. Jamieson in referring to some prospective changes, says:—"Affairs will however be conducted on a more healthy basis, and in the course of a few months we may be over the worst."

MISSIONS OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The total number of agents connected with the Indian and African missions of the Free Church is 281, viz.: 216 in India, and 65 in Africa. Of these 16 in India, and 6 in Africa, are ordained European missionaries, and 23 are European missionary teachers. There are 7 ordained native missionaries in India. The rest are native teachers, catechists, scripture readers and colporteurs. There are 1468 members of native churches,—605 in India, and 863 in Africa. There are 9995 pupils under instruction in the various schools and institutions, 9148 in India, and 847 in Africa.

The ordinary revenue for the past year has been £14,498 7s. 9d. The sum raised in India was £11,270 0s. 5d. Special contributions, and the amount raised by the Ladies' Society included, the grand total is £31,829 8s. 9d.

The first missionary (Dr. Duff) was appointed in connection with the church of Scotland, in 1829. Four years afterwards, Dr. Inglis, convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, thought he could now reckon on £1200 a year, and he wrote to this effect to Dr. Duff. The large-hearted missionary, in his reply, said,—“Oh do not fix at £1200 a year, but put down £10,000 as your minimum, and from that rise up indefinitely without fixing any maximum at all!” This was looked upon as so extravagant that, when the letter was circulated in the Committee, one of the most respected members, in his astonishment, made the following entry with his pencil on the margin of the letter—“What! is the man mad? Has the Indian sun turned his head?” It is pleasing to note the increase in the annual contributions, and to bear in mind that since 1843 the sum raised for Foreign Missions has been £303,521 4s. 2d.

MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

PORT MARIA, JAMAICA.—The Rev. John Simpson, who has been thirty five years in Jamaica, has resigned the charge of the congregation of Port Maria and has returned home. The congregation were deeply affected at the departure of Mr. Simpson. The church was formed in 1830, and some of the original members still remain.

OLD CALABAR.—The July Record contains an earnest and affecting appeal, from the pen of the Rev. H. Goldie, of the Old Calabar mission, for additional labourers. The ground, on which the appeal is grounded, are the dark and degraded condition of the Africans,—the injury which the Africans have, in too many instances, suffered from intercourse with Europeans,—the peculiar circumstances of the Calabar mission which too often cause it to be shunned as a field of labour by those dedicating themselves to the foreign service of the church.

SIMULTANEOUS PRAYER FOR THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.—It has been recommended by the Synod of the United Presbyterian church, that in the afternoon of the second Sabbath in each month, there shall be special prayer, in all the congregations of the church, in behalf of the Home and Foreign Missions.

MISSIONS OF THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THE CONNAUGHT SCHOOLS.—During the past year there have been 40 Schools and 43 teachers, an increase of 4 schools and as many teachers. Of the new schools, two are in wild and remote regions. The attendance has amounted 1401,—717 being Roman Catholic children. There have been difficulties to be faced, and the opposition of the priests has continued. In two cases the schools have been suspended mainly through the opposition of the Priests. The results of the work have been important. Several who had lapsed into Romanism have been rescued, and others saved from this declension. Education has been stimulated; several schools having been established in self-defence by the Romanists. The precious seed of the Word of God has been lodged in many hearts, which doubtless will yet bring forth fruit to the praise and glory of God. In other places the agents of the General Assembly's Mission have laboured zealously and successfully. In Ballingen, Castlebar, Birr and various other places missionary work is prosecuted, and the Gospel is preached earnestly and affectionately wherever there is an open door.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS IN CHINA.

We have always regarded with peculiar interest the Missionary opera-

tions of the English Presbyterian Church in China, and have, from time to time, given information through the pages of the Record, of the progress of the good work. We regret that for the last two or three months we have been unable to give any extracts from the letters of the missionaries. From the extracts now subjoined it will be seen that the good work is advancing notwithstanding the renewed persecutions to which the Christians in our district are subjected.

Dr. Maxwell, writing from Formosa gives an account of the admission of several new converts.

"Yesterday being Sabbath, we received three men by baptism. Their names are Chaw (aw as in law), Chun, and Chhenghong. The two former are from the district city of Pe-t'hau, about seven miles off, and the third is from Tam-sui, in the north of the island. The first is married, and his wife, I am glad to say, sympathizes with him in all his religious feelings, consenting freely to the destruction of the idols in their house. She is so far removed from us, however, that it is not possible to give her such instructions as we would like, and plainly she cannot come here on the Sabbath."

A NINE DAYS' JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF THE TRUTH.

"The history of Chheng hong is somewhat interesting. He first heard the Gospel from Kim-lo, Dr. Carnegie's hospital-keeper in Amoy. He was not a patient, but a casual looker in, who had spent the most of a night listening to the doctrine at Kim-lo's lips. The truth stuck fast, and when he came back to Tam-sui he made short work with the idols in his house. Afterwards, not finding spiritual rest, he left his little property in charge of a half-brother, and walked from Tam-sui to Tai-wan-foo, a nine days' journey, expecting to find a chapel there. When he reached Tai-wan-foo, we were already gone, and so he came on to Takao, and here he has remained ever since. He came just before Mr. Swanson left, and, I am glad to say, has never from the first given us the slightest reason for doubting his sincerity. He has a very strong desire to see the Gospel carried to the north of this island, and not improbably he may have the privilege, at some future time, of preaching the Gospel in his native place. Of late I have employed him as my hospital-keeper."

THE LORD'S SUPPER—BACKSLIDER RESTORED.

"In the afternoon we had the privilege of assembling together to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Sixteen Chinese, with Mr. and Mrs. Kip and myself, partook of the ordinance. The chapel was crowded with on lookers, who were unusually reverent and quiet in their behaviour."

MORE ACCESSIONS.

At Khi-boey the Missionary Mr. Cowie had also admitted three converts all women. One of them was an aged female, the others young. Mr. Cowie gives an account of the persecutions to which the Christians at Kio-lai are subjected. Attempts had been made to have justice done in the matter, but through the partiality of the subordinate magistrates, this is a matter of difficulty.

AN OPEN DOOR—MORE LABOURERS WANTED.

The Rev. H. L. McKenzie, at Swatow earnestly pleads for more Missionary labourers. He says:

"I need scarcely say that we feel much pressed and straitened in our work because of the fewness of the labourers. It is enough to make one weep to think of the field open to our mission in the Swatow region and of the want of men, both native and foreign, to enter in and possess the land. The Lord by his Providence seems to be wondrously, and beyond our ex-

pectations, beckoning us to go forward to the many regions beyond those already in a measure occupied, and we scarcely know what to do. Not to occupy these new places, this is indeed grievous to think of; and yet when we would occupy them we find ourselves on every hand "pulled up" (if you will allow the phrase) just through the want of men. Mr. Smith and I feel quite unable to overtake as we would the work we have felt compelled to undertake, and we are but waiting for reinforcements to undertake more especially in the large district cities in this department. Thus, then, you will not wonder that again and again we entreat your help, we entreat the abundant and fervent prayers of you all, prayer for us and the Church gathered in, prayer for more labourers. We have not ceased to mourn for our dear brother Musson's death, and yet we think we can already see (judging from the news from home) that the Lord of the harvest is bringing good out of this seeming evil, and that there has been no little sympathy and prayer and heart-searching in regard to the Church's response to her Lord's call to preach the Gospel to every creature called forth by this sad event. We hope and pray that our dear brother Swanson's visit to the various congregations, and his appearance at the Synod, will be greatly blessed to the end of raising up additional labourers to be sent forth speedily by the Lord himself.

MISSION IN THE NEW HEBRIDES.

The following are some extracts from the Report of the Rev. Mr. Morrison, of the new Hebrides Mission, interesting as showing some of the lights and shadows of missionary life.

"It is now more than a year since I sent you my last annual report. In that interval of time we have been called upon to pass through deep waters; but in our afflictions the Lord was with us, and He has graciously brought us out of them.

In the month of December of last year, Mrs. M. was laid up with fever for three weeks.

In January I began to translate the gospel of Matthew.

In the end of January I baptized in Ebang (Pango) the chief and his wife with four other adults, and three children. In October last I baptized other five adults there.

In the end of January I was laid up of fever, which confined me to my bed for five weeks, and left me very frail for several weeks afterwards.

In March I began an addition of two rooms to our house accommodation, which, being of a very simple nature, was soon finished.

Resumed the translation of the gospel of Matthew in the end of March, which I finished in the end of July.

VISIT OF "DAYSPRING."

On May 13th, the *Dayspring* came from Sydney, bringing our supplies and the gospel of Mark in proof sheets. We went round to Havannah harbour to visit the teachers, whom we found well. Had friendly intercourse with natives from other villages besides Esem in which the teachers are stationed. Myself, with a few of our Erakor people, visited the island of Ekor, but could not prevail upon them to receive teachers.

Corrected the gospel of Mark in haste, and sent it back by the *Dayspring*, which returned immediately to the colonies.

VISITS OF NATIVES.

From the beginning of the year to the return of the *Dayspring* in August, we had a great many visits from chiefs and people from several inland tribes. Such visits at length became so frequent that our people

seemed to think that their hospitality was rather too much taxed. We gave each chief a small present of something—a fathom of calico, a pair of scissors, a butcher knife, a small looking glass, &c., and on each occasion tried to find lodgement for the word of life in their hearts. Among other illustrious ones came Marik Tikaikon, the notorious cannibal. In the end of May he sent a party, headed by a chief, with the blade of an old butcher knife, requesting that I should put on a new handle, and when finished, that I should send one to tell the great man who intended to come for it in person. Accordingly, on Monday, 23rd July, he came with seven of his wives and a few men. His poor lank frame does not seem to thrive well on human flesh.—We made him a present of some things, including a couple of turkeys, which he much desired to possess. He held out to us the hope of receiving teachers into his land some time soon.

In July, Amos and his wife, teachers in Esem, came home to visit us. After a few weeks, through the kindness of Capt. Daley, we got them sent back.

On August 22nd, the *Dayspring* returned from Sydney. She had on board Rev. Messrs. Paton, Copeland, Cosh and McNair, with Mrs. Cosh. Our hearts were much rejoiced and encouraged by such a reinforcement of tried veterans and new recruits. We visited Havannah harbour, and called at Esem, Eutaon and Emugaliu, the latter two of which places we had to leave unoccupied for want of teachers.

MASSACRE OF WHITE MEN.

I have now to record a sad event which lately transpired. About the middle of the month a small craft called at Emel, in our vicinity, for natives to go to work to New Caledonia. The Emel men had been often in ships; so the chief agreed with some ten of his young men that they should go, ostensibly as laborers to New Caledonia, and at sea that they should kill the white men—three in number—and bring the vessel back. This they did, and on Wednesday 21st returned with their prey. They dropped anchor at their own island, and plundered the vessel, stripped her of her sails and ropes, took down her masts, &c. On the following Monday another vessel from New Caledonia came to Efel, and procured the hulk of the plundered schooner, which they managed to take away in a couple of days.

CONCLUSION.

In closing, I am happy to report some progress by the blessing of God. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cosh are now near us in Ebang. We have there a church consisting of ten adults and four children.

The Gospel is preached in Ertab every Sabbath, by some of our people, the two chiefs of their village being favorable to it.

We have the gospel of Mark in Efatese in the hands of our people. They are diligently learning to read it every morning, Sabbath and Saturday excepted. Some can read it fluently.

The gospel of Matthew is translated. There were 625 copies of Mark's Gospel printed, at a cost of £24 1s. 9d., or about 9½d. per copy.

Our communion Roll numbers 57. Within the last year we have had in the village six births, four marriages and five deaths.

LETTER FROM MRS. GEDDIE.

Many of our readers, we are sure, will read with interest the following extract from a letter of Mrs. Geddie's in the Home and Foreign Record of our sister church.

JANUARY 11th, 1867.

So many missionaries were never collected on Aneiteum before. The first two weeks after we came home, we had three missionaries and three ladies from the *John Williams*, Miss Williams, daughter of the British Consul at the Narragatois, Mr. and Mrs. McCullagh, Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Neilson, and Captain and Mrs. Williams, sometimes ashore to tea. Then, after the meeting of missionaries at Mr. Inglis' station, came Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. McNair, and Mr. Gordon, to await a passage to their several stations by a trading vessel. They were detained here a week, but we found room for them. We had a very pleasant time, and enjoyed the company of our friends very much. I had a great deal to do, and just coming home things were not quite at hand, but we got along nicely. Of course I did not attempt any teaching except on Sabbath. Now that the vessels are away, I have commenced school again. Mr. G. takes my old scholars, the young men and women, and I have the children. I had thirty-nine to-day, and expect many more when we can take those from a distance. We have several boys and girls living on our own premises. All the girls that I left here I found married on my return, so that we have now to begin with a new set. Many of the children are very interesting. I feel quite attached to them already. I wish you could see them in school—they look so bright and nice. Children here learn very quickly when they get proper attention. There are tiny things that you would be surprised to hear reading fluently in the New Testament. The boys are stirring enough if they are born in a tropical climate. It gives me enough to do to keep them quiet; but they are nice little fellows, and will do any thing for me. We have six small boys in our yard; on Sabbath last I gave each of them a new suit—cap, kilt and jumper—and they marched off to church very much delighted. I see they were the objects of admiration to the boys who were not so well dressed. I hope we shall be able after a few months to take a good number of orphans into the school, but at present there is no room for them here. We have found the people as willing as ever to help us. My old scholars who are married come whenever I need assistance.

MISSIONARY FACTS.

(From the *Missionary News*.)

THE BASLE MISSIONARY SOCIETY has 91 labourers, of whom 53 have been ordained. They labour in West Africa, India, and China. The number of communicants in India is 1558, in China 235, and in West Africa 528.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY has 154 stations; 285 Clergymen, including eighty-seven native and country-born; twenty-seven other European agents; 1746 Native Catechists and Teachers; with 14,688 Communicants, exclusive of those in New Zealand. Seventy-seven stations have ceased to be dependent on the Society's Funds. The receipts of the year were 150,356*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, leaving a deficit of 382*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*

THE LONDON CITY MISSION, through inadequate funds, has, within the last year, given up twenty of its Missionaries; but 350 are still laboring to proclaim the Gospel in the great metropolis. Within the year they have devoted 497,749 hours in Domiciliary Visitation; have paid 1,964,435 visits, including 266,302 to the sick and dying. They have circulated 9596 copies of the Sacred Scriptures, which in visitation they have read 601,594 times. They have distributed 2,592,267 religious tracts; have issued loan books 53,044 times. They have conducted 47,896 Bible Classes

and other expository meetings, at which there was a gross attendance of 1,688,458. They have been instrumental in leading 1137 persons to become Communicants, and have restored 217 to church communion. 680 families, through their means, were led to commence family prayer; 254 unmarried couples were induced to marry; and 676 fallen females were rescued from their courses of crime. 175 Sabbath-traders were led to close their shops on the Sabbath-day, and 8479 children were sent to school. The General Fund of the Society amounted to 34,960*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*

LONDON SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONGST THE JEWS.—This Society has 33 ordained and 18 unordained Missionaries; 75 Colporteurs, Readers, or School Teachers. Total, 126. Nearly half of them are believing Israelites. They are employed in 35 stations. In ten years they have circulated among Jews, 43,396 Old Testaments, and 23,463 New Testaments. More than 100 Jews have been ordained as Clergymen of the Church of England. Income, 33,327*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* Society's House, 16 Lincoln's Inn Field's, W.C.

THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY now employs 169 European Missionaries, and a very large number of native preachers. Its income, within the past year, amounted to 100,091*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* The Society is spending 400*l.* per week more than it is receiving, so that the income must be enlarged, or the Society's operations contracted.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The income of this Society within the past year, has amounted to 148,140*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*

General Religious Intelligence.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.—The Evangelical Alliance was to meet in Amsterdam on the 18th August, the sittings to continue until 28th. We shall notice its proceedings in our next issue.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—During the first seven weeks, 389,700 copies of the Scriptures were distributed. The demand continued to be very great. The distributors embraced English, German, French and Spanish.

RELIGION IN ITALY.—A book recently published by an Italian, Cavaliere Tuigi Gualu, gives the following as the religious state of Italy; 21,720,363 Catholics; 32,864 who are not Roman Catholics; 20,000 Protestants around Piniolo; 22,458 Jews; and 1820 of other churches. Of the Romanists, 15,000,000 may be regarded as infidels or different to religion; a great part of the remainder are superstitious fanatics, and a few sincere Roman Catholics.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION CONVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES.—It is proposed to hold a Presbyterian Union Convention in the United States on the first Wednesday of November. Mr. George H. Stuart, whose praise is in all the churches, appears to have originated the movement.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION IN PARIS.—In the end of July there was held in Paris a meeting of the friends of Sabbath Schools, comprising christians from America, Canada, Prussia, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, France and Britain. The meeting was held in the church of the Oratoire and was presided over by the Rev. Pasteur H. Pausnier of the Reformed Church, President of the Paris Sunday School Society. Reports and papers were read, and addresses were delivered. Among others the Rev. Dr. Ormiston spoke. On the following Sabbath, several schools were visited, and addressed by some of the strangers in Paris.

THE REV. DR. JAMES HAMILTON.—We are glad to observe encouraging notices of improvement in the health of the Rev. Dr. Hamilton, who, some weeks ago, was suffering from paralysis of the brain. It is hoped that this much loved-minister may yet be spared to the church. It is proposed that the congregation obtain a colleague to relieve their pastor from constant labor.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION IN BELFAST.—A Presbyterian Sabbath School Convention was lately held in Belfast. Eight hundred teachers were present, and delegates from Societies in England. The meetings extended over two days. The Moderator of the General Assembly presided over the first meeting, at the Rev. Dr. Cooke presided at a public breakfast, at which one thousand persons were present. This is the third Convention of the kind held in Ireland.

THE UNION QUESTION.—There has been a meeting of the Joint Union Committee, since meeting of the Supreme Courts. Before proceeding to business, the Committee engaged in special devotional exercises. After an encouraging and interesting conversation, a sub-committee was appointed to consider the financial arrangements of the several churches, &c. At next meeting, which is to take place on the 22rd October, attention will be given to the subject of the ninth head of the programme, which relates to the hearing of the question of Union upon churches out of Scotland.

CALL TO REV. DR. HALL OF DUBLIN.—A call has been addressed to the Rev. Dr. Hall by the 1st Presbyterian Church in New York. They propose to give an income equal to £1,400 sterling, and equal to £2000, when the currency rises to par. The call has been accepted.

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN VICTORIA.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria met on 7th May, and remained in session for three days. It was reported that the sum of about £11,000 had been subscribed for the endowment of the Theological Hall. At the close of the proceedings, the Rev. Dr. Cairns, Principal of the Theological Hall, delivered an address in "The Phases of Modern Infidelity."

DEATH OF REV. DR. CLASON.—We observe, with deep regret, notice of the death of the Rev. Dr. Clason, of the Free Church of Scotland. Dr. Clason was chief clerk, and for many years, a leading minister of the Free Church.

REV. DR. MORGAN OF BELFAST.—We regret to observe that the health of the Rev. Dr. Morgan of Belfast has been failing. It is proposed to call a colleague and successor.

THE REV. NEWMAN HALL.—The Rev. Newman Hall is expected to pay a visit to the United States this season.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CALLS.—The Rev. J. Carswell has received a call from the congregations of *Beckwith* and *Ashton*, the stipend guaranteed being \$620. The Rev. A. C. McDonald has received a call from *Thamesford*, the stipend promised \$700 with manse. The Rev. E. Bauld has received a call from the congregation of *Warwick*, the stipend being \$500 with manse. The Rev. W. C. Young has received a call from the congregations of *Norwood* and *Hastings*. The Rev. M. Fraser has received a unanimous call from *Barrie* and *Guthrie Church, Oro*. The Rev. R. Fleming has, we understand, received a call from the congregation at *Farnham*. The Rev. J. Douglas

has received a call from the congregations of *Columbus* and *Brooklin*. This call has been declined.

ST. MARY'S.—The Rev. T. Cumming has declined the call from the congregation at St. Mary's.

DETROIT.—The Rev. J. McColl, of Dundas, has declined the call addressed to him by the congregation in Detroit.

STRATHROY.—The Rev. W. Lundy has been ordained and inducted as Pastor of the congregation at Strathroy.

THE REV. JOHN BLACK.—The Rev. J. Black has left Canada on his return to the Red River. By last letters he had reached St. Cloud in safety.

MONTREAL COLLEGE.—The Board of Management of the Montreal College have invited the Rev. W. Gregg of Toronto, and the Rev. W. Aitkin of Smith's Falls to conduct the Theological Classes during the ensuing session. These brethren have agreed to give their services as requested by the Board, commencing about the 1st October.

CONSIDERATE LIBERALITY.—The Rev. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, was lately waited upon by one of the Elders of the Congregation of West Gwillimburg and Bradford, who, on behalf of a number of subscribers, handed him the sum of \$65.75, in acknowledgment of services rendered to the congregation by Mr. Fraser, as Moderator of Kirk Session, and otherwise, during their vacancy for the last three years.

NORTH BRANT.—The Sabbath School teachers of the North Brant Sabbath School, lately presented the Superintendent, Mr. G. D. Lamont, with a substantial token of their regard and esteem. The gift was accompanied with an address, to which Mr. Lamont returned a suitable reply.

BARRIE.—The Rev. Mr. Fraser, who supplied Barrie and Guthrie church for some months, received before leaving a handsome token of the esteem in which he was held by the congregation. The congregation at the same time testified, in a substantial way, their gratitude to Mr. Black for many services rendered to the congregation.

PROCEEDINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting at Montreal, in Knox's Church, on Wednesday the seventh day of August current.

The Rev. Alexander Young terminated his service as Clerk of Presbytery, and gave place to the Rev. James Watson, who had been formerly appointed.

The Rev. John McKay's term of office, as Moderator, having expired, the Rev. Nathaniel Paterson was appointed for the next half year and took the Chair.

Extracts from the minutes of Synod were received intimating the decision of Synod, in the matter of dissent and complaint of Mr. John Anderson and others, and in the matter of the reference from the Presbytery of Montreal, in the case of Dr. Irvine's appeal from a decision of that Presbytery in regard to the use of a musical instrument in Knox's Church, Montreal.

An extract Minute was received from the session of Knox's Church, Montreal, intimating to the Presbytery their compliance with the instructions of Synod to discontinue the use of the organ in public worship, until the mind of the Church be known on the subject by the reports of Presbyteries and Sessions to the next Synod.

A letter was received from the Rev. James Mitchell, Clerk of Toronto Presbytery, conveying a transference of William Grant, Student, to the Presbytery of Montreal.

The students of theology within the bounds of the Presbytery were summoned to appear at next ordinary meeting and deliver, each, a written exercise prescribed.

A moderation in a call was granted to Farnham Congregation, and steps were taken to unite New Glasgow and St. Therese into one pastoral charge.

A committee was appointed, the Rev. D. Paterson, Convener, to correspond with the Synod's Committee on augmentation of stipends, and to arrange for the visitation of the congregations.

Other matters of considerable importance were transacted, and the Presbytery resolved to meet again on the last Wednesday of September next, in Cote Street Church, Montreal, at ten o'clock A.M.

JAMES WATSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery met at Port Hope on the 6th August. There were present thirteen ministers and four elders. The Rev. William Lohead was elected Moderator.

Mr. Paterson reported that he had ordained three elders at Fenelon Falls.

Mr. Alexander stated he had moderated in a call at Norwood and Hastings on the 27th June. That the call was unanimous and in favor of the Rev. W. C. Young. The Presbytery having approved the conduct of Mr. Alexander, and being satisfied with the promises of the congregation regarding the support of their minister agreed to sustain the call and to forward the same to Mr. Young.

Mr. Thom read an interesting report of a missionary tour to Anstruther, Obandos, &c., in the month of May, and of a subsequent visit in the month of July, when he dispensed the Lord's supper at Anstruther, and organized a congregation there, with thirteen members. Mr. Thom's conduct was approved, and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to him for his earnest labours.

A communication from the clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto, was read, transferring Mr. Peter Musgrave, Student of Divinity, to the care of this Presbytery, also giving the subjects which had been assigned by the Presbytery of Toronto to Mr. Musgrave as trials for License. Mr. Musgrave being present the Presbytery proceeded to hear the exercises as prescribed by the Presbytery of Toronto. The Rev. John Hogg, of the United Presbyterian Church of N. A. being present was asked to sit as a corresponding member. Mr. Musgrave, having performed in a highly satisfactory manner, all the exercises prescribed and having passed an examination in Biblical Hebrew and Greek, was in the usual manner licensed to preach the Gospel.

The Rev. George Milligan, B.A., of Queen's College, Kingston, a Licentiate of the O. S. Presbytery of New Brunswick, was, on the authority of Synod, received as a Probationer of this church.

A circular from Mr. Topp, convener of the committee on the augmentation of stipends, was read and considered, when a committee was appointed to mature a plan for carrying out the object contemplated by the committee on the augmentation of stipend.

The Records of the kirk sessions of Cobourg, Colborne, Brighton, Verulam, and Percy, were attested.

Mr. Blain was appointed to give one Sabbath to the mission stations at Anstruther, Chandos, &c, in the month of September.

Reports of the missionary labour performed by Messrs. Peter Scott, John Thom and Peter Musgrave, were read, and the diligence of these gentlemen commended.

The statistics of mission stations and aid receiving congregations were received and the clerk was instructed to fill up the schedules and transmit them to the Home Mission committee.

The Rev. Peter Duncan was appointed to dispense the communion and moderate in a call at Campbellford, at such time as he and the session there may deem best.

Messrs. Smith, Duncan and McKenzie were appointed a committee to draft a scheme for missionary meetings to be presented for approval at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at *Peterboro'*, on the *Second Tuesday of October*, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

D. WATERS, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—The Presbytery of Toronto met on the 6th and 7th of August.

Mr. R. Monteath was appointed moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

Session records not recently produced were ordered to be laid on the table at next meeting.

Mr. Coutts' resignation of the congregations of Chinguacousy was accepted.

Mr. William A. Johnston, probationer, intimated his acceptance of a call from the congregation of Willis' church, Oro, and subjects of trial discourses for ordination were prescribed to him.

A call from the West church, Toronto, to Mr. R. Wallace, minister at Drummondville, was sustained, and Dr. Jennings was appointed commissioner to prosecute it before the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Mr. John J. Dunlop, a minister from New Brunswick, was received as a minister of our church, agreeably to leave granted by the Synod.

A committee was appointed to make the arrangements necessary, that the congregations within the bounds might be visited by deputations in connection with the movement for the augmentation of stipends.

Mr. Greenfield was appointed to moderate in a call from the congregations of Barrie and Guthrie church, Oro; and Mr. Wightman was associated with him in the matter.

Mr. J. Carswell was received as a probationer of the church.

Mr. A. McFaul resigned the congregation of Munsie's corners, feeling himself unable to attend properly to the three congregations comprising his charge; and it was agreed that parties interested should be cited to appear for their interests at next meeting.

Messrs. M. Fraser, and William Burns read their trial discourses, and underwent the usual examination with a view to license, to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery, and were licensed to preach the gospel.

The Presbytery agreed to take up the remit from the Synod on the organ question at their meeting in November.

The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on Wednesday, the 11th of September, at eleven o'clock A.M.

Mr. Wm. M. Christie was inducted as minister in Mono on the 2nd of July.

JAMES MITCHELL, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The last ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held at Stratford on the 9th July. The Rev. Robert Hamilton was elected Moderator for the current year.

A call from Widder Street Church, St. Mary's, signed by 2 Elders, 147 members and 137 adherents, to Mr. Thomas Cumming, a minister of the Presbyterian church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, was read, and also a resolution from the congregation, promising a stipend of \$1000 per annum, and a manse free of rent.

Messrs. Harston, McLean, and Brown were heard in support of the call. The Presbytery after deliberation agreed that the call be sustained as a regular gospel call, and that the clerk be instructed in forwarding the call to intimate that the membership of the congregation is 215 and the eldership 8 in number.

A letter was read from Mr. William Lundy declining the call from the congregations of West's Corners and Gamble Settlement. After transacting several items of other business the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Stratford, on the last Tuesday of September next at 11 o'clock a.m.

WILLIAM DOAK, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery met at Picton on the 9th of July. The greater part of the day was occupied in hearing the trials of Messrs. A. C. Gillies and R. M. Croll, who, after due examination, were licensed to preach the gospel.

There was presented a petition from Presbyterians resident in Glenburnie, desiring to be formed into a station, and also a petition from the congregations

of Glenvale, asking to be detached from that of Harrowsmith, and to be united to the station sought to be established in Glenburnie. It was decided to cite all parties concerned to appear for their interests at next meeting, viz.: the congregations of Harrowsmith, Brock Street Church, Kingston, Chalmers' Church, Kingston and Storrington.

Messrs. Wilson and Chambers were appointed a committee to make out a list of weak congregations and mission station, and also of Probationers for the Synod's Home Mission committee. In compliance with a request from St. Columba Church Mr. Wishart was appointed to attend at his earliest convenience to the election and ordination of Elders and Deacons there, to organize a session, and to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Messrs. Wilson (Convener), Gray, Scott, and McLaren, with their respective representative Elders, were appointed a committee to consider the propriety of taking steps in the way of having an improvement effected in the cultivation of sacred music within the bounds, and to report to next meeting.

THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting in Knox's Church, on the 9th of July. The Rev. Dr. Ormiston was elected Moderator for the next twelve months, and the Rev. Geo. Cheyne was appointed to discharge the duties of moderator till his return.

A call was laid on the table from the Scotch Church, Detroit, addressed to the Rev. J. McColl, of Dundas. The call is unanimous, and the stipend pronounced is \$2000. All parties interested were cited to appear for their interest at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Dundas, on Tuesday the 30th of July.

Interesting reports were read from the missionaries, Messrs. McLean and Urquhart in reference to the mission stations within the bounds, indicating an encouraging prospect of progress in these stations.

The Rev. Geo. Burson was received as a minister in full standing in the Church.

P.S.—At the meeting in Dundas, the Rev. J. McColl declined the call from the congregation at Detroit.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery met on the 6th August. There were present all the ministers save one, and four elders.

The opening sermon was preached by Mr. McEwen. The first diet was devoted to religious conference on various topics.

Mr. Whyte, of Osgoode, was appointed Moderator for the current year.

Mr. James Carswell and Mr. James Prichard were transferred for reception as Probationers to Toronto and Paris respectively. The reception of Mr. Carswell was telegraphed during the session.

The Presbytery agreed to consider at next ordinary meeting the several reports from the Presbyterial deputations.

There was sustained a call from Beckwith and Ashton to Mr. James Carswell. The call is most cordial, and the stipend guaranteed is "at least \$620 per annum." This is a greater salary than was ever promised by this congregation.

The H. M. report received lengthened consideration. Supply for the next quarter was apportioned—each minister giving a Sabbath to supplement the lack of laborers.

The Presbytery revised the lists of mission stations and weak congregations, and ordered the same, as amended, to be transmitted.

Mr. R. Williams, a young man having the ministry in view was conferred with, and it was recommended that he should prosecute his studies under the supervision of Messrs. Wardrope and Moore.

Appointments were made in connection with the visit of the deputation on "Augmentation of Stipends."

Provision was made for supplying the pulpits of the ministers sent from our Presbytery—a list of which has been sent to the several sessions.

Next ordinary meeting is to be held in Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on 1st Tuesday of November, at 7 p.m. Mr. Joseph Whyte to preach.

S. C. TRASER, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in West Church, Kincardine, on Tuesday the 9th ult.

The Rev. John Fraser, of Knox Church, Kincardine, was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months. Prof. Caven being present was invited to sit and correspond with the Presbytery. John McNabb was, after reading trial discourses and passing an examination in the subjects prescribed, licensed to preach the gospel. It was agreed to organize another station in Kinloss Township and to unite it with the Lucknow congregation. Mr. Grant was appointed in consequence of a petition from Lucknow to moderate in a call there, when he thinks the congregation prepared for it. The financial returns for the past year were examined. A reference from kirk session was considered anent one Andrew Gray, who had married his deceased wife's sister. It was agreed to sustain the reference, to instruct the Kirk Session of Bluevale to remove Andrew Gray from the communion of the church, and to act in this matter according to the laws of the church. It was agreed to hold a special meeting of Presbytery in Seaforth on the 24th proximo to consider a petition praying for the organisation of a congregation in that village. Messrs. Logie and Ross were appointed a committee to examine the students in the Presbytery prior to their entering Knox College in October. The Rev. John Logie was appointed Clerk of Presbytery *pro tempore*.

A. D. McDONALD, *Presbytery Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—The Presbytery of London met in First Presbyterian Church, London, on 2nd July.

The attendance of ministers and elders was small.

A call from Strathroy congregation was sustained. The call was in favour of Rev. Mr. Lundy, who intimated his acceptance of the same. The ordination and induction to take place on Wednesday, 17th July. Rev. Mr. Warden to preach, Mr. Scott to address the ministers, and Mr. Donaldson the people.

A call from N. and S. Plympton to Mr. Scott, late of Oakville, was also sustained.

Mr. Scott asked time to consider the same.

A call from the Scotch congregation, Detroit, was laid on the table and read. The call was in favour of Rev. John McColl, of Dundas, in the Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery agreed to sustain the same with accompanying papers; instructed the clerk to forward the same to the Clerk of the Hamilton Presbytery, and appointed Messrs. Kemp and Cuthbertson commissioners to prosecute the call of the meeting of Hamilton Presbytery in the matter.

Mr. Fletcher was appointed to dispense the Lord's supper at Park Hill on last Sabbath of August next.

Mr. Thompson reported in reference to his visit to Forrest and neighbourhood.

Whereupon it was agreed—"That the Presbytery having heard Mr. Thompson's report of his visit to Forrest, agree to receive the same, express their sense of the importance of Forrest and neighbourhood as a mission field, and refer the matter to the H. M. Committee, with instructions to send missionary supply to the fullest extent possible, taking care not to encroach on whatever may be properly the Plympton congregation.

Mr. Fletcher reported in reference to his visit at Lucan and Biddulph; a deputation from that locality was also heard; and the Presbytery agreed to receive these places as stations in connection with mission field, and instructed the H. M. Committee to supply these stations, availing themselves of Mr. Fletcher's services to the extent in which he may be able to render them.

The deputation appointed at last meeting on the matter of a union between Burn's church and Corunna reported.—The Presbytery having heard the report and also Mr. McDermid's request that a deputation of Presbytery be appointed to visit the said congregation in reference to the subject; after discussion, decided that no further steps be taken in the matter.

Mr. A. C. McDonald, Student of Divinity, presented himself for license.

The Presbytery agreed to accept the transference papers from the Toronto

Presbytery in the case, and proceeded to the examination of Mr. McDonald in the usual branches prescribed by the Synod. Mr. McDonald read discourses on the subjects prescribed, and the Presbytery being satisfied with the examination agreed to sustain the trials. Mr. McDonald was licensed as a preacher of the gospel according to the form prescribed by our church.

G. CUTHBERTSON, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met on the 6th August. The following is a summary of the principal business done. The Rev. W. Meikle was received as a minister of the Church.—A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the visitation of congregations by deputations as arranged by the Committee on the augmentation of stipends. Mr. Pritchard gave in a report with reference to Beachville Reports were also presented with reference to the mission station at New Hamburg, which was described as being in a prosperous state. Mr. J. W. Bell delivered his trial discourses with approbation and was licensed to preach the gospel. The Presbytery accepted Rev. W. Inglis' resignation of the pastoral charge of Erskine Church, Woodstock, and in doing so adopted the following minute with reference to Mr. Inglis:—

The Presbytery in accepting the resignation of Rev. Wm. Inglis would herewith express the sincere regret they entertain, when called to part with their excellent brother with whom they have had such cordial and pleasant fellowship.

They would bear testimony to his independence of character—to his intellectual gifts—to his transparent directness in all his dealings with his brethren, and to his moral worth and faithfulness as a Minister of Christ. And in parting with him, they would most affectionately wish him God-speed—that the master whom he serves may open up for him a sphere of great usefulness—that he may long continue a witness for the truth, leading many to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as a Saviour, and that their brother and his family may long enjoy the favour and kind protection of their Heavenly Father.

KNOX'S CHURCH MONTREAL—RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Congregation of Knox Church, Montreal, duly convened by order of the Kirk Session—the following resolution and amendment were fully discussed, when the amendment of Mr. Swan was carried by a majority of two members.—Mr. McGibbon recording his dissent.

Moved by Alex. McGibbon, seconded by John Ewart,—That inasmuch as the decision of Synod as conveyed to the Session of this Church was arrived at by the Synod on a Reference from the Presbytery of Montreal, and as said Presbytery failed, or neglected to cite the Session or the Congregation, (they being interested parties), to appear for their interests, which was clearly the duty of the Presbytery to do, as directed by the laws of this Church, and inasmuch as the Synod has passed judgment on the Reference, without affording the Session or the Congregation the privilege of being heard in self-defence; therefore be it Resolved, a respectful Memorial be prepared and transmitted to the Synod at its next meeting, asking a reconsideration of their decision in this case, and in the meantime the order of the Synod to discontinue the use of the Organ in the Church shall remain in obedience until an answer to the Memorial is obtained.

Moved in amendment by Archr. Swan, seconded by R. C. Wilson,—That the Congregation having heard the report of the Commissioners appointed by them in support of the Overture from this Congregation to the Synod on the subject of instrumental music, and also having heard from the Session through its Chairman the Rev. Dr. Irvine, our Pastor, the deliverance of Synod in reference to the Organ now used in our Church, ordering the use of the said instrument in the meantime to be discontinued, while dissenting from said deliverance on what we consider to be sufficient grounds, we yet deem it our duty to submit to the decision of the Superior Court and to discontinue the use of the Organ for the present, awaiting the action of the Synod at its next meeting, on the Overture presented by us, and, that a Committee be now appointed to draw up a document stating the reasons and grounds for such dissent, the same to be engrossed on our Session Records.

Reasons and grounds of dissent referred to in amendment carried at Congregational Meeting, held on Wednesday, 17th July, 1867.

As a congregation we feel constrained to enter our solemn dissent both from the action of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and also, from that of the Presbytery of Montreal, which action has resulted in requiring the discontinuance of the instrument used for the last ten months in aiding the congregational praise on the Sabbath day, and that for the following among other reasons ;—

1st. Because, we believe that the Committee, appointed by the Presbytery in January, 1867, to deal with the Kirk Session of this congregation *anent* the use of said instrument, was not composed of members representing the mind of the whole Presbytery, but only a sectional part, and we complain that the Presbytery should have invited to deal with the office-bearers of this congregation a few members from rural and remote districts, whose views and prejudices in this matter, it was well known, did not harmonize, not only with ours but with those of other congregations of the Presbytery—

2nd We complain that the Presbytery and Synod have acted with apparent partiality in the manner in which they have dealt by the congregation of Knox Church, Montreal. It is well known to the members of both these Bodies that Instrumental aid in praising God is in constant use in many of the families, Sabbath Schools and Weekly Services throughout the church, and also on the Lord's day in some congregations, and yet its use by this congregation could not be tolerated, although the members are *unanimous* in considering it a valuable aid in the Public Praise.

3rd. We deeply regret that we are obliged to complain that the Synod of the C. P. Church has deviated in this matter from its own published laws and regulations.

I. Inasmuch as the Synod sustained an appeal of the Rev. Dun. Cameron, of Lochiel, against the decision of the Presbytery of Montreal, the said decision of Presbytery, so far as it affected the said Rev. Mr. Cameron, being in the judgment of this congregation a just one. We hold that Mr. Cameron was not authorized to proceed by *citation*, and that such was his own belief *originally* is shown by the fact that between the hours of 12 noon and 1 P M, on the day of his appointment, he asked the Moderator of Knox Church Session, if a conference with said session could be had that day, a proceeding which, under the laws laid down *anent* citation in the Book of forms and procedure, was utterly incompetent.*

II. It is further to be noted that Mr. Cameron took no official action in the matter from the time of his appointment in the month of January till the 8th April, when he addressed to the Moderator of Knox Church Session, a citation, *unconstitutional* and *irregular*, unconstitutional because without evidence of his authority on the face of it, and irregular, because proceeding in a way unauthorized by the Presbytery, which citation required the session of Knox Church to appear before Mr. Cameron, and his committee on the 7th day of May, when he and the committee were coming to the city to attend the quarterly meeting of Presbytery, and *not*, as might be inferred, specially to meet the Session of Knox Church.

III. Before the Session could be held as contumacious, even if Mr. Cameron's had been correct in his form of process, the citation should have been repeated thrice, which was not done.

IV. The Presbytery too, after hearing from the commissioners appointed to support the overture on instrumental music, how very *unanimous* the congregation was in desiring the use of the Organ, undertook to pass judgment on the matter without citing either session or congregation to appear for its interests; thereby, as we conceive, not only *contravening* the *rules* of Procedure, but endangering and jeopardising the peace and harmony of the congregation, all which grave irregularities the Synod sustained

V. Inasmuch as the Synod took action on the reference from the Presbytery

* This request of Mr. Cameron's could not be complied with from the impossibility of calling together Knox Church Session in the afternoon, and the Moderator's having a platform appointment on that evening at the anniversary meeting of the Bible Society.

of Montreal *anent* this matter without previously citing either the Session or congregation to appear for their interests, which is a prescribed law laid down in the "Book of Forms" adopted by said Synod.

VI. Inasmuch as the Synod, though well aware that Knox Church congregation was *unanimous* in wishing to retain the use of the Musical Instrument, did, by a large majority carry a peremptory injunction instructing the Session to have it discontinued and report compliance at the next meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal; thereby bringing the Session and congregation into direct collision.

VII Inasmuch as the Moderator of Synod declared the Overture to be an *interim* act, which would have secured the use of the instrument to this congregation for the present year; while such decision was reversed on an appeal to the House on the aforesaid grounds the congregation think that they have been treated in a way which in their circumstances they believe to be cruel, partial and unwarrantably severe; nevertheless because of their unanimous attachment to their beloved pastor, and their disposition to comply with his wish as also that of the Session, in yielding to the severe injunction of the Supreme Court, they agree to *permit* the discontinuance of the Instrument in the meantime; still cherishing the prayerful hope that the rights solicited in their Overture and memorial will be accorded at next meeting of Synod.

(Signed,)

ARCH. SWAN,
Chairman.

The foregoing having been read to the congregation at the close of services on Wednesday 24th July, the following resolution was carried *nem. con.* Moved J. H. Mooney, seconded by A. McIntosh. That the reasons of dissent, now read, be adopted, and ordered to be recorded, and that a copy of the same, accompanied by copies of the resolution and amendment be sent to the Editor of the "Home and Foreign Record of the Canada Presbyterian Church," as also to the Editors of each of our city papers, for publication.

AN ELDER DECEASED.

Uriah Seymour, Esq., died here on the 14th of April last, aged 65 years.

He was born in New Hartford, Oneida County, York State, and lived on his father's farm till he was 18. He then went to work at the Westmoreland Furnaces. In 1824 he became a partner of a firm engaged in the manufacture of iron at Wolcott. Extending the business, he came here in 1836, at a time when few settlers had taken up their residence in this part of the country, and the journey from Belleville occupied two days. He brought with him a number of relatives and others as workmen, and erected a furnace at a considerable outlay. For the first few years he was engaged in making experiments on the best mode of manufacturing the iron ore, but just when all the difficulties were surmounted, and the concern was beginning to prove very lucrative, unfortunate business relations caused the entire suspension of the works. He lived in the hope that he might be able some day to resume them, but that has not been realised, and this valuable mineral remained undeveloped.

He was a very industrious man, and "whatsoever his hand found to do he did with all his might." He occupied several important positions—was the first Township Reeve under the old municipal law—was some time superintendent of schools, and took a warm interest in the subject of education; was many years engaged in the advocacy of Temperance, and a rigid member of the Society to the last. As a landlord, he was most forbearing, would rather suffer a loss than sue to recover a debt;—never put his coin to usury, and when he 'swore to his own hurt, changed not.' In the prime of life, he gave himself to the Lord—since then he has been abundant in good works. When the settlement was young, he performed the duties both of physician and minister to the sick, and at funerals. He established a sabbath school, and furnished it with a library, and kept religion alive long ere any church was erected. Since my ordination he has been my most regular and painstaking teacher in my sabbath school, was never absent from a diet of worship, and was my principal stand-by in leading the music. He was liberal in the interests of the church till he felt it, for he was not rich;—

was ever ready with his hands when there was work to do, and with his purse when there were liabilities to meet. He belonged originally to the New School Presbyterian church, and never formerly withdrew from its membership, till he was ordained an Elder about four years ago.

He possessed an iron will, and was reserved in his manner, yet he had a very kindly nature, was true as steel to his principles, yet simple as a child; was devoid of all pretence, and his head and heart were always in the right place.

His illness was severe, but short, and his death has caused a gap that will not soon be filled up. Out of respect to his memory, all business in the village was suspended during the funeral, and all denominations united there in appreciation of his worth. *We all mourn his loss. He rests from his labours, and his works do follow him.*

Very truly yours,

D. WISHART.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

Annabella Hutcheon, the beloved wife of Rev. Andrew Melville, was born in Paisley, Scotland, of pious parents, who both survive her. They exercised a Godly discipline in their family, rather tending to severity, but mixed with great kindness, while they instructed their children in the great principles of the christian religion—doctrines to be believed—duties to be performed, and privileges to be enjoyed. They constantly watched the results of their children's reading and hearing, and devoutly and earnestly prayed for their early conversion. Nor did they wait and watch in vain so far as the subject of this brief notice is concerned, she found peace and rest in the blessed Jesus so early as her 16th or 17th year. The impressions then made never left her, with greater or less intensity they continued till the day of her death. She was a great reader, a close thinker, and thoroughly practical.

For many years before she died, she was very partial to "Jay's Morning and Evening Exercises," in which she found much to edify and comfort her. But, while she enjoyed much encouragement and consolation from that excellent work she always had recourse to the fountain of truth—the Bible. Jay was only valued as he brought out the great salvation of the gospel.

After the disease, of which she died, had made alarming progress, she sometimes expressed fears lest her feet should not be on the rock, and this was always followed by earnest and long continued pleading with God, for more light, more grace, and a clearer manifestation of the saviours love. At other times, when reading the precious volume of divine truth, or some of her favorite exercises, where christian experience in its deeper, happier forms were brought out, she would say with great solemnity and much emotion. "I have got that!" Her sufferings were great, they lasted for more than twelve months, but she bore them with great fortitude—the difficulty of respiration and the oppression attending it, was peculiarly afflicting even to the beholder. Seldom, very seldom, only when wearied nature was exhausted, would she take a reclining posture, she longed for rest and often prayed "come Lord Jesus." Toward the close she became very restless and suffered extremely, till she became unconscious of all earthly things and relations, when she slept quietly away leaning on the bosom of her Lord, in the 63rd year of her age. To her judicious management and studied economy her husband was a great debtor, for "she looked well to the ways of her household, and ate not the bread of idleness." Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also and he praiseth her.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Five children preceded her, so that the left one has now a greater interest in heaven than upon earth, four here, six there. May it be the main business of what remains of life, to be ready to follow, and there find in the end the greatest of all great blessings, "A Family in heaven!"

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KNOX COLLEGE, 1866-7.

In presenting their Report for the year, the College Board desire to express

their gratification at the fact that, at the commencement of last Session, in accordance with the appointment of last Synod, Mr. Caven was duly installed by the Senate as Professor of Exegetical Theology and Apologetics. They have also again to notice that, as in former sessions, Dr. Burns, Emeritus Professor, has devoted four hours each week to the classes of Church History; and they desire to express their grateful sense of the value of his services.

Thirty-two students have been in attendance in the Theological classes, of whom seven were in the junior class, eleven in the second class, and fourteen in the senior class.

The names of thirteen students are enrolled in the preparatory department; these students are pursuing their studies in the classes prescribed in the curriculum. There are also upwards of twenty students, who are taking a regular course in University College, with a view to the ministry of our church.

A detailed account of the work and progress of the students in the several classes will be found in the accompanying Report of the College Senate. Full information will also be found in the Senate Report, in regard to the bursaries and scholarships. The Board have to express their grateful appreciation of the munificent gift of \$500 from the Rev. Dr. Burns, which has been funded as a scholarship for pre-entrants. They have also much pleasure in acknowledging the liberality of individuals and congregations in contributing the sum of \$885, which has been awarded by the Board of Examiners to students of University College, in connection with Knox College. Full particulars in reference to these scholarships will be presented to the Synod in the Report of the Board of Examiners.

The Board desire to express their grateful acknowledgements to Joseph McKay, Esq., of Montreal, who has signified his purpose of donating \$40 per annum for five years, as a scholarship, to be awarded to the best reader of the Sacred Scriptures.

The Board would respectfully urge upon ministers and other friends of the College the importance of continued liberality to the Bursary fund, a scheme so well calculated to assist young men in meeting the expenses of their education for the christian ministry, and to stimulate them to a more earnest prosecution of these studies.

In reference to the financial condition of the College, it will be remembered that while last year showed a balance of \$778 in favor of that year, as compared with the year preceding, there still remained a deficiency from former years of over \$2,000. A committee was appointed to draw up a circular on the subject of the contributions for the college, which was sent to all the congregations of the church. The statement of receipts and expenditure (see accounts of the church) indicates a very gratifying diminution of the balance against the general fund of the college.

For year 1864-5, the Balance at Dr. was.....	\$2772 09
And the Amount due Professors, &c.....	696 76
The Total Debt (ordinary Fund), being.....	\$3468 85
For year 1865-6, the Balance at Dr. was.....	\$2269 88
Due Professors, &c.....	420 13
Making the Total Debt.....	\$2689 96
The Balance at Dr. for year just closed, is.....	\$ 721 46
And there is due.....	408 65
The Total Debt (ordinary Fund), now is.....	\$1130 11

A large amount of valuable labor has been expended upon the college library during the past year, a classified catalogue of the books has been completed, every effort has been made to recover the missing books and regulations have been adopted for its future management which it is hoped will have the effect of preventing abuses, and giving greater efficiency to the library. The board agreed to pay Mr. Wm. Burns an additional sum of forty dollars for extra work in connection with the catalogues. The Senate have appointed Mr. Thornton, librarian, in the room of Mr. Burns, who has completed his studies in Knox College. The thanks of the board are tendered to Mrs. Labelle for a donation

of 25 volumes, and to Mr. Nisbet of Lindsay, for a donation of 12 volumes to the college library.

The Board have agreed to recommend to the Synod the expediency of appointing two lecturers to take the Departments of Apologetics and Homiletics, each giving three months during the Session; the Department of Homiletics to comprehend Pastoral and Evangelistic Theology. It is also recommended that Historical Theology be added to the department of Principal Withers. It is felt both by the Professors and the Board that it is necessary to supplement provisionally the College staff in some way, and that indicated seems to them to be the best under present circumstances.

All which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID INGLIS, Chairman.

Notices of Publications.

History of the Foreign Missions of the Secession and United Presbyterian Church. By Rev. John McKerrow, D.D. Bridge of Teith. 8vo., pp. 528. Edinburgh: A. Elliot, 1867.

A sort of special interest attaches to the handsome volume before us, from the circumstance that it was issued just almost immediately before the demise of its venerable author, who departed on the 11th of May last, in the last week of the 77th year of his age, and in the 54th year of his ministry. He was well known to the public by several literary productions. Jointly with Dr. John McFarlane, now of London, England, he was author of the *Life of Dr. Henry Belfrage*, of Falkirk, who was himself a very voluminous and popular writer. Dr. McKerrow also furnished us with a valuable Prize Essay on the Eldership; but, the work by which he is most generally known is his "History of the Secession Church," which has passed through several editions, and is the standard work on that subject. The recent publication may be regarded as the natural appendage to the History; and, in fact, the completion of it. The two volumes ought always to go together. Happily, it is every day more and more acknowledged to be the essential duty of the church to hold forth, as well as to hold fast, the word of life; and, the friends of the denomination to which the author belonged justly regard her efforts in this way as one of her chief distinctions. A full and faithful account of her missionary doings, from the first, will be found in the volume; and, we are mistaken if some well-informed persons do not learn that these have been greater than they previously supposed.

The present work bears a great resemblance, in its mode of execution, to the preceding History of the Church. Both have very much the character of a chronicle. This consists chiefly of details, obtained from documents and communications from missionaries. The fact just named, if in part a defect of the work, has, at the same time, its countervailing advantages, and will give it, to many, an especial interest. It is divided into nine chapters, respectively, relating to missions in the North American Provinces (United States); in Nova Scotia; in Canada; in the West Indies; in Old Calabar; in Caffraria; in India; to the Jews, and to China. The portion devoted to Canada will have its peculiar attractions for many of our readers. It is considerably minute, and occupies 139 pages. Accounts are given of 67 missionaries sent out between 1802 and 1860. The statements respecting them are, we believe, generally correct; but they relate chiefly to the arrival, and first outset of each, in the Province. We may notice one or two slips we have observed. It is said of the Rev. William Aitken, that "He had been for some time ordained in the United Secession Congregation of St. Andrew's, in Scotland, when, after a few years, he resigned his charge of that congregation, and joined the missionary brethren in Canada. He received a call from the congregation of Smith's Falls, in Canada East." Now, the Rev. William Aitken was settled in London, England, and is here confounded with the Rev. Thomas Aitken, who was settled at St. Andrew's, and became minister of the Old School Presbyterian Congregation, at Sparta, in the Valley of the Genessee. Again, Dr. McKerrow says of Mr. Alex. Henderson,

who came out in 1817, that he laboured for several years in the Second Associate Congregation of Daublane, Scotland, and that "He obtained a settlement at St. Catharines; but, after labouring for a short period, he resigned his charge, intending to return to this country, on account of Mrs. Henderson's health. He, however, died soon after, in Canada." Here there is an identification of the late Rev. Alex. Henderson, of Fitzroy Harbour, with the Rev. Alex. Henderson, formerly of St. Catharines, who is still alive, and a minister at Perth, Scotland. All that is said of the Rev. James Pringle, is: "On the 19th of January, 1849, Mr. Pringle was ordained at Centre Road. Concerning this last mentioned station, I am unable to give any information." We notice this for the purpose of telling Mr. Pringle, kindly, that the responsibility for so curt a statement lies with himself. He is singularly sparing in his correspondence, and unaccountably hides his light under a bushel.

It will easily be understood that the portions of the book which relate to strictly heathen regions are of quite a different character, and possess an interest peculiar to themselves; but, on these we must not particularly enter. The whole work, however, which is very beautifully got up, has our cordial recommendation; and, we believe, will be welcomed by many on this side of the Atlantic.

The Princeton Review for July, 1867. Edited by C. Hodge, D.D. Philadelphia: P. Walker. Sold by Rev. A. Kennedy, London.

The July number of the *Princeton Review* comes with the usual amount of sound and solid theological literature. The following is a list of the articles: 1. The Hebrew Word, "Yashabbh;" 2. The Aim of Christianity for those who accept it; 3. Schaff's History of the Christian Church; 4. A Philosophical View of Faith; 5. The General Assembly.

In the review of the proceedings of the General Assembly, the editor dwells at considerable length upon the proposed union of the Old School and New School Presbyterian Churches. To the proposed plan of union he is opposed, and does not believe that any honest Old-School man can approve of it, if he regards it in the light in which the reviewer presents it. Some important *via va* are presented as to the sense in which the Confession of Faith is accepted by those who are called upon to declare their assent to it. But into a consideration of these we are not now able to enter.

Valedictory Discourse, delivered in the Canada Presbyterian Church, in St. Catharines, on Sabbath, 24th Feb. 1867. By the Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D.

We have been prevented, by press of Synodical documents, from noticing, in the *Record*, sooner, the sermon now before us, preached by Dr. R. F. Burns, to his former congregation, in St. Catharines, before his removal to Chicago. The text is Philippians, 1., 27.: "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ," &c. After an appropriate introduction, he proceeds to explain and enforce the conversation becoming the gospel, under the three heads of "Steadfastness," "Striving," and "Unity." The sermon abounds in passages of great eloquence, and breathes throughout a spirit of tenderness and affectionateness. We regret that our space will not allow of our transferring to the pages of the *Record* some paragraphs of Dr. Burns' discourse.

The Priest: The Roman Catholics' Rule of Faith. By the Rev. William Inglis.

Under this title we have a discourse, of twenty pages, on the text: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1. Thess., v, 21., delivered in Erskine Church, Woodstock, on the 7th April. We have to thank the author for the discourse, which treats with great acuteness and skill a subject of very great importance—a subject, too, which does not generally receive from Protestants, the attention which it deserves. We commend the discourse to the notice of our readers. They will find it well deserving of their careful perusal. Could we put it into the hand of a Romanist, we should gladly do so, convinced that it would prove a "Short Method" with the Roman Catholic who would carefully and impartially weigh its statements and reasoning.

Our Father's Business. By Thos. Guthrie, D.D. New York: R. Carter and Bros. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

It is sufficient to mention that we have here a series of discourses or homilies, by Dr. Guthrie, characterized by all the fervour and rich illustration of their distinguished author. The volume will, we doubt not, have a wide circulation.

Presbyterian Historical Almanac, and Annual Remembrancer of the Church, for 1866. By Joseph M. Wilson. Vol. VIII. Philadelphia: J. M. Wilson, 111 South Tenth Street.

Mr. Wilson deserves the thanks of all the churches of the Presbyterian family, for the efforts put forth by him in the face of many difficulties, to bring out an Annual Historical Almanac. It is full of important information, and is well worthy of the patronage of ministers and members of the church.

The New Dominion Monthly. Montreal: John Dougall & Son.

The New Dominion Monthly, if we are to regard the first number as a specimen, will be an interesting, useful and instructive Magazine. It is remarkably cheap, being only \$1 00 per annum, or 10 cents for a single number. Many of the articles are selections from British publications. We heartily recommend it.

BOOKS RECEIVED FROM D. McLELLAN, HAMILTON.

Helena's Household. A Tale of Rome in the Last Century.

Edged Tools. By the Author of the "Win and Wear" series.

Cripple Dam. By Andrew Whitgift.

Bogatzky's Golden Treasury.

The above are published by R. Carter & Bros., New York.

The Martyr's Daughter.

The One Talent.

The First Temptation.

The Little Priest.

The Little Norwegian.

Emily Sherwood.

These are from the Publication Board of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH FROM 1ST MAY 1866, TO 30TH APRIL, 1867, AS AUDITED FOR PRESENTATION TO SYNOD.

KNOX COLLEGE.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from congregations, donations, &c.	\$6583 62	
Balance of Library account.....	73 85	
Balance due at close of year.....	721 46	
		\$7,378 93

EXPENDITURE.

Balance due at the beginning of year.....	\$2269 73	
Paid on account of salaries.....	3811 50	
" to Mr. Willing.....	330 00	
" accounts for repairs, &c.....	251 24	
" for Library, including \$140 for Catalogue.....	243 31	
" Printing, advertising and stationery.....	84 28	
" Insurance.....	111 24	
" Interest on mortgage.....	146 55	
" " advances for ordinary expenditure..	101 00	
" City improvement rate.....	30 18	
		\$7,378 93

The amount of debt on ordinary fund is now \$1129 46.

THE HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD OF
BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$	5 67
Received as per statement.....		1169 00
Interest		100 00
		\$1,274 67

EXPENDITURE.

Paid on account of education class.....	\$	54 62
“ J. Campbell, <i>Prince of Wales Prize</i>		60 00
“ A. C. Gillies, <i>Bayne Scholarship</i>		50 00
“ R. M. Croll, <i>John Knox</i> “		40 00
“ A. Rowat, <i>G. Buchanan</i> “		40 00
“ W. Groulx, <i>Henry Esson</i> “		20 00
“ J. Aull, <i>Fisher</i> “		60 00
“ A. Milne “		60 00
“ J. Barron, <i>University</i>		60 00
“ R. M. Thornton, “		50 00
“ W. D. Ballantyne “		45 00
“ T. Ewan, “		45 00
“ W. Kay, “		50 00
“ J. Armstrong, “		15 00
“ J. Scrimger, “		15 00
“ G. Bapkie, “		35 00
“ P. T. Drummond “		35 00
“ H. H. McPherson “		35 00
Amount invested (Burns' Scholarship).....		500 00
Balance		5 05
		\$1,274 67

COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

Amount at Dr. as last year.....		\$ 537 64
Due on Mortgage		\$1625 98

SYNOD FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Amount of collections received.....	\$1758 76
“ for Book of Forms, and Minutes of Synod... ..	60 17
Balance due at end of year.....	221 65
	\$2,040 58

EXPENDITURE.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$	293 26
Paid on account of Synod expenses at Hamilton....		225 00
“ for printing, including Synod Minutes.....		377 08
“ express and postage charges on Minutes		27 73
“ Rev. W. Fraser, salary		100 00
“ “ Postage account		2 56
“ Rev. J. Gray, on account of statistics.....		60 00
“ Legal expenses on account of Church at Utica... ..		154 95
“ Proportion of general expenses.....		75 00
“ “ Salary of Gen. Agent of Church.. ..		725 00
		\$2,040 58

FOREIGN MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$5381 66
Received from congregations, &c, including balance of fund for mission to American Indians, and grant of £100 ^{stg.} from Free Church of Scotland	4809 50
Interest, proportion of.....	90 00
	\$10,881 16

EXPENDITURE.

Paid on acct. of sal. of Miss. to Brit. Col.....	\$2465 00
“ “ “ and expenses of Mission to Indians.....	2234 55
“ “ “ Missionary at Red River and expenses.....	680 36
“ “ Printing, advertising, and expenses of Convener	42 09
“ Proportion of general expenses.....	50 00
“ “ Salary of General Agent... . . .	100 00
Balance at end of year.....	4809 16
	<hr/> \$10,381 16

HOME MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year	\$1906 76
Contributions received, less expenses of deputations.....	\$745 59
Donations, including grant from Irish Church.....	1229 11
Interest, proportion of.....	89 06
	<hr/> \$11,970 52

EXPENDITURE.

Presbytery of Montreal (this includes \$506.29 paid to the Treasurer in Montreal).....	\$1632 92
“ Ottawa	248 75
“ Brockville	434 95
“ Kingston	468 50
“ Cobourg	718 70
“ Ontario	438 55
“ Toronto.....	743 50
“ Guelph	375 00
“ Hamilton.....	424 75
“ London, including Buxton Mission and St. Ann's, Ill.....	2050 39
“ Stratford	18 00
“ Huron	814 50
“ Grey	521 00
Expenses of members of Committee last year.....	137 60
Printing, postages of Convener, &c.....	80 24
Proportion of General Expenses.....	50 00
“ Salary of General Agent of Church... . . .	100 00
Balance	2713 17
	<hr/> \$11,970 52

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$ 337 84
Rec'd. from Congregations, S. Schools, and donations.....	1366 56
	<hr/> \$1,704 40

PAYMENTS.

Paid to Mr. Court	\$1323 43
Printing, &c.....	4 90
Proportion of General Expenses.....	\$15 60
“ Salary of General Agent	25 60
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Balance at close of year.....	336 07
	<hr/> \$1,704 40

WIDOWS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year	\$ 775 99
Collections and donations.....	2630 80
Rates of Ministers.....	1470 00
Interest received.....	3392 65
Investments expired and paid.....	7131 00
	<u>\$15,400 44</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Annuities to Widows of Ministers.....	\$2180 00
Rates repaid.....	56 00
Invested	9076 78
Printing, proportion of	40 50
Legal services on various occasions.....	85 21
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, special contributions	112 66
“ “ “ Cong'n'l. Col'ns..	1252 32
Proportion of General Expenses.....	75 00
“ Salary of General Agent.....	330 00
Balance	2191 87
	<u>\$15,400 44</u>

The following is the present state of the Fund:

Invested in Debentures	\$16,244 00
“ Mortgages	36,821 43
Cash.....	2,191 87
	<u>\$55,27350</u>

FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at beginning of year	\$1416 50
Special contributions received.....	112 66
Half Congregational collections for Widows' Fund..	1252 32
Interest.....	56 00
	<u>\$2,837 48</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Annuities to Ministers	\$ 530 00
Printing, &c.....	8 00
Proportion of General Expenses.....	20 00
“ Salary of General Agent.....	45 00
Balance	2184 48
	<u>\$2,837 48</u>

BUXTON MISSION.

Amount at Dr. as last year.....	\$ 745 77
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HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

Amount received for subscriptions.....	\$2119 04
Balance.....	218 56
	<u>\$2,337 60</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Balance at beginning of year.....	\$ 254 32
Printing.....	658 80
Paper.....	952 09
Postage and Express charges.....	168 01
Proportion of General Expenses.....	54 38
“ Salary of General Agent.....	250 00
	<u>\$2,337 60</u>

KANKAKEE MISSION.

RECEIPTS

Sundry contributions as per statement \$ 83 29

EXPENDITURE.

Pl. Rev. C. Chiquiquan. to him \$10 sent directly to him. \$ 27 00
 Balance on hand 56 29
\$ 83 29

The above accounts have been carefully examined and found correct.

(Signed), J. McMURRICH,
 J. BURNS.

MONEYS RECEIVED UP TO 22ND AUGUST.

SYNOD FUND.

Meaford	\$2 05	Innisfil, Lefroy	1 27
{ Griersville	1 57	Innisfil, Craigvale	1 44
{ Thornbury	1 25	Chinguacousy, 1st (less dis.) ...	7 40
{ Chippawa	4 00	Chinguacousy, 2nd (less dis.) ...	6 46
Edmondville	21 40	Moore, Bear Creek	5 00
McKillop	4 00	Moore, Burns' Ch	6 68
{ Biddulph	3 75	Waterdown	4 00
{ Fish Creek	2 00	Mono West	2 20
Nassagaweya	10 00	{ Brampton, 1st	8 70
Brantford, Wellington St.	5 40	{ Derry West	2 50
Beverley	5 50	{ Vaughan	6 00
Brucefield	11 00	{ Albion	4 00
{ Osnabruok	4 00	{ Boston Church	19 00
{ Colquhoun Settlement	3 00	{ Milton	3 50
Coldsprings	8 00	St. Sylvester	2 00
{ Kincardine West	2 40	English River	7 00
{ Pine River	1 00	Mandaumin and Moore Line	5 56
Cote St., Montreal	58 82	{ Caledon, Centre Road	3 00
{ West Gwilliambury, 1st	6 42	{ Caledon, 3rd Line	3 00
{ Essa, 1st	7 00	Chatham, Wellington St.	7 70
Cornwall	3 45	Acton, (less dis.)	7 68
Indiana	3 00	Smiths Falls	5 00
Mo'o Centre	8 75	Blyth	8 08
S. Monaghan	7 00	Madoc, St. Peters	4 60
{ Adelaide East, (less dis.)	1 55	Lyn and Yonge	5 00
{ Adelaide West, (less dis.)	3 71	Nairn Church	5 00
Winterbourne	6 25	Harrington	5 00
Hawksville	1 95	Zorra, (less dis.)	12 05
Kingston, Chalmers Ch	21 00	Westminster (less dis.)	7 37
Belleville	10 00	Lobo, (less dis.)	6 40
Pickering, Erskine Ch., 1866 ...	2 00	London, St. Andrews (less dis.) ..	16 19
Pickering, Erskine Ch., 1867	3 77	Kilbride, (less dis.)	5 12
Claremont	4 21	{ Hespeler, (less dis.)	3 79
Arran and 1st Southampton	7 45	{ Doon	3 35
Montreal, Knox's Ch.	10 00	St. Marys	19 00
Storrington and Pittsburgh	4 50	{ Lakefield	2 50
{ Fitzroy Harbour	5 00	{ N. Smith	1 80
{ Tarbolton	5 00	Lakeshore	6 50
Dumblane	2 26	Everton	2 00
Sarnia	10 00	Ayr, Knox's	12 00
Dunville and N. Cayuga	6 48	Hamilton, Knox's (less dis.)	13 44
Richmond Hill, (less dis.)	10 12	{ Brampton, Knox's	2 08
Thornhill, (less dis.)	2 88	{ Malton	1 50
Innisfil, Central Ch.	2 59	Cooke's Ch., Toronto	10 00
		{ Manchester	7 25
		{ Hullett	4 16

{ Wich	3 30	Perth	28 00
{ Greenbank	2 70	Delaware	7 00
Huntingdon and Athelstane	4 00	J. Jobuson, Manvers (for Mr. Nisbet)	5 00
Dunwich, Chalmers' Ch.	4 85	KANKAKEE MISSION.	
Eramosa, 1st (less dis.)	9 60	Acton (less dis.)	10 56
Avonbank and Fullarton	10 00	Ayr, Knox's (less dis.)	73 75
Brown's Corners, Markham	5 75	FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.	
Waddington	10 00	Eramosa, 1st	11 64
Thamesroad and Kirkton	13 30	HOME MISSION.	
Thamesford (less dis.)	6 72	McKillop	8 33
Mosa (less dis.)	9 20	Thamesford (less dis.)	9 19
{ Cartwright	3 50	Pickering, Erskine Ch.	5 00
{ Ballyduff	1 00	Avonbank	10 00
Scarboro'	15 00	Niagara	2 15
Cunnock	3 25	Brautford, Zion Church	30 00
{ Drummondville, (less dis.)	4 80	BEACHVILLE DEB.	
{ Thorold	4 09	Per Rev. J. Little, Nassagaweya	5 00
Belmont	7 50	Perth	10 09
Yarmouth	7 50	Lyn	5 00
Komoka	3 00	Rev. Geo. Grant	3 00
Flos and Medonte	5 00	Per Rev. S. Young	10 00
Melrose and Lonsdale	7 65	Per R. McArthur	2 00
Niagara	2 97	Rev. Arch'd Stewart	5 00
KNOX COLLEGE.		Rev. D. H. Fletcher	40 00
English Settlement, (less dis.) ..	14 52	WIDOWS' FUND.	
West Gwilliambury, 1st ad'l ...	0 20	Pickering, Erskine Ch.	2 00
Ashburn	8 00	Pickering, Erskine (A. and J. F.) ..	2 00
Pickering, Erskine Ch	5 00	North Cayuga	1 44
Proof Line, (less dis.)	9 43	Acton (less dis.)	16 53
FOREIGN MISSION.		London, St. Andrew's (less dis.) ..	14 30
Pickering, Erskine Ch.	4 00	With rates from Rev. M. Barr; Rev.	
Pickering, Erskine Ch. S. S. (Red River)	2 00	Walter Inglis; Rev. John Stewart.	

RECEIPTS FOR RECORD UP TO 22ND AUGUST.

W. T., Markham; T. R., Toronto; E. J. B., Gresham; A. McL., Durham, 1.00; Rev. J. H., Eglinton; Rev. W. J., Kincardine; H. McD; J. B., J. F., J. C., J. E., Chatsworth; G. L., Fitzroy Harbour; T. B., Nassagawaya 1.30; F. McL., Martintown; Rev. W. F., Barrie; C. F., Dundalk; G. F., 1.00; G. R., Smith's Falls; J. S., J. A., R. J., J. W., J. G., J. D., D. McL., W. S., G. S., Belgrave; Mrs. M., Thornhill; Mrs. S., Hornby; S., Mayfield; Rev. R. H., Motherwell 2.00; Mrs. C., Belleville 1.50; A. T. Lloydtown; A. McL., J. F., Harrietsville; D. C., St. Thomas; A. C., A. McD, Belmont; J. L., Bowmanville; H. U., Stouffville; Rev. G. Oal, Toronto, 13.74; R. D., R. S., R. C., A. D., Glenay.

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