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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As the close of the financial year is approaching, we desire to call the attention, especially of those congregations which have not yet contributed to Foreign Missions, to the claims of this important department of the Church's work. A considerable proportion of the congregations of the Church have as yet sent no contribution to the Foreign Mission Fund, and it is more than ordinarily important that it should not be overlooked during the current year.

Last year the income of the Foreign Mission Committee fell considerably short of the expenditure, and a debt of \$1584 had to be reported to the General Assembly. This should at once be wiped out. And the work at Red River having been transferred by the Assembly to the Home Mission, and a reduction of nearly \$1,500 made thereby in the expenditure of the present year, a very ordinary measure of liberality on the part of the Church will enable the Committee to discharge all its liabilities, and even to report to the Assembly a balance on hand. All that is necessary to secure this most desirable result is that every congregation shall send something to the Fund. An average contribution of fifteen cents per communicant over the Church would realize a sum sufficient to meet current expenses, and pay off present liabilities; and surely there are few congregations so poor that they cannot give such a trifle. But if any such there are, let them send what they can, and we have no fear but the offerings of others will rise sufficiently above the average to make up any deficiencies.

We urge it the more earnestly upon all to do something, as it is exceedingly desirable that the Committee should be placed in a position to enter on a new mission to the heathen without financial embarrassment. At present we have only one ordained missionary labouring among the heathen. A Church with such resources can certainly never be satisfied with such a practical manifestation of its interest in the conversion of the perishing heathen.

Heretofore the difficulty of securing a suitable missionary has stood in the way of anything being done. This obstacle is now apparently removed. Last autumn, Mr. G. L. Mackay offered his services for the Foreign Mission field to the Committee.

In the month of October, circulars were addressed to the Presbyteries of the Church, to ascertain their views in reference to the employment of Mr. Mackay, and also in respect to the field which should be occupied, in the event of the Church entering on a new heathen mission. Replies have been received from all the Presbyteries save one. From these answers, while it is evident there is considerable diversity of opinion as to whether India or China is the field which should be occupied by the Church, there is remarkable unanimity of sentiment as to the propriety of taking immediate steps to commence a new mission to some portion of the heathen field. More than four-fifths of the Presbyteries encourage the Committee to go forward.

In these circumstances, the Committee have decided to recommend to the General Assembly to accept the services of Mr. G. L. Mackay. They have not, as yet, decided upon making any recommendation as to the special field to which he should be sent, but they will probably find themselves in a position to do so ere the Assembly meets. It is expected that Mr. Mackay, who is now in Edinburgh, will, at the request of the Committee, be present at the meeting of the Assembly in Quebec, when it is hoped arrangements will be made for his early designation to the foreign field.

In view of the early commencement of this work, for which many have been longing and praying, we trust the friends of missions will place the Committee in a position which will render it less difficult to undertake the large additional expenditure which this new enterprise will necessarily involve.

WM. McLAREN,

Convener.

OTTAWA, 15th March, 1871.

P. S.—Boxes or parcels of plain substantial clothing will, as in former years, be thankfully received for the Saskatchewan mission, under the care of the Rev. James Nesbet. Such contributions should be sent to J. Playfair, Esq., Toronto, or D. M. Lellan, Esq., Hamilton, as early in April as possible.

W. McL.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.—ENDOWMENT FUND.

At a recent meeting of the College Board it was unanimously resolved: "That, in view of the success which has followed the establishment of the College at Montreal, it is our duty to devise means by which the professorial staff may be increased; further, that steps be taken without delay to make new efforts to induce the congregations connected with the College to contribute liberally to the annual income, as well as to increase the permanent Endowment Fund to at least sixty thousand dollars, and that the following, with power to add to their number, be a committee to carry out

this resolution, viz:—John Watson, W. D. McLaren, Thomas Muir, Hon. Judge Torrance, James Ross, Quebec, Geo. Hay, Ottawa, and Rev. D. Gordon, Indian Lands.”

In connection with these resolutions and the action now proposed, a few facts relating to the prosperity and wants of the College may be presented. It is established by Charter obtained from the Parliament of Quebec by the Synod, and affiliated with McGill University, in virtue of which it enjoys the fullest facilities for the literary and scientific training of students. Although it has been in actual operation for only three Sessions, it will be seen that, in the report submitted last June to the General Assembly, 27 students were enrolled, and 13 were added during the Session now about to close, making a total of 40 students.

A Theological Library of over 5000 volumes has been established, for which the sum of \$1246 was raised last winter, besides large donations of books.

During the Session, sixteen scholarships, of the value of from fifty to sixty dollars each, were offered for competition, besides a Bursary Fund, the disbursement of which is at the discretion of the Senate. These scholarships, with two exceptions, were given by citizens of Montreal. In estimating the financial progress made, it is proper to state that, by Act of the Synod, the College is limited for its annual income and endowment to three of the seventeen Presbyteries of the Church, viz., those of Montreal, Ottawa and Brockville. By having on its staff of instructors a French Professor, provision is made for the training of French and English-speaking students to become missionaries to the million and upwards of French Roman Catholics in the Dominion. Eleven such students are now in course of instruction, and it is felt that in this truly Protestant and patriotic work the College should receive both the sympathy and support of all Presbyterians of Canada, as it is the only institution in the Dominion prepared thus to serve the common interests of the country.

In response to the first effort made to secure an endowment, the sum of over \$22,000 has been received and invested, besides subscriptions yet unpaid. This much was accomplished at the outset; and surely, in view of the success since achieved in the actual working of the institution, there should be no difficulty in realizing the amount now contemplated. The thorough education of the future ministers of the Church is fundamental to her growth and power in the land, but this cannot be done without the proper appliances.

Accordingly, this Board deems it necessary without delay to secure an endowment for the following Chairs, viz:—

I. Chair of Systematic Theology, (*principal subject*), with Pastoral Theology and Homiletics.

II. Chair of Exegetical Theology, (*principal subject*), with Biblical Criticism and Hermeneutics.

III. Chair of Apologetics, (*principal subject*), with Church History.

The Chair of the French Professor is only provided for by annual contributions from the whole Church. In future, when more ample means can be provided, a different distribution of subjects than that just indicated should be adopted; but in the meantime this much is proposed, and it may be proper to remind those specially concerned in this circular that the Board received authority for such action from the Synod of 1867.

The Committee above named will arrange as soon as possible to present the whole matter, by deputation, to the congregations within the limits

prescribed to the College. No canvass has as yet been made anywhere, but immediately on the adoption of the resolution at the head of this circular, liberal subscriptions were given by a few persons, amounting, in all, to \$6000.

JOHN STIRLING,
Secretary.
MONTREAL, March 20th, 1871.

ALEXANDER YOUNG,
Chairman College Board.

Missionary Intelligence.

LETTER FROM REV. JAMES NISBET.

PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN, ²³
January 19th, 1871.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RECORD:

MY DEAR SIR,—This letter must partake somewhat of the character of an annual report, or a brief review of the proceedings of the year 1870. It is a year that will be long remembered in the Saskatchewan district, not only because of the political changes affecting the whole north-western territories, but specially on account of the fearful scourge of small-pox that has swept over the western portion of the district. But at this Mission we have to sing of mercy, and to give God praise for his wonderful interposition in our behalf, and in behalf of hundreds of Indians whose lives have been preserved by the simple means of vaccination. Most providentially, we had received in 1869 one or two scabs of vaccine matter, and on the first sound of the existence of small-pox in the west reaching us, we commenced vaccinating all the Indians and others who were in our neighbourhood. Altogether, about 150 were vaccinated at the Mission, and, through them, some hundreds of others were vaccinated at Carlton and on the plains. Many of these were for weeks exposed to the contagion, but we have not heard of even one such person being taken with the disease, while hundreds of those who were not vaccinated have died. But while we have all been mercifully preserved from small-pox, thus far, at least, the Mission company has not been free from sickness. The same disease that had taken the wife of my interpreter to the Red River Settlement in 1869 for medical advice, re-appeared last winter, and became so alarming in spring that I gave him leave of absence to take her and the family again to the settlement, where they now are. The commencement of the same disease required that the wife of the manager of farm and other work should be taken to the settlement at the same time, where she still is. At the same time, the manager himself had been suffering from pain in the chest from January last. We continued to hope that the means for recovery that we were using might be effectual, but in this we were disappointed, and in October I was compelled to allow him also to go to the settlement for medical advice. On account of these drawbacks, I have not been able to do so much directly among the Indians as I would have wished; but their visits at the Mission have been few, and only a family or two at a time, as they have been keeping scattered as a security from the small-pox. We hope and pray that perfect health will be restored, and that all our friends will be back to us early in the coming spring.

The Church has already been informed of the circumstances under which two of the children whom we had taken to bring up were dragged away by their foolish and wicked mother. Since that time, that mother has lost her husband and two grown-up sons by small-pox. Some time ago she returned to this neighbourhood, apparently a somewhat humbled woman. The children have been attending school partially, but they do not live at the Mission. The Church has also been informed that on the same evening that the last of these children was taken from us, a little girl was received into the Mission. She is still with us, and is learning very quickly to understand and speak English, and reads English words of three letters. The Indian boy Robert Burns, who has been with us since May, 1867, has been sent to Red River Settlement, with the hope and intention that he will attend the Kildonan school, and be separated from the heathen boys who are so often camped at the Mission, and from whose society we found it impossible altogether to keep Robert. If he takes a liking to the Kildonan school, he will learn quickly, for he now understands English very well, and is clever at learning anything he sets his mind to. Other children were brought to us from the plains during the year, but, owing to the absence of my interpreter, the want of clothing (for nothing reached us from Toronto during the year), and the fear of small-pox, we declined to receive them for the present. Just now we have only *two* girls in the Mission, whom we are bringing up, and Robert Burns, who is now at Red River.

There are now fourteen families of Indians and half-breeds living in the neighbourhood of the Mission. There are twenty-five children in these families capable of attending school, while, altogether, there are, in more or less regular attendance, twenty-two children. The majority are greatly in want of clothing, and we have it not to give them. I give the forenoon of five days in the week to the school. The whole population of Prince Albert is at present 106. Some of these are not settled permanently. There is the prospect of a considerable increase next summer. Three Indian families have got houses put up at a fishing lake 20 miles north-west from this, and others are talking of following the example thus set. We ploughed up some land for them there last spring, and may add to the same the coming season, to enable them to farm a little more extensively. Thus the march of civilization proceeds, though slowly. Our farming operations were not so successful last year as the spring gave promise of. Dry, hot weather in June checked the growth considerably, still we harvested 142 bushels of wheat, 73 bushels of barley, 365 bushels of potatoes, and 100 bushels of turnips, the whole of which, according to prices here, would be worth £186; besides which we had £90 worth of hay brought home. The fixed property of the Mission is now worth £650, and the moveable property (exclusive of goods in store, provisions and farm produce) is of the value of £535.

I continue to have two public services ever Sabbath. Our little school house is our place of meeting, but it is much too small. We mean to endeavor to collect materials for a church this winter; we purpose that the building will accommodate about 200 persons.

During last spring and fall we had a good many visitors from the plains, some of whom were seeking the way of salvation, and, altogether, *four* adults have been baptized during the past year, one man and three women; two youths, a boy and a girl, have also been baptized, and eleven infants, the majority of whom having Indian parents—seventeen baptisms

in all. Three persons have been added to the communion roll, one man and two women, two being Indians, and one a French half-breed. There are now twenty-six names on our communion roll. There were two marriages at the Mission during the year, one of the couples being Indians.

Such is something like a bird's eye view of the work of the past year, far from being what I would have wished it to have been, and yet it should call for praise to Him who has graciously preserved our lives and bestowed upon the Mission even such a measure of success as has here been noted. There is much that might be done, had we the means necessary for it. I have reason to think that many of the Indians on the plains will now be disposed to listen to a missionary going from this place; but I repeat what I have so often remarked in my letters, that that work cannot be satisfactorily attended to till the Church shall send out a second missionary; likewise, to do justice to the school, we ought to have a person capable of teaching both in Cree and English. At present, the burden of the school falls upon myself, and thus prevents my attending to other work. There should also be a properly qualified female to look after the girls when not in school. Some such provision must be made, if we are to take into the Mission all the children that may be offered to us. I sincerely trust that the members of the Church who are advocating the commencement of a mission in China will first allow this Mission to be placed on a proper footing; then, by all means, extend as much as possible. But besides sending helpers, let the Church be more earnest in prayer in our behalf, and more anxious for the salvation of the poor remnant of this territory, and we shall not be without a blessing on our efforts.

Yours most sincerely,

JAMES NISBET.

MISSION WORK AT LAKE SUPERIOR.

We have received a letter from Rev. J. McFarlane, dated 4th February. Mr. McFarlane states that he has been agreeably disappointed in regard to the climate, as it has been much milder than he anticipated. He has had service on the Sabbath at Fort William and Prince Arthur's Landing. The attendance at the former place was about 50, and at the latter from 20 to 30. At Fort William, the families are, with scarcely an exception, Presbyterian. He has been employed several times each day in instructing the young, the fees going towards the funds of the Home Mission Committee. Mr. McF. purposed in March to go to Thunder Cape to labour among the Indians there, and was to remain there till the opening of navigation. He speaks in the strongest terms of the importance of missionary labour in these regions. It is believed that there will be an immense increase of population attracted by the productiveness of the mines.

MISSION TO THE NEW HEBRIDES.

LETTER TO THE CONVENER OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE, FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

DEAR SIR,—I write to you as being Chairman of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

You have probably heard ere this of the death of Rev. James McNair, of Erromanga, one of our beloved and honoured missionaries. It is scarcely a year since we were called to mourn the departure of our dear brother,

the Rev. Donald Morrison. We were also disappointed in the case of Rev. Mr. Blue, of New South Wales, who, after offering and being accepted, declined going from want of health. We find ourselves now with our staff of missionaries greatly reduced, and it is too late to send one to go by the *Dayspring*, sailing April first or thereabout.

At the last meeting of our Board we had the joy of accepting one young man to go forth next season to strengthen Dr. Geddie's hands, and we may possibly be able to send a second. But what are these among so many islands?

In his last letter to the Board, Dr. Geddie urges us to send an appeal to Canada to aid us by taking part in the work. I enclose a copy of the Dr.'s letter, in so far as it bears upon this point.

When this letter was read to the Board, Rev. J. McEwan and Colonel Haultain were present, and they both expressed the desire that the letter, or a copy, should be sent to you, with any further information respecting the Mission that seemed adapted to guide or influence your Committee in coming to a decision. The suggestion was agreed to by the Board, and a copy of the letter is enclosed.

I also mail a copy of an account of an exploratory voyage by the *Dayspring*, lest a copy formerly sent you may have been mislaid. This contains the chief information respecting the extent of the field and its openings, and I think all I need add is, that the salary is £150 stg. per annum for each married missionary. We also pay the allowance for Widows' Fund, £5, with £5 stg. for each child, and £10 stg. if the child should be sent from home for education. This allowance is continued until 18 years of age.

I shall be most happy to furnish you with information on any point connected with the mission field or work on which you may seek explanation. As respects the making of an urgent appeal, I must leave the facts to do that. I may say that we have just sent away our second missionary to Trinidad, to labour among the Mahomedan Coolies there; and we shall, within the next nine months, send one, and probably two, to the New Hebrides. We would have great joy in welcoming you to the same mission field. Our *Dayspring* will carry one, two or three from the Upper Provinces of the Dominion, if they come along, and the year 1871 will become memorable in the history of the Mission.

Will you send *two* to join *our two*, and make joyful the hearts of the New Hebridean missionaries by an accession of four?

Hoping for a favourable response,

I am, Yours,

P. G. MCGREGOR,
Sec'y B. F. M.

REV. MR. McLAREN,
Sec. Com. of F. M.,
C. P. Church. }

P. S.—I can forward some 50 copies of Dr. Geddie's exploratory tour and Report, if these would be of any use. P. McG.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF REV. DR. GEDDIE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

"ANEITEUM, Aug. 16, 1870.

"The *Dayspring* has returned from her voyage north. Mr. Goodwill has been stationed on Espirito Santo, and Mr. Milne in Aguna, under

very encouraging circumstances. Our exploratory voyages north have already resulted in the occupation of two important islands which will become centres from which the Gospel should radiate to the dark regions beyond.

"I expect to see Mrs. McNair here in a few days. It is probable that she will make her home with us until she goes to the colonies. I presume that she intends to go to Scotland. She is in very delicate health.

"I have just heard from Dr. Steel that Mr. Blue is not coming to the islands. Oh, how I long to see one or two missionaries from home! The cause must go down here unless the Church can send us help. The magnitude of the work around us, and the feebleness of the instrumentality, is of itself an oppressive thought. Do make every effort to send us help, and send it without delay. May God move some heart to come to our aid in this our hour of need. You should make an immediate and urgent appeal to our friends in Canada to send one or two missionaries to the New Hebrides, for the Mission has many and warm friends in that quarter.

"I send with this letter a copy of a minute passed at our last meeting of Mission Council, in reference to our lamented brother Morrison, and also a few lines written by the late Mr. Matheson, which his friends will value.

"Ever yours,

(Signed,)

"JOHN GEDDIE."

FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

Mr. Van Audel, who originated the school at Pesth, has begun a similar work in Prague, and has an attendance of between twenty and thirty children, some of them Jewesses. Mr. Tomory gives an account of the examination of the German school at Constantinople in December. One hundred and thirty children, many of whom were Jewish, were present.

A number of the Gonds, among whom Mr. Dawson has been labouring for some time past, have, within the past four months, openly professed their faith in Christ by receiving baptism.

A new church is in course of erection in Lovedale, Caffraria. The cost of it will be between \$3000 and \$3500, and only some \$500 are required to make up the sum, the remainder having been contributed in the Lovedale district.

Mr. Wisely writes from Malta, regretting, among other things, that the British Government there has always frowned upon what it calls proselytism, so that at this moment there is not a single Maltese Protestant in the island.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Committee of this Church is making applications for Missionaries to go to Trinidad, India and China, and for an Evangelist and a Medical Missionary for Old Calabar.

Rev. William Martin and Dr. Husband, with their wives and Miss Traill, reached Ajmere, in Rajpootana, on the 23rd of December. Miss Kirk has since been married at Beawr, to the Rev. John Traill.

The Rev. Dr. Somerville, Interim Foreign Mission Secretary of the United Presbyterian Church, in an appeal on behalf of the French Protestants, says:

"For many years our Church has granted considerable sums for the support and the spread of the gospel in France. We have given annually to the Union of Evangelical Churches £500; to the Evangelical Society of Geneva, for Saintonge in Western France, £250; and to the Evangelical

Society in Lyons, £150; and therefore it may be said that we have not only a special interest in French evangelism, but that we may regard it in part as our own work. These grants of £900, there is little doubt, the Synod will renew at its meeting in May; but as these were all required to uphold the work when France was in a state of comparative prosperity, it is evident that they must be utterly inadequate for the present terrible crisis. Something special and more effective is needed. But besides this, Dr. Fisch says that the evangelical societies that have their seat in Paris, one of which expends £6000 a year in preaching the Gospel to the Roman Catholics, and another of which conducts foreign missions, chiefly in South Africa, are wholly without funds, and unable to embrace the particular openings for usefulness which, in the altered circumstances and feelings of the people, it is expected that the cessation of war will present. It has been publicly stated that one of those societies, that used to receive in a given period £1500, obtained only 6s., and in regard to another, that their missionaries in South Africa have not had remittances, and are in great distress. Now the Committee on Foreign Missions have no authority either to recommend or to appoint a collection to be made in the congregations of the Church. This is the province of the Synod. But as our Government has, in anticipation that Parliament would condone the deed, sent from the national stores several thousand tons of food to assist in preserving the lives of the Parisians, as soon as an entrance into the city was found—a deed which all men will applaud—a like indemnity would doubtless be granted by the Synod were the Committee formally to recommend a collection. But they do not venture to take this step. All that they do is, after the manner of Agabus at Antioch, to make known the wants and the sufferings of their French brethren, in the conviction that it needs but such a notice to induce ministers, sessions, and congregations spontaneously to raise funds for the purpose."

News has arrived of the deaths of the Rev. Mr. Welsh and Mrs. Welsh, of Goshen, Jamaica, and of the Rev. Mr. Granger, of Old Calabar. Dr. Robb is again constrained to bear testimony against the people among whom he labours. He says, "Of all barbarians in the world, surely the West Coast heathen negroes are the least noble."

The Rev. J. F. Cumming writes from Emgwali, Caffraria, announcing additions to the Church membership and to his young people's Bible Class.

The Rev. John Traill sends a very cheering letter from Beawr, telling of the convalescence of the orphans under his care. During the past nine months he has lost only fourteen per cent. of his patients. Forty are still in hospital, but the trying season is over, and their restoration to health may be looked for with confidence.

In Xeres, the Rev. A. Bendiel has obtained a vacant Catholic Church for Protestant worship. It is a large building, and has been crowded at every service on the Sabbath. Even at the Tuesday evening prayer meeting he tells of an attendance of two hundred. In Cadiz, many copies of the Scriptures and a large number of religious works have been sold or given away, two Israelites received into the Church by baptism, and a number of persons admitted to full communion; the Bible Class, Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting, as well as the Sabbath Services, being well attended. A large meeting was held lately to protest against the infallibility dogma, and the protesting document was signed by 535 men and 28 women.

The Theological Hall Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church raised last year the sum of \$1,870, which was devoted to the work of carrying on Spanish Evangelization in Seville, Cadiz, Madrid &c.

ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

The *Record* of this Church contains the following: "FROM THE REV. GEORGE SMITH, *Swatow*, 14th Nov., 1870.—I am very thankful to report that at all the stations I have visited there is cause for encouragement, and there seems evidence of God's Spirit working in the hearts of more or fewer. At Ungkung one man was baptized out of many applicants. At Phusua one man and three women were received; while at Kitje, which includes Miow, Saipow, &c., twelve adults and one child were baptised. At Suatham an additional member was admitted. At Swatow one woman who belongs to the Miow quarters and speaks Hak-kia was received; and at Tiejie I yesterday baptized two, an old woman of seventy-three and a young man. At Saipow the people have been doing something for themselves in getting a house repaired and furnished for worship. Ahii, from Saipow, applied for baptism about two years ago, and seemed then to be truly awakened; but he did not then overcome the persecution to which he was subjected by his father and other relations, and for a time drew back. But the Good Shepherd drew not back from "seeking him out," and now he is in the "fold." At Swatow comparatively few have been baptized, but a good many have of late applied for baptism. As they almost universally belong to other parts of the country, we seldom have so long proof of their character as to warrant their being forthwith admitted to membership. However, the seed sown there, if it take deep root, may be and has often been harvested in other parts."

We also learn that five men and two women have been admitted into the Church at Alikang, Formosa, by the Rev. Hugh Ritchie.

Later information has come of the baptism, by the Rev. C. Douglas, of Amoy, of two young men at Anhai, six persons at Khiboey, and four at Kwankio. The Rev. G. Smith, of Swatow, reports eleven more baptisms, and Dr. Maxwell, of Taiwanfou, the admission of thirty-three candidates to church membership.

The result of twenty-five years' mission labour by all the churches in China has been six thousand converts.

General Religious Intelligence.

ENGLAND.—The Rev. Henry Melvill, a Canon of St. Paul's, one of the most eloquent preachers of the day, is dead.

The Bishop of Winchester moved in Convocation that Mr. Vance Smith, the Unitarian member of the Bible Revision Committee, should cease to act with the Committee. The motion was carried in the Upper House, but negatived in the Lower.

The Baptists have 1910 pastoral charges in England with 2397 chapels. In Great Britain and Ireland together they have 2568 pastoral charges, 3093 chapels and 233,675 members. Yet they have only 1990 ministers, of whom 436 are without charges.

The Committee of the Privy Council has found the notorious Mr. Voysey, who denies the Divinity of Christ, the Atonement, and a number of other fundamental doctrines, guilty of heresy, and has recommended his deprivation.

"An active movement is now going on in London for securing reciprocal action between the clergy of the Episcopal Church and the Dissenting

ministers, so that they may, under episcopal sanction, be able to preach in each other's pulpits. Several leading Broad Churchmen have joined an association started for carrying out this object, and the most prominent Dissenting ministers who have joined it are Dr. Raleigh, Mr. Baldwin Brown, and Mr. Allon."

"A petition to the Archbishop and Bishops of the province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled, is in course of signature by a number of priests of the Church of England, declaring that they are unable consistently with their duty to God and the Church to acknowledge the authority in spiritual matters of the Judicial Committee of Privy Council, and praying their lordships of the Upper, and the reverend the clergy of the Lower House, to shield the Church from such unconstitutional interference of the civil power in questions belonging to spiritual jurisdiction."

SCOTLAND.—The Theological Professors connected with the various Presbyterian denominations in Scotland, united recently in a cordial address to Dr. Tholuck of Halle, on the occasion of his commencing the fiftieth year of his professorate, expressing their gratitude to God for the eminent services which the veteran Professor has been the means of rendering to the causes of theological learning and evangelical religion.

The Sustentation Fund of the Free Church for this year shows a very considerable advance upon last year's amount.

IRELAND.—The Bible and Colportage Society for Ireland, sold during the past year 12,914 Bibles, Testaments and Psalm-books, 60,166 books, 521,406 periodicals and 83,420 tracts. Since its commencement in 1859 the Society has sold 4,876,974 publications. There are 435 book agents and 42 colporteurs.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School Society reports 915 schools, 7,740 teachers, and 62,402 scholars on its roll.

A fresh list of contributions to the Sustentation Fund of the Irish Episcopal Church has been published. The list commences with a donation of \$100,000 from the Earl of Egmont, \$30,000 each from Lords Abercorn and Clermont, \$25,000 from the Duke of Devonshire, \$15,000 from Messrs. Kinahan of Dublin and London, \$10,000 from Mr. Mulholland of Belfast, and a number of sums of \$5,000 and 2,500.

FRANCE.—Father Hyacinthe has sent an address to the Bishops of the Church of Rome, rejoicing in the disappearance of two despots, the Empire of the Napoleons and the temporal power of the Pope. He speaks of five wounds of the Church, which are: the darkening of the Word of God, the oppression of the intellect and conscience by the abuse of the hierarchical power, the forced celibacy of the clergy, worldly policy and superstitious devotion. The Italian government, acting in opposition to its usually liberal principles, seized the newspapers in Rome which published this address.

An agitation is going on in France in connection with the proposed disestablishment of the Protestant National French Church. The Free Churches are rabidly republican. The National Church falls far short of the work it is called upon to perform, and other agencies are not numerous enough to overtake the demands for evangelical teaching that are being made all over France.

"In M ———, in the great room of the railway station, filled with wounded soldiers, an eye witness saw a few christian men and women distribute 500 francs worth of warm clothing in the space of an hour. The

soldiers fairly wept with gratitude, and some said : 'We do believe that God is good, since there are so many good people in the world.' A cantiniere cast herself on her knees before a lady who had clothed her in comfortable garments, cried, 'Madam, now give me your blessing,' and the surrounding soldiers respectfully took off their caps, while they drank in the heartfelt words of cheer and truth from the God of all grace and comfort, which their friend was able to utter. I might tell of facts, touching as the following :—A last soldier appeared for whom not an article of clothing remained. Poor fellow! his comrades had gone cheered and warm, and a tear trickled down, while he tried to be resigned. A gentleman said 'Wait a minute,' and hurried away as though to fetch the articles needed. In a short time he returned with a thick, warm, worsted garment, which the man put on with grateful joy. It was his own, which he had secretly stripped off in a waiting room."

M. V. de Pressensé, who was long identified with the Evangelical Tract and Bible Societies, died at Tours in the month of January.

It is hard to say what effect the present civil war in Paris may have upon political, and thus upon religious institutions. It is deeply to be regretted that Protestantism in France is so closely identified with Republicanism. Its political character is a source of great weakness. No Church can serve two masters without ceasing to be a true Church.

GERMANY.—The war which has roused the energies and occupied the attention of the whole of Germany is now at an end, and the troops are returning home. It is hoped that the piety which so far has exhibited itself in words only, may now be seen in consistent christian lives, and that the men who have been so ready to praise God in the ranks of war, will show themselves more ready to praise him in the congregation with their wives and children. The sheep of Germany are perishing because so many of their shepherds are careless of their interests, preferring to feed themselves with fat ease and the conceit of human wisdom. If the new Emperor would disestablish the dead National Church, and abolish half the German Universities, he would steal a greater march on Satan than any his army ever gained on Napoleon.

SWITZERLAND.—The Rationalists of Switzerland have been met at last, after much long-suffering, by the evangelical party of the Church, which, in spite of its long-continued silence, is to the radical party as five to one. This Evangelical party, in its organ, *La Semaine Religieuse*, lately published a manifesto declaring its principles, which embrace Christianity as a supernatural fact, a revelation from God given in the Bible, a book inspired by the Spirit of God and the only authority in matters of faith, which set forth Jesus Christ, incarnate Son of God, the Saviour, by His atoning death delivering the sinner from condemnation, and giving grace in the sight of God, raising the believer by His spirit to a new life by a supernatural birth. This faith the Evangelicals declare their intention of preaching, teaching and maintaining. The manifesto has provoked much opposition from the adversaries of the truth, and has made the servants of God strong.

ITALY.—The Italian Parliament has granted great immunities to the Pope, making his person and palace inviolable, giving him power to promulgate his bulls whenever he may please, and to discharge all his offices. Yet perfect liberty is granted in the discussion of all religious questions even in the City of Rome itself. The Papal authorities have objected to the attentions that were shown to Prince Humbert and the Princess

Margherita on the occasion of their recent visit to Rome, seeing that they are members of an excommunicated house, but people do not pay much attention now to Papal objections. The Papal court has also decided not to recognize the new King of Spain, as he also belongs to the hated house of Savoy.

A Catholic crusade for restoring the Pope to Rome is spoken of, not only in Italy, but in other parts of the world.

The Wesleyans have in Italy 25 principal stations, with regular meetings in several villages, 27 ministers and evangelists, and 1206 communicants, besides 10 schools in Southern Italy with 450 scholars.

Captain Ripa, who died of a wound received in storming the Porta Pia, at Rome, was buried lately in that city. His funeral procession was a mile long. At the cemetery Father Grosoli, the director, blessed the body and took charge of the funeral, refusing the usual compensation, and declaring that he felt it an honour to be permitted to perform the last offices for a soldier who had thus fallen. He has been excommunicated and dismissed from office.

SPAIN.—Throughout the whole of Spain devoted men and women are engaged in circulating the Scriptures. Their avocation is one of no common danger, on account of the opposition of a debased and ignorant population, incited by a wicked and fanatical priesthood. The steady, unchangeable foes of the light are the parish *curas* or priests. "Yet this rule has exceptions. Not many days ago, in a considerable town of Estremadura, the colporteur was astonished and delighted at seeing one of the *curas* of the place come among the people round the Bible-stand, and cordially advise all the by-standers 'to provide themselves with the book which traces the way of salvation for sinners of mankind.'"

The two prominent organized Christian Communities of Spain are the Spanish Evangelical Union, which has its head-quarters at Madrid, and the most distinguished preacher of which is Don Antonio Carrasco, and the Reformed Church, meeting in Seville, Don Juan Cabrera being its brightest light. The latter body has some seven or eight congregations, while the former has only agencies in Madrid, Saragossa and Alcazar or San Juan. It is hoped that these two Presbyterian Churches of Spain will soon be united.

TURKEY.—After the Crimean war, about 300,000 Circassians left their Fatherland in order to escape from the power of Russia. Of these, 100,000 perished on the route or before they could be provided for under the shadow of the Sultan. Of the survivors, about 50,000 were settled at Widdin on the Danube, on certain unoccupied lands, and about as many were located on waste tracts in Asia Minor, while numbers were landed on such islands as Candia, Rhodes and Cyprus, where they continue. To the Gospel they are considered to be peculiarly open, as they profess to believe in the existence of one God, with little beyond, and are neither sophisticated by vain teaching, nor led slavishly by priests, like many of mankind. The Rev. Dr. Wrightson, of 176 Kensington Park Road, London, is endeavouring to organize a committee for the purpose of sending a mission, somewhat on the Moravian plan, to these interesting people.

At Manjuluk, Western Turkey, Mr. Edward Riggs, missionary of the American Board, recently found some twenty or twenty-five families out of the sixty in the village, who have suddenly declared themselves Protestants, and call earnestly for a teacher or preacher. They are very ignorant

and low in the scale of civilization, and prompted, very likely, by mixed and poor motives; but he finds this opportunity an open door for the Gospel to a miserable population.

THE JEWS.—The Rev. J. C. Reichardt says:—"According to the best calculations, the Jews in Europe amount at least to five-and-a-half millions, of which nearly three millions are in Russia and Poland; in Austria, more than one million; in Germany, 400,000; in European Turkey, 300,000; Roumania, 400,000; France, 100,000; the rest in England, Holland, Italy, and other countries. In Asia, more than half a million; in Africa, more than one million; and in America, Australia, &c., at least 400,000; so that the number of Jews may be computed, at the least, at eight millions.

MEXICO.—Here is a glorious story of one to whom Christ and His cause were indeed precious. It is narrated by one of the American ministers who have been taking advantage of that wonderful opening for the Bible in Mexico to which we recently referred. "The Government," he says, "which has intensely favoured the Christians of Mexico, gave us a building on the outskirts of the city, and the Christians asked the privilege of refitting that building as best they could. One of our congregation, an architect, and another, a painter, offered to paint it for a merely nominal price, and they set to work. One evening I was suddenly called on to see that master-painter.

"He had been painting at the very ceiling, and had broken through the planks and had fallen to the floor, and was taken up mangled and dying. I found him with a firm faith in his Saviour. He said to me, 'My only trust is in Jesus.' The next day they were to amputate his arm, and he gathered his little family around and said, 'I may soon die and be with my Saviour.' He asked them to sing a hymn together with him, in which he joined, and then asked the doctors to perform the operation. The arm was amputated, but he lingered only a short time and died. Can you imagine my feelings, as he said to me, in his mangled, broken condition, 'I know how poor our Church is, and offered to do that work for so low a price, that I could hardly pay for the paint and the workmen. For nine days I had only been able to afford myself one meal, and that I took at dinner. I fell at 12 o'clock; I was so weak and hungry, that I grew dizzy and fell.'"

MADAGASCAR.—Several years ago Mr. Ellis proposed that four churches should be erected in Madagascar in memory of the martyrs of former days. The erection of one was specially undertaken by the children of our English Churches, who collected for it the sum of £2850. The Ambatonakanga Church, erected on the site of the first prison in which the martyrs were confined, was opened on March 22nd, 1867. That at Ambohimpotsy, built on the ridge above the ditch where Rasalama and others were speared, was opened in November, 1868. The Children's Church at Faravopitra is built in a commanding position in the capital, and, from the height and solidity of its walls, is a very striking object. On its site, in February, 1849, four Christian nobles, including a lady, were burnt alive; and the bodies of fourteen others, who had that day been thrown over the lofty precipice, were also consumed. In digging the foundations of the church, Mr. Cameron laid bare the charcoal and ashes which have remained from the fire; and the first stone of the church was laid under the very spot where the stake was planted. It has taken three years to erect the building, and it was opened in September last.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CALLS, &c.

The Rev. N. Clark has been called by the congregation of *Lakefield*; Rev. D. Gordon by that of *Harrington*; Rev. J. Straith by that of *Berlin*, also by the congregation of *Carrick*; Rev. H. J. McDiarmid by the congregation of *Henry's Church, Lachute*; Rev. J. Eadie by *Ancaster East and West*.

The Rev. J. Breckenridge has been ordained as pastor of the congregation of *Streetsville*; R. v. R. M. Thornton, M. A., has been ordained as pastor of *Knox's Church, Montreal*; Rev. A. Rowat has been ordained as pastor of the congregation of *Winchester*; Rev. J. A. G. Calder has been ordained as pastor of the congregation of *Orono*.

Rev. H. J. McDiarmid has declined the call from *Spencerville*.

PROGRESS OF CONGREGATIONS, &c.

COTE STREET, MONTREAL.—The Annual Report just come to hand shows that this congregation is fully sustaining its reputation for systematic christian effort, and enlightened liberality. The communion roll, which was purged in December, has 516 upon it. There are four prayer meetings besides the weekly lecture. A female prayer meeting on Monday afternoon was established during the winter, and a young men's association, under encouraging auspices. The Sabbath-school teachers meet monthly for business, and take tea together in the vestry. A series of musical and literary festivals have been held in connection with the Sabbath School, which have drawn crowded audiences. Including the church school, the mission school, and the Bible class, over 600 of the rising race are under instruction, with 57 teachers.

Seven have been added to the staff of deacons. The congregation erected last year fine commodious premises for the Griffinton mission, at an expense of \$6,000, in which services have been kept up by the students on Sabbath evenings. There have also been prayer meetings there on Friday evenings, and lectures (literary and temperance), exhibitions, concerts, &c. on Tuesday evenings. The Session have resolved to employ one of the most experienced students as a missionary in that field during the summer, and the requisite funds (\$300) have been provided for that purpose. There are two other mission schools to which contributions in men and money have been given. For local home mission enterprises, \$987.84 has been contributed during the year, and \$200 to the Central H. F. Fund—\$1187.84 in all; over and above the \$300 for summer work, which goes into next year. The entire amount raised for mission purposes during the year, is \$3470.70: Church Sabbath School, \$117.17, Theological College (including \$504 for the Library), \$2690.35; for the Poor, \$408.45; Ordinary Income (being \$454.31 in excess of last year), \$4059.51; special subscription, to defray expenses of late improvements in church, \$1164; total, \$11910.18.

ERSKINE CHURCH, MONTREAL.—We have received the report of Erskine Church for the last year. We are glad to observe that the progress of the congregation is, in all the departments, in keeping with the past. The amount raised by the congregation during the year was \$13,478.26, being for congregational purposes and for missionary and benevolent pur-

poses, \$5187.15. The congregation has always been distinguished for its zeal and liberality in the matter of foreign missions, and, as mentioned in a former number of *THE RECORD*, has made a liberal offer to encourage a new mission to be undertaken by our Church. The number of members on the roll is now 463. The poor of the flock, and, in the present state of things, we should not like to think of a city congregation without poor, have been cared for, the amount of \$330.92 having been contributed for that object.

OTTAWA, BANK STREET.—The Bank Street congregation is still advancing. There has been a net increase in the membership of 25. The ordinary congregation fund for the year amounted to \$2575.75. There was raised, in addition, for the Building Fund, \$2,425; for missionary purposes, \$281.77; and for the Sabbath school, \$37.55.

WALKERTON.—On the 28th ult. the annual soiree was held; the church was crowded, proceeds nearly \$100. On the following day a social for the children of the church and Sabbath school was also held. The church was again filled. The past year of the Sabbath school has been one of marked prosperity. At the annual meeting lately held, the congregation agreed to add another hundred dollars to the stipend of the Rev. R. C. Moffatt, their minister. This is the fifth addition made to stipend during the present pastorate. During the past year Walkerton raised for the Schemes of the Church \$120.20, being an advance upon the previous year of \$11.65.

KNOX'S CHURCH, TORONTO.—From the full and interesting Report of Knox's Church, Toronto, we are gratified to notice its sustained and increasing prosperity. We observe that the income from all sources amounts to \$9,407.74, this being all ordinary revenue, and not any part raised by special effort. The amount of \$460 is given for Home Missions, \$210 for Foreign, and \$420.50 for Knox College. The Sabbath school numbers about 400 scholars on the roll, and has raised for missionary purposes \$219. There are now 20 elders, 20 deacons, and 5 trustees. The number of communicants on the roll is 628, being a net increase of 31 during the year.

SCARBORO.—During the year the congregation of Scarboro raised for Home Missions, \$120; for Knox College, \$120; for Foreign Missions, \$40; for Bursary Fund, \$25, besides contributing liberally to the other schemes, and originating a fund for the erection of a new church.

VAUGHAN AND ALBION.—The amount raised by the congregations of Vaughan and Albion during the past year was \$131.58, viz., by Vaughan \$78.30, and by Albion \$53.28. The apportionment is as follows:

Knox College:	Vaughan,	\$21.00;	Albion,	\$14.00.
Home Mission:	"	37.30;	"	22.28.
Foreign Mission:	"	10.00;	"	7.00.
French Can. Mission:	"	5.00;	"	5.00.
Kankakee Mission:	"	5.00;	"	5.00.

GANANOQUE.—The church at Gananoque, of which Rev. J. Barron, M.A., was lately ordained pastor, having been repaired and improved at an expense of \$4,000, was on Sabbath 19th re-opened for public worship. The Rev. W. Gregg, M.A., of Toronto, and the Rev. T. S. Chambers, of Storrington, conducted the services. The Rev. H. Gordon, for many years pastor, and who still takes the deepest interest in the spiritual welfare of the congregation, also took part in the services. The attendance was large, and the collection liberal.

DEATH OF A PROBATIONER.—We regret to have to announce the death of one of the probationers of the Church—the Rev. P. McLaren. Mr. McLaren was employed in the supply of vacant congregations. He was seized with erysipelas, from the effects of which he died. He was well known in various parts of the country, and was highly respected.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON.—The Synod of Hamilton will meet, pursuant to adjournment, in Galt, and within Knox's Church there, on the first Tuesday of May next, at 7 in the evening, and will be opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. George Smellie, of Fergus.

Certified Rolls of Presbyteries, and papers for transmission to Synod, should be sent to the Synod Clerk, eight days before the meeting of Synod.

The Treasurer will be present at the meeting of Synod to receive congregational payments to the Synod Fund.

It was agreed at last meeting, that the second evening of the meeting of Synod this year should be spent in a Synodical Conference on the state of religion within the bounds, and the Committee on the State of Religion was instructed to make arrangements for the discussion of special subjects at said conference. The Committee referred to to consist of the following: Mr. Lowry (Convener), Mr. McQuarrie, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. James Robertson of Paris, Mr. James K. Smith of Galt, with the Elders of these churches.

WILLIAM COCHRANE,

BRANTFORD, 17th February, 1871.

Clerk of Synod of Hamilton.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL.—The Synod of Montreal of the Canada Presbyterian Church will meet, according to appointment, in the City of Kingston, Ontario, and within Chalmers' Church there, on the first Tuesday of May next, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

Certified Rolls of Presbyteries, and papers for transmission to the Synod, or notification of the same, should be sent to the Clerk of Synod, at least eight days before the meeting.

A. YOUNG,

MONTREAL, 21st February, 1871.

Synod Clerk.

SYNOD OF TORONTO.—The Synod of Toronto will meet in Bay Street Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday after the last Sabbath of April, 2nd May, at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

Certified Rolls of Presbyteries, and all papers for the Synod, or notice of the same, should be in the hands of the Synod Clerk at least eight days before the meeting.

JOHN GRAY,

ORILLIA, 21st February, 1871.

Synod Clerk.

N. B.—Attention is specially called to the second recommendation of the Report on the State of Religion, as adopted by the General Assembly. (See page 23 of the printed Minutes of the Assembly, and the first page of THE RECORD for December, 1870.)

J. G.

SYNOD OF LONDON.—The Synod of London will meet at London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first Tuesday of May, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. The opening sermon will be preached by the retiring moderator, the Rev. John Scott, London.

Certified Rolls of Presbyteries, together with all changes during the past year, by death, demission, induction, translation, licensure, &c., and other papers for transmission to the Synod, should be in the hands of the Clerk at least eight days before the meeting of Synod.

Those congregations from whom contributions to the Synod Fund have not been received, are requested to send their contributions to the Treasurer, the Hon. A. Vidal, Sarnia, before the meeting of Synod.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures will meet in the vestry of St. Andrew's Church, London, on the first Monday of May, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

ST. MARY'S, 18th March, 1871.

D. WATERS,
Clerk of Synod of London.

Proceedings of Presbyteries.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE met in the Barrie Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, the 7th of February, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Eleven ministers and six elders were present. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, and the minutes of the two previous meetings were read and sustained.

Mr. R. Moodie gave in his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregations of the First and Second Tecumseh. The resignation was laid on the table, and a deputation appointed to visit the congregations.

The resignation of Mr. John Ross as Treasurer of the Presbytery, laid over from last meeting, was reluctantly accepted, and the cordial thanks of the Presbytery tendered to him for his efficient services as Treasurer during the past two years and a half. Mr. Andrew MacNab, of Barrie, was appointed Treasurer in his place.

Mr. J. Greenfield gave in his resignation as minister of Bowmore congregation, and of Dunedin and Singhampton stations. Documents were also submitted from the elders and congregation expressing their approval of the step.

It was moved and seconded: "That the resignation of Mr. Greenfield as minister of Bowmore and adjoining stations be now accepted."

It was moved in amendment, and seconded: "That said resignation be not now accepted, but that it be laid on the table till next meeting, and that due intimation be given to all parties."

The amendment was carried.

Authority was given to Messrs. R. Rodgers and G. Burnfield, as moderators of the respective sessions, to take steps, if they saw fit, to moderate in calls from the congregations of Alliston, Burns Church, and Angus, and of Carluke and First Essa.

A special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held within the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, the 14th March next, at 11 o'clock A.M.

The resignation of Mr. W. A. Johnston as minister of Willis Church, laid over from the November meeting, was taken up, and after remarks from Mr. Johnston and the commissioners of the congregation, was accepted. Mr. G. Ferguson was appointed to preach the church vacant on the 26th February. Mr. J. Gray was appointed moderator of the session, and the supply of ordinances was entrusted to the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery. It was also resolved that:

"While accepting this resignation the Presbytery would desire to place on record the high esteem and confidence in which they hold their brother, Mr. Johnston; their sense of the earnestness and zeal with which, during his connection with Willis Church, he has exercised his ministry, their regret at the necessity of parting with him as a co Presbyter, and their earnest prayers for his comfort and success in any field of labor in which his lot may be hereafter cast."

A request was presented from the congregations of Mr. G. Craw that the Medonte station be disjoined from the charge. A committee was appointed to inquire into the matter, and report at the next meeting.

A report was handed in by the Committee appointed to visit the congregations of Knox, Willis, and Guthrie Churches, Oro, anent the arrears of stipend due by them. It was received, and the diligence of the committee commended.

In regard to Knox Church, it was found that during the past seven years the arrears had amounted to \$980.13, of which the pastor had cancelled \$587.68. In sanctioning the arrangements made for the liquidation of the arrears the Presbytery passed the following resolution:

"They, moreover, cannot refrain from taking notice of the self-denying and disinterested liberality of Mr. Ferguson, in presenting to the congregation the large sum of \$587.68—a gift which must have entailed great privations upon him; and they earnestly press it on the attention of the congregation, as an example to them, both to devise liberal things for their minister, and to share with him the burden of the sacrifice which he has so generously made."

The circular from the Foreign Mission Committee, laid over from the November meeting, was considered. It was, after reasoning, moved:

"That, without expressing any decided opinion regarding the points submitted by the committee, earnest efforts be put forth and measures adopted by this Presbytery to foster and increase a missionary spirit, especially in regard to foreign missions."

It was moved in amendment:

"That the Presbytery recommend that Mr. G. L. Mackay be sent as missionary to a foreign field, and that China or India be selected as such field, according as the committee may in their wisdom determine."

The amendment was carried.

It was moved:

"That the Rev. W. Gregg, M. A., minister of Cooke's Church, Toronto, be nominated by this Presbytery as Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College."

It was moved in amendment:

"That the Rev. D. Inglis, minister of MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, be nominated as such Professor."

The motion was carried, and Mr. W. Gregg was nominated accordingly.

Various missionary reports were handed in.

A minute of the Presbytery of Toronto was read consenting to take charge of the Mulmur and Melancthon Mission Stations. The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary application to the Synod of Toronto.

In connection with the visit of the Rev. J. McFavish, as Deputy from the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly, the Presbytery agreed to the following resolution:

"In connection with these (missionary) meetings, the Presbytery desire to express their high sense of the arduous labors, and earnest and able addresses of the Rev. J. McFavish, the Deputy appointed by the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly. They feel constrained to speak, in the highest terms, of the admirable and effective manner in which the claims of home missions were advocated by him, and they cherish the hope that his spirit-stirring addresses have left impressions destined to bear fruit in producing both a deeper interest in and an augmented liberality to the mission cause."

Mr. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly to be held in Quebec in June.

JOHN GRAY, Presbytery Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SIMCOE met within the Barrie Presbyterian Church, on the 14th March 1871. Six Ministers and four Elders were present. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

The following deliverance was agreed to, anent the resignation by the Rev. Jas. Greenfield, of the congregation of Bowmore, &c.

That the resignation of Mr. Greenfield be accepted, and that, while doing so, the Presbytery beg to express their sense of loss in parting with their co-Presbyter, their appreciation of his earnestness in laboring for the Master within their bounds, and of his gentlemanly bearing and uniform Christian courtesousness in the Courts of the Church, their hope and prayer that the presence and blessing of the Lord may accompany and follow him, wherever his lot may be cast, and their earnest desire that, in due time, the Lord may find for him a field in which he may labor with success and comfort.

The Rev. R. Rodgers was appointed Moderator of Bowmore Session.

A letter was read from the Rev. T. Wightman informing the Court of his serious illness, and asking for the services of a student for three months to aid him in his ministerial work.

The following deliverance was unanimously come to.

That the Presbytery taken the opportunity of expressing their cordial sympathy with their esteemed and venerable father under his trying affliction, their fervent hope that he may be soon restored to complete health, and again enabled to labor with his former zeal, unction and earnestness in the Lord's vineyard, their earnest desire that the illness may be abundantly sanctified, and their deep sense of the great loss sustained by this Court, in being deprived of the venerable presence and valuable counsel of their revered co-Presbyter. Further, that the Presbytery cheerfully comply with the reasonable requests made by their respected father, and shall take order with a view to their fulfilment.

The Rev. J. Gray gave in his demission of the pastorate of Esson Church, Oro. It was ordered to lie on the table till next meeting, and that all parties concerned be duly notified.

On account of the Synod of Toronto on the 2nd May next, the meeting of Presbytery was appointed for the 25th April.

The two Recommendations, anent the Statistical and Financial year, and the mode of collecting the Statistics of the Church, remitted to Presbyteries by the General Assembly, were considered, and adopted.

The Remit respecting the increase of Missionary Revenue was sent down to Sessions to consider, and report to next meeting of Presbytery.

The Revised Act for the reception of Ministers was adopted as a whole, except section five, which was deleted.

A conference on the State of Religion within the bounds was appointed to be held from two to four o' clock p. m. at the meeting of the 25th April next.

In regard to the proposed transfer of the Muskoka Mission to the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly, the following deliverance was adopted.

That no immediate steps be taken for the transfer in question, but that the urgent claims of said Mission be pressed upon the Committee, that some suitable Minister or Probationer be, with the concurrence of this Presbytery, designated to labor for a time in the Muskoka District, and that a Member of the Committee be appointed to visit and inquire into the claims and condition of the aforesaid Mission Field.

Several matters of detail, connected with the Mission work, were committed to the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery.

JOHN GRAY, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, met in Guelph on the 14th ult. There was a large attendance of members, and a large amount of business was transacted. The report of the Deputation appointed to visit Elmira and Hawksville for the purpose of forming a congregation was received and approved, and the Clerk was instructed to notify the members there of this, and to direct them in the next step necessary to be taken to complete their organization. A call from St Andrew's Church, Berlin, to the Rev John Straith, signed by forty-five members and twenty-nine

amendments, was laid on the table and sustained as a regular Gospel call. The Presbytery agreed to forward it to Mr Straith and request his decision as soon as convenient. On a vote of 13 to 9 it was agreed to recommend the General Assembly to appoint the Rev David Inglis to the chair of Theology now vacant in Knox College, Toronto. It was agreed to recommend the General Assembly to change the Statistical Financial Year so as to run from the 1st of January till the 31st of December, instead of from the 1st of April till 31st of March. Mr. Thomas Macpherson, of Stratford, was unanimously nominated Moderator of the next Assembly. The following were appointed representatives to the Assembly at their approaching meeting in Quebec; Revs. J. K. Smith, J. A. Thompson J. Middlemiss, And. McLean, by rotation, Mr. Ball and Mr. Bowie having waived their rights in behalf of others, and Messrs Geo. Smeilie, Robert Torrance, T. McGuire and Kenneth McDonald, by election, and Messrs Geo. Bruce, sen., John McAlpin, Wm. Henderson, Jas. Cowan, Moses Douglas, G. V. Barron, Peter Dion and Thos. McCrae, Ruling Elders. The Committee appointed to examine the Constitutions which the Congregation of Knox Church, Elora, and Union Church, Galt, had submitted for the sanction of the Presbytery, reported in favor of Constitutions with certain alterations. The report was approved, and the Clerk instructed to send notice to each congregation of the amendments made. A memorial from the congregation in Arthur setting forth that there was a desire for union expressed between the church there and the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was read and considered, after which a committee was appointed to visit Arthur and inquire into all the circumstances of the case, to confer with any Committee that may be appointed by the Presbytery of Hamilton for a similar purpose, and to report at next meeting. Reports were received from ministers who had been doing missionary duties within the bounds. A petition was submitted from members and adherents of the church in South Luther and Amaranth, asking to be allowed an opportunity of hearing Probationers with a view to call one to take the stated oversight of their souls, accompanying a subscription list of \$400 from both places. Agreed that the request be granted. Several other matters of less general interest were disposed of. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Union Church, Galt, on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

R. TORRANCE, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG. - This Presbytery met at Port Hope on the 7th of March.

A letter was read from Mr. John Baikie, probationer, declining the call from Lakesfield. There was laid on the table another call from the same congregation, in reference to which the Rev. Mr. Roger explained that, having regard to the peculiar circumstances of the congregation at Lakesfield after Mr. Baikie's declination of the call became known, and having obtained the concurrence of several members of Presbytery, he had again moderated in a call at Lakesfield. The call was in favour of Mr. N. Clark, probationer, was entirely unanimous, and was found to be signed by 70 communicants and 6 adherents. Mr. Casement appeared as commissioner from the congregation, and stated that the salary would be \$550, with a house if it should be required.

It was unanimously agreed to sustain the call, and to express cordial approval of the course pursued in the matter of Mr. Roger.

Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery thereafter took into consideration the Remit of Assembly in reference to the appointment of a Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College. After lengthened discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Rev. A. A. Hodge, D.D., of Alleghany City, Pa., and the Rev. John Laing, of Cobourg, be nominated by this Presbytery as ministers, suitable and qualified for the Chair.

The Rev. W. Fraser, of Bond Head, was nominated as Moderator of the ensuing General Assembly.

In the evening the Presbytery held a Conference on the State of Religion, Mr. Laing reading a paper on the Education of the Young, and Mr. Roger delivering an address on Personal Dealing with Individuals.

W. DONALD, *Pres. Clerk.*

LONDON PRESBYTERY.—The Presbytery of London met in St. Andrew's Church there on the 14th and 15th March.

Elders' commissions were received for the year, and the following delegates appointed to attend the Assembly, to meet at Quebec in June next:—ministers, Archibald Currie, J. W. Chesnut, Neil McKinnon, Geo. Simpson and Archibald Stewart, chosen from order of roll; and John Scott, J. B. Duncan, Geo. Cuthbertson, John Rennie and John Thompson chosen by ballot; elders, Jas. Allan, J. Armstrong, W. Stevely, J. Wilson, Alex'r McMillan, D. Waters, W. Clark, T. Gordon, J. W. Robson, Hon. A. Vidal.

The consideration of Mr. Currie's resignation of Belmont and Yarmouth was entered upon, when, after discussion, it was agreed to appoint a committee to make enquiries regarding the capabilities of the two places, as also the possibility of joining Yarmouth with some other station, and to report at next meeting.

The matter of Oil Springs Church debt was settled by commissioning Mr. Roger, of Petrolia, to obtain, within the bounds or elsewhere, subscriptions for this purpose.

An appeal from the finding of the Wardsville Kirk Session, by Mr. Adam Henry, was dismissed, and the conduct of the Session sustained.

Mr. Sutherland was appointed to moderate in a call on Tuesday, 28th March, at Chalmers' Church, Dunwich. A meeting of Presbytery was also appointed same day and place, to sustain said call, if favourable.

Euphemia was disjoined from Brooke, and Brooke and Napier were united, with a view of obtaining the services of a settled minister.

The Presbytery agreed to transmit, in the usual manner, to the General Assembly, a complaint and petition of Rev. Robert Kennedy.

Mr. A. C. McDonald was appointed to moderate in a call at Port Burwell and Vienna on the 28th March, or a day more suitable to the congregation.

Mr. Proudfoot was nominated Moderator of London Synod, to meet in May next.

The discussion of important matters—Foreign Missions, Remits—was adjourned till a meeting to be held in London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on Monday, 1st May, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

The Records of Kirk Session of English Settlement, *Proof Line* and Ailsa Craig were examined and attested.

At next quarterly meeting, the Records of Williams, Sarnia and Zorra, will be called for.

Messrs. Rennie, Malcolm and Lees, ministers, and J. W. Robson, elder, were appointed a committee to examine the state of the Presbytery's finances, and report at next meeting.

GEO. CUTHBERTSON, *Clerk.*

The ordinary quarterly meeting to be held in Sarnia on the 2nd Tuesday of July next, at 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 7th March. Mr. Croll reported that he had preached to the congregations of Knox Church, Brampton, and Burns' Church, Malton, and had moderated in a call, which was given unanimously in favor of Mr. James Breckenridge, preacher of the gospel. The call was read, and was found to be signed by 105 members, and concurred in by 79 adherents. Mr. Croll's conduct was approved of, and the call was sustained.

Mr. Pringle reported that he had preached to the congregation of Streetsville and moderated in a call, which was also given unanimously in favor of Mr. Breckenridge. The call was found to be signed by 117 members, and concurred in by 73 adherents. It was also reported by Mr. Pringle, that he had brought before the congregation the advisableness of increased stipend, when it was agreed to raise the stipend promised to \$700, with the hope that they might ere long raise it to \$800, together with a manse. Mr. Pringle's conduct was approved of, and the call was sustained.

The two calls above named were then put into the hands of Mr. Breckenridge, and at a subsequent stage he declared his acceptance of the one from Streetsville. At a later stage, subjects of trial for ordination were assigned him, and the Presbytery agreed to meet at Streetsville on the 28th of the month, to hear his trials and to proceed with his ordination; Mr. Meikle to preach, Mr. Pringle to preside and deliver the charge, and Mr. Ewing to address the congregation.

Dr. Topp brought forward the motion of which he had given notice at last meeting, in reference to the vacant chair in Knox College. He was allowed to amend the motion slightly, to the effect of "declining to make any nomination in the meantime," and he moved accordingly, seconded by Dr. Jennings. After some reasoning, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Monteath, that the motion now proposed be not adopted, and that the Presbytery proceed, in terms of remit from the General Assembly, to nominate a Professor for the chair of Systematic Theology in Knox College. An equal number of votes being given for the amendment and the motion, the Moderator gave his casting vote for the amendment. And at a subsequent stage, on motion made by Mr. Dick and seconded by Mr. Pringle, it was agreed unanimously "that the Presbytery nominate Mr. Gregg as a fit and proper person to fill the chair of Systematic Theology in Knox College.

The Treasurer submitted his annual report, showing a balance in his hands of \$31.10, but showing, also, a number of defaulting congregations. The report was received and approved of, also the Treasurer was awarded thanks, and instructed to correspond with those who are in arrears.

On motion made by Mr. King, a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Gregg, (Convener), Campbell, Wallace, and the mover, to confer with such students as may be willing to act as catechists during the coming summer, and the Clerk was empowered to attest such students as said committee may be satisfied with, and transmit their names to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

Mr. Gregg introduced the case of Mr. John Gallagher, a third year's theological student of the Irish Presbyterian Church, who wishes to rank as a student in connection with our Church. Mr. G. was present and handed in certificates in his favor. These were submitted for examination to a committee who were appointed to confer with Mr. G., and in terms of report and recommendation of the committee, brought up afterwards by the Convener, Professor Caven, the Presbytery agreed to examine Mr. G. on the several subjects on which students at the close of their curriculum are examined by this Church, and if satisfied, to ask leave from the General Assembly to take Mr. G. on trial for license, the special circumstances in his case to be stated to said Court.

The Presbytery then proceeded to appoint commissioners to the next meeting of the General Assembly, when Mr. Harris, Dr. Topp, Dr. Jennings, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. McKay were appointed by rotation, and Professors Caven and Young, Mr. Reid, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. King by ballot. Also the following elders were unanimously appointed, viz.: Hon. John McMurrich, M.P.P., Messrs. James Brown, Wm. Wilson, T. W. Taylor, John McBean, Jas. Somerville, John Barclay, Alexander Duff, Wm. Clark, jr., and Hugh McKay.

Thereafter, the Presbytery took up the circular from the Foreign Mission Committee, as laid over from last meeting. The Convener of said committee was present, and was asked to make any statement on the subject of the circular which he might see fit. He accordingly made a brief statement, and after some

consideration, it was agreed, on motion made by Dr. Topp, 1. That the Presbytery give every encouragement to the F. M. Committee to enter on strictly Foreign Mission work at once. 2. That India be declared to be a proper field for such work. 3. That the Presbytery leave the responsibility of appointing a Missionary for such a field to the Foreign Mission Committee.

Examiners were then appointed for students within the bounds of Presbytery—the appointments to hold good for 12 months,—Latin, Mr. Campbell; Greek, Professor Caven; Philosophy, Professor Young; Theology, Dr. Topp; Church History Mr. Dick; Church Government, Mr. Monteath; Personal and Practical Religion, Mr. Wallace.

After very considerable deliberation, it was moved by Mr. Ewing, seconded by Mr. Alexander, and agreed, That the Convene of the Home Mission be instructed to apply for the services, in whole or in part, of a missionary to labor in the city of Toronto; also for a grant of money, if required, to meet the expenses of the mission, it being left to the Church Extension Committee to decide in what locality or localities such missionary shall labor.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 a. m. R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met at Stratford on the 7th of March for ordinary business. Out of fifteen ministers, fourteen were present, together with eight elders. A call from the congregation of Harrington, signed by 61 members and 227 adherents, addressed to the Rev. David Gordon, of Indian Lands, was sustained, and steps necessary to its furtherance taken. The congregation promises \$700 annual salary, with manse and glebe. Intimation from the Presbytery of London was read, to the effect that certain parties desired to build a church some six miles north of Thamesford, which might affect Mr. Hall's congregation. Mr. Hall stated that, having been notified by the Clerk, he had laid the matter before his Session, which had agreed to make no opposition. The Presbytery was informed that Fish Creek had paid all arrears due to its late pastor. Mr. Drummond reported, on behalf of the committee appointed to visit New Hamburg, that, after communication with the people there, no arrangement could be made by which he could preach for them and supply his own pulpits on the same day. Mr. Mitchell stated that some twenty-five families in the neighbourhood of Wartburg, in Ellice, to whom he had been preaching occasionally for more than fifteen months, had agreed to petition the Presbytery to recognize them as a Missionary Station, and had commissioned one of their number to represent them in this matter at the present meeting. Their commissioner then stated that they were willing to give \$100 a year if they could obtain service every second Sabbath. Mr. Mitchell also stated that there were a number of families in Logan, west from Wartburg about six miles, to whom he had been preaching, who might be united with it as a mission field. It was finally agreed to adopt Wartburg as a mission field in connection with Logan, and, with the consent of the Presbytery of Guelph, to which New Hamburg properly belongs, to endeavor to supply the latter place with preaching during next summer in connection with that field. The congregation of North Easthope asked the sanction of Presbytery to sell half of fifty acres of glebe in their possession, with a view to helping in the erection of a manse, and their request was granted. Sessions were instructed to forward to the Rev. Jas. Boyd, Crosshill, reports on the state of religion, before the last day of the present month. Mr. McPherson, of Stratford, was nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. Dr. Watts gave notice that at next meeting he would move that Mr. David Inglis be nominated a professor in Knox College; and Mr. Hall that he would move to nominate Mr. William Gregg to the same office. It was agreed to reply to Remit of Assembly, that its statistical and financial year should end December 31st. Other business was transacted, and the Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Stratford on the 18th April, at 11 o'clock a. m.

JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Clerk.*

Communications.

THE LATE JOHN JAMIESON BLACK.

The following notice appeared in the *Weekly Globe* of Dec. 9th, 1870 :

"In Nissouri West, at his father's residence, on the 27th November, after a lingering illness, deeply lamented, aged 24, John Jamieson Black, Student University College, Toronto."

He was characterized by singular sobriety from his boyhood. He early devoted himself in resolve to the work of the Gospel ministry, and with this in view he applied himself with diligence to the acquisition of learning. In attendance upon Sabbath School, Bible Class, and the public worship of God he was most exemplary. His parents, in the year 1861, removed for a time to Guelph, in the neighborhood of which for some years he taught school, maintaining there the same upright manner of life which had secured him the esteem of all who had known him previously. In the fall of the year 1868 he entered the Toronto University, and during two sessions gave himself without reserve to his work. Painstaking and persevering, rather than brilliant, he made great progress; and promised, ere the four years of study had elapsed, to stand in the first rank of students. On coming home in the spring of 1870 he looked somewhat unwell; it was hoped, however, that by rest and home care he would soon regain strength. Having come under some engagement to do mission work within the bounds of the Guelph Presbytery, after a few weeks' rest he left to fulfil his engagement, although his parents and most intimate friends felt that in his state of health it was not prudent for him to do so. After laboring a few weeks his health gave way. He returned to his father's home, where he continued till his death. His lungs were seriously affected. Several abscesses were formed, and discharged. Medical skill was obtained. Nothing was left untried that promised any help. In vain! He sank rapidly as the fall sank into winter, and on the morning of Sabbath, the 27th November, about 10 o'clock, he breathed his last.

During his illness the writer of the present sketch had frequent opportunities of ascertaining his views on the prospect of death. There was no ecstasy. There was, however, solid, settled peace, flowing from faith in the Redeemer. In the faith of the Gospel he lived and died. His life was singularly consistent. He adorned the doctrine of God his Saviour. He held with tenacity what he believed to be the doctrines of the Bible, but he held them without bigotry, and declared them without bitterness.

All who know the circumstances of the case sympathise deeply with the bereaved family. An only son and brother taken—so full of kindness, of faithfulness, and of humility; so much of true manliness and of unostentatious piety;—many hopes lie buried with him. May the Divine Comforter comfort these sorrowing ones.

On the same day, and in the same neighborhood, Mrs. Lamond, another member of the Church, died. She had been long afflicted with cancer, when death came to her relief. She, too, lived in the faith, and died in the faith. On the same day and at the same hour they were buried in the burying ground connected with the Nissouri North Canada Presbyterian Church. Services in connection with their removal were held in the church on the day of burial, and on the following Sabbath. May the apparent

awe which their removal has occasioned be deepened into reflection, and reflection into penitence, that so through their death life may be brought to the souls of many.

R. H.

MISSOURI WEST, December 9th, 1870.

THE LATE MR. ANGUS MCKAY, ALDBORO.

Mr. McKay was born in the year 1791, in the parish of Kildonan, Sutherlandshire. He was married in 1813, to Jane Sutherland, who shared his toils and sufferings, as few companions are called upon to do, which may be seen from the following narrative. The same year he was married, the offers held out by Lord Selkirk to emigrants, induced him and many others to sail for Red River, then called Selkirk's Settlement. Having landed at Churchill in Hudson Bay, he was taken down with a severe fever which broke out on the passage, and of which many of the emigrants and sailors died after coming into port. It was there, far from his native land, and from the means of grace he was accustomed to in his youth, with a heavy fever which threatened his life, that he first pledged his soul to God. Little did he or his friends think that God was, by these trials, leading him to himself; and many besides him were chosen from the furnace of affliction.

On account of the large number of emigrants who arrived that year, and the scarcity of provisions then at Churchill, the Hudson Bay Company ordered all the able-bodied people to go a distance of 200 miles to Fort York. This journey had to be made on snow-shoes, to the use of which they were trained for four weeks. They were sent off without their baggage and clothing, with little beside what was on their backs; the Company promising to send these things after them, which was never done. On their way Mrs. McKay was taken ill and delivered of her first-born. Were the rest of the friends to stay with them until Mrs. McKay should be strong enough to resume the journey, the provisions would be exhausted and the whole band in danger of perishing. They shared with them such as they had and could spare, and with a heavy heart left them behind. The thought of such poor creatures, unaccustomed to the wilderness, thinly clad, and exposed to the severity of such northern climate, in the dead of winter, is enough to thrill one's soul. Many were the thoughts which passed through their minds while left alone in this perilous condition. Often they feared they would not see their friends, nor even the face of man again; at times thinking that the hand of God for some reason was stretched out against them; at other times pledging themselves to be more fully the Lord's if he would deliver them from their dangerous situation. All that passed through their minds until they were again able to join their friends can be better imagined than expressed.

In the month of June or July they left Fort York in batteaux for Red River. These they had to pull up rapid streams and across portages on skids and rollers, some of them three miles long. The settlement was anything but in a prosperous condition when they arrived. They felt themselves betrayed by all the promises held out to them, and not fulfilled. During their stay at Red River they did not taste a morsel of bread, nothing but fresh catfish, of which, thanks to Providence, the river then was full; now and again they got a little pemican with it. Here again, Mrs. McKay was confined, and the only food she received during that period was catfish without salt. No doubt nature had done much for them, but it was of God's mercy that any of them survived their hardships. These brave peo-

ple that suffered so much fatigue already, saw by remaining in the settlement there was nothing before them but starvation. They therefore resolved to go to Canada. In March, 1815, they left Red River in bark canoes, and in about six weeks came to Fort William, depending mostly for their food on what they would kill on the land and in the water. From Fort William they started in batteaux following the north shores of Lakes Superior and Huron until they landed in Nottawasaga River, south of Georgian Bay. Mr. McKay staid working in the vicinity of Markham for three years. In the year 1818 or 1819 he took up land in Aldborough, in the County of Elgin, grateful to the God of his fathers, who granted a resting place to the soles of his feet at last.

This part of the country was than new, and there were no Presbyterian ministers, and no ministers of any kind near but Baptists, who had their origin from one Dougald Campbell, who lived in Aldborough. Mr. McKay and others, desparing of ever seeing ministers after his own heart, joined the Baptists. But when the Rev. Mr. Ross was settled here, he withdrew from the Baptists and joined the Presbyterians again, and was soon ordained an Elder. In course of time one of his daughters married Mr. Ross. At the disruption in Canada, he espoused the cause of the Free Church. He with diligence and fidelity decharged the duties of his office for the space of forty years.

Although he never was a robust man, nor so strongly built as some, yet he was a man of great energy and perseverance, and soon made for himself a comfortable home, and obtained the means of aiding God's cause, which lay near his heart. In those early days there were not many places for the accommodation of ministers; his house was always open, and though he boarded the missionaries for several summers, no one heard a word about it.

While he was tender and charitable towards those who differed from him, he was strongly attached to his own Church, always inclined to love them who loved the Saviour. His religion did not consist in mere profession, but he was diligent and conscientious in his attendance at church, though he had to go six miles, over steep hills. He gave liberally and cheerfully to the church and every good cause. Nor were his bounties selfish, but extended beyond the pale of his own church and denomination. It was his delight to see churches built and the cause of Christ prospering in the world and all around him.

After wasting much with a long illness, in which he suffered but little pain, only weakness, he was, on the 17th of January, gathered to his fathers as a sheaf fully ripe, in the 80th year of his age—greatly honoured and respected generally by those who knew him.

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Notices of Publications.

THE HERESIES OF THE PLYMOUTH BRETHERN.—London: Houston & Son. 1870.

Such is the title of a book of 300 pages, 16 mo., written by J. C. L. Carson, M.D., son of the late eminent Dr. Carson, the great controversialist and strenuous defender of orthodoxy. The son is like the father, orthodox and fearless, outspoken, unsparing and defiant in his criticisms and denunciations. Less asperity might have done more to reclaim, but earnest and

strong invective may be useful in preventing others from being taken in the snares of error. Certainly this volume is a trenchant, remorseless exposure of errors and reprehensible conduct, which, by their very sanctimoniousness, have a tendency to deceive the unwary. The writer is avowedly of the opinion that things ought to be called by their right names, and that in doing so he is acting as Christ and the apostles did. For ourselves we should have endeavored to avoid the use of epithets which must irritate and cannot edify. The volume we heartily commend to such as may wish to know what is objectionable in the teachings of Plymouthism, and to see an unanswerable exposure of the indefinite, contradictory, inconsistent, and oftentimes unintelligible statements in which errors are imbedded, and the errors themselves held up to reprobation. The subjects discussed are—the Humanity of Christ, vindicated from the modern phases of Valentinian and other heresies; the Righteousness of Christ, and its imputation, vindicated from errors and defects of the teachings of Mr. Darby and others; the Pastoral Office, as scriptural, and the unscriptural tracts of Plymouthism on this point; the Presidency of the Holy Spirit, as claimed by the Brethren, with an exposure of the error; the Obligation of the Moral Law, and the denial thereof by the Brethren as a rule of life; variations of Plymouthism, showing the wide disagreement among those who in common oppose the Churches; the Morality of Plymouthism, as shown in equivocation and falsehood by some of its chief advocates; and a chapter severally on the recantation of Mr. Mackintosh, a christian spirit in controversy, and Mr. Darby's replies. There are also in the volume eight letters on the revival in Ireland, in which Dr. Carson tries to establish that, besides the gracious work of God's Spirit in the soul, God made use, in an extraordinary manner, of a natural *physical agency*, by virtue of which the prostrations were effected, and the attention of men was forcibly directed to the gracious visitation of God.

We shall doubtless see more of Plymouthism; it is active among us; and while we rejoice that good has been done by the preaching of some who belong to that sect, it is only right that both ministers and people should be alive to the errors, both in doctrine and practice, which have shown themselves among the Brethren. For this purpose the volume before us is invaluable.

SERMONS BY THE LATE J. MARK Y. STARK, A.M., FORMERLY MINISTER OF KNOX'S CHURCH, DUNDAS. WITH MEMOIR BY THE REV. WILLIAM REID, A.M. Toronto: James Campbell & Son. 1871.

This book of over 250 pages contains eighteen sermons and an ordination address delivered by the late Rev. Mr. Stark, of Dundas. These discourses are characterized, as we believe, were all Mr. Stark's *pulpit exercises*, by great carefulness, and, in many cases, even great elegance of diction. The matter of them is not inferior to the manner, being what one might expect to find in the preaching of so ripe and intelligent a Christian, and so earnest a minister, as all who were competent to judge of Mr. Stark confessed to have found him. Not the least attractive part of the work is the exceedingly interesting memoir of Mr. Stark by the Rev. W. Reid, whose personal acquaintance with the subject of the memoir admirably fits him for the office of biographer. A frontispiece, giving a photograph portrait of Mr. Stark, accompanies the volume, which the publishers have evidently spared no pains to make a perfect model of what may be done in the book-binding art in Canada.

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		Manilla.....	20 00
KNOX COLLEGE.			
Markham, Brown's Corners.....	\$4 11		
Blyth.....	22 35		
Belgrave.....	18 00		
Scarboro.....	120 00		
St. Mary's.....	79 31		
" S. S.....	21 51		
" Infant Class.....	14 00		
Wyoming.....	12 52		
Hibbert.....	10 00		
Beverley.....	10 00		
Bay St., Toronto.....	30 00		
Garafraxa.....	5 00		
Granton.....	10 00		
Mrs. P., Martintown.....	5 00		
Lakeshore.....	4 81		
Chinguacousy.....	9 60		
Picton.....	45 00		
Fingal.....	20 00		
Westminster.....	6 50		
{ Vaughan.....	21 00		
{ Albion.....	14 00		
Waterdown.....	30 00		
{ Newton.....	35 00		
{ Newcastle.....	15 00		
Knox Ch., Elmira (Am. Cy.)...	19 60		
McKillop, 2nd.....	13 00		
{ Ancaster.....	7 00		
{ Barton.....	7 00		
Ingersoll, Erskine Ch.....	16 00		
Boston Church.....	21 50		
N Easthope.....	40 00		
W. H., Nissouri.....	1 00		
Richmond & Thornhill.....	24 00		
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Alma.....	22 00		
{ Wallace.....	4 00		
{ Rothsay, Calvin Ch.....	5 00		
Ashburn.....	15 00		
Coldsprings.....	15 00		
{ W. Gwillimbury 2nd.....	13 30		
{ Bradford.....	10 00		
St. Helen's.....	20 50		
Beaverton.....	19 60		
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Thornbury.....	2 27		
Madoc, St. Columba Adl.....	3 00		
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{ Wingham.....	11 00		
{ Bluevale.....	11 00		
Cambray.....	2 00		
Columbia & Brecklin.....	24 00		
{ Prince Albert.....	5 25		
{ Port Perry.....	2 00		
		Moore, Bear Creek (not as in last, SS).....	28 00
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		Scarboro.....	40 00
		{ W. Gwillimbury 1st, Adl.....	2 91
		{ Waddington (less dis).....	42 00
		St. Mary's.....	40 00
		Avon Ch. Downie.....	7 10
		Montreal, Petite Cote S. S., for Mr. N.....	11 00
		Wyoming.....	4 17
		Hibbert.....	10 00
		Dumbarton, &c.....	23 18
		Bay Street, Toronto.....	10 00
		" " " S. S.....	10 00
		Garafraxa.....	5 00
		Granton.....	7 00
		Mrs. P., Martintown.....	5 00
		Montreal, Knox's.....	63 00
		Ottawa, Bank St.....	60 00
		Chinguacousy 1st.....	8 00
		Fingal.....	17 00
		McKillop 1st.....	26 50
		{ Vaughan.....	10 00
		{ Albion.....	7 00
		{ Newton.....	22 00
		{ Newcastle.....	14 00
		Ingersoll, Erskine Ch.....	10 00
		Boston Church.....	14 50
		Bayfield.....	12 00
		W. H., Nissouri.....	1 00
		Laskey.....	7 72
		Dumbarton S.S.....	17 50
		Kilbride.....	10 00
		Richmond and Thornhill.....	19 00
		Carlingford.....	4 00
		Culloden.....	2 00
		Galt, Union Ch. S.S.....	17 50
		Alma.....	14 00
		A. D. Ferrier, Mr. N.....	10 00
		G. D. Ferguson, for Mr. N.....	10 00
		{ Wallace.....	8 00
		{ Rothsay, Calvin Ch.....	7 00
		Coldsprings.....	7 50
		Bradford.....	5 00
		St. Helen's.....	11 25
		Burn's Ch., E. Zorra.....	3 00
		Cambray.....	3 00
		St. Andrew's.....	10 00
		Culross.....	5 50
		Mrs. W. Campbell, Roslin.....	2 00
		W. Quebec, for Saskatchewan.....	50 00
		Manilla.....	16 00

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{ Belgrave	13 36
Lisadel	2 00
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East Tilbury	24 08
Dover	10 12
Scarboro'	120 00
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Waddington (less dis.).....	30 10
St. Mary's	160 00
Keene	30 50
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Hibbert	15 00
Durham Road	3 60
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Oil Springs	6 75
Angus	30 25
Guelph, Chalmers' S. S	11 50
Bay St., Toronto	35 00
" " S. S.....	34 50
Garafaxa	5 00
Granton	16 00
Lyn	15 00
Montreal, Knox's	100 00
Ottawa, Bank St.....	70 00
Chinguacousy 1st	12 00
Pictou	64 10
Fingal	20 00
Detroit	35 87
Ayr, Knox's.....	17 10
N. Brant	5 00
W " 	4 00
{ Vaughan (less dis.)	37 30
{ Albion	22 28
{ Newton	35 00
{ Newcastle	15 00
St. Helen's	20 50
Langside	2 67
Beaverton	41 95
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{ Meaford	12 85
{ Thornbury	60
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" St. Peters (adl.)	2 65
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St. Sylvester	4 00
Percy	19 00
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{ Bluevale	10 00
Cambray	3 00
Palestine	6 40
Bexley	2 00
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Chatham, Wellington St.....	40 00
Ingersoll, Erskine Ch.,.....	17 00
Mono C	20 00
Boston Church.....	23 25
W. H., Nissouri	1 00
Nicolston	12 00
King	21 42
Kilbride	15 00
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Alma	22 00
Carlingford.....	7 00
N. Gower & Gloucester.....	40 00
Culloden (adl).....	2 00
{ Carlisle.....	9 10
{ Ailsa Craig.....	5 00
{ Nairn	3 00
{ Wallace	6 00
{ Rothsay, Calvin Ch.,.....	6 00
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{ Bradford	15 00
Manilla.....	20 00

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{ Belgrave	8 12
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Avon Ch., Downie.....	7 05
Williamston	5 50
Wyoming.....	4 17
Hibbert	5 00
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Ottawa, Bank St.....	30 00
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{ Albion	5 00
Newton	4 00
Jas. Dickson's Miss. box.....	2 00
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Union & Norval	7 00
Norval, from two members, for building.....	11 00
Carlingford	2 55
Galt, Union Ch., S. S.....	8 75
N. Gower, Gloucester	14 00
Alma	6 00
{ Wallace.....	4 00
{ Rothsay, Calvin Ch.....	4 00

Coldsprings.....	\$10 00
St. Helens.....	13 30
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St. Andrew's.....	3 00
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Ottawa, Bank St.....	30 00
Pictou.....	9 35
{ Newton.....	12 00
{ Newcastle.....	5 00
Ingersoll, Erskine Ch.....	10 00
Alma.....	7 00
Coldsprings.....	6 75
Bradford.....	5 75
Rothsay, Calvin Ch., A. & I. Ministers.....	3 00
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{ Griersville.....	1 54
Prince Albert.....	4 02
Culross.....	6 25
Toronto, Cooke's Ch.....	80 00

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{ Belgrave.....	7 05
Waddington, less dis.....	17 85
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Wyoming.....	4 17
Hibbert.....	15 00
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Garafraxa.....	5 00
Pictou.....	12 24
Newton.....	6 00
{ Vaughan.....	5 00
{ Albion.....	5 00
Ingersoll, Erskine Ch.....	14 00
King.....	10 70
Laskey.....	7 72
Union & Norval.....	11 50
Carlingford.....	2 53
Galt, Union Ch. S. S.....	8 75
N. Gower & Gloucester.....	8 00
Alma.....	12 00
A. D. Ferrier.....	10 00
{ Brucefield S. S., for.....	4 00
{ Point aux Trembles.....	4 00
{ Wallace.....	4 00
{ Rothsay, Calvin Ch.....	4 00
Coldsprings.....	8 25
St. Helen's, \$6.44 } \$9.56, not \$6.56 as	
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Manilla.....	2 50

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Garafraxa.....	4 00
Ottawa, Bank St.....	10 00
{ Newton.....	4 00
{ Newcastle.....	3 00
Ingersoll, Erskine Ch.....	5 00
Alma.....	4 00
Wallace.....	2 00
Coldsprings.....	5 00
Rothsay, Calvin Ch.....	2 00
Burns' Church, E. Zorra.....	2 47
{ Thornbury.....	1 70
{ Griersville.....	2 37
St. Andrew's.....	6 00
Culross.....	4 39

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{ Belgrave.....	7 74
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Beverly.....	9 00
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