

University Scholarship Competition of the United Presbyterian Church, but his health unfortunately giving way, his studies at King's College were interrupted. Resuming later on he entered the Theological Hall, of which the late Dr. John Cairns was then principal. Here his health again suffered, and on medical advice he emigrated to Australia in 1882, and continued his studies at Ormond College, Melbourne. Having been sent to supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Footscray, a suburb of Melbourne, he produced so favourable an impression that the congregation desired the charge to remain vacant until the completion of Mr. Gibb's studies should leave him free to accept it. Accordingly he was ordained in Footscray in 1883. In 1884 Mr. Gibb paid a visit to New Zealand, and preached by invitation at First Church, the pulpit of which was then vacant. The charge was filled by the appointment of the Rev. W. Gualter, from Scotland, who was obtained through the commission which had previously been set up to fill the vacancy. A few months later, however, the Rev. Mr. Gualter died, and a call was at once sent to Mr. Gibb. This was duly accepted, and he was inducted in January, 1886, at the age of twenty-eight years. Since his induction he has administered in a fearless and progressive manner, and has on several occasions come with credit through the ordeal of being suspected of heresy on account of some of his public utterances. That his congregation has entire faith in him is evident from the fact that it is now united, and carries out boldly any course that is thought to be necessary to the well-being of the church. Mr. Gibb's services in the Presbytery and the Synod have been invaluable. On many committees, and above all on the Union Committee, he has laboured assiduously, and rendered most important aid, and his election to the position of Moderator of the Union Assembly was the natural result of his endeavours in the cause of union. In conjunction with the Rev. W. Saunders Mr. Gibb was also instrumental in organising the Social

Reform Movement in Dunedin. The influential and well-organised Council of the Churches, in Dunedin, owes its existence chiefly to him, and he was elected its first President. There is not a Presbyterian in the colony who will say that the United Assembly did not, choose the best Presbyterian and the best man as its first Moderator.

THE Rev. J. Kennedy Elliott, of the Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church, Wellington, was **REV. J KENNEDY ELLIOTT, B.A.** the Moderator of the Northern Assembly before the consummation of the Union, and in that capacity represented the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand at the Union meeting in Dunedin.



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REV. J. K. ELLIOTT, B.A.,

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Moderator of late Northern Presbyterian Assembly.

Mr. Elliott is as popular as his genial face would indicate. He was born at Belfast, Ireland, and is a graduate of the Royal