

somby. Dr. Gordon, of Halifax, was nominated Moderator of the Assembly. A report on Church Life and Work was read by Mr. Harrison. Mr. Bell forwarded a report on Christian Endeavor Societies, and Mr. Wilson on Sabbath schools. All these reports showed progress and were encouraging. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Barrie was read to the effect that the people of Everett Station wished to be transferred to this Presbytery. Messrs. Neilly, convener, and Orr, ministers, and Thos. Ferguson and R. Allon, elders, were appointed a committee to visit the congregations of Rosomont and Mansfield and consult them anent union with Everett. The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held at Orangville on May 5th, at 10.30 a.m.—H. Crozier, Clerk.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

The Presbytery of Sarnia met on the 10th inst. Mr. Nichol, moderator, in the chair. Mr. Eadio, of Point Edward, was appointed moderator for the next six months, and in his absence Mr. Nichol continued to occupy the chair. Dr. Torrance and Rev. Mr. Smith, of Guelph, and Mr. Hale, an ordained minister without charge, being present, were asked to correspond with the court and took their seats accordingly. Mr. Currie, convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, read the half-yearly report from Oct. 1st, 1895, to 30th March, inst., giving a statement of the work done and the sums due for claims for the past six months; also the proposed arrangements for the next six months, with applications for aid in carrying out the same. The report with recommendations, was adopted and the moderator authorized to sign the necessary schedules. Rev. Mr. McDiarmid laid on the table his resignation of the charge of Napier and Brooke, assigning as his reason therefor advanced years and the difficulty of working the field. It appeared that the congregations agreed in Mr. McDiarmid's action and were represented by commissioners who were heard, tabling resolutions expressive of the concurrence of the congregations in Mr. McDiarmid's action. After consideration, it was agreed on motion of Mr. Cuthbertson to express regret at the necessity of the action of Mr. McDiarmid, record their esteem for him as a co-Presbyter and accept the resignation, the same to take effect. Mr. Graham, of Watford, was to declare the charge vacant on the last Sabbath of March and to act as interim moderator of session thereafter. Mr. Jordan, minister, and Mr. Barrie, elder, were appointed as representatives of the Presbytery on the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at half-past one. At two o'clock the Presbytery again met. On motion of Mr. Pritchard, Prof. Gordon, of Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. The Presbytery then proceeded to take up consideration of the call from Knox church, Guelph, to Rev. Neil McPherson, B.D., of Petrolia, within the bounds of this Presbytery. Mr. McPherson intimating his inability to come to a conclusion in the matter and asking the Presbytery to decide. Parties were removed. On motion of Dr. Thompson it was agreed to refuse to grant the translation and to express deep sympathy with the congregation of Knox church in their disappointment. Parties were recalled and the decision announced in which all acquiesced. Dr. Torrance craved extracts which were granted. Mr. Fowler, of Winnipeg, was by direction of Presbytery continued in the supply of Inwood and stations for the summer. Mr. Hale completed the course prescribed by the General Assembly, the Presbytery received him as a minister of this Church. The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in Sarnia on the second Tuesday in July next, at 11 a.m. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at 7 p.m. At 7 p.m. the Presbytery again met and was constituted. Mr. Pritchard, on behalf of the committee on Church Life and Work, read a report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly. Mr. McPherson read the report of the committee on Young Peoples' Societies with certain recommendations. The report was received. Mr. Daly, on behalf of the Sabbath School Committee, gave in an excellent report which was received and adopted. The Presbytery then proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Assembly. Messrs. McPherson and Pritchard were appointed scrutineers. Robert Aylward, John Graham and S. G. Livingstone were elected in order of the roll and Dr. Thompson and Mr. Pritchard by ballot. Elders, J. R. Goddes, Alexander

Smith, Angus McPherson, W. Crochard, J. B. Barrie, by ballot. The Presbytery was closed with the benediction.—GEO. CUTHBERTSON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Chatham.

CHATHAM Presbytery met in St. Andrew's church, Chatham, on Tuesday, February 25th, at 10 a.m. Dr. Jamieson was elected moderator for ensuing six months. Reports from committees appointed to visit mission stations were received. Dr. McChoyne Edgar, of Belfast, was nominated for the chair of Old Testament Literature in Knox College. Messrs. Gemmil and McKerral were re-appointed auditors of the treasurer's books. The annual report of the Presbyterial branch of the W.F.M.S. was read and received, and Mr. Patterson was asked to convey the thanks of Presbytery to the branch. Dr. Battersby, on behalf of the ladies of the W.F.M.S., then in session in First church, Chatham, invited the members of Presbytery to dinner from 5 to 7 o'clock p.m. The invitation was accepted. Committees on the session records of First church, Chatham, Tilbury East and Leaning-ton reported, and the records were ordered to be attested as carefully and correctly kept. Mr. Hunter was authorized to moderate in a call at Duart. Duart was allowed to find its own pulpit supply for three months. Messrs. D. Currie, McLintock, Larkin, Tolmie, Battersby and Mustard, ministers, and Messrs. Gardiner, Stewart, J. McDonald, Selkirk, Bartlet and the elder from Comber were elected commissioners to the General Assembly. Dr. Battersby and Mr. Gardiner were appointed members of Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Dr. Battersby presented the annual report of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, and it was agreed to ask grants of \$3 per Sabbath for the stations of Colchester and Bent Path. It was also agreed to organize a new mission station at Morpeth, Troy and Scotland. Rev. R. P. McKay, D.D., being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Assembly's remit on the proposed reduction of the proportion of commissioners from Presbyteries was considered, in the opinion of this Presbytery, no change from the present proportion is desirable. It was agreed that the next regular meeting of Presbytery be held in First church, Chatham. Closed with the benediction.—W. M. FLEMING, Clerk.

Presbytery of Stratford.

At Stratford, and within Knox church there, Tuesday, March 10, 1896, the Presbytery of Stratford met and was constituted by the moderator, Mr. W. W. Crow. There was a good attendance both of ministers and elders. Mr. A. G. McLachlin was chosen moderator for the current term and took the chair. The committee on Church Life and Work was augmented by the addition of Mr. Grant in quality as convener of committee on Systematic Beneficence. A petition from Crosshill for the removal from office of a certain elder "for his conduct and bad influence generally," which had been laid before the last meeting, was now taken up for consideration. Parties had been cited and were present. Thorough examination was made. Particulars in support of the action of the petitioners were proved by evidence. The sentence of the court "suspends him from the office of eldership in said congregation, until he expresses and manifests true penitence in the matter." The following were chosen as commissioners to the General Assembly, viz.: Messrs. Henderson, Hamilton (D.D.), McKibbin, Cooper and Leitch, ministers, and Messrs. Struthers, Dowd, Grey, Bradley and the representative to be chosen by the session of Granton and Lucan, elders. Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Bradley, elder, were appointed to the Committee of Bills and Overtures of the approaching meeting of Synod. The following resolution was passed, moved by Dr. Hamilton seconded by Mr. Henderson: "That we, as a Presbytery, having learned through reliable sources that the people of Armenia having long been, and still are, cruelly oppressed by their Mohammedan rulers, desire to put on record an expression of our sympathy with that people compelled to suffer so severely for the Christian faith they hold; and we unite with the Christian people of many lands in the cry raised to the rulers of Christian nations to arise in their might and demand that this Mohammedan oppression and murder cease; and we call on them, should the request not be immediately com-

plied with, to enforce it with arms." A telegram from the Presbytery of Bruce acquainted the court with the fact of a call being sustained from the congregation of Port Elgin to Mr. A. H. Drum, and asked the usual procedure to be instituted. An adjourned meeting was appointed to be held that day two weeks (24th), at 10.30 forenoon, within Knox church, Stratford. There and then the congregations of Avonton and Carlingford are to appear for their interests. Other items of business were left over to the adjourned meeting.—W. M. McKIBBIN, Clerk.

General Assembly's Home Mission Report.

DR. COCHRAN calls attention to the following circular sent to all the Presbyteries: BRANTFORD, ONT., March 30th, 1896.

MY DEAR SIR,—Will you send me, not later than April 20th, the following particulars to assist me in preparing the Assembly's Report.

1. A statement of the progress of Home Mission Work in your Presbytery during the past year.
2. The amount expended by congregations within your bounds during the year, for mission work and mission buildings—(such as are not included in the regular contributions to the Home Mission Fund).
3. Also, whether your Presbytery, and what number of congregations in it, have organized Young People's Missionary Associations as recommended by Assembly? What contributions have been made from this source to Home Missions, and whether a Presbyterial Union of the Young People's Societies, has been formed?

If these reports are kept separate, and written only on one side of the page will greatly facilitate classification.

As the convener has to leave Canada early, to attend the Presbyterian Council in Glasgow, the report must be completed, and in the printer's hands by the 1st of May. Your prompt attention will very greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,
WM. COCHRANE.

Correspondence.

Editor PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW:

SIR,—By request, in reply to enquiry, the St. Andrew's, Kingston, Auxiliary W.F.M.S., states that the resolution re salaries of married missionaries passed by it in May, 1895, printed in the Letter Leaflet of February, 1896, means simply that the additional \$400 paid to the missionary, if married, shall be met by the W.F.M.S. There is no thought whatever that this payment shall be regarded as a salary to the wife, or that it implies more responsibility for the active missionary work to the W.F.M.S. than is due from the wives of missionaries to the colleges, or individual congregations which contribute the salary paid to a married man.

Our missionaries' wives could probably not work harder than they are now doing, and the extra \$100 has to be paid by the Church in any case. The St. Andrew's church, Kingston, Auxiliary deems that it may be well and wisely made a charge upon the funds of the W.F.M.S., and is glad to be supported in this view by many of the ministers of the Church, and the missionaries whom it has been possible to consult, but by no means wishes the resolution to be adopted if it be not in the Church's interest.

E. MOWAN.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary Kingston, February 29, 1896.

A MUSICAL AND LITERARY EVENING.—The Scottish-Canadian poet, John Imrie, gave a very interesting lecture in College street Presbyterian church, on the 24th ult., on "The Humor, Pathos and Poetry of the Home Circle," to a large and appreciative audience. He was ably assisted in the musical numbers by Miss Mary Waldrum and Miss Warnock, two of the sweetest singers in Toronto musical circles. Mr. G. W. Grant sang several Scotch songs of his own musical composition, and Mr. Robert Waldrum read one of Mr. Imrie's poems, "Yer Mither," with much feeling. The large audience gave unbounded applause to all the numbers on the programme. The proceeds of the evening amounted to a handsome sum for the Ladies Aid schemes of the church.