

Perhaps the most striking thing about the Service of Praise in the Presbyterian church, Cobourg, on Wednesday evening, July 5th, was the fact that every number on the programme was faithfully carried out. The choir numbered about thirty-five singers, and the floral decorations surrounding them were superb. The leading figure among the soloists was Miss Hansman, of Port Hope, who took the audience by storm with her beautiful rendition of "The Holy City." Mr. F. H. Lauder, in his usual fine voice, sang, "I lay my sins on Jesus" with excellent expression. Altogether, Mr. Warner deserves the greatest meed of praise for his indefatigable exertions in presenting such a musical treat to the people of Cobourg.

Messrs. Crossley and Hunter are making quite a stir in Watford, where they have been holding exercises for a week. Last Sunday was a busy day with the evangelists. Mr. Hunter preached in the morning to a crowded congregation in the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Crossley at the same hour to a full house in the Methodist. At 4 p.m., a mass meeting for men only was held in the drill shed, when the subject of personal purity was dealt with by both evangelists. In the evening Trinity Episcopal church was filled to the doors, when the rector, Rev. J. Downie, was assisted by Evangelist Hunter, who preached an admirable sermon. Afterwards a large union meeting was held in the drill shed. Great surprise was manifested at the unusual occurrence of a Methodist evangelist preaching in an Anglican church.

The new church at Darling, named St. Peter's, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. S. Smith, late of Centerville, was opened for public worship on Sabbath last, 2nd July. There were immense crowds present, and fully one-third could not gain admission to the building. The preacher on the occasion was the Rev. Mr. MacGillivray, of Kingston, and his sermons were able and instructive. The church, which is of brick, and neat in its architecture, was opened entirely free from debt, through the enterprise and executive ability of the pastor. The church cost \$2,000. The plate collections for the day amounted to \$70. Since assuming the pastorate of the united charge of Middleville and Darling, six months ago, Mr. Smith has been most assiduous in the discharge of his duties, and to-day there is no more flourishing congregation in the Presbytery of Lanark. The Sabbath schools, Bible classes, Christian Endeavors, and all other organizations in connection with the church, are unprecedented in success. We are sure that Mr. Smith's hosts of friends in these parts, will be glad to learn that he is succeeding so well, and that he is so deservedly popular.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Picton met in United Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There was a large attendance of members. The induction of the Rev. J. D. McFarlane, into the congregation of East River and Glenora, was appointed to take place on Tuesday, the 18th inst. In the evening the Presbytery met for the induction of Rev. Anderson Rogers, B. A., into the pastoral charge of United Church. Rev. A. W. McLeod, Ph. D., presided. Rev. Alex. Campbell preached. Thereafter the Moderator put the usual questions, and after prayer inducted Mr. Rogers in the United Church. Mr. Rogers was then welcomed by the large congregation as they retired from the church.

The Presbytery of Stratford met in Stratford on the 11th inst. Rev. John Kay, of Milverton, was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Wm. R. Ross, of Burns Church, Iowa, was introduced by Rev. Mr. Ferguson, and upon examination, it was agreed to receive him as a student, with a view to the ministry under the care of the Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Grant reported upon the contributions to the schemes of the Church, and showed that North Easthorne headed the list. Standing committees for the year were appointed. Commissioners to the Assembly reported their diligence. Mr. Pyke was appointed to prepare a paper for next meeting of Presbytery.—A. F. Tully, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island met at Dundas, on Tuesday, 27th ult., for the induction of Rev. John G. G. into the charge of that congregation. Rev. J. G. Cameron presided at the induction service. The settlement is a happy one and Dundas is to be congratulated on securing the services of such a pastor. A request was made by the congregation of Murray Harbour North, that Rev. A. King be appointed to that congregation for three months. The Pres-

bytery granted the request subject to the approval of the Home Mission Board. On learning that the Rev. J. Sutherland, of Caledonia, was laid aside by a painful accident, the Presbytery expressed sympathy with Mr. Sutherland, and agreed to give his congregation some supply.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston took place on Tuesday at Madoc, and within St. Peter's church there. On arriving, the members were met and welcomed by the ladies of the congregation, who had provided a splendid supper for their entertainment. After an hour spent in social intercourse, the Presbytery was constituted by the Moderator, Rev. David Wisheart, of Madoc. In the evening, the Presbytery held a conference on "Religious Life in the Church," introduced the Rev. J. Mackie, M.A., Kingston; "Religious Life in the Family," introduced by Rev. M. W. Maclean, M.A., Belleville; "Religious Life among the Young," by Rev. Henry Gracey, Gananoque. Each address was followed by a discussion of the subject. The conference was well attended by the congregation, who manifested great interest in the treatment of the important subjects under consideration. The Presbytery met again on Wednesday morning for transaction of business, which was chiefly routine. The Rev. J. Burton, formerly minister of John street church, Belleville, was present, and asked to sit and correspond. Although this was the first, the members hoped it would not be the last Presbytery meeting at Madoc.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Knox church, June 27th. Mr. Creaser in the chair. Dr. J. B. Fraser acted as Clerk pro tem. Mr. McAlpine was chosen Moderator for the current year. Commissioners to the Assembly reported. Standing committees were appointed. Committees were appointed to visit mission fields. Students and catechists were instructed to appear at the September meeting and read discourses from subjects prescribed. Mr. Little was appointed to look after the interests of our people at Townsend's Lake. Dr. Waits reported that he had visited Warton re resignation of Mr. Yeomans. The resignation of Mr. Yeomans was accepted, Mr. Rodgers to declare the pulpit vacant July 2nd, Mr. McLean to act as Moderator, pro tem., and congregation to receive supply half the time through the Session and half through Presbytery. Presbytery expressed regret at the resignation and resolved to record its high estimate of the work and worth of Mr. Yeomans. The following arrangements were made for Dr. Paton of the New Hebrides Mission: Sabbath, July 23rd, Annan, 11 a.m.; Women's Meeting, 2.45 p.m.; Division street church, Owen Sound; Mass Meeting, 4 p.m.; Knox, Owen Sound; and at 7 p.m. in Division street. July 24, Keady, 2 p.m.; Chatsworth in the evening. Dr. Paton to be requested to give an afternoon and evening to Thornbury and Meaford. Dr. Fraser was appointed to moderate in a call to a minister in Keady.—J. B. Fraser, Clerk pro tem.

The Presbytery of Paris held its regular quarterly meeting Tuesday, in Knox Church, Embro. There was a full attendance of members. The Rev. R. G. Sinclair, of Mount Pleasant, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing twelve months, and in his absence, the Rev. J. S. Hardie, of Ayr, presided as Moderator pro tem.

Among the more important matters coming before the Court, may be mentioned the resignation of Rev. D. M. Beattie, of the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's, E. Oxford, and St. Andrew's, Blenheim. Messrs. Armstrong, Weir, and Edmiston appeared as commissioners from the congregation, expressing a very strong desire that Mr. Beattie be retained as their pastor, if the condition of his health would admit of such decision being adopted. They also expressed willingness on the part of the congregation that he should have six months' further leave of absence, if necessary.

Mr. Beattie having returned from South Carolina, was present, and addressed the Court. In the interests of the congregation, and in view of the state of his health, he desired that his resignation be accepted, which was accordingly done, and on motion of Dr. Cochrane, a minute was adopted expressing the high esteem in which Mr. Beattie is held by the Presbytery, their great regret in parting with him, and earnest hope that his health may be fully restored, and that he may be, in due time, guided to another and suitable field of labour as a minister of the Gospel.

Commissioners to the General Assembly reported on discharge of duty, and spoke in appreciative terms of the meet-

ing of Assembly at Brantford. In this connection, a committee was appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the Presbytery's sorrow at the death of the late Mr. James Bell, one of the commissioners their high sense of his Christian worth, and sympathy with his bereaved widow and family. The discussion of the overture by Mr. Hutt, to make total abstinence a term of communion, was deferred until next meeting.—W. T. McMullen, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Toronto met on July 4th. Forty-two ministers, and a fair proportion of elders were present. The Rev. James A. Grant, Moderator, presided. Extracts from the records of the General Assembly were read, setting forth that Messrs. C. P. Brown and J. G. Reid, had been granted the standing of entrants in the first year of theology; and, also, that permission had been given to the Presbytery to receive as ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, M. A. I. McFadyen of the Congregational Church in Canada, and M. J. McIvor, a licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church, in Scotland. Mr. Andrew Macnab, a licentiate of the free Church in Scotland presented a Colonial Commission from that Church and other papers, and on motion of Principal Caven, seconded by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, was duly received. Mr. Aston, whose case was remitted by the Assembly to be issued by the Presbytery after the usual circular letters had been sent out, now presented his papers, and these having been found satisfactory, it was agreed to receive him as a minister of the Church, provided that no protest is made after the issuing of circular letters. Messrs. Wm. Wilson and J. MacBeth appeared, asking to be recommended as catechists, and Mr. Henderson, who had been engaged doing work as an evangelist, asked to be recommended for work under the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In the report of a committee, it was agreed to grant the request of Mr. Wilson, and permission was given to the committee to issue of the cases of Messrs Henderson and MacBeth. Mr. David Findlay, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Montreal, made application to have his name placed upon the roll as a minister without charge, and to be recommended for work to the Assembly's Committee on the Distribution of Probationers. The Rev. Principal Caven moved a strong resolution against the proposed vote for, and the running of street cars in Toronto on the Sabbath. This was seconded by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and unanimously agreed to.—R. C. Tibb, Pres. Clerk.

The Presbytery of Sarnia held its usual quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, July 4th; Rev. Mr. McKee, Moderator, in the chair.

Rev. Mr. McKee was appointed Interim Moderator of Oil Springs and Oil City, and Rev. Mr. Graham appointed to a like position at Inwood and Stations.

Rev. Mr. McLennan was granted leave to have a Call moderated in at Point Edward, if necessary, before the next ordinary meeting, and like leave was granted to Rev. Mr. Graham, in reference to Alveston.

The report on Temperance was discussed, when, after consideration, it was agreed, on motion of Rev. Mr. Jordan: That this meeting desires to express its gratitude to God for the steady growth of Temperance sentiment, and exhorts the congregations within the bounds, to use their Christian influence in favour of movements likely to lessen the use of intoxicants.

Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson intimated that he had moderated in a Call at Petrolia, on the 29th of June, and entered into detail.

Messrs. Ingram and Gibson, representatives from the session and congregation, were heard in the matter.

Taking all things into consideration, the Presbytery approved of the Moderator's conduct, but declined to sustain the Call.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting at Watford, on the Monday evening previous to the Presbytery meeting in Strathroy. Addresses to be delivered by Revs. Messrs. McKee, Cuthbertson, and T. W. Nisbit, on the State of Religion, and Sabbath Schools.

Mr. Ross appeared as a representative from East Williams congregation, and approached the Presbytery with a view of being brought into connection with Sarnia Presbytery.

After discussion, it was agreed to appoint a committee to meet with London Presbytery, if they should deem it expedient, and issue the matter. Said committee to consist of Revs. Dr. Thompson, Cuthbertson, and Currie.

Students within the bounds were instructed to get subjects from Rev. Dr. Thompson, convener of Committee on Examination of Students. These exercises to be given in the September meeting.

The Presbytery closed with the benediction.—G. Cuthbertson, Clerk.

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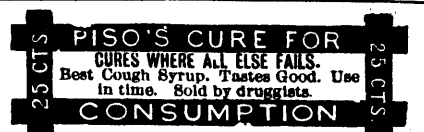
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The Presbytery of Peterborough met on the 4th of July. Twenty ministers and seven elders were present.

A motion to change the mode of appointing delegates to the Assembly was lost, and the past practice of appointing all delegates by rotation thereby confirmed. On the ground of failing health the Rev. Wm. MacWilliam, L.L.B., tendered the resignation of his charge of the Mill street church, Port Hope, the resignation to be considered at next meeting, where all parties interested are to be cited to appear.

Mr. Ewing tendered the resignation of the Lakevale branch of his charge because of inability to continue the work, in his declining years, of preaching to three congregations every Lord's day. The resignation was laid on the table and, in the meantime, Messrs. Kay, Smith and McEwen, ministers, and Mr. Tulley, elder, were appointed a committee to visit the whole field in connection with the resignation and report at next meeting.

The following minute was adopted in relation to the death of Rev. Alex. Bell: "It is with deep regret that this Presbytery enters on its minutes a record of the death of the Rev. Alex. Bell, lately minister of St. Andrew's church, in the town of Peterborough. Mr. Bell was for almost 14 years a member of this Presbytery and was much beloved by his brethren as a man of singularly warm heart, ardent temperament and generous disposition. They rejoice to bear testimony to his Christian character, his scholarly attainments and his faithfulness and power as a preacher of the Gospel. He was ever faithful in attendance on the meetings of the Church courts, and this Presbytery was much aided in the transaction of its business by his clear intellect, his active zeal and willing co-operation."

In the last years of his life, God was pleased to try his servant in various ways with sore affliction, but through grace given him, Mr. Bell was enabled to endure trial with a brave and Christian spirit. The Presbytery rejoice in the assurance that their brother has now gone to be with the Master in a world where there is no more pain, and where "beyond these voices, there is peace."

They beg, though at this late hour, to express their earnest and continued sympathy with Mrs. Bell and her family in the loss of one so tenderly beloved, and are glad to know that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, has upheld them under the trials they have had to bear.

The Rev. Wm. Burns addressed the Presbytery on the claims of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. In compliance with suggestions made, a large committee was appointed, of which J. R. Gilchrist, is Convener, to canvass the Presbytery in aid of the Fund.—Wm. Bennett, Presbytery Clerk.