

having been received of Mr. McCullough's intention to accept it, the following arrangement was made for his induction. The Presbytery to meet at Blinvale on Tuesday, 15th May, at one o'clock p.m., Mr. McLeod to preside, Mr. Campbell to preach, addresses to be delivered to the minister inducted and the congregation by Messrs. W. Callaway and J. A. Ross, B.A. The Presbytery agreed to ask a conference with the Orangeville Presbytery during the meeting of Synod of Toronto and Kingston respecting Everett mission station.—ROBERT MOODIE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Victoria.

THIS Presbytery held a *pro re nata* meeting in St. Andrew's church, Victoria, on the 23rd April. Mr. D. MacRae, moderator of the session of St. Andrew's church, Victoria, reported having moderated in a call in that church on the 11th April which issued unanimously in favour of the Rev. W. L. Clay, Moosejaw, N.W.T., with a guarantee for stipend of \$2,500. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted, with relative papers, to the Presbytery of Regina. The clerk was appointed a commissioner in behalf of the Presbytery to appear before the Presbytery of Regina in prosecution of the call, the board of management of the congregation cordially agreeing to pay the necessary expenses of this long journey.

Presbytery of Halifax.

HALIFAX Presbytery met in Chalmers' hall, Halifax. Rev. J. F. Duxton reported upon the call to Rev. J. P. Falconer from the congregation of Bedford and Waverley. Messrs. Robert Emmerson and F. W. Christie appeared on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Falconer having announced his intention to accept the call, the induction services were appointed for Thursday, 10th of May, at 3 o'clock p.m., in the Bedford church. The report of Rev. E. J. Rattee was read in the matter of the call of the congregation of Hampton and Rotsay, N.B., in the Presbytery of St. John, to Rev. Donald Fraser, of Kennetcook. Rev. Thomas Stewart represented the St. John Presbytery, of which he was formerly a member, and presented the claims of the N. B. congregation, which has been without a minister of its own for some two years. Messrs. Joseph McLearn, Nelson Weir and John McCulloch appeared as representatives of the congregation of Kennetcook and Gore. They spoke of the short time Mr. Fraser had been with them, and of the universal satisfaction of the people with his services, and of their willingness to do all in their power to retain him in their pastorate. Mr. Weir claimed that Hampton had no argument made in its favor which they could not match with one why Mr. Fraser should stay in Kennetcook. Short pastorates, he claimed, were a mistake. It takes time for a minister to have the acquaintance with the people and work of the parish. Kennetcook had its drawbacks, but there were drawbacks everywhere. Their people endeavored to do all they could for the temporal advantage of their ministers. Rev. T. C. Jack thought it a pity that the present happy relations of the Kennetcook congregation should be interfered with. He had hoped that Mr. Fraser would have been unmolested by calls from elsewhere for many a year. He would be glad for many reasons to have his neighbour decide to remain with his loyal and worthy East Hants congregation. The call being placed in Mr. Fraser's hands, he stated his acceptance of it. He stated that he did so not because of any dissatisfaction with his work among the people of the Kennetcook congregation, but in the interests of another, whose interests, health, etc., he could not but make his own. He thus felt compelled to prefer the pastorate of Hampton to that of Kennetcook. The clerk in moving for the transference of Rev. Mr. Fraser to the Presbytery of St. John, said that he did so with great reluctance, but he felt that in the face of Mr. Fraser's statement there was nothing else that could be done. He testified to the readiness of the Kennetcook people "unto every good work," according to their ability from personal knowledge. He was sorry to see them so soon again left pastorless. Rev. T. C. Jack was

appointed to declare the pastorate vacant on the first Sabbath of June. Among the Presbytery appointments made for the next half year were: George Ross to Montague, etc.; A. H. Campbell to Mount Uniacke.

Presbytery of Ottawa.

THE Ottawa Presbytery at its last meeting confirmed the call extended by the congregation of Knox church to Rev. J. A. Ballantyne. Moderator Finley presided. Rev. W. T. Herridge read the report of the meeting at Knox church. Rev. Dr. Moore said he heard that the call might be opposed. Rev. Dr. Armstrong thought all they had to consider was whether it was a proper call. They had no opposition before them and he moved that the call be made. Rev. Dr. Moore said that a gentleman had called on him and said that he had a protest signed by a number of the congregation, but the gentleman in question could not be present until three o'clock. Personally he thought it was all right to make the call and thought Rev. Mr. Ballantyne would be a great addition to the Presbytery. There was, however, a feeling in the church, and no loop-hole should be left for the minority to feel dissatisfied. Rev. W. T. Herridge submitted that as moderator of the Knox church session he had a right to receive any protest that might be forthcoming but he had received none. The only thing against the call was that it was not signed by the entire congregation. It would be a most unfortunate thing if the case was held over as some of the minority had signed the call and others intended doing so. Shortly after this it was discovered that the time mentioned was past, whereupon the motion of Rev. Dr. Armstrong was carried. The call was signed by 220 members and 42 adherents. The statistical report gives Knox church 386 members. The question of Sabbath observance then came up, and several ministers drew attention to breaches of the law. The committee reported later on that they favoured parliamentary candidates and members of parliament being interviewed to get them interested in the matter of needed legislation. The various summer fields of labour were filled. A letter was read from His Excellency Lord Aberdeen, thanking the Presbytery for their sympathy in the late bereavement of Her Excellency.

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