

was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly, and Rev. Jas. Fleck, of Montreal, as moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. Rev. D. Tait submitted a report of great interest on French work within the bounds, and grants to the fields were considered. A call from the congregation of Scotatown, in favour of Alex. Mackay, D.D., was sustained, and provisional arrangements made for induction. The call from Hampden in favour of Rev. A. E. McQueen, and lying on the table since last meeting, was sustained. A call from the congregation of Lingwick, in favour of A. K. MacLennan, B.D., was submitted, considered and sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Glengarry. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Sherbrooke on the 14th May.—J. R. MacLEOD, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Lindsay.

THIS Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in Lindsay on the 12th inst., Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.D., moderator. The following ministers were invited to sit as corresponding members: Revs. K. W. Savers, of the Presbytery of London, and A. King, of Prince Edward Island. The usual home mission business was transacted, such as the passing of claims for the past six months, applications for grants for the ensuing year, and recommendations for appointments of missionaries. Mr. J. D. Smith was continued catechist at Sebright and Uphill, and Rev. S. McDonald as ordained missionary at Minden and Haliburton. Rev. J. S. Stewart resigned charge of Cobocok and Kinmount. Sunderland reduced its application for supplement to \$175, being a reduction of \$25 from previous years. The call from St. Andrew's church, London, to Rev. R. Johnston, of Lindsay, was dealt with. Rev. E. W. Savers appeared as commissioner from the Presbytery of London, and the following parties from the congregation calling, Messrs. C. McCallum, G. A. McGillivray, Dr. McArthur, Jas. Mills, Jas. Cowan, D. McDonald and J. Ferguson. Messrs. J. R. McNeillie, D. J. McIntyre and J. McSweeney strongly opposed the translation. Mr. Johnston accepted the call. Rev. D. D. McDonald was appointed *interim* moderator of the vacant session of St. Andrew's, Lindsay. Members of Presbytery expressed their profound sorrow at parting with Mr. Johnston, and passed on record a resolution recording their high appreciation of his Christian character, ability and zeal as a minister of the Gospel. Reports of standing committees were received. Rev. James Robertson, D.D., superintendent of missions for Manitoba and the North-West, was nominated as the Moderator of the next General Assembly. Rev. D. C. Johnson, lately of Beaverton, was recommended to be placed on the list of annuitants of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.—P. A. MacLEOD, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Glengarry.

THIS Presbytery met at Cornwall on the 15th inst., a large number of members being present. The claims of the augmented charges having been considered, grants were recommended as follows: East Lancaster, \$2.50 per Sabbath; Apple Hill, etc., \$250 per annum; Summerstown, \$250; Arvonmore, \$100. Assembly remits were considered and approved, save that in re a year's probation, with respect to which the following resolution passed: That the General Assembly enact that all students graduating from colleges other than our own, and ministers without charge coming from other Churches, be required to give at least one year's service in the mission field before being eligible for a call. Excellent reports were given in by Messrs. Mitchell and A. K. MacLennan on Sabbath Schools and Statistics respectively. Prof. D. M. Gordon was nominated for the Moderatorship of the next Assembly. Rev. J. Cormack was nominated for the Moderatorship of the Synod. The following ministers were appointed commissioners to the Assembly: N. Mackay, J. Cormack, N. T. C. Mackay, R. MacLeod, J. S. Burnet and J. W. MacLeod. The congregation of Lanesburg was granted leave to build a new church at Newington in the near future. Rev. J. Fraser Campbell delivered an excellent address on the work in Central In-

dia. He showed clearly the need of redoubled energy on the part of the Church in order to make the Gospel felt there. He made a strong appeal to this Presbytery for practical help. There was also read a letter from Rev. W. J. Jamieson bearing on the same matter. The following resolution passed *unanimously*, whereas a very urgent appeal has been made to this Presbytery by Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, supplemented by a communication from Rev. W. J. Jamieson, to pledge the support of a married missionary in Central India, and whereas the needs of Central India are exceedingly great at the present crisis, be it resolved that Presbytery instruct each ministerial member to make an appeal from his pulpit, and by personal canvas among his congregation in behalf of this matter, and report to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence at the adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held in Alexandria on the 18th inst. what amount his congregation will pledge. A call from Lingwick in the Presbytery of Quebec in favour of Rev. A. K. MacLennan was submitted. Mr. MacLennan having expressed his mind declining to accept the same, the usual formalities were dispensed with. Mr. Russell, licentiate, having withdrawn his appeal, the following sentence passed: Inasmuch as the charge against Mr. Russell, licentiate, of disobeying an injunction of this Presbytery, dated 12th December, 1893, has been found proven, and inasmuch as he has distinctly refused to submit to such injunction hereafter, that his license be and is hereby suspended until such time as he is prepared to submit himself to its admonitions while laboring within its bounds. Next regular meeting was appointed to take place at Alexandria on the 2nd Tuesday of July next at 11 a.m.—M. MacLENNAN, Clerk.

#### The Hymnal Committee.

THIS committee held a series of meetings in Toronto last week. Those in attendance were:—Revs. Dr. Gregg (convenor), Dr. McLaren, Prof. Scrimger, Dr. D. J. Macdonnell, Dr. Somerville, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Fraser, Dr. McCrac, R. S. G. Anderson, W. P. Anderson, Alex. McMillan, Alex. Henderson, Alex. MacGillivray, J. G. Stuart, C. Heine, J. Thomson, Messrs. W. B. McMurrich, Q.C., J. H. Thom, Toronto; R. Murray, Halifax; R. A. Becket, Montreal; and James Gibson, Ottawa.

Many suggestions had been received from Presbyteries and a careful consideration of these resulted in some twenty hymns being left out and about thirty being added to the draft book. The collection as completed will be found at once select and comprehensive, and will doubtless be cordially welcomed by the whole Church.

The sub-Committee on Tunes, which has held various sessions since the meeting of the General Assembly, has selected most suitable music for the hymns added, and more popular tunes have been substituted for those now set to many of the hymns retained from the present Hymnal.

It was decided to recommend to Assembly to approve of and authorize selections from the Psalms in metre, and to urge upon the congregations of the Church to make larger use of the Psalter in the services of praise.

Committees were appointed to prepare indexes of first lines, subjects, scriptural texts, tunes, etc., with a view to have a book fully up to the highest standard. A large number of details in connection with the completion of the book were arranged for. The Committee on Tunes will continue in session to select music for psalms and hymns to be added.

After the tunes have been selected for the psalms and hymns added, and comprehensive indexes prepared, the book will be printed for submission to the Assembly with a view to its adoption and publication.

#### Peterboro W.F.M.S.

THE annual meeting of the Peterborough Presbyterial W.F.M.S. was held at Port Hope. It was successful in every respect, the programme being interesting and the attendance large and appreciative. The election of officers

resulted as follows:—Mrs. N. F. McNachtau, Cobourg, president; Mrs. Craick, Port Hope, first vice-president; Mrs. J. K. Smith, Port Hope, second vice-president; Mrs. Sutherland, Warkworth, third vice-president; Miss M. Dickson, Peterborough, fourth vice-president; Mrs. W. M. Graham, Lakefield, corresponding secretary; Miss Craick, Port Hope, recording secretary; Miss A. Nicholls, Port Hope, literature secretary; Mrs. J. F. Clark, Port Hope, treasurer.

#### Lanark and Renfrew W.F.M.S.

THE twelfth annual meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial W.F.M.S. took place at Renfrew. A social meeting was held on Monday evening, at which the delegates and members of Presbytery were entertained. The first business meeting was held on Tuesday morning. After devotional exercises an address was given by the president, Mrs. J. B. Stewart, of Perth. This was followed by one minute reports from the delegates, and routine business. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Perth, president; Mrs. Farrell, Smiths Falls; Mrs. S. M. Hunter, Pembroke; Mrs. Neilson, Arnprior; Mrs. Mitchell, Almonte, vice-presidents; Miss Sinclair, Carleton Place, corresponding secretary; Miss Francis, Pakenham, recording secretary; Miss Findlay, Carleton Place, treasurer; Miss Bell, Pembroke, secretary of mission bands; Mrs. Dr. Campbell, Renfrew, delegate to General Society. The total amount raised during the year was \$3,629, of which the Renfrew society contributed the largest amount, \$301, Almonte coming next with \$227. The meeting as a whole was one of the best yet held, the reports received being very encouraging, and the addresses given inspiring.

#### Brockville Presbyterial.

A SERIES of very successful meetings were held in connection with the Brockville Presbyterial W.F.M.S., there being large attendances from various parts within the Presbytery bounds. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Geo. Blair, Iion, president; Mrs. John Dowale, president; Mrs. Macallister, first vice; Mrs. Armstrong, second vice; Mrs. J. M. Gill, third vice; Mrs. C. J. Cameron, fourth vice; Mrs. Greenhill, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Dr. Gow, recording secretary; Mrs. G. Starr, treasurer; Mrs. Smellie, Mrs. MacLaren, auditors; Mrs. Dowale, Mrs. M. C. Gibson, Mrs. Colquhoun and Mrs. Linsen, nominating committee; Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Moore and Miss Toye were named a committee on resolutions. The treasurer reported an increase in the funds over last year, there being \$1,535.00 on hand, \$1,500.00 of which was voted to the general treasury. Mrs. G. Starr was elected a delegate to the parent society, which meets in Toronto in April, Mrs. Greenhill being named as an alternate delegate. The president's address (Mrs. Dowale's) was a concise record of the formation of the society and the good work it has accomplished. She paid a tribute of loving and grateful remembrance to the late Rev. George Blair, who, during his life time, took the deepest interest in all that related to the Presbyterial. His last public act was pronouncing the benediction at the Presbyterial meeting a year ago. A few weeks afterwards he was called from his earthly labors to his heavenly rest. She referred in feeling terms to members they had been called to part with during the past ten years. She closed by urging the members, in all love and tenderness, in view of the present "crisis in missions," to be more than ever loyal to the cause they have espoused. Mrs. J. Fraser Campbell spoke about the secluded and non-secluded women, explaining the difference between caste and class. In a terse and comprehensive way she described Rutlam, and the condition of women in the zenanas, also the methods of zenana visiting. Testaments and tracts in Urdu and Hindi, and a small musical instrument are taken. Passages are read by Indian women or the visitor in turn, and hymns are sung. She described the interior of native houses and their furniture, those of the Hindi, the