

## Presbytery of Peterborough.

This Presbytery met at Port Hope, on the 27th of March. The Committee appointed to visit Perrytown, Oakhill, and Knoxville, reported that the Committee had met with those congregations and had visited a considerable number of families; that they found the state of matters in the congregations very satisfactory; that in the case of each congregation an increase was promised, that would enable them to go considerably beyond the minimum rate of contribution per communicant and per family required by the General Assembly; and that the grant from the Home Mission Committee might safely and fairly be reduced from \$150 to \$50 per annum. The report was adopted, and the Presbytery agreed to ask the Home Mission Committee for \$50 per annum for the pastoral charge. The Committee appointed to visit Fenelon Falls and Somerville reported that they had learned that those congregations had made a successful effort to come up to the required standard without being visited, and that therefore they did not deem it necessary to visit those places. The report was adopted, and it was agreed to request the Home Mission Committee to continue the grant to Fenelon Falls as heretofore. Permission was granted to the congregation of Minden to mortgage the manse and part of the lot on which it is built, for \$450. The Rev. John Paterson and Messrs. Alex. Fraser and James Craik, who had been appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly, having intimated that they could not undertake to attend the approaching meeting of that body, the Rev. James Ballantine, and Messrs. George Gillespie and William E. Johnston, elders, were elected in room of those brethren. The Presbytery proceeded to consider the remit of Assembly in reference to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund. It was agreed to express approval of all the provisions contained in the draft as sent down with the exception of section No. 7, in place of which the Presbytery would desire the following to be substituted:—"That one child, both parents being dead, shall receive \$150; two, \$200; three, \$240; and four, \$270." Mr. Torrance was appointed to moderate in a call in St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, on Monday, April 9th, at seven p.m. It was agreed that a meeting of Presbytery be held in the same place and on the same day at 8.30 p.m. An overture of a Synodical Committee to aid in carrying on evangelistic work within the bounds, was adopted unanimously, and ordered to be transmitted. A report was received from a committee appointed to visit Minden. The report showed that if prompt action in the way of securing pecuniary assistance be not taken, the mission will have to be abandoned. It was shown that if the people are helped out of present difficulties, there is the prospect of prosperous and influential congregations being established within the bounds of the mission at no distant period. It was resolved unanimously that every congregation under the care of the Presbytery be urged to take up as soon as possible a collection in aid of the Minden Mission, and to remit the sum thus raised to the Rev. James Cameron, M.A., Millbrook. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Millbrook, on the second Tuesday of July, at eleven a.m. WILLIAM DONALD, Pres. Clerk.

## Presbytery of Saugeen.

This Presbytery held a special meeting at Mount Forest on the 22nd Feb. to dispose of the call from Kirkfield and Victoriaville, to Mr. D. D. McLennan. The Rev. John McNabb, Beaverton, appeared as commissioner from the Presbytery of Lindsay, and was heard in support of the call. Mr. McLennan having signified his acceptance thereof, the Presbytery agreed to the translation. A committee was appointed to draft a minute expressive of the mind of the Presbytery toward Mr. McLennan. WM. PARK, Pres. Clerk.

This Presbytery held their ordinary quarterly meeting at Durham on the 20th and 21st of March. Mr. MacMillan who was appointed to support the call from Arthur congregation to the Rev. D. Stewart, Enniskillen and Cartwright, before the Presbytery of Whitby, having reported that Mr. Stewart had accepted the call, and that the Presbytery had agreed to the translation, and having presented an extract minute to that effect, Mr. Stewart's induction to his charge was appointed to take place on the 24th April, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Barker to preach and preside, Mr. MacMillan to address the minister, and Mr. Matheson to the people. It was also agreed that the meeting of Presbytery on the occasion be an adjourned one, and that the hour of meeting be 10 o'clock. The committee appointed to hold a united meeting of St. Andrew's congregation, Pricerville, and Pricerville and Durham Road congregation, with the view of bringing about a union between them, having reported that such meeting had been held, but that the contemplated union had failed of accomplishment, the Presbytery expressed their regret thereat, and their hope that the union of those two congregations might yet be effected. On the report of the committee appointed to visit the 10th concession, Glenelg, and enquire whether a station might be opened there, it was agreed that such station be opened, and that it receive services at least fortnightly in connection with Rocky Saugeen. A call unanimously signed from Clufford and Balaklava congregation to Mr. A. M. Hamilton, probationer, with promise of stipend of \$800 and manse was presented and sustained. Mr. Greig's resignation of the charge of the Head Station, Normanby congregation, was taken up. Mr. Gunn as convener of the Committee appointed to visit Normanby congregation; and Aylton and East Normanby Station having reported recommending that in the event of Mr. Greig's resignation being accepted Aylton and East Normanby be united with the Head Station, parties were heard, after which it was agreed that the resignation lie on the table till the adjourned meeting at Arthur; that parties be cited then and there to appear, and that meanwhile the Middle Station and Orchardville, the remaining part of Mr. Greig's charge, accor-

into what stipend they are able to pay, and be prepared to furnish the Presbytery with information on the subject at said meeting. Mr. MacMillan having stated that a petition had been presented at last meeting by the Trustees of Knox Church, Mount Forest, praying the Presbytery to request Mr. John Martin, formerly trustee, but not now a member of the congregation, to hand over the deed of the plot of ground on which the church is built, the prayer of which petition the Presbytery had granted, but had omitted to instruct Mr. Martin in terms of petition; Mr. Martin was instructed in terms thereof to hand over to the Presbytery all papers and documents, title-deeds, or registered copies of the same in his possession, at his earliest convenience. Mr. Martin, who was present, being called, promised to do so. There was taken up a petition from certain members of the St. Andrew's Congregation, Mount Forest, recently members of Knox Church Congregation in same place, setting forth that they have an equitable claim to a share of the property of Knox Church Congregation, as having liberally contributed to the building of the Church, and to other objects, and praying the Presbytery to appoint a Committee to examine said claim, or take such other action in the matter as they may see cause. Mr. Martin, one of the petitioners having been heard in support of the petition, it was moved by Mr. Greig and seconded by Mr. Duff, that the petition be received, but that the matter in question having formed part of the Mount Forest case, and been fully considered and decided upon, the Presbytery do not feel called upon to take up the matter. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Martin for himself and other petitioners protested and appealed to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and craved extracts. Messrs. Morrison and Greig, and the Clerk, were appointed to support the decision of the Presbytery before the Synod. Messrs. Barker and Matheson were appointed a committee to answer the reasons to be given in by the appellants. Mr. MacMillan as convener of the committee appointed to draft a minute expressive of the Presbytery's regard for Mr. D. D. McLennan on his translation to Kirkfield and Victoriaville gave in the following, which was adopted:—"The Presbytery in expressing their regard for the Rev. Mr. McLennan acknowledge with gratitude their appreciation of himself and his ministry. He came into his late field when it was new and difficult. He continued diligently at his work in the face of many hindrances, and under his ministry the congregation grew and prospered. As a member of the Presbytery Mr. McLennan was ready, fearless and obliging, and seldom or never absent from any of its meetings; and in leaving the bounds, Mr. McLennan carries with him the best wishes of his brethren for himself, his family, and his future labours in the cause of Christ. The Presbytery were largely occupied with Home Mission business. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Arthur on April 24th, at 10 o'clock, when commissioners to the Assembly will be appointed, and other important business transacted. WM. PARK, Pres. Clerk.

## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

At 177 Little Richmond Street, on the 30th ult., the wife of Mr. M. A. McLean, of a daughter.

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In Galt, on Saturday morning, the 17th ult., Anna, relict of the late Morris C. Lutz, aged 61 yrs. On Saturday, the 31st of March, at 144 Mutual Street, in this city, Margaret Moffat, relict of the late Archibald Reid, of Hornell, Northumberland, England, and mother of John Young Reid, of this city, in the 87th year of her age. On Sabbath, the 1st of April, at the residence of her father, Islay, Scotland, Catharine, eldest daughter of Mr. Hugh Fletcher, and sister of the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, of Hamilton.

## Official Announcements.

## MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

KINGSTON.—In John Street Church, Belleville, on the second Tuesday of April, at 7.30 p.m. LINDSAY.—At Woodville, on the last Tuesday of May. TORONTO.—At Toronto, on April 17th, at 11 a.m. PETERBORO.—At Port Hope, in the First Presbyterian Church, on the last Tuesday of March, at 1.30 p.m. OTTAWA.—Next Presbytery meeting in Knox Church, Ottawa, on Monday, 7th May, at 3 o'clock p.m. QUEBEC.—At Three Rivers, on the first Wednesday of July, at ten o'clock a.m.

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