

Presbytery of Peterborough.

THE regular quarterly session of the Peterborough Presbytery was held in St. Paul's church, Peterborough. A report was received from Rev. John Hay, as to steps taken to secure the amount allocated to the Presbytery for augmentation purposes. A report was received from the committee on Young People's societies, submitted by Rev. Mr. Lord, of Grafton. The committee was authorized to take steps to form a Presbyterial society. It was agreed to hold a convention of Young People's Societies in Port Hope on the afternoon and evening preceding the next meeting of the Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Graham, of St. John's, Newfoundland, being present, was invited to a seat with the Presbytery. The nomination of two professors for chairs in Knox College, was deferred until next meeting. A committee was appointed on church work, Rev. Mr. Hay being convener. The further consideration of the matter affecting Rev. Mr. McKnight was given into the hands of a committee composed of Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Dr. Torrance, Rev. Mr. MacWilliams, Robt. Tully and G. Stewart to report upon. The records of the session of Bobcaygeon were examined and ordered to be attested as carefully kept. Steps were taken to aid the Harvey congregation in the payment of the debt contracted by the erection of their new church. It was decided that the call from Springville to Rev. Mr. Logie be set aside owing to that gentleman having a call elsewhere. The congregation was therefore granted leave to moderate in another call when the people are prepared. Bobcaygeon was also granted leave to moderate a call when prepared, and to find its own pulpit supplies for six weeks. An arrangement was decided upon for the visitation of augmented congregations. The following exchange of pulpits will take place this term.—Rev. Dr. Torrance will visit Springville and Bethany, Rev. A. MacWilliams, Janetville, Ballyduff and Pontypool; Rev. J. F. Somerville, Havelock; Rev. Mr. Reeves, Warsaw; Rev. Mr. Jamieson, Bobcaygeon. The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held at Port Hope on the third Tuesday of March, 1896, at 9.30 a.m.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

THIS Presbytery held a *pro re nata* meeting in the Presbyterian church, Wyoming, on the 26th of November. Rev. Mr. Nichol, moderator, in the chair. The Presbytery took consideration of a call from Mitchell congregation, within the bounds of Stratford Presbytery, to the Rev. W. A. Bradley, of Alvinston, in this Presbytery. The call was read, and relative papers. Parties were called for in the case, compared, Dr. Hamilton for the Presbytery of Stratford, Messrs. Stewart and Gourlay for the congregation of Mitchell, Messrs. McDiarmid, McIntyre and Geo. Patterson for the session and congregation of Alvinston and Mr. Bradley for himself. These were heard in the order named, Mr. Bradley intimating his acceptance of the call. Parties were removed. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. McPherson, the Presbytery agreed to grant the translation in terms of Mr. Bradley's decision, and expressed sympathy with Alvinston and Euphemie in the loss of their respected minister, the translation to take effect on the 9th of December, and appointed Mr. Graham of Watford to preach and declare the pulpit vacant at Alvinston and Euphemie on the 15th prox., and act as interim moderator of session thereafter. Parties were recalled and acquiesced in the decision. The Presbytery took up consideration of call from Adelaide and Arkona to Mr. Hannabson, a probationer of this church. Mr. Cuthbertson on behalf of Mr. Currie intimated that the call was unanimous, promising \$700 stipend and manse, Adelaide to pay \$450 and Arkona \$250 in semi-annual payments. Messrs. Weir and McLeish were heard. It was agreed, on motion of Dr. Thompson, to approve of the moderator's conduct in the matter, and to sustain the call as a regular Gospel call, and to instruct the clerk to forward the call to Mr. Hannabson for his consideration. In the event of acceptance, the Clerk was instructed to prescribe ordination trials for Mr. Hannabson, to be delivered at the ordinary meeting

in December. Meeting was closed with the benediction.—Geo. CUTHBERTSON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Victoria.

THE usual December meeting was held in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Mr. W. L. Clay reported having moderated in a call to a minister in St. Paul's church, Victoria, recently raised to the status of an augmented charge on the 25th Nov., which came out unanimously in favor of Mr. D. MacRae, ordained missionary in charge since the congregation was started as a mission six years ago. The call was sustained and accepted, and the induction appointed to take place on the evening of the 16th inst. The moderator, Mr. W. L. Clay, to preside, Mr. J. C. Forster to preach, Mr. D. A. MacRae to address the minister, and Mr. A. B. Winchester to address the congregation. The following are the conveners of the Standing Committees for the current year: Home Missions, Mr. D. A. MacRae, Nanaimo; Foreign Missions, Dr. J. Campbell, Victoria; Church Work and Life, Mr. W. L. Clay, Victoria; Church Property, Mr. Thornton Fell, Victoria; Sabbath Schools, Dr. J. Campbell, Victoria; Examination of Students, Mr. Alex. Young, Nanaimo; Augmentation of Stipends, Mr. D. A. MacRae, Nanaimo; Young People's Societies, Mr. R. B. McMicking, Victoria; Statistics and Finance, Mr. D. MacRae, Victoria. Mr. D. A. MacRae, the convener of the Home Mission Committee, reported that all the congregations and mission fields under the care of the Presbytery were fully supplied. Mr. Winchester gave an interesting report of the Chinese Mission—also the Indian Mission at Alberni, which he recently visited. A deputation was appointed to visit Central church, Victoria, and report to the adjourned meeting on the 16th inst. A committee to consider and report to next ordinary meeting on remits from the General Assembly was appointed. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the First church, Victoria, on the first Tuesday in March, at 2 p.m.—D. MACRAE, Clerk.

To the Friends and Supporters of the Pointe-Aux Trembles Mission Schools.

THE following circular-letter will doubtless be of interest to many of our readers:—

On the fifteenth of October, we have resumed our work as usual, with gratitude to God for His constant blessings, and with a firm hope that a new and abundant harvest will be gathered in our field during this season.

Our old schools, neatly re-pointed and with an elegant fence in front, look almost as well as new, and were an agreeable surprise to all the former pupils on their return.

We have received during the summer two hundred and fifty-five applications for admission. One hundred and seventy-five have been granted. One hundred and twenty-five have already come and more are expected.

Among those who are with us, sixty-one are children of Roman Catholic parents. The most careful attention was given this year to the selection of our pupils, being convinced through a long experience that it is more advantageous to give preference to quality than to numbers.

We have also constantly kept in view two other points of equal importance, i.e. the necessity of promoting among the parents of our pupils a spirit of liberality towards the defraying of their children's expenses during the time they are with us, and also to protect our scholars from a dangerous overcrowding which is apt to result in cases of sickness for some of them. Never before has it been so necessary to guard against sickness, on account of the impurity of our water, which has been almost stagnant in front of our buildings, owing to the unprecedented lowness of the river St. Lawrence.

We have to be thankful for the class of boys and girls who have gathered around us this year. They are intelligent, active, well-behaved, and full of the desire to profit by the great advantages they enjoy. They appreciate fully the great privilege extended to them through the liberality of the friends of the schools, and we feel confident that if you could witness their earnest efforts in improving their manners, studying their lessons, showing their good-will and their

thankfulness, you would be more and more convinced of the good work you are doing through this humble agency.

Seven of the boys who belong to our highest class, study with a view to the ministry of the Church, and a larger number of girls desire to become missionary teachers. Already all these young people are working for the Master among the younger scholars.

Miss Vessot, who has been during eight years at the head of the Girls' School, sent in her resignation last spring. Her many duties, which she always performed under a deep sense of her great responsibility, gradually impaired her strength, and she felt it was absolutely necessary to leave for a time and take a rest. Her whole heart is in the work, and her pupils will never forget her good counsels, her instructive lessons, and her motherly care and affection.

The Board have been most fortunate in securing the services of Miss Lena Haddow, of Dalhousie, N.E., in Miss Vessot's place. Miss Haddow speaks French fluently and is in every respect well qualified for the situation.

While every year additional steps are taken to raise the standard of education in our schools, the moral and religious development of our pupils is always kept paramount.

It is certainly the legitimate and natural ambition of all good teachers to prepare their scholars for useful, honorable and distinguished positions, but we feel that in our mission schools our first object must be to bring our young people to a clear knowledge of salvation through faith in Jesus, to instil in them the principles of the Gospel, and to prepare them to become witnesses for the truth among their countrymen.

Our schools could probably count as large a proportion of professional men among their former pupils as any other school, but we are convinced that those who have become teachers, colporteurs, ministers, or simple farmers, have exercised a far greater and more beneficial influence than the great majority of those have reached to liberal professions.

It is rather premature to encourage very many of our young men to devote themselves to higher professions even if their means and capacities guaranteed their success in their studies. What would be their prospect of success in active life? Among English-speaking people very little, still less among our French-Protestants, who are comparatively few in number, and none whatever among the Roman Catholics, unless they submit to the most humiliating, if not dishonorable conditions.

Is it not missionaries that we need for the present time in every corner of the Province of Quebec, men and women of strong convictions, full of the spirit of God, and always ready to give a clear account of their faith and of their hope when they are among the poor slaves of superstition and ignorance?

With a deep sense of the greatness of the work entrusted to us and of our insufficiency for its proper discharge, we cast ourselves upon the Lord who watches over Israel, and who prepares all His people for the work to which He calls them.

Never forgetting the immense debt of gratitude we owe to the supporters of our pupils, we thank you most heartily for the liberality, interest and sympathy you have so readily and so generously extended to us in the past, and we trust that in the future our mission schools will always remain dear to your hearts and have a place in your prayers.

J. J. BOURGOIN, Principal.

Pointe-aux-Trembles, Nov. 19th, 1895.

All contributions should be addressed to Rev. Dr. R. H. Warden, Box 1159 Post Office, Montreal.

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