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LONDON PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met in First Church London, on 14th Sept., at 11 a.m., Rev. Mr. Courtenay Moderator, Mr. Ross Clerk pro tem.

The attendance of ministers and elders was good. After the Presbytery was constituted, the Moderator intimated that his term of office had expired, and that his successor must be now appointed. Mr. J. G. Stuart of Knox Church, London South was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Mr. Stuart took the chair, and thanked the Presbytery for the honor conferred on him. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator for his efficient service, during his term of office, and was gracefully acknowledged by Mr. Courtenay.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, duly seconded the clerk was instructed to furnish a list of the Moderators of Presbytery for the last ten years. The Session Records of Wardville, Newbury, Belmont, First Church, London, North Westminster, Thamesford and Dorchester were presented for examination, and reported afterwards as carefully and correctly kept. On motion of Mr. J. Currie, the following grants for augmented charges for the last six months were confirmed: Aslmer and Springfield \$50, Port Stanley \$100, Delaware and Caraboe \$62.50; Wardville and Newbury \$75; Chalmers Church, London, \$66.66; South Delaware and Tempo \$51.80.

Rev. Mr. Johnston, made a statement in connection with the petition from Potteraburg, as he could not be present when the petition would be discussed. He stated that St. Andrew's congregation had promised \$500 in aid for the first year—and \$400 for each of the next two years. Mr. Sawers reported that Tempo was \$150 in arrears to their late minister. He proposed that fifteen brethren would supply one Sabbath each, and the payment go to liquidate the debt. The following brethren agreed to give one Sabbath each—Messrs. Kelso, Little, Kay, Henderson, Langford, Dr. Sutherland, Moore, Letch, Dr. Stewart, T. Wilson, D. C. Johnson, R. McIntyre, Courtenay and Mr. Sawers two Sabbaths. Mr. Ross reported regarding Wardville and Newbury, that the congregations expect to be self-sustaining after 31st Dec. next. Mr. D. C. Johnson, asked leave of the Presbytery to borrow money to pay the fares of commissioners to the General Assembly, till the assessment of congregations are paid. Leave was granted, the Moderator of Presbytery the Clerk and Mr. Johnson to become security for \$200. Mr. Sutherland reported his visit to N. Delaware and Caraboe. There was no new canvass of the congregations made, yet some of the managers thought they might increase their subscription by Dec. 31. The following were appointed a Committee to strike Standing Committees for the year, Messrs. W. J. Clark, T. Wilson, T. C. Smith, and L. Dewar and Mr. Greenless Elder.

The Presbytery took up next Mr. Talling's resignation of St. James Church London. The Clerk read the letter of resignation, and intimated, that the congregation had been duly cited to appear for their interests at this meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Talling was heard for himself adhering to his resignation and Rev. D. C. Johnston

appeared on behalf of the Session. Messrs. McNeil and McCurdy on behalf of the congregation, these brethren spoke most favorably of Mr. Talling's faithfulness and devotedness to his work, and of their regret at his departure.

On motion of Dr. Proudfoot, duly seconded, the resignation was accepted; Mr. Stuart was appointed to act as Moderator of Session, and declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of Oct. Messrs. Clark and I. G. Stuart were appointed a committee, to prepare a minute in connection with Mr. Talling's removal from the Presbytery.

Mr. Clark as Convener of the Committee, on striking standing Committees, gave in the following report. 1 Church Life and Work, Messrs. W. J. Clark, Convener, E. H. Sawers, D. Drummond, S. Lawrence, D. K. McKenzie, and Andrew Greenless, Elders. 2 Home Missions, A. Henderson, Convener, J. G. Stuart, R. Stuart, and Elder from St. Andrew's Church. 3 Augmentation, Messrs. J. Currie Convener, W. J. Clark and Jas. Rathbone. 4 Sabbath schools, Messrs. J. H. Smith, J. H. Courtenay, A. Fraser, and W. Atkinson. 5 Examination of students, R. W. Ross Convener, Phil. G. H. Smith, Church History, D. L. Dewar, Greek, W. H. Anderson, Hebrew, A. Shanon, and D. C. Johnson, Elders. 6 Young People's Society R. W. Ross, Convener, Alex. Wilson, J. H. Barnett, Elder from Appin. 7 Remits W. R. Johnston, Convener J. G. Stuart, W. J. Clark, and A. Greenless, Elder. 8 Statistics, Sam. Lawrence, Convener, N. Lindsay and Jas. Scott and Elder.

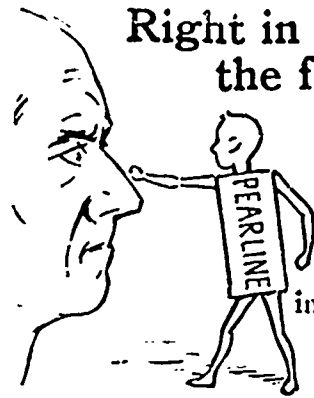
The petition from Potteraburg, asking to be erected into a regular congregation was next considered. Mr. Glauze missionary there, and Messrs. Angus, and Cairncross from Potteraburg, and Mr. McGregor, Elder from St. Andrew's Church, supported the petition. St. Andrew's Church promise \$500 for the first year, and \$400 for each next two years, in aid of expenses. It was agreed to grant the prayer of the petition the same to be carried out by the following Committee—the Ministers and Elders of London, and Messrs. J. Currie, E. H. Sawers, Kay and Henderson, Mr. Johnston, Convener. The Committee to meet at Potteraburg on 28th Sept. On motion of Dr. Proudfoot seconded by Mr. J. Currie, it was agreed to appoint the following: The Moderator of Presbytery, Convener Messrs. Johnston, Clark, D. R. Drummond, E. H. Sawers, ministers. A. Greenless, Thomson, A. F. McGregor and D. K. McKenzie Elders—a committee to meet and consult in regard to the situation and condition of St. James congregation, London, with power to consult with the congregation—if they think it advisable—in regard to removing the church buildings, and uniting with the St. Andrew's Mission in the North part of the city. The clerk read the amounts asked of this Presbytery for the following Schemes—for the current year, viz Home Missions \$3250, Augmentation \$1500; Foreign Mission \$1000; French Evangelization \$1500; a special circular was also read in connection with the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Scheme." The Moderator of Presbytery and Mr. J. Currie were appointed a Committee to prepare a circular on the Schemes of the Church, and lead a discussion on the subject at next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox Church St. Thomas on the second Tuesday of Nov. at 11 a.m., and closed with the benediction.—GEOFFREY SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

PLAN OF STUDY FOR 1898.

A circular containing the Plan of Study for 1898 with a list of writers and helpful books has just been issued to all Young People's Societies throughout the Church. A copy has also in each case been enclosed marked "for the minister." Where the societies have not reported, circulars have been sent to the minister with copies marked "for the Young People's Societies." In this way it is expected that all the ministers and all the Societies will be reached. Convener of Presbytery Committees have also been supplied with copies for the missionaries and mission stations. Any one not having received the circular and desiring to have it, or wishing any information in regard to the Plan of Study, may address the Convener, Rev. R. Duglas Fraser, Bowmanville, Ont.

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