

KINGSTON PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at 10 o'clock, and closed its session on Wednesday at noon. The attendance was large, both of ministers and elders, and a large amount of business was transacted. Dr. MacFavish's motion for the division of the Presbytery was discussed and referred to a committee to report next September. Rev. H. Gracey reported moderation in a call to Rev. J. A. McConnell, Boston, from the congregation of St. John's and Sand Hill, Pittsburg. The call was sustained, and the congregation of Roslin, etc., to be cited to appear for its interests at a meeting of Presbytery to be held on the 16th inst., at 1.30 o'clock, in Chalmers church, Kingston.

The Presbytery adjourned at 1 o'clock, and by the kindness of ladies of Chalmers' church, had lunch together, and afterwards held a conference on "Christian giving." Principal Gordon spoke on the importance of the subject from a missionary standpoint, and Mr. D. A. Shaw, Kingston, on methods to be adopted for the success of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The conference closed adopting the recommendation of the Presbytery's Committee on Systematic Beneficence, viz.: 1, that the Presbytery recognizes its responsibility for its equitable share of the General Assembly's budget for the schemes of the church, and will aim at raising the amount allocated; 2, that the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery organize their men with a view to their assuming their fair share of this budget; 3, the committee stands in readiness to give to individual congregations assistance as to ways and means to achieve the object aimed at.

On resuming business the Presbytery considered a statement from the Kingston League of Moral and Social Reform, resulting in the adoption of a resolution expressing deep regret that the City Council has rejected a petition of about 1,200 electors, praying for the reduction of liquor licenses, and commending the petition to the earnest consideration of their people. The remit relating to the payment of commissioners to the General Assembly was referred to a committee. Commissioners were appointed, viz.: by rotation, Revs. Messrs. Mitchell, Gandier, McClung and Dr. McGillivray, and by ballot, Principal Gordon and Revs. Smith and Drumm; elders, Prof. Mathewson, McIntosh, Filson, Dyde, McClyment, R. Montgomery and Dinwoodie. The report on Y. P. societies showed a decrease; that on augmentation, progress, also that on Sunday schools, while that on church life and work was highly commended. The report on the examination of students showed that about 40 were ready to undertake mission work for the summer and 11 were soon to matriculate in theology and desired to receive license for them. The Presbytery agreed to meet in St. Andrew's church on the 29th April, at 2 o'clock, to examine and license.

Rev. F. D. Roxborough, of Southville, has accepted a call from Olds, Alta.

Rev. Aroh Thompson, B.D., of Rothsay, tendered his resignation at last meeting of Saugeen Presbytery.

Rev. T. R. Shearer, B.A., of Melbourne, has been elected Moderator of London Presbytery for the next six months.

Mrs. Snow, of Hartford, Conn., who died a few days ago, by her will left \$2,000 to her husband and \$50,000 for the care of an aged horse and twenty pet poodles. The husband regards this as an unfair division, and is contesting the will. He claims one-half the estate.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.

The regular quarterly meeting was held on the 2nd of March. A large docket of business was disposed of. The items of more general interest were the following: The resignation of Mr. Penman of Lion's Head was accepted with regret. This is an inviting field for one who is strong and likes work. The interim moderator is Rev. J. M. Nicol, B.D., Marton, who would be glad to hear from any suitable minister willing to supply for several weeks, or longer.

It was agreed to apply to assembly for leave to receive as a minister of our church the Rev. A. McNeill, a minister of the Methodist Church. The proposed regulation for the more satisfactory administration of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund sent to Presbyteries by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston last year was approved of in general terms.

An overture urging the publication of a Home Service leaflet for Shutins and others, was adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly. They are a considerable class that is far too little cared for in many congregations.

Reports were received from all the Standing Committees, most of them with the usual compliment of "recommendations," and were disposed of with less than the usual volume of dialectical discussion.

The following are the conveners of the principal Standing Committees for the ensuing year: H. M. Matheson, F. M. Barton, Aug. Woodside, S.S., Mr. Jas. Shaw, Owen Sound, (an enthusiastic S. S. sup) Church Life, Rodger; Y.P.S. Bay; Sab. Obs., McCulloch; Sgt. Gov. Lemon; Remits, Fraser; Examinations, Nicol; Evangelism, Rodger; M. and S. Reform, Woodside.

Mr. Rodger was appointed moderator for the ensuing year.

A complimentary resolution was adopted for record, congratulating Dr. J. B. Fraser on completion of his 25th year of ministry in his present charge, and he was unanimously nominated for appointment as moderator of Synod. Dr. Fraser expressed his appreciation of the kindness of his brethren but insisted that the larger share of the credit of his long pastorate should be given to his congregation, the members of which had been so appreciative and so steadfastly loyal.

The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly Messrs. Barton, Lemon, Fraser and Matheson, ministers; and Mr. John Clark, Meaford, and Mr. Peter Smith, Harkaway, elders. Elders are yet to be appointed from Kemble and Thornbury. A recommendation was adopted in connection with the report of the commission on M and S. Reform, looking in the direction of giving wider publicity to its work, by "securing space in our church papers, as a medium of information and education, so that ready material may be placed in the hands of our many ministers and lay workers who cannot make direct investigations."

Stratford Presbytery has arranged to temporarily unite North Easthope and St. Andrew's churches. Various congregations will be visited with a view to raising \$30,000 for missions.

Mrs. McCrae, the estimable wife of Rev. Dr. McCrae, Westminster, Ont., has been presented with a certificate of life membership in the W.F.M. Society in slight acknowledgment of her long and useful labors. Mrs. Andrew Thomson made the presentation, and the address was read by Mrs. J. A. Murray. A very pleasant feature of the affair was the presentation of beautiful bouquets of roses by Miss L. M. Fraser and Mrs. Weir, of Glencoe, to Mrs. McCrae, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Donaghy of 538 Colborne street, London, where the presentation took place.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL
W.F.M.S.

The annual meeting of this organization was well attended, over 100 delegates being present. Mrs. James Farquharson, the president, took the chair.

Mrs. A. McClelland extended a formal welcome to the delegates, Mrs. Walkey of High Bluff replying.

Mrs. Kehoe conducted a Western Mission Band illustrating what an interest the children are taking in mission work and what good training they are receiving to fit them for work in the older society. Reports were read of the hospital in Wakaw, Teulon, Vegreville, Ethelbert, Sutton, Cariboo and Crow's Nest Pass.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Graham, then read the annual report which was a most satisfactory one, showing that the presbytery had more than doubled. There are now 23 auxiliaries, an increase of 10; 432 members, an increase of 191; 8 mission bands, an increase of 2; 542 subscribers to the Pioneer, an increase of 366. Clothing to the value of \$934.50 had been sent out; last year it amounted to \$255, and the amount raised this year was \$1,289.56; last year it was \$735. Six new life members have also been added. Mrs. Graham also spoke highly of the work of the mission bands and added that it was with regret that the membership of the society includes so few church members.

Mrs. Watson, the treasurer, read her report which showed the receipts to be \$1,289.56, the disbursements \$969.84 and the balance \$319.72. These reports were adopted.

Then followed a prayer dedicating the money to mission work. Mrs. Farquharson, the president, then addressed the meeting, speaking of the scope for home mission work that the church had in the western country and of the responsibility the women had in moulding the characters of the new prairie homes; "How easy, in the race for wealth, it is for the material to crowd out the spiritual," said Mrs. Farquharson. "Such a large percentage of the immigrants are people ignorant of our language, laws, manners, customs (63 nationalities are represented in our gates) and the serious problem that arises is how to evangelize our alien population. There is a movement among them to break away from the orthodox Greek Church and establish one with a purer faith. They are being assisted and already 25 of them men are scattered through Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba preaching and teaching their own people. The church is also working along educational lines and a large class of young men are attending Manitoba college preparing for matriculation. The combination of medical and evangelistic work is meeting with marked success. The motto of the W.H.M.S. is "Canada for Christ," the aim to win our beloved land for Christ."

Rev. George Ballantyne, of Maxwell, has resigned.

Rev. T. A. Roger, of Knox Church, Owen Sound, conducted pre-communion services for three nights last week in Knox Church, Guelph. The attendance was good.

At the March meeting of the London Presbytery, Rev. J. W. Orr, of Dorchester, was reported as still unable to take his pulpit. Sympathy was expressed for him in his continued illness, and pulpit supply arranged for.

St. Andrew's Church, London, has been granted permission to borrow on mortgage the sum of \$7,500, making the total indebtedness of the congregation \$18,000. During the past three years \$16,000 has been paid, at the same time the value of the church property has been greatly enhanced by improvements.