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THE Rev. W. L. Clay, Moosejaw, has been appointed Clerk of Regina Presbytery, Rev. A. Hamilton having resigned.

THE Rev. A. Hamilton having returned home, is open for engagements to supply pulpits. Address, 392 Markham Street, Toronto.

THE Rev. W. S. Swanson, now attending the Presbyterian Council, and for many years missionary of the Presbyterian Church of England at Amoy, China, has just received the degree of D.D. from Rutgers' College, New Brunswick, N.J. Dr. Swanson is now Secretary of the Mission Board of the English Presbyterian Church.

THE officers elected by the Y.P.S.C.E. of the Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Rev. D. M. Buchanan; Vice-President, Miss Carter; Recording-Secretary, Miss Robertson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Tena Young; Treasurer, Miss K. McDermid.

THE Presbyterian Church in the township of Ridout was opened for public service on the evening of Sabbath, the 18th inst., by the Rev. J. Sieve-right, of Huntsville. Though the night was dark and wet, the neighbourhood sparsely settled, the roads bad, the building was filled at the opening service. The new edifice is of hewn logs, 21 x 31, and before winter sets in will be sided up. There is no debt on the structure. No outside aid has been asked, and the erection of so comfortable a church edifice is alike creditable to the small Presbyterian community and the student in charge, Mr. A. L. Budge.

MR. J. K. MACDONALD, president of the Fresh Air Fund Branch of Children's Aid Society, writes: Will you again permit us through the medium of your columns to make an appeal to the public and at the same time to thank the friends who responded to our appeal made in the early part of August. The fund is about \$300 short of what is necessary to meet the expenses for the season, and we now ask the friends of the neglected children of our city for that sum, or any larger sum they may be pleased to send; any surplus will be carried forward to next year's account. The friends of this work are doubtless aware that the Fresh Air Fund is now one of several distinct branches of the Society's work. The secretary's address is J. Stuart Coleman, 32 Church Street, Toronto.

THE Presbytery of Calgary met in St. John's Church, Medicine Hat. There was a large representation of the brethren present, among whom was Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions. The half-yearly report on Home Missions was presented by Mr. Herdman, Convener. John Fernse was licensed and ordained to the field embracing Cochrane, Sheppard and Gleichen and other stations. Rev. Charles Gordon tendered his resignation of his charge at Banff and his position as Presbytery Clerk. Rev. Charles Stephen was elected as Clerk of Presbytery in room of Mr. Gordon resigned, and Mr. Finlay was elected treasurer of the Presbytery Fund. Mr. Paton was transferred to the Presbytery of Kamloops for examination. A public meeting was held on the evening of the seventh, at which Dr. Robertson gave a spirited lecture on "The place which the Presbyterian Church has to fill in our land; her peculiar advantages and responsibilities—her ideal and how that ideal may be reached."

THE Rev. W. A. J. Martin, secretary of Knox College Alumni Association, writes: A social reunion of Knox College Alumni has been arranged for the afternoon of Friday, 30th inst., at half-past two o'clock in Convocation Hall. The programme will be an informal one, but no doubt one of very great interest, as a number of our Alumni from distant parts of the world will be present, and are expected to take part. The regular semi-annual business meeting of the Association will convene on Wednesday, October 5, at half-past ten o'clock. A number of very important business matters are to be considered. The opening exercises of the College will take place at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, when Rev. Professor Gregg, M.A., D.D., will deliver the opening lecture—Subject, "Dr. Thomas Chalmers." A number of distinguished friends of the College will also take part in the opening exercises. The railroad tickets by which the visitors come to the meetings of the Alliance of Reformed Churches will be good to return up to October 5 inclusive. It is hoped that this will be one of our most successful meetings.

THE Presbytery of Maitland inducted the Rev. John Rose, lately of Whycocomagh, Inverness, Presbytery of Cape Breton, N.S., into the pastoral charge of Ashfield congregation on the 20th day of September inst. The Rev. D. Forrest, Moderator of Presbytery, presided; Rev. J. L. Murray preached, Rev. D. Millar addressed the newly-inducted minister. The Rev. M. MacKenzie, of the Free Church, Inverness, Scotland, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery as corresponding member, and on motion of Rev. A. Sutherland the Presbytery cordially asked Rev. Mr. MacKenzie to address the congregation in English and Gaelic, which he accordingly did. Rev. Mr. Sutherland, interim Moderator of the Session, introduced the Rev. Mr. Rose to the congregation, and on retiring from the church, they gave him the hand-shake of welcome. Mr. Rose enters upon his labours in Ashfield under most favourable auspices. The congregation is large, united and harmonious, and the call to Mr. Rose is unanimous and cordial. The Board of Management reported the financial state of the congregation as satisfactory. A quarter's stipend is paid in advance, and \$50 towards defraying expenses in moving.

THE services in connection with the seventh anniversary of the settlement of the Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., in St. George, were held on September 11 and 12. On Sabbath the Rev. Professor McLaren, of Knox College, delivered two remarkably able and practical sermons. As this was the Pro-

fessor's first visit to St. George, his coming was looked forward to with high anticipation, and it is safe to say that the expectations of all were fully realized. On Monday evening, when a musical and literary programme was rendered, the church was packed to the door. The pastor presided in his usual happy manner. The choir, which has manifestly improved of late, sang a number of selections, among them an anniversary ode composed by the pastor. Brief congratulatory addresses were delivered by Rev. T. Colling, B.A., of the Methodist Church, and Rev. J. Hollingshead, of the Baptist Church. The Rev. W. A. McKay, of Woodstock, gave a capital address on "The Happy Christian." Mr. J. H. Friend, of Brantford, sang with fine effect a number of sacred selections. Miss Ethel Webb, of Guelph, gave a number of readings in admirable style. A collection of \$35 was taken up, and this, added to the special anniversary offerings, brings up the proceeds to \$105.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.—This Presbytery met at Orangeville, September 13. There were present fourteen ministers and six elders. In the absence of Mr. Johnson, Moderator, Mr. Hossack was appointed Moderator *pro tem*. Eleven elders' commissions were received. A letter was read from Rev. W. A. Stewart anent arrears of stipend due him from Primrose congregation, and Mr. Campbell was appointed to attend to the matter. The Clerk reported that, at the request of the Presbytery of Owen Sound, he had met at Markdale with a committee appointed by said Presbytery to confer with the congregation of Markdale anent arrears due their late pastor, Mr. Emes, who also was present. After full explanations were made all parties agreed to leave the matter with the Presbytery of Owen Sound and abide by their decision. The conduct of the Clerk was sustained and his expenses ordered to be paid. Moved by Mr. Wells, duly seconded and agreed, that congregations within the bounds be requested to pay the travelling expenses of committees or deputations of Presbytery when appointed by Presbytery to visit the congregations especially for the purpose of induction. Mr. J. C. Stinson submitted to the Presbytery his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregations of Hornings Mills and Primrose. The congregations had been notified to appear for their interests, and accordingly Messrs. Bates, Ferguson and McGee were present. They stated that Mr. Stinson had been doing good work, that the people were unanimous in their desire to retain him, and that his resignation coming so soon after their former vacancy would be very injurious to those congregations. Mr. Stinson stated that in answer to an application made by him before he was called for mission work under the American Board he had received after his induction an appointment as Principal of Knox Academy in Alabama, and he wished his resignation granted, in order that he might accept said appointment. Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that Mr. Stinson's resignation be not accepted, because the Presbytery believe that the acceptance of his resignation under the circumstances would be most disastrous to the welfare of the congregations as well as to Mr. Stinson's own interests. After considerable discussion the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. McColl submitted his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregations of St. Andrews Church, Proton, and Proton Station. The Clerk was instructed to cite the Session and congregations to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. The following are the Conveners of standing committees: Home Missions—Rev. D. C. Hossack, M.A., LL.B.; Foreign Missions—Rev. R. Fowlie; Augmentation—Rev. G. G. McRobbie, D.Sc.; Finance—Mr. A. Steele, M.A.; Temperance—Rev. J. W. Orr; Colleges—Rev. D. McLeod, B.A.; Widows and Orphans' Fund—Rev. L. C. Emes; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund—Rev. W. Farquharson, B.A.; French Evangelization—Rev. J. R. Bell; Sabbath Schools—Rev. A. Wilson; Sabbath Observance—Rev. J. J. Elliott; State of Religion—Rev. J. L. Campbell, B.A.; Superintendent and Examine Students—Rev. D. C. Hossack; Systematic Benevolence and Statistics—Rev. J. Wells, M.A. The Clerk was instructed to certify Messrs. W. T. Ellison, J. Cranston and R. F. Hall to Knox College, and Mr. J. H. Turnbull to Queen's. Messrs. Wilson and Elliott were appointed to visit Knox Church, Caledon, and Vanatter, and Messrs. Bell and Crozier to visit Waldemar anent arrears due Mr. Sproule, student. A letter from Rev. T. T. Johnston stated that on account of sickness, caused by an ulcer in the stomach, his physicians advise three months' absolute rest. He therefore asked leave of absence for that time, and that Presbytery undertake the supply of his pulpit. The Presbytery agreed to supply his pulpit until the next ordinary meeting. Mr. Stinson was appointed Moderator *pro tem* of his Session, and to arrange for supply. Mr. Wells was appointed Moderator *pro tem* of Osprey Session in the place of Mr. Johnston. Messrs. Hossack and McRobbie were requested to allocate amongst the various congregations the sums apportioned to this Presbytery, viz., \$900 for Home Missions and \$400 for Augmentation. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Orangeville November 8, at half-past ten a.m.—H. CROZIER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—This Presbytery met in Regina on Wednesday, September 14; Mr. Carmichael, Moderator. Mr. Clay was appointed Clerk, vice Mr. Hamilton resigned. Requests for the election and ordination of elders in Alameda, Oxbow, Grenfell and Buffalo Lake, were received and granted. A deputation from Broadview consisting of Messrs. Greig and Beale appeared before Presbytery, asking that Rev. John Ferry be appointed as ordained missionary to that field, with grant of \$7.00 per Sabbath from Home Mission Fund. That request was complied with. They further stated that their present church accommodation was insufficient and they contemplated the building of a new church, for which they would require assistance from the church and manse build-

ing fund. Owing to the present indebtedness of the congregation they were advised to defer the matter of building for the present. An application for ordination from Mr. T. R. Scott, licentiate, was received and referred to the Committee on Examination of Students to report at a later Sederunt. Rev. C. W. Gordon of Calgary Presbytery, and Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of the Methodist Church, being present, were asked to sit as corresponding members. Mr. Ferry was appointed to ordain the elders elect in Lansdowne field. Mr. Hamilton having accepted a call to a congregation outside the bounds of the Presbytery, the following minute was ordered to be placed in the record: "The Presbytery of Regina desires to place on record its deep regret at losing the valuable services of our late Clerk, the Rev. Alexander Hamilton, B.A., who has accepted a call to the pastorate of an important charge in the Presbytery of Winnipeg. The length of his term of service, the efficiency with which he has performed all the duties of the office of Clerk, and his uniform courtesy of manner to the members of the court, make his loss one which will be long felt and render his place difficult to fill. We express our sympathy with the Whitewood field in the loss of so devoted, faithful and successful a missionary; and congratulate the Stonewall people in securing the services of one whose past record in this Presbytery is an earnest of future success in the work of our Lord." The following were appointed to take Mr. Hamilton's place on the several standing committees: Mr. Rochester, Convener of Sabbath Observance; Mr. Clay, Convener of Statistics; Mr. McLeod, Manitoba College; Mr. Thompson, Home Missions; Mr. Welsh, Examination of Students; Mr. McKay was appointed interim Moderator of Whitewood Session. Mr. Carmichael submitted the report of the Home Mission Committee. Claims for current half-year were passed and grants for the ensuing half year asked. On recommendation of the Committee, Qu'Appelle station was placed on the list of Home Mission fields, and Mr. Matheson appointed as missionary, he with the Convener being empowered to make arrangements for supplying the different stations of that and his present field. Mr. Scott was appointed to Alameda for two years and Mr. T. S. McLeod to Grenfell for six months. Further appointments were left with the committee. A letter from the trustees of the Regina Union School inviting the Presbytery to visit the school was received, but owing to the pressure of business was regretfully declined. Mr. D. M. Gillies was certified to the senate of Manitoba College. The commission of Mr. Fotheringham, representative elder from Grenfell Session being received, his name was added to the roll. The Clerk was ordered to issue certificate of ministerial standing to F. O. Nichol, late of Misticwas, and the Presbytery expressed profound sympathy with him in his sad bereavement. The allocating of sums for the Schemes of the Church was placed in the hands of the Home Mission Committee. Mr. Campbell reported that Mr. Scott had been examined in the prescribed subjects, that the examination was satisfactory, and moved that the trials be sustained and the candidate be ordained. The motion being carried Mr. Scott delivered a popular discourse on John xi. 25, 26, after which, by prayer and laying on of hands, he was ordained to the ministry. Mr. Campbell addressed the ordained and Mr. Welsh the people assembled. Reports of the dispensation of ordinances on several Mission fields were received and adopted. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held at Wolsely on the second Wednesday of March next at 9.30 a.m.—W. L. CLAY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met within Knox Church, Walkerton, on September 13th; M. D. McKenzie presiding. On motion of Dr. James it was agreed to hold the September meetings of Presbytery on the second Tuesday of the month, instead of the third. Messrs. A. McVicar and W. A. McLean read discourses to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and were duly certified to their respective colleges. The report of the Presby-

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