

ed by the congregation and so richly owned by the Master; and it is our earnest prayer that the Lord will continue to bestow His blessing upon the seed sown, so that there may be an abundant harvest, to the honour and glory of His name.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

At an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Whitby, held in St. Andrew's church, Pickering, on the 14th inst., after due deliberation, it was resolved unanimously that in view of Mr. Kippen's long and successful pastorate in Claremont, and the expression of hearty appreciation of his services now given, by the commissioners, the Presbytery declined to accept his resignation. The large and influential deputation, which included quite a number of ladies from the Claremont congregation, were greatly delighted with the decision. Mr. Kippen has done excellent work at Claremont during the last nine years, and it will be a gratification not only to his own flock, but to the entire community that he is to remain among them.

The Presbytery of Stratford met in Knox church, Stratford, on the 14th inst., Rev. John Kay, Moderator. A request from the congregation of Avonorton to dispose of their old church and build a new one, was granted. Rev. D. Findlay spoke in behalf of his mission work, and sought help to aid in building churches and manse. The Presbytery commended his work to the liberality of the congregations. The Conveners of the A. & I. M.; W. & O.; and F. M. funds reported. The Presbytery passed a resolution urging on the members of the Church, the propriety of voting for the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Messrs. Pyke, Panton, Hamilton, Callin and Ross were appointed to examine the proposed changes in the hymnal and report. The remittance representation of mission stations was approved.—A. F. Tully, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met on November 21st. Pleasure was expressed that Dr. Laidlaw and Mr. Dey were now able to resume their pastoral work. Mr. Purvis, of International Bridge, was recognized as a catechist, and recommended to the G.A. Home Mission Committee. A motion to make the basis of assessment for the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly funds, the ordinary revenue of each congregation was laid on the table until the overture now before the Assembly on the subject be disposed of. A call from Blackheath to Rev. D. B. Marsh, and another to Rev. J. H. Courtenay from International Bridge and Fort Erie were sustained. A motion was adopted and ordered to be read in all the churches expressing the desire of the Presbytery that all members and adherents of the Church should do what in them lies to secure a decided majority in favour of prohibition at the approaching plebiscite. The resignation of his charge at Grimsby by the Rev. J. G. Murray on account of failing health, was laid on the table, and the congregations will be cited for their interests.—John Laing, Clerk.

At the last regular meeting of the Presbytery of Whitby, held in Bowmanville in July last, it was resolved to hold a convention of the Young People's so-

cieties within its bounds, at Oshawa on the day preceding its next regular meeting. This convention accordingly met in the Presbyterian church, Oshawa, on Monday, 16th Oct. Two sessions were held, afternoon and evening. From ninety to a hundred delegates were present and great interest and enthusiasm prevailed. At the evening meeting, the church was filled to the doors, and the speeches of Dr. McGillivray and Revs. John Abraham and J. A. McKeen were of a very high order and must have made and deepened devotion for the Blessed Master and zeal for His work in many hearts. Next day, Oct. 17th, the Presbytery met in the same church and was constituted with prayer. Rev. Louis Perrin, B.A., Moderator. The first business which engaged attention was the presentation of a resolution, expressing devout gratitude to God for the success of the convention of Monday, and then a lengthened deliberation followed as to eliciting practical outcome of the meetings. It was finally decided that the Young People's societies should undertake to support at least three missionaries in destitute regions of the great Northwest. Other business was the licensing of Mr. John R. Sinclair, M.A., to preach the Gospel. Then a resolution on the resignation of Newcastle congregation by the Rev. W. F. Allen, B.A., owing to the ill-health of his wife. The resolution paid a high tribute to the faithful and able services of Mr. Allen, expressed regret at his removal, and assurance of brotherly love, with a prayer for his success in some other corner of the vineyard. Mr. A. H. Kippen tendered his resignation of the congregation of Claremont and the Presbytery appointed the Clerk to preach and cite the congregation to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Pickering on the 14th November next, at 10 o'clock, a.m. Mr. McKeen moved on the question of the prohibition plebiscite: "The Presbytery would repeat the deliverance of the supreme court of our Church that the general traffic in intoxicating liquors is contrary to the Word of God and to the spirit of the Christian religion, and that it ought not to be legalized by the votes of Christian people, and in view of the fact that the Ontario Legislature has appointed a plebiscite by the first of January, by which the electors of our Province may express their judgment on the prohibition of the liquor traffic, the Presbytery express the hope that our people may be found united in their efforts to oppose this traffic, and urges upon our ministers the bringing this subject before their congregations." Carried unanimously.—J. McMechan, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Toronto met on Tuesday, Nov. 7th, the Moderator, Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., presiding. As soon as the Presbytery was constituted, Mr. Melick presented and read a motion of sympathy and condolence with the Moderator in his recent bereavement, and the same was adopted by a standing vote of the Presbytery. Rev. G. E. Freeman, B.A., who had been absent in Colorado on account of failing health, presented the certificate furnished him on leaving this Presbytery, and his name was again placed on the appendix to the roll of Presbytery. A most encouraging report from the committee appointed to visit Mount Albert and Ballantrae, was presented, and in connection therewith, Mr. Young gave notice that he would move at next meeting of Presbytery, that application be made for an additional \$50, as grant from the Augmentation Fund, to this charge, making the total grant \$150. An extract the records of the Presbytery of Sarnia was read, setting forth that the Rev. J. C. Tibb had accepted the call addressed to him by Streetsville congregation. In this Presbytery. Arrangements were accordingly made for his induction, to take place on Monday, the 20th inst., at five p.m. Mr. Slimmon, who is seeking recommendation for ordination as a Foreign Missionary, was advised to pursue a course of study at Knox College during this session, and report to Presbytery at its April meeting. Reporting for a committee appointed to visit the western portion of the city, with a view to recommending a better location of churches and mission stations, it was recommended that Presbytery take into consideration the advisability of uniting the Bonar and Ruth street congregations. A committee was appointed to meet and confer with these congregations and with the congregation of Chalmers church, as to the advisability and possibility of effecting the proposed union. At a later stage of the meeting, it was also proposed to make the following arrangements of fields: St. Paul's and Fairbanks to form one charge; and Fisherville, Eglington, and Bethesda to form one charge; and a committee was appointed to meet and confer with these congregations in reference to the proposed change. Mr. Hamilton, whose resignation of

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the charge of Eglington and Bethesda, was laid upon the table at last meeting of Presbytery, still pressed the resignation. Commissioners were heard, and on motion the resignation was accepted, to take effect on the 18th inst. Mr. R. Wallace was appointed to preach on the 19th inst., and declare the pulpit vacant. Mr. Neil was appointed Moderator of Eglington and Bethesda during the vacancy. A minute in connection with the death of Mr. Miller, for many years an elder in connection with one of the congregations in this Presbytery, was presented by Mr. Neil and adopted by Presbytery. It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to send the apportionments for the schemes of the Church to each congregation as soon as these shall be received from the Conveners of the several committees.—R. C. Tibb, Clerk.

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The ninth Annual Conference of the Northern Presbyteries of the United Presbyterian Church was held lately in Aberdeen. The proceedings lasted over two days, and the meetings were largely attended. Papers were read on practical and devotional subjects, and were followed by vigorous discussion.

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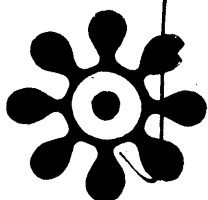
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