

burg, and Wilkinson, Methodist minister of Woodville. Reports were given in from committees appointed to visit the Home Mission fields. A scheme for the payment of expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly was adopted and sent down to sessions for approval. A call was presented from St. Andrew's and St. John's churches, Pickering, in favor of Rev. A. McAulay, of Woodville, which was accepted. Mr. Alex. Jackson presented a draft address to Rev. John McTavish, D.D., Inverness, Scotland, who labored so faithfully within the bounds of this Presbytery many years ago, congratulating him on the attainment of his jubilee in the Christian ministry. This was adopted and ordered to be engrossed at the expense of the Presbytery and forwarded to the committee who has the matter in charge. Session records were examined and the books of the treasurer of H. M. funds audited, all of which were found correct. Rev. W. G. Hanna, moderator of Wick and Greenbank, presented a call from these congregations in favor of Rev. J. M. Cameron, of Toronto. The call was sustained and ordered to be forwarded in the usual way. Provisional arrangements were made for the induction should Mr. Cameron accept, as follows: Mr. Johnston to preside, Mr. McKay to preach, Mr. Hanna to address the minister and Mr. D. D. McDonald the people.—P. A. MACLEOD, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Westminster.

THE Presbytery of Westminster met in St. Andrew's church. Mr. T. S. Glassford, Ladner's Landing, was elected moderator for the ensuing six months. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. The following were appointed conveners of their respective committees:—Temperance—T. M. McLeod, Vancouver; Sabbath School—T. A. Logan, Chilliwack; Home Missions—E. S. McLaren, Vancouver; Foreign Missions—T. Scouler, New Westminster; State of Religion—A. Magee, Langley; Sabbath Observance—A. Dunn, Wharlock; Statistics—G. R. Maxwell, Vancouver. Systematic Benevolence—T. S. Glassford, Ladner's Landing; Church Property—James Buchanan, Eburne. At the very earnest request of St. Andrew's church, Mr. F. Scouler withdrew his resignation. The Presbytery agreed to meet on the first Tuesday of December.—GEO. R. MAXWELL, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Whitby.

THE Presbytery of Whitby held its regular meeting at Whitby. A telegram was received just before concluding the session, that the Presbytery of Lindsay had granted the translation of the Rev. Alexander McAulay, B.A., of Woodville, to St. Andrew's church, Pickering, on the call of the latter congregation, whereupon arrangements were made for the induction of the reverend gentleman at Pickering on Tuesday, the 6th of November next, at 2.30 p.m. The moderator, Rev. John Chisholm, to preside and induct; the Rev. Mr. Smith of Ashburn, to preach, and Messrs. Eastman and Abraham to address the minister and congregation respectively. Mr. McAulay is a minister of much ability, great zeal and pronounced opinions in opposition to the liquor traffic, and his accession to the Presbytery will give additional momentum to social reform and spiritual life in his new field of labour and in the Presbytery generally. The Young People's Societies of the various congregations of the Presbytery of Whitby held their annual convention in St. Andrew's church, Whitby, on Monday afternoon and evening, the 15th inst. The attendance was representative, large and enthusiastic, and the young Eodeavers to whose hands the music, addresses, and devotions were mainly entrusted, acquitted themselves admirably. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the local society entertained their numerous guests amply. The Presbytery at its meeting on the day following put on record the following resolution: "The Presbytery records its approval of the steps taken in the organization of a Presbytery of Young People's Societies and accepts for its moderator the position of honorary president. It further expresses the earnest hope that through the new organization

the Young People's Societies of the Presbytery will be drawn more closely together, and that thus the individual societies may be encouraged and stimulated and their united efforts for the promotion of the work of the Church may be made more effective." On the motion of Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., seconded by Mr. McMechan, the Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, was nominated as moderator of next General Assembly by a standing vote. The next regular meeting will be held in St. Andrew's church, Whitby, on the third Tuesday of January, 1895.—J. McMECHAN, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Brockville

THE Presbytery of Brockville met at Winchester, Sept. 4th. Elders' commissions were received from in favour of Messrs. Robert Toye, Thos. Scott, William Deeks and John Alexander. A letter from Mr. Higgins stating that he would be in his charge on the third Sabbath in September was read. Mr. Sinclair moved that the motion on record forbidding any complimentary resolution in favour of ministers removing from the bounds be rescinded. The motion passed. Mr. Turnbull's exercise was examined and declared satisfactory. Much pleasure was expressed at the work done by Mr. Turnbull during the summer. It was agreed to certify him to college. Mr. Aston asked and obtained leave to canvass within the bounds of the Presbytery in the interests of the manse building fund at Merrickville. Mr. Graham reported the completion of a Sabbath school room at North Williamsburg free of debt. Mr. Wilson Stitt's claim against Mr. Aston, for services rendered, was duly considered and declared untenable. A committee was appointed to investigate the case more fully and to report at the next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Stewart presented the quarterly report on Home Missions. A conference was held in the evening on the importance of the various parts of the public service, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a conference at the next regular meeting, which was appointed to take place at Morrisburg, on the second Tuesday in December.—G. MACARTHUR, Clerk.

#### Halifax College.

THE Alumni Association of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, held its annual meeting in new St. Andrew's church, New Glasgow. In the absence of the President, Mr. T. Cumming was called to the chair. The attendance was the largest we have seen for years. Nine new members joined either at the meeting or during the following days. There is now a membership of ninety within the bounds of the Maritime Synod, and about twenty who have left us for other parts of the field. Since the organization of the Association, eleven years ago, the funds were devoted largely to assisting the College Board in providing lectures on elocation. Last spring the Board assumed the whole expense of that scheme, and the Alumni Association, being thus set free, decided to render some help to the library of the College. It was accordingly agreed at this meeting to pay \$50 to the library committee to be used at their discretion. During the eleven years of its existence the Association has contributed about \$400 for the benefit of the College in various ways, and it is confidently expected that much more will be done in the years to come. After paying the above \$50, the treasurer has a balance on hand of \$14, just twice as much as was in funds when the meeting opened. And this balance would be multiplied nearly five times if members now in arrears would pay up. That is even when arrears accumulated previously to 1893 have been omitted. After attending to various items of business of less public interest the Association proceeded to the election of officers with the following result.—President, Mr. Thomas Cumming; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Wm. Dawson; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Anderson Rogers; Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. T. Stewart; Executive Council—the above officers with the following representatives from the various Presbyteries. Messrs. J. D. Murray, J. S. Sather-

land, James McKenzie, D. S. Fraser, F. S. Coffin, J. W. Crawford, D. Henderson, A. McMillan, J. A. Forbes, W. P. Archibald and John Morten, D.D. These are charged with the duty of collecting the annual dues from members within their own Presbyteries and transmitting the amount to the treasurer—of which fact the thirty-eight members in arrears will kindly take notice. The Association adopted a resolution of hearty and well deserved thanks to the late president, Rev. Neil McKay, for his zealous and efficient conduct in the chair, to which he was re-elected every year since the Association was formed in 1883.

#### Literary Notes.

CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS. By Arthur H. Smith, twenty-two years a missionary of the American Board in China. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto.

THESE articles first appeared in the North China Daily News of Shanghai, and excited so much interest in China, Britain, the United States and Canada that the author was asked to reproduce them in permanent form. Our own missionaries in Houan sou' them an excellent help in understanding the Chinese, and thus an introduction to their work. The first edition was sold out in the second edition now appears, enlarged and beautifully illustrated. Next to hearing some missionary speak who knows what to tell, or even seeing with our own eyes, is the reading of this volume. The author has a fascinating style, is scrupulously careful as to his facts, and a keen observer, so that his descriptions of the many phases of Chinese character may be accepted as trustworthy. For such as lead Mission Bands, or seek to interest any class, old or young, we know nothing so highly entertaining and reliably instructive. Chinese politeness, economy, perseverance, disregard for accuracy, contempt for foreigners, indifference to comfort, filial piety, etc., are so vividly portrayed that we feel that China is no longer an unknown country to us. This volume has the additional advantage of not being an expensive one.

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