

the rolls. Five years ago, there were but fifty-four schools, 702 officers and teachers and 6,707 children on the rolls. The reports from all the schools spoke in hopeful tones of their work. One of the greatest needs in the work was a greater parental interest in the aims of the teachers and a better system of home training. No less than 319 scholars, in thirty of the schools, had become communicants during last year, a fact which gave the committee great pleasure. It was stated that sixty schools had given \$6,535, part of which was expended upon their own running expenses, and the balance was given to the Schemes of the Church. The report contained a great deal of useful information and the convener was thanked for his services. As commissioners to the General Assembly there were elected: Revs. James Patterson, Dr. D. Paterson, Dr. W. J. Smyth, Rev. Thomas Bennett, Principal MacVicar, Dr. R. Campbell, the Rev. S. F. McCusker, S. J. Taylor, Dr. Warden, Dr. Scrimger, J. Fleck, C. McKerracher, Prof. Ross, Dr. Barclay, W. R. Cruikshank, and the following elders: Messrs. James Ross, Walter Paul, William Drysdale, Dr. Shaubs, W. D. McLaren, Allan Cameron, Norman McLeod, R. A. Bockett, Dr. Christie, Peter Ferguson, James Tasker, George Loy, David Morrice, Archibald Cameron, and John Herdt. The question of giving ordinances to Montreal South was referred to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, as was, also, the question of services at Petite Cote. Arrangements of grants to augmented congregations were decided upon. Rev. G. C. Heine presented the report from the Presbytery's committee upon French Evangelization. It dealt, chiefly, with the grants to be asked for the ensuing year, to the eighteen mission charges under the committee's direction. Rev. F. M. Dewey reported upon the Foreign Mission work, and Rev. Dr. Warden upon Augmentation. Rev. Dr. McDonald reported that missionary meetings had been held in the group of stations in his district. The Rev. J. E. Duclos, Dr. Patterson, the Rev. C. B. Ross, the Rev. M. Watson, and Rev. D. W. Morison gave similar reports for their districts and churches. Rev. J. E. Duclos moved a motion of condolence with Mr. Loy, of Valleyfield, a member of this court, who had been recently bereaved of his son by the deplorable shooting which took place in that town. A discussion took place upon the question of contributions to the Augmentation scheme. It was pointed out that the city congregations were able to contribute more liberally than those in the country places. But Dr. Warden and Dr. R. Campbell took strong ground that this was not the case. The former knew of servant girls and clerks in the city who were giving more than the heads of rich families in the country. Finally, a motion was moved by Dr. Warden, and carried, to the effect that those churches in the Presbytery which had neglected to contribute to the fund for augmentation of stipends, should have their attention specially called to this subject. A motion by Dr. Warden that sessions be asked to consider the claims of all the schemes, when the Assembly's circular is brought before them was considered. The circular presents an estimate of the sums required for the respective schemes, but some of the churches have contributed largely to a few of them, while others, equally worthy, are languishing for want. The proposition of the General Assembly to the effect that all graduating students and all ministers coming from other Churches be required to spend one year upon a mission station before they are eligible to a "call" to a settled pastorate was read. After some discussion, in which it was contended that the proposal was impracticable and contrary to the genius of the Presbyterian Church, and after a reply from Dr. R. Campbell, the Presbytery declined to approve the proposition. A proposition was made that all ministers at their ordination or induction be pressed to become contributors to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, otherwise receiving no benefit from it when incapacitated for work. This was approved. Another proposition was to amalgamate the standing committees upon the Stat of Religion, Temperance, Sabbath Observance and Systematic Benevolence. The Presbytery approved the proposition so far as the first three were concerned. Rev. J. H. Beatt presented the

report from the committee upon Sabbath Observance. It covered the usual cases of desecration—Sunday running of street cars; the employment of the telephone girls; steamboat excursions; repairs in railway workshops; cleaning of snow from the streets, which could be safely done on Monday; open fruit, candy and cigar stores; Sunday sports by town visitors to summer resorts, etc. The report closed with the following recommendations. 1. That the Presbytery utter its voice through the public press or in some other effective way, protesting against the employment of labor on the Sabbath in the city of Montreal and against keeping open of places of amusement, such as Parc Royal and Solmer Park. 2. That the Presbytery appoint a committee to promote the establishment of a Sabbath Observance Association in the province of Quebec. Adopted.

#### Presbytery of Paris.

The quarterly meeting of Presbytery was held in Zion church, Brantford, March 19th. Rev. Dr. Cochrane presiding in absence of the moderator, Rev. E. Cockburn. Mr. Burkholder, student, laboring at New Dundee, Baden and Wellesley village, reported on work there, and Mr. Bryden, commissioner from New Dundee, was heard. It was agreed to ask continuation of grant of \$3.00 per Sabbath for said field, control of services to be in the hands of Mr. Hardie and his session. A moderation was granted Verschoyle and Culloden. Reports of standing committees were presented, that on Sabbath Observance by Mr. Reid, on Sabbath Schools by Mr. Johnston, on State of Religion by Mr. McGregor, and on Statistics by Mr. Hardie. It was agreed to ask continuation of grant of \$100 each for the augmented congregations of Mt. Pleasant and Burford, and Onondaga and Alberton. Dr. Jas. Robertson was nominated for Moderator of Assembly. Commissioners appointed were, Dr. G. L. McKay, Dr. Cochrane, Dr. McMullen, Messrs. Reid, Leitch and Johnston, ministers, and Herbertson, Barr, Wallace, Telfer, Currie and Alex. Hunter, elders. The remittance a year in the mission field was disapproved; also remit re special committee on Jewish mission was disapproved, that on the aged and infirm fund was approved, and that on the amalgamation of certain committees was disapproved. Next ordinary meeting is to be held in Paris, July 9th, 10 a.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Owen Sound.

This Presbytery met in its church, Owen Sound, March 19th, 10 a.m. Mr. D. A. McLean led the devotional exercises. Dr. Waits, moderator. A call from Hepworth, etc., to Mr. H. Russell was sustained—salary \$500, to be paid quarterly. Provisional arrangements were made for induction. Dr. Waits to preside, Mr. Thompson to preach, Dr. Somerville to address the minister, and Mr. Acheson the people. The augmentation grants were next revised. Commissioners were present. It was agreed to make application as follows: Knox, Sydenham, \$250; Markdale, \$150; Temple Hill, \$25 till July 1st; Hepworth, \$250. Mr. McLaren gave in Home Mission report. It was agreed to apply for: Indian Peninsula, \$2 in summer, \$3 in winter; to join Crawford to Holland Centre and Williamsford, supply by Mr. A. Little in summer with no grant, afterward by ordained missionary with grant of \$200; Johnston, etc., \$1.50; Caven, \$50. It was agreed that Indian Peninsula include Adamville, Mar, Red Bay and Greig, clerk to notify the Methodist Church. Dr. Somerville was nominated as moderator of the General Assembly. The following were appointed commissioners to the Assembly: Drs. Waits, Somerville, Fraser, Messrs. Little and Simpson, ministers, Messrs. Crawford, Sutherland, Crichton, Gordon and Armstrong, elders. Dr. Fraser was appointed on Assembly's Committee on Bills and Overtures, Dr. Waits and Mr. Lealie on Synod's Committee on Business. Mr. Simpson notified the Presbytery that application is to be made to Synod for the formation of a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Collingwood, and which will include

Meaford, and Thornbury of Owen Sound Presbytery. Mr. McLaren resigned the positions of Treasurer and Convener of H. M. Committee, and Mr. P. McNabb and Dr. Somerville were appointed to these positions respectively. Dr. Waits was appointed Convener of Augmentation Committee, Mr. Little was appointed Moderator of Crawford, etc. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox church, Owen Sound, April 16th, 10 a.m., and was closed with prayer.—JOHN SONERVILLE, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Bruce.

This Presbytery met at Paisley on March 12th. A call from Glamis in favor of Rev. Isaac Macdonald, signed by ninety-eight members and ninety-seven adherents and guaranteeing an annual stipend of 600 dollars with manse was sustained and forwarded, and application was made to the Committee on Augmentation for a grant of \$150. Provisional arrangements were made for the induction, Rev. G. W. Lennan to preside and address the congregation. Rev. J. Stenen to preach, and Rev. J. Anderson to address the minister. In reply to the remit on the Book of Praise the following recommendations were adopted: (1) That the 150 Psalms as now in use be retained and that no book published by the authority of the Assembly shall omit any of the Psalms. (2) That the selections from versions of the Psalms now in use be omitted. (3) That the National Anthem be omitted. (4) That hymns 294, 123 and 499 from Sacred Songs and Solos be inserted. The Rev. A. Tolmie, Anderson, Stenen and Guthrie, ministers, and Messrs. Munro, S. Steel, J. Romand and J. C. Eckford, elders, were appointed commissioners to Assembly. Rev. E. A. Mackenzie was appointed Presbytery's representative on the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. The reports on Sabbath Observance, State of Religion, Systematic Benevolence and Sabbath Schools were received and forwarded to Synod.—J. GOURLAY, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Portage la Prairie.

This court held a meeting a Neepawa on the 5th inst. All the clerical members were present and Messrs. Young and Blair, elders, Rev. Mr. Douglas, of High Bluff, was appointed moderator for the next six months. Rev. Mr. McRae called the attention of the Presbytery to the fact that there was a large population to the south of Bagot, mostly Presbyterian, who had no services. It was resolved to open this as a new field, the name given to be Sylrester. The Rev. Wm. Gordon, M.A., who was designated by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, was received as a minister of good standing in the Church, and his name added to the roll of Presbytery. In the evening an open session was held. An address on Manitoba College was given by Rev. Mr. Munro, on Home Missions by Rev. Mr. Wright, and on Early Mission Work in Britain by Rev. Mr. Douglas. On resuming ordinary business Rev. Mr. Wright moved that Rev. Dr. Robertson be nominated Moderator of the General Assembly. He dwelt at some length on the claims Dr. Robertson had on the highest honor in the gift of the Church, and how the success of home missions in the North-West had been due in a great measure to his unwearied labors and energy. This motion was seconded by Rev. Mr. McRae, and most heartily agreed to by all the brethren. The following were nominated commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. Messrs. Wright, Douglas and Munro, ministers; Messrs. Young, McLeod, and Metcalfe, elders. The committee appointed to examine the credentials of Rev. J. H. Fauchet, formerly a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, reported these to be satisfactory and recommended that the Presbytery make application to the General Assembly to receive him as a minister of this Church. On the motion of Rev. Mr. Wright, seconded by Rev. Mr. Gordon, this was agreed to. Rev. Dr. Robertson and Mr. Munro were appointed a committee to consider the state of the mission work in the Lake Dauphin district. The contributions