

Church News.

In Canada.

Meetings of Presbyteries.

ALGOMA—Manitowaning, Sept. 27th, at 10 a.m.
 BARRIE—Barrie, Oct. 3rd, 10.30 a.m.
 BRUCE—Paisley, Sept. 12th, 9 a.m.
 CALGARY—Calgary, Sept. 5th, 8 p.m.
 CHATHAM—First church, Chatham, Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 10 a.m.
 GUELPH—St. Andrew's church, September 10th, 10.30 a.m.
 HAMILTON—St. Catharines, First Church, Sept. 19th, 10.30 a.m.
 HURON—Clinton, September 12th, 10.30 a.m.
 LINDSAY—Cannington, Oct. 17th, 11 a.m.
 MANTLAND—Wingham, Sept. 19th, 11.30 a.m.
 ORANORVILLE—Orangeville, Sept. 12th, 10 a.m.
 OTTAWA—Ottawa, Sept. 26th, 2 p.m.
 OWEN SOUND—Knox Church, Owen Sound Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 10 a.m.
 PARIS—Knox church, Woodstock, Oct. 3rd, 11 a.m.
 PETERBOROUGH—First Church, Port Hope, Sept. 19th, 9 a.m.
 QUEBEC—St. Andrew's church, Sherbrooke, Aug. 20th, 8 p.m.
 REGINA—Broadview, Sept. 13th, 3 p.m.
 SARGENT—Mount Forest, Sept. 10th, at 10 a.m.
 SYDNEY—Falmouth Street Church, Sydney, Sept. 6th, 10 a.m.
 VANCOUVER—Nanaimo, St. Andrew's church, September 6th.
 WHITBY—Oshawa, Oct. 17th, 10 a.m.

Presbytery of Ottawa.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa held in Knox church, on the 16th inst., the call from North Gower and Wellington to the Rev. J. S. Lohead, of Parkhill, etc., Sarnia Presbytery, was sustained. The Clerk was instructed to forward it without delay, to represent the interests of the Ottawa Presbytery before the Sarnia Presbytery and to request the Rev. J. C. Tibb to act along with him. This was all the business, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday, the 26th Sept. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.—JAS. H. BEATT, Clerk.

Presbytery of Lindsay.

MET at Sunderland, August 15th, with a fair attendance. Rev. A. U. Campbell, B.A., was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. Thanks were given the retiring Moderator, Rev. M. McKinnon, B.A., for the faithfulness, courtesy and ability with which he discharged the duties of his office. It was agreed to hold one or two Normal Institutes for Sabbath School Work in the course of the year. Rev. Mr. Hannah presented a very encouraging Home Mission report. Mr. Sam McLean, Bolsover, was certified with a view to enter the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and Mr. William McKay, student, read a discourse, and was certified to Knox College. A scheme for payment of expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly, which has been under consideration for some time was referred back to the committee to report in detail at next meeting. The item "Reports from Absentees" will have a place on the docket of every meeting in future as a stimulus to regular attendance. The following are the conveners of Standing Committees for the incoming year, viz: State of Religion, Rev. A. McAulay; Sabbath Schools, P. A. McLeod; Temperance, D. Y. Ross; Sabbath Observance, M. N. Bethune; Superintendence of Students, R. Johnston; Systematic Benevolence, D. D. McDonald; Finances and Statistics, A. U. Campbell; Home Mission, W. G. Hanna; Foreign Missions, M. McKinnon; French Evangelization, J. McMillan; Aged and Infirm Ministers, R. Johnston; Widows and Orphans Fund, H. Currie; Colleges, A. E. Neilly; Remits, D. Y. Ross. Next meeting to be held in Cannington, October 17th. A Conference on the State of Religion will be held in the evening.—P. A. McLEOD, Clerk.

Home Mission Fund.

The following circular has been issued by Dr. Cochran, Convener of the Home Mission Committee (western section) to the various Presbyteries of the section:—The amount required for the present year from the Presbyteries of the Church for Home Missions is \$68,000, and for Augmentation, \$31,000. This calculation is based upon the grants made last March, which in Mission work are considerably in advance of former years, on account of the increasing claims of new fields of the Northwest and British Columbia, and the continuous supply of Mission stations, which the summer session in Manitoba College now enables the committee to give. The report presented to the General Assembly last June contains the names of 342 mission fields and 990 preaching stations under the care of the Committee, with an average Sabbath attendance of 35,171 and 13,547 communicants. These stations contributed last year towards the support of ordinances, the sum of \$63,533.33, besides in many cases, building churches and mansees and are giving, not only to the utmost of their ability, but in most cases far beyond many of the members of our wealthiest city congregations.

The North-West Territories continue to appeal for additional missionaries to overtake the spiritual destitution that necessarily prevails in many of the newly settled districts. Every year mission stations in the North-West are becoming regularly organized and augmented congregations, are by degree becoming self-sustaining. But as these are removed from the list, other fields in great numbers are opening up for missionary effort. The emigration to Manitoba and the North-West during the present year greatly exceeds that of the past, and unless the revenue of the Committee is very largely increased the supply of laborers must fall very far short of the demand.

British Columbia has now four Presbyteries and a Synod, with 48 mission fields, 168 preaching stations, five augmented and seven self sustaining congregations. The progress in this Province has been most gratifying during the past six years, and the Committee hope that, as heretofore, they will be able to render generous aid to our missionaries in that distant field, and encourage the Synod newly formed in giving the gospel to Presbyterian settlers and others destitute of the means of grace.

In the older Provinces of Quebec and Ontario among the Protestants sparsely scattered in Roman Catholic communities, among the lumbermen of the Ottawa Valley and in the Algoma and Muskoka region, Home Mission work is being prosecuted with renewed zeal, deserving the sympathy and liberality of the Church at large.

There are at present 147 charges assisted by the Augmentation Fund. The contributions of congregations for years past, as is well-known, have on an average been \$4 000 less than the sum required. Unless, therefore, there is a considerable increase in the contributions to the Fund, the Committee must not only reduce present grants, but hesitate to put new ones on the list. To contemplate a reduction of the small stipends paid our ministers is painful, and can easily be prevented by more liberal contributions to a fund that has proved so helpful in the past. The best evidence of the value of the Augmentation Scheme is that the Presbyteries, who see most of its working, give more liberally for its support.

It was with extreme regret that the Committee in May last were compelled to reduce the grants. In most cases they have reason to believe that the deficit was made up to the brethren in augmented congregations. It is to be hoped, however, that this year congregations will, by their greater liberality to the fund, enable the committee to pay at once and in full.

In October, a large amount has to be borrowed to pay the claims of Home Missionaries and Augmented Congregations. It is therefore desirable that congregations and missionary societies should forward their contributions at the earliest possible date, and thus reduce to some extent the interest that is paid.

ONLY one vacancy at present exists in the Presbytery of Guelph, viz: Eramosa.

THE ordination of Mr. Thomas, B.A., of Knox College, to Doon and Preston, took place on Monday afternoon at Preston.

REV. JAMES DRUMMOND, has received a call from the church at Chancford, York county, and will probably accept it.

REV. MR. McNAIR, B.A., having accepted the call to the Presbyterian church at Waterloo, was inducted and ordained on Tuesday.

REV. MR. MOGGE, who has had charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Aylmer, P.Q., for a number of years, has resigned, and he and his family have left for British Columbia.

REV. A. McNABB, Meaford, returned last week from his trip to Scotland. He feels much improved in health and strength, and reports a smooth ocean voyage both going and coming.

REV. KENNETH A. GOLLAN, of Manitoba, was married on the 27th ult., in Warrender Park church, Edinburgh, to Miss Agnes Hannah Macdonald, daughter of Rev. K. S. Macdonald, D.D., Calcutta.

REV. JOHN GRAY, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Kalamazoo, Mich., is visiting friends in Windsor. Mr. Gray was formerly pastor of St. Andrews church, and no one has yet been appointed in his place.

THE St. Andrews Christian Endeavour Society, Arnprior, will give an entertainment in St. Andrews church to-morrow evening. They have secured the services of Miss Agnes McLaren, of Renfrew, who will be assisted by local talent.

At a special meeting of the Ottawa Presbytery in Knox church, last week, the call from North Gower congregation to Rev. John S. Loughead of Parkhill, Ont., was sustained, and it was decided to ask for \$50 from the Home Mission Committee to help to make up the \$750 stipend for that field.

REV. A. McLEAN, whose death took place in Prince Edward Island, was a well-known and much respected pastor. For several years he was pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of Tryon and Bonshaw. Previous to this he was stationed at Dundas. He was ill only a short time and his sudden death will be regretted by many. He leaves a widow and family to mourn their loss, and to whom we tender our sympathy.

A REPORT has been going the rounds of many papers east and west to the effect that Dr. Clark, the president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, is about to retire from his duties on account of broken health and increasing age. As Dr. Clark returned from his year's journey around the world in better health than ever, the rumor is evidently incorrect, and since he has as yet scarcely reached middle age, the second reason given for his reputed resignation is manifestly absurd.

It is our sad duty to record the death of one who, though not extensively known here, was greatly endeared to all who had the privilege of her acquaintance. We refer to Mrs. M. McLennan, wife of the present pastor of Knox church, whose demise occurred at the home of her brother in Hancock, Mich., on Thursday, Aug. 3rd, at the age of 25 years. For the past year Mrs. MacLennan has been in feeble health and at the time of her death was on a trip up the lakes with her husband. The cause of her death was consumption of the stomach. She was the youngest daughter of the late Isaac Jones, of Boston, Mass. To the bereaved husband the sympathy of the community is extended in this hour of affliction. The board of managers of Knox church at the last meeting passed the following resolution of condolence: Resolved that we, the Board of Managers of Knox church, on behalf of the said congregation, do hereby tender to our esteemed pastor, Rev. M. C. McLennan, our most heartfelt sympathy in the loss he has sustained through the removal from this world of his beloved partner in life; and we take advantage of this opportunity to express to him our continued devotion for him, and to express the hope that, in the provi-