

The American Board of Foreign Missions recently resolved to recommend a day of special prayer throughout the Protestant world in behalf of foreign missions and selected the first Sabbath of November next as a suitable day. The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in the United States concurs most heartily in the recommendation. We would suggest to our own Foreign Mission Committee the desirability of taking the necessary steps to secure the observance of that day in all the congregations of our own Church. The time is opportune, the machinery for a great work is all in place, the hearts of all who love the Lord are longing with desire to see the work advance. Let us pour out our hearts to God that he may pour out His Spirit abundantly on all missionaries and on all mission fields.

As described in other columns the settlement of Rev. W. Patterson in the pastorate of Cooke's church, this city, was happily consummated on Thursday last. The circumstances attending the settlement give promise that the troubles that have so frequently been allowed to disturb the peace of this fine congregation have ceased, and that the church is about to enter upon a new era of prosperity. We sincerely trust that the promise of the induction day may be fulfilled in long years of mutual help and trustfulness between pastor and people, and in their unitedly successful and abundant labours for the cause of the Master and the Church.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE. EASTERN DIVISION.

The Eastern Division of the Foreign Mission Committee met in New Glasgow on 5th inst. There were present Revs. A. McLean, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Burns, E. A. McCurdy, A. McLean Sinclair, and L. Scott. Rev. D. Patterson, being present, was invited to aid in the deliberations. Took up the subject of the appointment of another missionary to accompany Mr. Annand to the New Hebrides. An exact minute of the General Committee, of date June 18th, as follows was read:—

"That this committee having considered the proposed mission to Santo, and the propriety of sending a second missionary along with Mr. Annand to commence work in this important field, and having learned of the generous offer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Halifax, find that the increased financial burden need not deter from the appointment of another missionary to accompany Mr. Annand to Santo, and therefore refer the proposal to the favourable consideration of the Eastern Division, and agree that, should the Eastern Division consider that the political condition of the New Hebrides warrants the extension of work in that group, and decide to appoint another missionary, they shall communicate the fact to the Western Division as soon as convenient, and the Western Division shall bring the matter under the notice of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (Western Section) with the view of securing their co-operation in the support of a work which so directly ministers to the well-being of the women and children of these heathen islands."

After prolonged consideration the following resolution was, by majority, adopted:—

"Whereas, the General Assembly has given expression to the desirability of having a second missionary sent to the Island of Santo, and whereas the Eastern Division of the Committee do not see anything substantially serious in the political situation to prove a barrier in the way of sending a second missionary, therefore agree to take preliminary steps towards making such an appointment, and to report this decision to the Western Division so as to secure the co-operation referred to in the deliberations of the General Committee."

Read a communication, dated Georgetown, British Guiana, from the secretary of the Presbyterian Missionary Society in that colony:—

"That the secretary of the Society be instructed to communicate with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Canadian Church. 1. To acquaint them that owing to the agricultural and commercial depression in this colony the Presbyterian Missionary Society is unable for the present, to pay the stipulated amount, £200 (\$260) of Rev. J. Gibson's salary. 2. To inquire whether the Board of Foreign Missions is disposed for a time to increase their annual grant by £100 (\$480). It was agreed that in the meantime the papers lie on the table and the secretary correspond with Mr. Gibson asking for a report from his field."

Read papers from Trinidad representing the pressing need of a teacher from Canada for Couva. Read also a resolution from the Western Section, dated May 11th, voting \$300 for one year for that purpose. It was agreed to sanction the appointment and advertise for a teacher for that district.

The following resolution was adopted with reference to the late Rev. J. W. McLeod:—

Inasmuch as it has pleased the Lord of the Harvest to call from labour to rest the late Rev. J. W. McLeod, of Princeton, the committee would place on record their high appreciation of his ability, prudence, and devotedness, as a labourer in the harvest field. The deep place he had won for himself in the affections of the people among whom he laboured, the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren, and the success that crowned his labours, all show him to have been eminently fitted for the work in which he was engaged. The committee sympathize deeply with Mrs. McLeod in her sore bereavement, and pray that God may be with her and her little ones, a very present help in the time of trouble.

Arrangements were made for the sale of the arrow root sent by Rev. H. A. Robertson from Eromanga. It can be obtained in bags of 4 lbs. and upwards, at 30 cents per lb. from Mr. H. Atkins, Juggist, Truro, R. McGregor & Sons, New Glasgow, and D. Logan, Pictou.

Dr. McCulloch reported that he had fulfilled his appointment to represent the committee at the ordination of Mr. W. L. McKee, by the Truro Presbytery, on the 6th inst. It was agreed that Mr. McKee be employed in visiting the churches until his departure for Trinidad about the first of September. A committee was appointed to prepare a draft of "General rules and regulations" in accordance with the Assembly's Scheme of Unification.—E. Scott, Secretary.

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO. INDUCTION OF THE NEW PASTOR.

The pastorate of Cooke's church, Toronto, which has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. John Kirkpatrick, about a year ago, was filled on Thursday, 22nd inst., by the induction of Rev. William Patterson after ordination in due form.

The presbytery met in the vestry and after being properly constituted entered the church where a large congregation had assembled. The moderator, Rev. H. M. Parsons, explained that Rev. Dr. Kellogg, who had been appointed to preach, owing to numerous calls upon his time and strength in connection with communion services during the week in St. James' Square church, was very reluctantly compelled to be absent, and that Rev. Thomas Nixon, Stouffville, had kindly consented to fill the pulpit.

After prayer and praise Mr. Nixon preached a very appropriate discourse from I. Cor. ii. 2: "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." He said that from those words they learned what is the specific work of the Christian minister, viz., the preaching of Christ. This was first the subject of Paul's preaching. Christ and Him crucified was

the strength of the minister. In the early days of Christianity this doctrine in the hands of a few fishermen had turned the world upside down, and this is what had given Luther his great strength in Reformation days. The man who faithfully preached this doctrine would be honoured of God. This doctrine was the foundation of the Church's prosperity. No congregation or church would be honoured where Christ and Him crucified was not lifted up. The preacher then called attention to the obligations which bound Paul to preach Christ. Paul's first obligation was his commission, and the commission of the ministry of the present day was just the same. Paul's next obligation was his experience, having made trial of other things before embracing the cross. Then Paul's gratitude to God was his next obligation. The love of Christ constrained him. His love to man was the next obligation. In conclusion, the preacher pointed out that the obligations which bound Paul to preach Christ are the standing obligations of the Christian ministry to-day.

The moderator then recited the steps which had been taken leading up to the induction, and put to Mr. Patterson the prescribed questions. There having been satisfactorily answered, Mr. Patterson was in due form inducted into the pastorate of Cooke's church.

The moderator, addressing the new pastor, congratulated him on entering on the pastorate of that church, although it might be considered a bold thing for a man to take charge of that congregation, because of its peculiar position in the city, and for other reasons. But Mr. Patterson would find the congregation prepared and loyal. Proceeding, he spoke upon the words addressed by Paul to Timothy: "Take heed of thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this thou shalt save thyself and them that hear." Dwelling upon the first clause, he pointed out the immense importance of a holy and prayerful life. The words meant also that a minister must take heed to the doctrine. In the Bible correct doctrine and correct life went together. Constant study of the Word was enjoined. He exhorted the young pastor to remember the old maxim: "Be studious, sit knee earnest." He exhorted the new pastor to be constant in prayer also, and concluding pointed out the great joy he would have in winning souls.

Rev. K. Wallace addressed the congregation. He urged them to give the new pastor their entire confidence, if they wished him to succeed in his work. They should not be afraid to tell him when his preaching had done them good. After urging them to pray for their pastor he asked them not to set about fault-finding with him, and spoke in strong terms of condemnation of this practice. They should co-operate actively with him in all his efforts for the benefit of the congregation and help him in visiting. He cautioned them against the "mean and unchristian business of sheep stealing, trying to steal the members of other congregations." If they could not get along without sheep stealing they had no right to exist as a congregation. Finally, it was the duty of the congregation to assist the pastor in every way in their power.

Rev. Dr. Gregg pronounced the benediction, and the services terminated.

The new pastor was introduced to the members of the congregation as they passed out of the church.

Immediately after the service Mr. Allison, treasurer of the Board of Trustees, placed in Mr. Patterson's hands a cheque for \$400, one quarter's salary in advance.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

A large number of the members and adherents with friends from other congregations and denominations gathered in the evening to welcome the new pastor. Indicative of the interest felt in the new era dawning for Cooke's church, the gathering was a representative one, for, besides many Presbyterians attached to other churches, there were ministers and adherents of the Congregational, Methodist, Anglican and Baptist Churches present. The proceedings were opened with devotional exercises, after which the chairman, Rev. Dr. Gregg, delivered an able introductory address. Interspersed with selections from the choir, addresses were delivered by Rev. John Burton (Northern Congregational Church), Rev. Dr. Thomas (Jarvis Street Baptist), Rev. Stephen Jones (Church of the Redeemer), Rev. L. Longley (Queen Street Methodist), Rev. H. M. Parsons (Knox Presbyterian), and finally the Rev. Mr. Patterson, the new pastor. The choir rendered effective service, the quartettes, in which at different times Mrs. Keith, Misses McConnell, Prentice and Corbett, Messrs. Clement and Canning took part, being exceedingly well rendered.

PRESENTATION TO DR. GREGG.

Midway in the proceedings Mr. James Allison came forward and spoke substantially as follows:—Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to take part in this meeting to-night, and express my thanks to Almighty God for the settlement of this day of a pastor. I fully know the trials and troubles this church has passed through since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick in June of last year. Our increase has not been very large. We trust for better times and spiritual progress in this place, and with the unanimous feeling that prevails at present in the congregation, I have every hope of our future welfare. Our hopes were greatly strengthened during the vacancy by one who had endeared himself unto the hearts of the members of Cooke's church. Rev. Dr. Gregg has been as a father to this church through good and evil report; he has been upon the side of peace, harmony and good will towards all men. During his long and faithful ministry of fifteen years he gathered around him a vigorous congregation. Commencing with less than one hundred members it increased to a membership of over 600. Having been appointed by his brethren in the ministry as professor in Knox College he was ably succeeded by the late Rev. Dr. Robb, who for five years loyally preached the everlasting Gospel from this pulpit until he returned to his native land, where now in the providence of God he sleeps with his fathers until the resurrection morn. Next in line came Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick; and last but not least our young brother Mr. Patterson. I can assure him the small and faithful band who remain to carry on the work in this place shall encourage him in the good work he has been called to do. Our faithful friend Dr. Gregg is with us, still giving us his wise counsel and advice. It becomes my pleasing duty, rev. and dear sir, in the name of the congregation to ask your acceptance of this gold watch and chain as a slight acknowledgment of the great and invaluable services rendered this church as moderator of session during its vacancy. May this timepiece remind you of the fleeting hours that are fast passing away. May our Heavenly Father long preserve you to your family and the Church of which you are an honoured member.

Mr. Allison, amid the plaudits of the audience, handed Dr. Gregg a beautiful gold watch and chain valued at over \$200, purchased at the establishment of Mr. S. B. Windrum. The venerable minister was completely surprised at the gift, and found it difficult from emotion adequately to express his thanks.

After the programme had been concluded by singing of the National Anthem with great heartiness, an adjournment took place to the lecture room. Here there were numerous evidences of the decorative ability of the young ladies of the congregation, as a complete change had been made in the appearance of the room. For nearly an hour refreshments were dispensed in the most liberal manner. The utmost good feeling prevailed, and it was a matter of general remark that this old historic church had taken a new lease of life and her time of trouble being past she would soon under the new pastorate with the Divine blessing be restored to her former place in the front rank of the congregations of the Church.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

BRUCE.—Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, on Monday, July 12th. The afternoon and evening sessions of that day were devoted to Conference on the State of Religion, and congregational work, when several subjects of deep interest and importance were considered and discussed in a manner which was felt by all who were present to be truly profitable. On Tuesday the presbytery met for ordinary business, when Mr. John Moore was appointed moderator for the ensuing half year. In

answer to petitions, and after due consideration, Free St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Warkenton, were united as one congregation, to be henceforth known as Knox Church, Warkenton. A call to this charge, addressed to the Rev. John James, D.D., and promising a stipend of \$1,200 in monthly payments, was unanimously accepted, and arrangements were made for Dr. James's induction at Warkenton on July 29th, at 2 p.m. A call from Zion Church, Teeswater, offering a stipend of \$750 with manse, to the Rev. A. R. Linton, M.A., was also sustained and accepted, and the presbytery agreed to meet at Teeswater on August 6th, at 11 a.m., for hearing Mr. Linton's trial, and at 2:30 p.m. for his ordination and induction. There was sustained and accepted a call from the congregation of Kildon, Riversdale and Enniskillen to the Rev. Robert Gray. The stipend promised is \$600. The presbytery agreed to apply for a grant of \$150. Mr. Gray's induction was appointed to take place at Riversdale on August 6th, at 11 a.m. Mr. Moody's resignation of Balaklava having been taken up for consideration, there was read a resolution of the congregation expressive of their warm attachment to Mr. Moody, and setting forth that, owing to numerous recent removals they were no longer in a position to support a stated pastor. Mr. Moody's resignation was accepted, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Patterson and Johnstone was appointed to appear before the Presbytery of Sarneg and intimate that this presbytery was prepared to facilitate any steps that might be required to unite Balaklava with one or more other stations so as to form a pastoral charge. Mr. Greig's resignation of Knox Church, Paisley, was also accepted, to take effect on the first Sabbath of October. Although the congregation had passed a resolution expressing their regret that Mr. Greig had tendered his resignation, their respect and attachment to him, their belief that his labours have been conducive of much good, and their cordial desire that he should withdraw his resignation, Mr. Greig pressed his acceptance and the presbytery released him from his charge. Mr. Tolmie submitted and read the quarterly Home Mission Report, setting forth the appointments that had been recently made, and the requirements of the field for the summer. Various instructions were given to Mr. Findley. Mr. Tolmie was appointed to visit Tarbat with a view to settling some difficulties that have arisen there. Three months leave of absence was granted to Mr. D. Duff, that he might visit Europe.—JAMES GOURLEY, Clerk.

ORANGEVILLE.—The first meeting of the Presbytery of Orangeville was held in the Presbyterian Church, Orangeville, on the 20th inst., the Rev. A. McFaul being, by appointment of synod, the first moderator. There were present twelve ministers and a large number of elders. Rev. H. Crozier, of Grand Valley, was appointed clerk of the presbytery. The names of the Rev. S. Craig and Rev. George Ballantyne were added to the roll. These brethren were settled on the 19th inst., the former in first and second Chinguacousy, and the latter in Camilla and Mono Centre. The Rev. Messrs. Cameron and Neil of Toronto, and the Rev. N. Clarke, being present, were asked to correspond with the presbytery. The Rev. A. McFaul was appointed moderator for the ensuing year. Rev. J. A. McDonald was appointed moderator of St. George's and Maple Valley sessions. These stations applied for a supplement of \$150 in view of a call, and a deputation was appointed to visit them. The Rev. J. A. Ross was appointed moderator of the session of St. Andrews, Preston, and also of Maxwell, etc., during the absence of Mr. McLeod. On request, leave was granted to Dundas and Fraser's station to moderate in a call. The following are convener of standing committees for the year:—Home Missions, W. A. Hunter; Foreign Missions, K. Fowle; Augmentation, T. J. McClelland; Temperance, H. Crozier; Finance, W. A. Hunter; State of Religion, A. McFaul; Colleges, J. R. Gilchrist; Widows and Orphans, D. McLeod; Aged and Infirm Ministers, W. C. Armstrong; French Evangelization, J. A. Ross. Messrs. Kinell and Alderson appeared as a deputation from St. Andrew's Church, Preston, asking for connection with some other station, and offering to raise \$300 in view of settlement. Corbett and Riverview asked for aid to the extent of \$200. A deputation was appointed to visit them. Mr. Madill has done excellent work in these stations, seeing they are not yet a year in existence, and have already over 150 members. The application of the Rev. W. E. D'Argent for reception into the Church was deferred to the next meeting of the presbytery. The presbytery adjourned, to meet in the same place on the second Tuesday of September, at 11 a.m. A conference on Christian work was held in the evening, when excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. McFaul, McClelland, Cameron and Neil to a large and attentive audience.—H. CROZIER, Clerk.

GUELPH.—Met in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on the 20th inst. Mr. Dickson was chosen moderator for the ensuing year. Mr. Mullan was appointed moderator of the session of Melville Church, Fergus, during the absence of Dr. Smellie, and Dr. Torrance, of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, in the absence of Mr. Smith. The list of vacancies and Mission Stations in the bounds was revised. The presbytery's finance committee gave in their report, which was adopted, and auditors were appointed to examine the treasurer's books, who, after having done so, and at a subsequent part of the proceedings, reported that they had found them correct, and that proper vouchers for payments made had been produced. Mr. J. B. Mullan, convener, Dr. Mackay, Mr. Edmonson, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Blair, ministers, with Messrs. Hodgskin, Fordyce and A. Campbell were appointed a committee on evangelistic work in the bounds, and it was agreed to recommend that sessions proposing to hold special services should communicate with the committee, which was instructed to report from time to time. Dr. Torrance gave notice that he would move at next ordinary meeting that committees on the State of Religion, on Sabbath Schools, on Temperance and on Sabbath Observance, be among the standing committees of the presbytery, and that the standing orders now in force be amended so as to admit of the change. Mr. Rose gave notice that he would move, at next stated meeting, that students under trials for license and ordination be requested to send their exercises to members of the presbytery who shall critically report thereon, prescribing certain portions to be read before the court. Mr. Henry Knox, an ordained missionary, and Mr. A. F. Mackenzie, a minister without charge, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. Dr. Torrance reported from the committee to arrange for the observance of the approaching jubilee of the Rev. John Duff, and recommending that an address and testimonial be presented to him on the occasion, and that an adjourned meeting of the presbytery be held in Knox Church, Elora, on the 10th day of August next, that being the day on which Mr. Duff shall have attained his fiftieth year as a minister of the gospel. Report received and the recommendations of the committee adopted. A call from the congregation of Knox Church, Acton, to Mr. John Mackay, B.A., licentiate, to become their pastor. Dr. Torrance reported his conduct in moderating in the call, and the same was approved. Thereafter, it was agreed that the call be sustained, and that the clerk forward it to Mr. Mackay, with the request that he will signify his mind regarding it as soon as he can. A call from the congregation of Bothwell, Sutherland's Corners and Florence, in the Presbytery of Chatham, to Mr. Alexander Russell, of Hawkesville and Linwood, in these bounds, accompanied with reasons of translation, was presented. The steps usual in such cases were taken. A communication was read from the Presbytery of Toronto setting forth that they had, on application, received leave from the Synod of Toronto and Kingston to take Mr. J. R. Campbell on public trials for license, and had prescribed certain exercises to him, and that they now transferred him to the Presbytery of Guelph, within whose bounds he was labouring as a student missionary. It was agreed to take Mr. Campbell on trials as soon as he was prepared, and Dr. Middlemiss was appointed to conduct his examination in theology, and Mr. Rose in church history. The congregation at Elora Mills was granted leave to change the site of their church.—R. TORRANCE, Clerk.

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