

Church News.

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British Columbia Notes.

Rev. D. A. McRae, of Nanaimo, has returned from a five months' sojourn in Southern California, much improved in health. Mrs. McRae, on account of whose health the change was made, is also much better.

Rev. D. McRae, Clerk of the Presbytery, of Victoria, is spending a month's holiday under canvas at Sooke.

Rev. Thos Bennett, of Taylor Church, Montreal, who has been visiting the Coast, preached with much acceptance in the First Church, Vancouver.

An interesting Communion service was held in the Chinese Mission Hall, Victoria, on the evening of Sabbath, July 12th. There were present several members of various congregations in the city, representatives of the Methodist Chinese Mission with their missionary, Rev. Mr. Chan, and a large number of heathen who seemed not only interested but deeply impressed. Three young men, having publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church. The service was conducted by Mr. Winchester, assisted by Mr. Ng Mow Hing.

At the end of this month the Mission premises will be changed from the present "upper room" to a more convenient building in Chinatown.

Our foreign mission staff throughout the Province is much encouraged by the expected visit of two prominent members of the Com., Rev. Dr. McLaren and Mr. McKay, the indefatigable secretary.

A conference on F. M. work, in which all Protestant missionaries to the heathen, will participate, is being arranged to take place during the stay of those brethren in Victoria.

Mission work among the Canneries on the Fraser River is now being vigorously pushed by Mr. Colman.

Presbytery of Saugeen.

The Presbytery of Saugeen met in Knox church, Harrison, on the 14th July. Certificates for repeating shorter catechism were granted. David Morrison and Edith Reddon, from Mildmay congregation, Maggie McCulloch and Maud Munroe, from Clifford congregation, Jane Mitchell, Rothsay congregation, John Albert Harper and Mary Winnifield Harper, Mount Forest congregation. The Presbytery after considering a petition from a number of Presbyterians in the neighborhood of Farewell, agreed to hold an adjourned meeting in Mount Forest, on the 4th of August, at 10 a. m., at which the petitions and congregations interested are to appear for their interests. The Presbytery agreed that the minister's salary between McIntosh and Belmore be re-adjusted, so that in future McIntosh pay \$180 and Belmore \$320. The Session records of Durham, Amos and Mount Forest were examined and attested. Mr. Aull, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit Cedarville, Eglon and St. Andrew's, Proton, reported that they had visited said congregations, but failed to induce the people to accept the services of one man for the whole field, but that St. Andrew's Proton and Proton Station were supplied by one man for the summer. The clerk was instructed to certify Messrs. Hattie and Fotheringham to the Senate of Knox College, as students of the first year of the literary course. Mr. Edmison was authorized to moderate a call in Maxwell and Drayton, as soon as they are prepared. The following committees were appointed: Young Peoples Societies, Messrs. Jansen and Lauder, Church Life and Work, Messrs. Miller and Murdock, Sabbath Schools, Messrs. Dobson and Walker, Home Missions, Messrs. Aull and Burns, Superintendent of Students—Church History, Mr. Jansen, Apologetics, Mr. Aull; Hebrew, Mr. Munro; Experimental Religion, Mr. McKellar; Greek and Latin, Mr. Ramsay; Theology, Mr. Cam-

eron. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mount Forest on the 4th of August next, at 10 a. m.
S. YOUNG, Clerk.

Presbytery of Huron.

This Presbytery met in Goderich on the 14th of July. Mr. J. A. McDonald was appointed Moderator for the ensuing 6 months. Commissioners to the Assembly reported their attendance in due order. The Rev. Richard Weir, on leave of Assembly was formally received as a minister of this church. Mr. Fowle theological student, at present assisting Dr. McDonald, read a discourse, and he was ordered to be certified to the Senate of Knox College. The Standing Committee for the year were appointed, of which the following are the conveners, viz.—Home Missions, Mr. Acheson, Church Life and Work, Mr. Muir; Sabbath Schools, Mr. Shaw; Finance, Mr. J. A. Hamilton, Christian Endeavor, Mr. Fletcher, Superintendence of Students, Dr. McDonald. Mr. Shaw gave a report on Christian Endeavor Societies, en re organizing a Presbyterian Society. Such organization was delayed till sessions shall have an opportunity to consider the "Constitution" of the said societies, and Mr. Shaw was instructed to procure copies of the Constitution and to forward one to each session and sessions were requested to send their deliverance to Mr. Shaw as soon as possible. Next meeting of Presbytery to be held in Clinton on the 8th September at 10.30 a.m.—A. McLean, Clerk.

Presbytery of Orangeville.

This Presbytery met July 14th, Rev. J. R. Bell, moderator in the chair. Commissions were received on behalf of Messrs Robert Wood, Erin, and Charles Clark, Ventry. Rev. J. W. Mitchell of Hamilton Presbytery, being present, was asked to correspond. Cheltenham and Mt. Pleasant session records, and Ventry session records were examined and attested. The Presbytery expressed its satisfaction at the return of Mr. McKenzie, from his visit to the Holy Land. Mr. Croll tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Maple Valley and Singhampton. The people of Maple Valley, through their delegate, Mr. John McDonald, expressed a strong desire to retain Mr. Croll. Mr. Croll stated that a large portion of the revenue which should have been paid for stipend in Singhampton was diverted to other purposes, thus leaving the congregation in arrears. He adhered to his resignation, which was accepted, to take effect on Aug. 5. Mr. Neilly was appointed interim moderator and to preach, and declare the pulpits vacant on the ninth of August. Messrs. Wells, Morrison, and McKenzie, and Mr. James Stewart, elder, were appointed a committee, with Presbyterial powers, to visit Singhampton and investigate the circumstances which led to Mr. Croll's resignation. Mr. Wells tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Fiesberton and Eugenia. The clerk was instructed to cite the session and congregations to appear for their interests at next regular meeting of Presbytery. Mr. J. L. Campbell tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Cheltenham and Mt. Pleasant, as he had agreed, with the Presbytery's permission, to take charge of the Protestant Mission in Chicoutimi, Quebec. The clerk was instructed to cite said congregations and their session to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Cheltenham, on Aug. 4th, at 2 p.m. Messrs. Wells and McRobbie were appointed to prepare a minute annulling Mr. Croll's resignation. The following are the conveners of standing committees for the ensuing year, viz.—Foreign Missions, Rev. N. Morrison, B. A., Corbetton, Home Missions and Augmentation, Rev. D. McKenzie, B. A., Orangeville; Finance, Mr. A. Steele, M. A. Orangeville, Colleges, Dr. McRobbie, Shellburne, W. and O. Fund, Rev. J. W. Orr, Mono Mills, A and I. M Fund, Rev. P. McLeod, B. A., Princeton, French Evangelization, Rev. F. A. Harrison, B. A., Dundalk, Sabbath Schools, Rev. J. R. Bell, Laurel; Church Life and Work, N. Morrison, B. A., Corbetton; Superintendent Students, Rev. R. Fowle, Erin; Young Peoples Socio-

ties, Rev. J. J. Elliott, B. A., Hillsburg; Rev. D. A. Hamilton, pursuant to leave of the General Assembly, was received as a minister of this church. The following were appointed to visit supplemented congregations, viz:—Mr. Wells to Maxwell and associated stations. Mr. Harrison, to Corbetton and associated stations. Mr. McConnell, to Laurel and Black's Corners. Mr. Bell, to Waldeman, Vanatter, and Knox Church. Mr. D. L. Campbell, to Caledon East and St. Andrew's Caledon. Next meeting of Presbytery at Orangeville, Sep. 1st, at 10.30 a.m.—H. Crozier, clerk.

Presbytery of London.

The Presbytery of London held its bi-monthly meeting in Port Stanley, on the 14th July. Rev. I. Little, moderator. The minutes of last regular meeting, and those of the special meeting for the induction of Mr. Kay, into the charge of Dorchester and Crumlin, were read and sustained. The commissioners to the General Assembly, who were present, reported their diligence in attending that court. On motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed, that non-reporting commissioners were expected to report at next regular meeting, and the clerk was instructed to notify them of this decision. The resignation of the Rev. J. A. Macdonald, of the charge of Knox Church, St. Thomas, was considered, and after hearing Messrs. D. K. McKinzie, and R. Rowland, on behalf of the session; and Mr. J. McColl on behalf of the congregation, and Mr. Macdonald for himself, the resignation was accepted, taking effect on Sabbath, 26th inst. Mr. J. Currie was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on that day, and act thereafter as moderator of session. The session obtained leave to supply its own pulpit, and to moderate in a call, if prepared to do so, before next meeting of Presbytery. Rev. J. G. Stewart presented a call from King street congregation, London, East. The call was signed by 133 members, and 48 adherents, promising \$900 stipend, and four weeks holidays. The call was in favor of Rev. Thomas Wilson, Dutton. Messrs. Chessboro and Black, commissioners from London East, were present, and testified to the unanimity of the call. On motion of Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, seconded by Rev. J. Currie, it was agreed to approve of the moderator's conduct, sustain the call as a regular gospel call; and that the usual steps be taken in presenting the same. At this stage the Clerk of Presbytery stated, that at the urgent request of Mr. Stuart, Moderator of King Street Mission, he had cited all parties interested to appear at this meeting, and that reasons for translation had been duly sent to Dutton congregation.

The Presbytery having heard the Clerk's statement agreed to waive the informality, and proceed now to hear parties. The following appeared on behalf of King Street, London, East—Messrs. Black, Chessboro, McLean, Eady and Paterson, and Messrs. Hollingshead, McArthur, Beattie, Hertel, Gordon, Campbell, Pool and Leitch, on behalf of Dutton congregation. These addressed the Presbytery in the above order, the former in favor of translation and the latter against it, and Mr. Black replied to the pleadings from Dutton. The call was then put into Mr. Wilson's hand who indicated his acceptance of it. On motion of Dr. Proudfoot, duly seconded, the Presbytery agreed to grant the translation. The induction was appointed to take place in London East, on Tuesday 11th August, at 8 p.m., the Moderator of Presbytery to preside, Mr. Kay to preach, Mr. Tolling to address the minister, and Mr. Currie the people. Mr. Kelso was appointed to declare the pulpit of Knox Church Dutton, vacant on the first Sabbath of August and Mr. Wilson to act thereafter as Moderator of Session.

Mr. George Gilmore, student of theology, after undergoing a lengthened and highly satisfactory examination, was duly licensed to preach the gospel. Deputations were appointed to visit augmented charges and report at September meeting. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in First Church, London, at 1 p.m., on 8th Sept., and closed with the benediction.—George Sutherland, Clerk.