

account of the special work of grace in Golden Stream, where forty-one persons had lately been received into the membership of the Church. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Birle on Tuesday evening, September 8, at eight o'clock, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.—S. C. MORRAY, Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.**—This Presbytery met on July 14. Mr. John Brown appeared as a commissioner from the congregation of Morris, asking for moderation in a call. The congregation wishes to call Mr. Hope F. Ross, who is now in charge of the congregation as an ordained missionary. The leave asked for was granted, and Rev. A. B. Baird was appointed to visit Morris and moderate in the call. The following are the members of standing committees for the ensuing year: Home Missions, Dr. Bryce; Foreign Missions, Professor Hart; State of Religion, Principal King; Sabbath Observance, A. McFarlane; Sabbath Schools, John Pringle; Finance and Stipends, A. B. Baird; Temperance, Joseph Hogg; Examination of Students, James Douglas; Systematic Benevolence, Dr. Duval; Maintenance of the Theological Department of Manitoba College, Dr. Bryce; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, John Hogg; treasurer of the Presbytery, Rev. C. D. McDonald. Rev. A. B. Baird resigned his charge of Augustine Church, inasmuch as he had been appointed by the General Assembly one of the professors of theology in Manitoba College. In doing so he expressed his regret at severing what had always been a most harmonious relation between Augustine Church and himself. Chief Justice Taylor briefly expressed the regret of the congregation at the severance of the bonds which had united Mr. Baird and its members. The congregation would ere this have given Mr. Baird a call had not his connection with the college been as close as it was. It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. James Lawrence, seconded by Mr. J. A. F. Sutherland, that, inasmuch as by the action of the General Assembly, Mr. Baird has been placed in the position of professor in Manitoba College, the Presbytery accepts his resignation of his charge in Augustine Church, and expresses sympathy with the congregation in the loss of its minister. The Rev. John Hogg spoke of having been present in the Assembly in Kingston when the appointment was made. He had witnessed with great gratification the unanimity of the Assembly in making the appointment and the confidence in Mr. Baird which was expressed on all hands. On motion of Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Anderson, Mr. Baird was appointed Moderator of the Session of Augustine Church, with authority to moderate in a call when the congregation is ready for such a step. It was agreed to postpone until the next meeting of Presbytery the recommendations of the Synod in the matter of Systematic Benevolence. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again in the same place on Tuesday, September 8, at three o'clock p.m.

**PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.**—This Presbytery met July 14, at Orangeville, Mr. Ballantyne, Moderator, in the chair. The Moderator's term of office having expired, Mr. J. L. Campbell, B.A., was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. The Clerk reported that Mr. A. K. Casswell had declined the call to Rosemont and Mansfield. Mr. Ballantyne was given leave to moderate in a call at these stations. Messrs. McLeod, McRobbie, and Hughes were appointed a committee with Presbyterial powers to act with the Owen Sound Presbytery with a view to the union of Markdale and Berkleigh. Mr. McLeod reported that he had organized a congregation at Eugenia Falls with a roll of forty-seven members, thirty-eight of which had been received on profession of faith, and nine by certificate, and that he had dispensed the Lord's Supper there. Mr. McLeod was granted leave to moderate in a call at Flesherston and Eugenia Falls. The following are the Conveners of the various standing committees: Home Missions, Mr. D. C. Hossack; Foreign Missions, Mr. K. Fowle; Augmentation Fund, Mr. G. G. McKobbe; Finance, Mr. Steele, of Orangeville; Temperance, Mr. J. W. Orr; Colleges, Mr. D. McLeod; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Mr. L. C. Emes; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Mr. G. Ballantyne; French Evangelization, Mr. H. Crozier; Sabbath Schools, Mr. A. Wilson; Sabbath Observance, Mr. T. T. Johnston; State of Religion, Mr. J. L. Campbell; Committee to Superintend Students, Mr. D. C. Hossack. Mr. Andrew Scobie, late from Scotland, submitted his papers to the Presbytery and asked to be taken on trials for license. The case was referred to the Committee appointed to examine and superintend students, to report at next regular meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Murdoch McKay, a graduate of Knox College, was taken on public trials for license, and was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. The Presbytery agreed to hold an adjourned meeting at Orangeville on the 28th inst., at 2 p.m., and the next regular meeting at Orangeville on September 8 at 11 a.m. The ministers of Presbytery were requested to lay before their congregations the state of the Augmentation Fund with a view to receiving contributions for said Fund before the end of September. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the same place on the 28th inst., and the Session was closed with the benediction.—H. CROZIER, Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.**—This Presbytery met in Division Street Hall, Owen Sound, on June 30th, and was constituted by Rev. Dr. Morrison. All the members were present, with a goodly attendance of elders. Rev. A. McDiarmid was appointed moderator. Delegates to the General Assembly reported and Presbytery instructed its treasurer to collect *pro rata* from the congregations to meet the expenses, viz.: \$12.50 for each delegate present. Dr. Morrison took the chair while Mr. McDiarmid's resignation was being considered. Commissioners were present from Latona, Messrs. Corlett and Ledingham. Mr. McDiarmid intimated his willingness to remain as minister of Latona if the Presbytery and congregation could arrange it. After long deliberation the following resolution was agreed upon: That the Presbytery does not see its way either to the ac-

ceptance of Mr. McDiarmid's resignation of part of his charge or to the temporary separation of Latona and Rocky Saugeen, that in the meanwhile the resignation lie on the table, and he continue to supply both congregations, that each congregation be requested to report by subscription list to a special meeting of Presbytery in this place on the first Tuesday of August, at 1:30 p.m., how much it will contribute for Mr. McDiarmid's maintenance in case his resignation is withdrawn, and that Dr. Fraser be appointed to preach in both places and explain fully the situation and the reasons for the decision reached. For the supply of Johnston and Woodford the Home Mission Committee was instructed to secure a student missionary as soon as possible, and to make application for the sum of seventy-five dollars for Daywood and forty-five dollars for Johnston from the Home Mission Fund. Messrs. Somerville, McAlpine, McLennan and Michael were appointed to consider the remits of Synod and report in September. The following standing committees were appointed: Home Mission, Messrs. Somerville, McAlpine and Waits; Augmentation, Messrs. Ross, Waits and Murray; Sabbath School, Messrs. Yeomans, McAlpine, Pringle and elder of Warton; Temperance, Messrs. McInnes, MacLaren, Hamilton and McArthur; Finance, Messrs. MacLaren, McInnes and Paterson; Sabbath Observance, Messrs. Ross, Fleming, Morrison and Michael; State of Religion, Messrs. Rodgers, McLean, McDiarmid and Fraser; Systematic Benevolence, Messrs. McAlpine, McLennan, Rodgers and Jackman. The following committees were appointed to visit mission fields, attend to financial matters and disburse ordinances and report at the September meeting of Presbytery: Lion's Head, Messrs. Yeomans and his elder; Indian Peninsula, Mr. Hamilton; Big Bay, Messrs. Somerville, McAlpine and Fraser; Johnston, Daywood, Woodford and Caven, Mr. Waits; Berkeley, Williamsford and Holland Centre, Mr. McAlpine; Hepworth, Cruikshank and North Derby, Messrs. Somerville and Fraser. Messrs. McAlpine, Waits and McLaren were appointed with Presbyterial power to act with the Presbytery of Orangeville in disposing of Markdale in its relation to this Presbytery. Mr. Wm. Gardiner was appointed assessor for St. Vincent session. It was agreed that all session records be produced for examination at the December meeting, and that next regular meeting be held in Division Street Hall, Owen Sound, on the last day of September at 9 a.m., and the Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Division Street Hall on the first Tuesday in August (4th) at 1:30 p.m., and the meeting was closed with prayer.—J. SOMERVILLE, Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.**—This Presbytery met in Morden on Wednesday and Thursday, July 8 and 9. Rev. M. Mackenzie acted as Moderator. The Presbytery approved of assistance being given from the Church and Manse Building Fund to Thornhill, Burnside, Rosetle and Belmont. Rev. H. J. Borthwick being present was invited to correspond. Rev. James Farquharson, who for some years has filled the office of Clerk of Presbytery with great efficiency, tendered his resignation of that office. The Presbytery, regretting the loss of such an excellent officer, expressed their appreciation of his services and accepted the resignation. Rev. C. W. Whyte was appointed to the Clerkship. The committee appointed to draw up a minute anent the resignation of Mr. Cairns, of Maringhurst, reported, and the minute was adopted. The minute recounted the difficulties with which Mr. Cairns had to contend in his years of work on a wide and thinly settled prairie mission field, his faithfulness and success in the work and his regularity and good sense as a member of Presbytery, and prayed that God's blessing might abundantly rest upon himself and family. The committee appointed to strike standing committees reported. The Conveners of the several committees are as follows: Home Missions, Rev. James Farquharson; Sabbath Schools, Rev. R. G. McBeth; Temperance, Mr. J. H. Haverson; Sabbath Observance, Rev. P. Fisher; State of Religion, Rev. M. Mackenzie; Examination of Students, Rev. D. D. Mackay; Systematic Benevolence, Rev. D. Munro; Statistics, Rev. C. W. Whyte; Church Law, Rev. R. G. McBeth; Manitoba College, Rev. P. Fisher. A communication was received from Rev. John Brown, of Melita, resigning his position as missionary in that field on account of failing health. The Presbytery expressed its deep sympathy with Mr. Brown, and in consideration of the reasons given acceded to his request to be released at the end of September next. Arrangements were made for the dispensing of ordinances in the various mission stations. It was decided to hold the next meeting of Presbytery in Killarney on the second Tuesday of September next. Mr. McDiarmid, a student of Manitoba College, read a discourse, was examined and ordered to be certified to the Senate of Manitoba College as a fit person to enter upon the study of theology with a view to the ministry of the Gospel. The Synod's recommendations on Systematic Benevolence were considered. Presbytery expressed its decided approval of the principles of systematic giving, adopted the recommendations and commended them to the favourable consideration of members of Presbytery and congregations. The Presbytery agreed to publish at the close of the present year a detailed account of the statistics, financial and otherwise, of all the stations within the bounds of Presbytery.—C. W. WHYTE, Pres. Clerk.

#### OBITUARY.

##### MR. JOHN MITCHELL.

Mr. John Mitchell, for the past forty-five years a valuable elder of the congregation of Allan Settlement, commonly called St. Paul's Church, Carluke, died July 4, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. Mr. Mitchell was a native of the parish of Gartley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He came to Canada about fifty years ago. He was one of the pioneer settlers in the Allan Settlement, commonly called the Scotch Block, in the township of Ancaster.

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##### MRS. ARCHIBALD REID.

This estimable lady died somewhat suddenly at her home in Reidville, township of Camden, on Thursday, July 2. She had been ill little over a week. Everything that medical skill could do to check the disease was unavailing.

Surrounded by her loving and devoted children she quietly breathed her last on the morning of the 2nd ult. Her spirit departed to God who gave it. Mrs. Reid was sixty-two years of age and survived her husband about fifteen years. There were in all twelve children, namely one son and eleven daughters, of whom Robbie and seven daughters are living. Left with such a large family it was no easy task for a woman to look after the affairs of a farm and the proper upbringing of a family of young girls. Nevertheless, like a true hearted woman and mother, she set to work with an indomitable will and trusting in Him who is the widow's help in the time of need, she not only managed the business of a farm with a degree of alacrity and success, but she also reared her children most respectably and gave them an excellent scholastic education, fitting some of them to occupy important and responsible positions in life. Mrs. Reid will be greatly missed, not only in her home among her children, but in the neighbourhood, for wherever there was sickness she was sure to be found a ready and willing helper. From the commencement of her illness she seemed to think that death was in the cup, and she expressed to her minister a readiness to depart and be with Jesus. During the whole of her short illness she was ready to speak comfort to those about her and especially to her children. On the Monday previous to her death she expressed a wish to partake of the holy communion, which ordinance was solemnly administered by the minister, assisted by his Session, and she was duly received into the full membership of the Church. She expressed her deep enjoyment of the service and told us that she was spiritually refreshed through it. The evening before she passed away we were with her again, and knowing that her end was near, she asked us to pray that her soul might have a peaceful rest. Reverently we knelt by her bedside and asked God to sustain His servant in the last extremities and receive her gentle spirit to Himself. As we bade her good-bye we knew that we would see her no more in the flesh again, but felt sure as she neared the river that she could make these lines her own:—

Death cannot make my soul afraid,  
If God be with me there;  
Soft is the passage through the shade,  
And all the prospects fair

In the morning about half-past ten o'clock her spirit winged its way to the mansions which Jesus has prepared for those who love Him.

Her funeral the following day (Friday) was largely attended. The sermon was preached in Knox Presbyterian Church. The text chosen was from Hebrews iv. 11: "Let us labour to enter into that rest." The burial took place in the cemetery at Centreville, where her husband and three daughters are interred.

Hail, heavenly voice, once heard in Patmos: "Write, Henceforth the dead who die in Christ are blest. Yea, saith the Spirit, for they are now at rest From all their labours!" But no dull, dark night That rest o'er shadows; 'tis the day-spring bright of bliss; the foretaste of a richer feast! A sleep, if sleep it be, of lively rest; Peopled with visions of intense delight, And though the secrets of that resting place The soul embodied knows not; yet she knows No sin is there God's likeness to deface; To stain His love no purgatorial woes; Her dross is left behind, nor mixture base Mars the pure stream of her serene repose.

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## British and Foreign.

THE personal estate of the late Mr. Barbour, of Bunskeid, exceeds \$865,000.

YALE has conferred the honorary degree of D.D. upon Dr. James Stalker, of Glasgow.

DR. GEORGE MACDONALD is preparing a complete collection of his poetical works.

HOOKE was first called "the Judicious" in the epitaph written by Sir William Cowper.

PROFESSOR MARCUS DOUGLAS preached recently in St. Giles Church, Edinburgh, a sermon to soldiers.

HERR MERENSKY, of the Berlin Mission Society, is on his way to found a station at Lake Nyassa.

HALF of the \$50,000 jubilee fund of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society is already subscribed.

THE Rev. Newman Hall has resigned his pastorate. Ordained at Hull in 1842, he was called to Rowland Hill's Chapel in 1854.

FROM the pockets of boys and girls in the course of one night there is drawn at the gambling stands in New City Road, Glasgow, between \$200 and \$250.

DR. HENDERSON, Moderator of the U. I. Synod, and Dr. Blair, of Dunblane, represented the Church at the International Council of Congregationalists.

THE Rev. Samuel Hollingsworth, M.A., the new headmaster of Wesley College, Dublin, has received the degree of D.D. from Dublin University, being the first non-Episcopal minister thus honoured.

A LADY who desires to remain anonymous offers a free medical education at the Edinburgh School of Medicine for Women and at Leith hospital to a suitable lady wishing to become a medical missionary.

MR. MORION, M.P., failed in his endeavour to get the lobby bar extinguished in the British House of Commons, although Mr. Russell, Mr. Campbell Bannerman and others denounced the institution as an eyesore.

A NOVEL incident took place in Alloa church recently, when Rev. Alexander Bryson intimated the cancelling of the partial proclamation of banns between a couple. The woman had in the week following the first "cues" gone off with another man.

PONDITA RAMABAI told a visitor to her Home at Poona that, out of the thirty widows who have found shelter within its walls, she had the assurance from their own lips that their coming thither had saved nearly twenty of them from suicide, starvation or a life of shame.



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