

Presbytery of Bruce.

This court held its quarterly meeting at Kincardine, on the 26th and 27th ult. There were 17 ministers and 8 elders in attendance. Rev. J. Ferguson, of Brantford, being present, was asked to sit and deliberate. Two hours of the first evening's seditary were taken up with a conference on the state of religion. The following were the subjects introduced by the following members of court, viz: 1. "The state of mind in which a minister of the gospel ought to prosecute his work," by Mr. McLennan. 2. "Temperance in connection with the progress of religion," by Mr. D. Fraser. 3. "The progress of the Presbyterian Church within the bounds of the Presbytery since the year 1872," by Mr. Straith. Short addresses were given by several members of court, on the subjects as they were introduced. On motion of Mr. D. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Tolmie, it was unanimously resolved: that "The Presbytery, taking into consideration the duty of the church in relation to the present, crisis on the temperance question, believing that the enforcement of the temperance act of 1864, (about to be submitted) would in a great measure prevent the evils which at present arise from the drinking usages of society, and would remove one great obstacle to the advancement of the cause of Christ, resolved to commend the present situation to the earnest and prayerful consideration of our congregations, and recommend ministers to bring this subject prominently before our people, and to use every legitimate means to secure the enforcement of said act. Mr. J. Anderson having read a report of his four week's mission labors on Manitoulin Island, it was resolved to receive the report and thank him for the important services he has rendered to that field, and for the carefully drawn up statement which he has read, and the very interesting information furnished, and also agree to express its sense, of the importance of the field described, of the valuable work performed there by the missionaries of the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College, and further instruct the Presbytery's Home Mission committee to use every endeavor to obtain suitable laborers for that field. Messrs. Shaw and Muller were heard, the former in relation to the Mission Station of Pinkerton, and the latter in relation to the congregation of Riversdale and Enniskillen. Mr. Tolmie having submitted the quarterly report of the Home Mission committee, the Presbytery agreed to approve of the same, and resolved that as the Ripley congregation have undertaken to raise the yearly stipend of their late pastor, the Rev. Adam Mackay, and are not able in the meantime to meet the expenses of mission services, no such services be appointed for the ensuing quarter, but that occasional preaching be given by members of Presbytery, and that, in regard to the Pinkerton Station it be continued on the list of mission stations, for the present, and that the Home Mission committee endeavor to obtain a suitable laborer for that field, but failing in this the committee be authorized to call on members, of course to give supply of preaching, and that the minister supplying, give a week day service in addition to the services on the Sabbath. The Presbytery also resolved that Riversdale and Enniskillen be supplied by members of Presbytery at least on alternate Sabbaths. Mr. Tolmie having expressed his inability to be present at the ensuing meeting of the Home Mission committee at Toronto. Mr. D. Fraser was appointed to represent the Presbytery at that meeting. Mr. D. Fraser read a report on behalf of the commission of Presbytery appointed to meet with the congregations of Huron and Ripley (with a view to the settlement of the dispute about the Globe land) setting forth that the commission waited on these congregations, but were unable to effect an amicable settlement of the dispute. The report was received, and thanks tendered to the commission for their diligence. It was agreed that no further steps be taken in the meantime to settle the difficulty between these two congregations. On application from the session of Knox's Church, Ripley, it was resolved to hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Ripley, on Wednesday 11th inst. at 11 o'clock to moderate in a call to a minister, and to issue it if in order; Mr. Stewart to preach and preside. Mr. Straith having submitted a report in behalf of the Commission appointed to visit Eadie and Westminster Church, Teeswater, and Commissioners having been heard, the Presbytery resolved to disjoin Eadie Congregation from Westminster Church, Teeswater, the same to take effect on the 15th day of October next; Mr. J. Fraser was appointed to preach and announce this deliverance to these congregations. Mr. Straith gave notice of a motion in the manner of appointing Commissioners to the General Assembly. It was agreed to instruct Ministers and Kirk sessions to have Missionary Sermons preached and meetings held in all the Congregations of the bounds before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and report thereon. All needful arrangements to be made by the Ministers and Sessions themselves—Collections to be taken up at these meetings in aid of the Presbytery fund. On motion of Dr. Bell, duly seconded, it was resolved to hold a conference on the state of religion, at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. Dr. Bell and Mr. Straith were appointed a committee to make arrangements for holding said conference. Mr. J. Anderson having brought under the notice of the Presbytery, that the people of the mission station at Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, have determined to erect a church, to be worth \$600, but that it will be impossible for them, owing to the extreme poverty as new settlers, to succeed in this enterprise unless they receive from external sources, the sum of \$200 in money; the Presbytery agreed to urge on the congregations under their charge, to make special contributions during the winter, and if possible to raise this amount, all contributions to be forwarded to Rev. J. Straith, Presbytery Treasurer, Paisley. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox's Church, Ripley, on Wednesday 11th October, at 11 o'clock, a.m., and in St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, on the third Tuesday of January next.—A. G. FORBES, Pres. Clerk.

Presbytery of London.

The Presbytery of London met on the 26th September for their quarterly meeting. Rev. Dr. Proudfoot was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. A call was presented from the congregation of Nisour to the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Guthrie Church, Longwood, and Cook's Church, Carleton Place, and disjoined. Deputations from each congregation having been heard, and Mr. Sutherland intimating his desire to remain in his present charge, the Presbytery unanimously decided not to grant the translation. A call was handed in by the congregation of Wallacetown in favor of the Rev. John A. McDonald, of Dorchester, offering a salary of \$650 and manse. The delegates being heard the Presbytery agreed to sustain the call, lay it on the table, and that the congregation be invited to appear in their own behalf at the next meeting of Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Rennie, of Anisa Craig, was appointed as moderator of the Kirk session of East Williams. A protest and appeal from the congregation of St. Thomas, ancient instrumental music, signed by 61 members and 59 adherents, was brought before the Presbytery. A great deal of discussion took place as to what was to be done with the paper; finally the Presbytery agreed to hear the delegates. Messrs. John Walker and Donald Connal, supported the protest and appeal; and Messrs. Jas. McAdam and Colin McDougall appeared on behalf of the congregation. Several of the speakers spoke at length. EVENING SESSION. After the usual opening exercises, the Presbytery resumed the discussion of dissent and appeal from certain parties in the congregation in St. Thomas. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Elfrick, that the Presbytery dismiss the dissent and appeal, and instruct the congregation to take a constitutional vote in reference to the use of instrumental music in worship. Moved, in amendment, by Rev. Mr. McKinnon, seconded by the Rev. Mr. McQuirrie, of Napier, that the Presbytery sustain the dissent and appeal, and instruct the session of St. Thomas congregation to silence the organ in the meantime. Moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. Mr. Simpson, seconded by J. M. Goodwillie, that the Presbytery dismiss the dissent and appeal in reference to instrumental music in the public worship of the congregation. The motion was carried. Rev. Mr. Simpson entered his dissent to the finding of the Presbytery. Mr. Ross, Elder, from Warwick, asked for advice in reference to manse property at Watford. Moved by the Rev. N. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, that the Presbytery instruct the Clerk to write to the Moderator of the Watford session to find out the instructions of the Presbytery in reference to the said manse property. Rev. Mr. Canelon was appointed moderator of the session in Dorchester. Presbytery adjourned to meet again at 9 a.m. The Presbytery met at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 27th, the Moderator in the chair. After routine business, Rev. John A. McDonald, of Delaware, laid his resignation on the table, and the congregation was cited to appear, in their own interests. A petition, signed by about 80 members and adherents of the Presbyterian Mission in London East, praying to be formed into a congregation under the care of the London Presbytery: Messrs. A. M. Ross, and Alex. Wills, appeared on behalf of the petitioners. Revs. Dr. Proudfoot, J. A. Murray, and D. Canelon, spoke in favor of the petition, and expressing good will to the eastern suburb. Mr. Alex. Wills, on behalf of the congregation, supported the petition. He referred to the financial state of the congregation, and also to the growing of the congregation, and the intention of building a new church. The Sabbath school was also in a flourishing condition. He himself was a member of Dr. Proudfoot's congregation, but he was doing all he could to advance the interests of the London East mission. Correspondents in England write, that we have in Canada no idea of the length and breadth and depth of the feelings of indignation and loathing, which the recent Turkish atrocities have kindled in the public mind, against this corrupt and moribund state. Speeches of Archbishops, and bishops, sensational sermons, angry letters, crowded indignation meetings in nearly all the large towns, and the daily morning journals attest the growing excitement of the hour. A prayer on a recent Sunday, beseeching God to "cause the Turks to be defeated, and wipe away Mohammedan power from the face of the earth," expresses the breathing of England's "awakened conscience" to use the Bishop of Manchester's phrase. British statesmen will need before all things to keep their heads clear amid the ever-increasing difficulty of the Eastern Question.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS. At Fenelon Falls, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. the wife of Mr. S. D. HAND, proprietor of the Gazette, of a son. At Three Rivers, P.Q., on the 28th ult. Mrs. ALEXANDER HOVLISTON, of a daughter. At the manse at West Winchester, Ont., on the 22nd ult. Mrs. ROWAT, wife of Rev. A. ROWAT, of a son. MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's father, on the 27th ult. by the Rev. J. Edgar Croly, M.A., assisted by the Rev. James Boyd, Mr. ALEXANDER WEBSTER, Manager of the London Oil Works, to CATHERINE, 15th daughter of Mr. John Leggett of Mornington. At the manse, Avonton, on the 27th ult. by the Rev. John K. Bishop, Mr. WM. PLENNETT, of Fullerton, to SARAH, 15th daughter of Mr. Abraham Worth, of Logan. In Kingston, on the 20th ult., by the Rev. P. Gray, Mr. WILLIAM NORMAN BARCOCK, to ANNA EMMA CRILLIA THOMSON, both of the township of Kingston. In this city, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. J. M. King, M.A., JAMES M. KNIGHT BROWN (formerly of Belfast, Ireland) to JESSIE McLENNAN. VISITORS to Toronto will find comfortable accommodation, by the day or week, at THE FORTY TEMPERANCE HOUSE, centrally situated at 94 Bay Street, near King.

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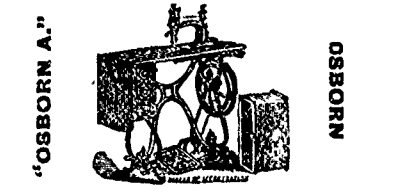
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