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## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Geo. Lockhard, B.A., has been called to Alexander, Presbytery of Brandon.

KNOX COLLEGE Literary and Theological Society hold their sixty-ninth public debate in Convocation Hall on the evening of Friday, February 12.

THE Rev. M. C. Rumball, B.A., has been appointed to the clerkship of Brandon Presbytery, vacated by the removal of Rev. W. L. H. Rowand to Rapid City.

PRESBYTERY Clerks and others having business with the Presbytery of Chatham, Ont., will, until March 8th prox., kindly send their correspondence in care of Rev. Dr. Battisby, Chatham, Mr. McLennan, the late Clerk, having accepted a call from Jarvis and Walpole.

THE next meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian Sabbath School Union will be held in lecture room of St. James Square Church on Friday, February 12, at eight o'clock. An address on "The Holy City and the Mission to the Jews" will be delivered by Mr. William Mortimer Clark, Q.C., illustrated by numerous stereopticon views.

AT the recent observance of the Lord's Supper in Knox Church, Woodstock, January 31st, there was received an addition of fifteen members. Preparatory services were conducted on the Friday by the Rev. J. S. Ross, of the Methodist Church, in the afternoon, and Rev. Dean Wade, of Old St. Paul's, Anglican, in the evening.

THE Session Clerk and a prominent member of the Centreville congregation, Presbytery of Peterborough, called hastily upon their pastor, Rev. James Drummond, B.A., a few days ago and requested the presence of Mrs. Drummond and himself at the gate. Upon venturing out they were made the recipients of a handsome cutter—a gift which expressed the thoughtfulness and timely consideration of his people.

THE Rev. G. B. Howie, Ph.D., has been assisting with gospel meetings at Watford, where the interest has increased from the first. He goes east to the Province of Quebec on the 20th, where he supplies Scotstown for three Sabbaths, and Windsor Mills for two. Those wishing to correspond may address him at these places, or write him in care of Rev. A. T. Love, Quebec, P.Q.

MISS MARTHA SMITH, B.E., who has recently been appointed on the Staff of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, will give an entertainment in Association Hall on Thursday evening, the 11th of February. The art of reading will be illustrated by Miss Smith and her private pupils, and the musical part of the programme by Miss McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Blight. Mr. J. A. Patterson, M.A., will occupy the chair.

LAST Friday evening the Hon. Oliver Mowat delivered a thoughtful and comprehensive lecture on "Christianity and Some of its Results." It was given under the auspices of the Shepherd Watchers, a youthful organization in St. James Square Church, Toronto. The lecturer showed clearly the beneficial influence of Christianity on human well-being in this world, and its rich promise of blessing in the world to come. He dealt in an able and convincing manner with some of the infidel objections to the religion of Jesus, and after detailing its progress more particularly in the present century, spoke most hopefully of its encouraging future.

DR. MIDDLEMISS would request attention to an error in Appendix No. 24 of the Acts and Proceedings of last General Assembly, the substitution of his name for that of Dr. Torrance as Clerk of the Presbytery of Guelph, an error which he greatly regrets and the occurrence of which he is quite at a loss to explain. For, though he acted as Clerk during the absence of Dr. Torrance, in the early months of last year, he was careful, as was also Dr. Gray, that Dr. Torrance's name should appear in the subscription of the Presbytery roll, in the Synod minutes, in which, therefore, the error does not occur. Presbytery Clerks are specially requested to take note of this correction.

THE *New York Tribune* says: Dr. James G. Patterson began the pastorate of the East Harlem Presbyterian Church recently. The call from the people had been unanimous and enthusiastic, and they came together in large numbers to welcome their pastor-elect. Dr. John C. Bliss, Moderator of the Presbytery, presided. Dr. Spining preached. Dr. Sample addressed the incoming pastor. Dr. Ramsay told the people that in union is strength, and in vigilance safety, and the Rev. J. H. Edwards also assisted in the service. The Church in East One Hundred and Sixteenth Street is rebuilding, and will be ready for occupancy in early spring. The outlook for the congregation in this excellent neighbourhood is promising.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the Saugeen Presbyterial Society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Mount Forest, Dec. 8th, at 2.30 p.m., under very favourable circumstances, being attended by a large number of delegates from all parts of the Presbytery. The meeting was enthusiastic and harmonious, all present evincing deep interest in the work of the Society. The reports read from the several auxiliaries were found very satisfactory. Interesting papers were read by Miss Binnie, Durham, and Miss Macmillan, Mount Forest. The officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Cameron, Harriston; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Macgregor, Mount Forest; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Harvie, Harriston; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Ramsay, Mount Forest; Treasurer, Mrs. McMurchie, Harriston, and Mrs. Jamieson, Mount Forest, Secretary. A public meeting was held in the evening, when Tozo Ohno, Japanese student, delivered a very interesting address, which was much enjoyed by the large and enthusiastic audience. The next Annual Meeting will be held at Harriston, December, 1892.

THE seventh annual meeting of the Chatham Presbyterial Society was held in St. Andrews Church, Windsor, Thursday, January 28th, representatives from eleven auxiliaries present. The

morning meeting was devoted to business, Mrs. Cooper, President, in the chair. The following are the officers for this year: Mrs. Cooper, Chatham, President; Mrs. Loughion, Bothwell, Recording Secretary; Miss Stone, Corresponding Secretary; Miss McNaughton, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Somerville, Treasurer. Afternoon session at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Baird, Windsor, gave the welcome address, to which Miss Willson, Ridgetown, responded. Greetings from the Presbytery were conveyed by Mr. Nattress, Amherstburg, and those of the Detroit Presbyterial Society by Mrs. Brownell. Miss Weed, of Ypsilanti, in a short address told of the work done by their Society, and in words of encouragement wished us Godspeed in ours. Mrs. Jamieson briefly told us of the work among the women and children in Formosa. After votes of thanks were tendered these ladies, those present were invited to adjourn to the lecture room for tea. The interval was spent in pleasant social intercourse. Rev. Mr. Gray, in his usual happy style, presided over the evening meeting. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Carson, of Jefferson Avenue Church, Detroit, Rev. Mr. Nattress, Mrs. Jamieson and Miss Weed, who in an earnest, quiet talk, described the work carried on among the Chinese on the Pacific, as seen by herself. The evening was interspersed with music from the choir, and at the close all joined in "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The collection, which goes into the Presbyterial fund, amounted to over \$31. Following is an abstract of report: Thirteen auxiliaries with a membership of 516, 228 members of General Society, four life members, seven mission bands with 185 members, 880 pounds of clothing sent to Miss Baker, Prince Albert. Amount contributed \$860.27, an increase of \$44.95 over last year.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on January 19, Dr. Jackson, of Knox Church, Galt, Moderator. Payments were called for to the Synod and Presbytery Funds, and the Clerk reported those that had been made to him, or through him, up to date. Deputations were appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations in the bounds, to report at next regular meeting. No reports were forthcoming from the Committees on Conferences, with the exception of the one on Temperance. After deliberation, and in view of the fact that these conferences are to be held at the next regular meeting, the Clerk was appointed Convener of a joint committee of the Conveners of the committees concerned, to make all necessary arrangements for the conferences referred to, prepare a scheme for them and publish the same. A call from the Foreign Mission Committee to Mr. A. B. Winchester, of St. Andrews Church, Berlin, to undertake mission work among the Chinese in British Columbia, was presented, and the consideration of it occupied a large portion of the time of the Presbytery. The commissioners from the committee to prosecute the call, on the understanding that it would not be taken up till the afternoon, were not present. The commissioners from the Session and congregation of St. Andrews Church urged that there should be no delay on that account as other business had to be attended to by them. Ultimately it was resolved to hear these commissioners, and this was done. Afterwards Mr. Winchester, at his own request, was allowed to state his mind on the subject, when he declared that he felt himself constrained by a strong sense of duty to accept the call. The Presbytery, while expressing its deep sympathy with the congregation in Berlin, found that it was shut up to agree to the translation, but as Mr. Winchester is not to go to his field of labour till the beginning of April, it was resolved to postpone arrangements for declaring the pulpit vacant till the next regular meeting, which falls to be held the third Tuesday in March. All parties present acquiesced in the decision of the Presbytery. A committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute on the removal of Mr. Winchester. The committee appointed to consider the remits and other business requiring the attention and action of Presbyteries arising from the proceedings of last General Assembly, presented its report. Three remits had been sent down. The first of these had reference to the appointment of a salaried secretary for the Foreign Mission work of the western section of the Church. On the report of its committee the Presbytery agreed to recommend such an agent, but declined to nominate anyone for the position. The second remit was on the subject of a summer session of college for the purpose of securing supply by students of mission stations during the winter as well as the summer months. It was agreed that, while as a general principle winter sessions are to be preferred to summer ones, yet for the purpose of supplying the want referred to, and as a temporary arrangement, a summer session be opened, and that it be held in the Manitoba College, Winnipeg. The clauses embraced under the second recommendation of the committee to which this subject was referred at the meeting of Assembly, were approved and recommended for adoption. The third remit has reference to a scheme for the supply of vacancies. After looking fully into the matter the committee recommended, and the Presbytery approved, that the new scheme proposed be not adopted, but that the present one which has been in operation for some years be passed into a permanent act by the Assembly, with a change in the eighth clause, so as to make it read that Presbyteries shall report all their vacancies to the committee for supply for at least half the number of Sabbaths in the quarter. The committee further reported that the matters sent down for consideration and action had been nearly all attended to or would receive attention in due time. It was decided, however, that no action be taken in connection with the recommendations of the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence, that Presbyteries' Committees endeavour to meet with Sessions and managers of congregations where there is a lack of system in collecting for congregational purposes or for the schemes, and, if possible, secure the adoption of some efficient and suitable plan that may produce

better results, and print and circulate an annual financial exhibit, with comments, drawing special attention to the best methods of contributing to the work of the Lord. The report of the committee on the mode of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly and the Moderator of Presbytery from year to year was postponed till next regular meeting. Mr. Hamilton reported that he had moderated in a call at Waterloo, which has come out unanimously in favour of Mr. Samuel Carruthers, formerly of Kirkwall, but now of Wappinger's Falls, U.S. His conduct having been approved, and the call sustained, communication was held with Mr. Carruthers, who signified his acceptance of the same, and as he also stated the time when he would be at the disposal of the Presbytery, it was resolved that the induction take place in the church at Waterloo on February 4, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. The Presbytery took up the resignation of Mr. John Davidson, of the pastoral charge of Alma and Zion Church, Nichol. Commissioners from the Session and congregations were heard. Mr. Davidson, on being asked to state his mind, declared that he adhered to his tender of resignation. It was thereupon resolved that it be accepted; that his relation as pastor of these congregations terminate on and after February 14; that Mr. Mullan declare the pulpit in each place vacant on the 21st, and that he act as Moderator of Session during the vacancy. A committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute on the removal of Mr. Davidson, who has shown himself an active, useful and courteous member of Presbytery all the years he had been connected with it. Mr. Smith presented a report from the committee to Preston, and the same was received and he was authorized to meet with the parties petitioning and form them into a station, according to their prayer, but that a list of the names, with the amount of their subscription individually for the payment of supply, be furnished to the Clerk. A request was read from the Presbytery of Paris that this Presbytery take over from them the station at New Dundee. The ministers of the congregations in Galt with their representative elders were appointed to look into the matter, gather all requisite information and report at next meeting. A circular was read from Dr. Reid calling attention to the wants and claims of the Assembly Fund. The request of the congregation of Eden Mills for the continuance of Mr. Strachan to minister to them in the Gospel was cordially granted. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Waterloo on the 4th of February, in the morning for the induction of Mr. Carruthers, and in Knox Church, Galt, on the third Tuesday of March, at half-past ten o'clock forenoon.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery met on Tuesday, February 2, in St. Andrews Church, Ottawa, at ten a.m. There was a large attendance of members. The Rev. James Bennett, of L'Orignal, was elected Moderator for the next six months. A call from Hawkesbury addressed to the Rev. William M. Tuffis, M.A., of Bedouque, P.E.I., was sustained, and a telegram to that effect sent to the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, then sitting in session at Charlottetown. This is the second invitation given, and it is fully expected that he will accept. A call from Russell and Metcalfe addressed to the Rev. Orr Bennett, B.A., was also sustained and ordered to be forwarded to that gentleman. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: The Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. F. W. Farries, Rev. J. McLaren, Rev. C. A. Doudiet, Rev. R. Whillans, M.A., Rev. James Bennett, Rev. J. H. Beatt, Hon. M. Bronson, Hon. George Bryson, Mr. George Hay, Mr. Henry Ami, Mr. Hugh Gourlay, Mr. Robert Bayne, Mr. William Porter. It was intimated to the court that Mr. James McLaren, of Buckingham, had sent a cheque for \$3,000 to the treasurer of the Church on behalf of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and on the

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