

Presbytery of Calgary.

THE Presbytery of Calgary met in regular half-yearly session at Macleod, N.W.T., on Sept. 5th, at 8 p.m., Mr. Hamilton, moderator. The following ministers were in attendance:—J. C. Herdman, B.D., Chas. McKillop, B.A., J. A. Jaffary, B.A., D. G. McQueen, B.A., Gavin Hamilton, Robt. A. Munro, John A. Matheson, B.D., Chas. Stephen, M.A., Arch. McKenzie, B.D., David Spear, B.A., John Fernie, E. G. Walker, B.A., and W. T. Finlay, J.P., R. Bisset, elders. The Rev. Dr. Robertson, D.D., was also present. Elders' commissions were presented in favour of W. T. Finlay, J.P., Medicine Hat; R. Bisset, South Edmonton; H. P. McDougall, Dewdney; Major James Walker, Calgary. The Rev. David Spear, of Innisfail, was appointed moderator for the ensuing year, and the thanks of the court were given to the retiring moderator. Mr. Spear and Dr. Robertson reported to the Presbytery on the important measures dealt with by the General Assembly and received the thanks of the Presbytery for their diligence. A special meeting of Presbytery was arranged to take place at Wetaskiwin, subject to the call of the moderator, for the licensure and ordination of Mr. James Morrow, and for the ordination of Mr. Forbes, a licentiate from Scotland. The moderator was appointed to preside, Mr. Fernie to preach, Mr. McQueen to deliver the charge to the ministers and Mr. Munro to the people. The services of Rev. C. W. Gordon, B.A., and Rev. David Arnot, B.D., in behalf of Home Mission work in the North-West, were duly acknowledged by a suitable minute of Presbytery. Public meetings were held on the evenings of the 6th and 7th, when addresses were given on the subject of Temperance by Messrs. McKillop and Jaffary, and on Home Missions by Rev. Dr. Robertson; also on Sabbath Observance by Messrs. Stephen and Matheson, and on the State of Religion by Messrs. Herdman and Finlay. Applications were presented for assistance from the Church and Manse Building Board, as follows:—Fort Saskatchewan, church, \$200, grant; Macleod, manse, up to \$500, loan; Lacombe, church, up to one-fifth cost, grant. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Stephen for the purpose of revisiting Scotland from Nov. 1st. Mr. Munro tendered resignation of his appointment which was accepted and a special minute of Presbytery was adopted expressing appreciation of Mr. Munro's services for five years, notably in the matter of church building. Mr. Herdman presented Mr. Munro with a substantial token of the Presbytery's regard and good wishes. The Home Mission report was presented by the convener, Mr. McQueen, when the matter of supply and the necessary grants were arranged for the ensuing six months, and the claims for the past six months were arranged. There were, during the summer, at work within the bounds, thirteen ordained men, two being in self-sustaining charges, two in augmented charges, and nine under the Home Mission. There were, also, eleven students and two catechists. Special interest attaches to the work in the northern part of the Presbytery, owing to the large influx of settlers. The Rev. Mr. Hinchcliffe, (Church of England) in connection with the mission to the Peigan Indians, was introduced to the members of Presbytery, and gave a very interesting account of his work for which he received the thanks of the Presbytery with the expression of the Presbytery's good wishes for the Church to which he belonged. The Presbytery Fund was reported on by the treasurer, Mr. Finlay, showing a credit balance after all salaries had been paid. The report was adopted and the thanks of Presbytery were given to the treasurer. The following are the standing committees for the ensuing year:—Home Missions—McQueen, Hamilton, Herdman, Walker, Major Walker, J. J. Fergusson; Foreign Missions—McKillop, McKenzie, Grant, D. McArthur; Sabbath Schools—Grant, Stephen, Bisset; Temperance—Hamilton, McKenzie, McKillop, Brice; State of Religion—Herdman, Walker, W. T. Finlay; Sabbath Observance—Ferne, Jaffary, Grant, A. Taylor; Manitoba College—Jaffary, Hamilton, McQueen; Statistical Committee—the Clerk, the conveners of Presbytery's Com-

mittees and Dr. Robertson; Hymnal Committee—Ferne, Jaffary, Spear; Examination of Students—Spear, McQueen, Matheson; Church Property—McQueen, McKillop, Finlay, Muir. The following students labouring within the bounds, presented discourses and were certified to their respective colleges:—H. S. Ferguson, P. W. Anderson, G. S. Scott, George Scarr, T. A. Sadler, J. G. Shortt, R. A. Mitchell. The following overtures were prepared for transmission to the General Assembly through the Synod:—An overture on co-operation with other Protestant churches in the matter of supplying services in widely scattered districts. An overture on Synod expenses, equalizing the outlay of all ministers, thereby securing a representation of all Presbyteries sufficient at least to form a quorum in each. An overture on representation of Western Presbyteries at the General Assembly, which aims at seeing that a commissioner shall not be involved in personal expense beyond a definite amount. An overture on salaries, providing for (1) a minimum stipend of \$850.00 per annum to unmarried men, and \$900.00 to married men where there is no manse, (2) students and catechists to receive \$7.00 per week in summer and \$8.00 in winter with board, (for which maximum allowance will be \$4.50 per week). (3) The desirability of student catechists remaining for one year on the field; (4) That no mission be raised to status of an ordained field unless said field guarantees \$450.00 towards missionary's salary, (special cases excepted). A leaflet of not less than four pages will be published quarterly, giving interesting information regarding the progress of the work in the Presbytery of Calgary, Mr. Hamilton, of Macleod, being the editor.—CHARLES STEPHEN, Clerk.

THE handsome and commodious new Presbyterian church, which has been in course of erection in Paris, Ont., for the past eighteen months, was dedicated last Sabbath under the most auspicious circumstances. Three services were held, and the attendance at all of them was very large. Fully 3,500 people took part in the services of the day. Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, officiated at the morning and evening services, and Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, occupied the pulpit in the afternoon. Prof. Rogers, of Brantford, presided at the grand new organ. The dedication services will be continued next Sabbath, when Rev. W. J. Clarke, of London, and Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Galt, will preach. The architectural style, which is an adaptation of the Romanesque and Byzantine, is rather novel but very beautiful. The auditorium measures 74 x 76 feet, and is seated in circular form. Its seating capacity is 1,010. A Sabbath school capable of accommodating 500 scholars comfortably forms part of the building. Cost of the church and contents is nearly \$40,000.

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- Dec. 1. Entertainment.** Mr. and Mrs. Wallis A. Wallis, (of London, Eng.) "Recitals, Entertainments, and Costume Impersonations," the same as given before the Queen and Royal family at Windsor Palace, England.
- Dec. 8. Lecture.** Hon. J. Wight Giddings (Lieutenant-Governor of Mich.) Subject, "The Evolution of the Demagogue."
- Dec. 15. Humorist Frank Lincoln.** (Known around the world as Lincoln and Laughter.)
- Dec. 22. Lecture.** Rev. Joseph Cook. (Mr. Cook leaves this country early in January to make a second tour around the world and will be absent two years. Subject, "Use and Abuse of Sunday." (new) 1895.
- Jan. 5. Illustrated Lecture.** Miss Olof Krar, a native Esquimaux, 35 years of age, 40 inches high, 77 times in Philadelphia the past four years and recalled several times in other cities. Subject, "Greenland, or Life in the Frozen North."
- Jan. 12. Lecture.** C. H. Fraser, (a brilliant orator, humorous and instructive, powerful and striking) Subject, "The World's To-morrow, or A Dream of Destiny."
- Jan. 19. Concert.** "Chicago Rivals" Miss Gertrude Sprague, Phenomenal Contralto. Miss Fanny Fosy, Great Violinist. Mr. Francis L. Rollins, Humorist & Dialect Impr. Miss Jennie Shoemaker, Singing Reader and Delsartean.
- March 13. Lecture.** Rev. Robert McIntyre, (of Denver, Col.) Ten thousand people attended his great lecture at Grimsby Park, August last. He is more popular than ever. Subject, "Wyandotte Cave." Subscribers' list now open. Course tickets for the ten evenings \$1.00, \$1.50, and reserved seats at \$2.50. Non-subscribers double. The Lieutenant-Governor, Mayor Kennedy, and hundreds of other prominent citizens have already subscribed. Send or call for particulars.

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