

worship on the Sabbath Day, the large addition to the members of the church, that the finances of the congregation are yearly assuming a more healthy condition, and that the attendance of your Bible class is largely increasing.

They mark with much pleasure, the prominence you give in your pulpit services to the fundamental doctrines held by the Presbyterian Church, and to the great question of Sabbath Observance, now specially before the City of Toronto, and also the large amount of pastoral work you have done among the lambs of your congregation and also among the sick, the needy, and the distressed.

They desire most heartily to assure Mrs. Morrison and yourself of their heart felt love and sincere appreciation of all the earnest services you both have rendered to the church on Oak St.

They earnestly pray that during all your pastorate there may be peace, prosperity and blessing, and that you may ever have Divine strength, the Presence of the Master, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

And now the ladies of your congregation would with very great pleasure, on this New Year's morning present to you, this pulpit gown and cassock as a token of their sincere appreciation of all your earnest and successful labors as our pastor, and trust that you may long be spared to wear it, and to minister lovingly to us in sacred things.

The anniversary services in connection with the First Presbyterian church, Seaford, were held recently. Rev. John Neil, B.A., pastor of Westminster church, Toronto, preached both morning and evening, to large congregations, in the evening the church being crowded. Mr. Neil was listened to with much interest and profit. The special collection was unusually large. It having been decided not to hold a tea meeting as used to be the custom, but simply a musical and literary entertainment. The anniversary meeting was held in the church, and in the absence of the pastor the chair was occupied by Mr. M. Y. McLean, chairman of the Managing Committee. There was a nice audience present, and the affair, from first to last, was one of the most enjoyable held for a long time. Short addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Bond, Rev. Mr. Shaw, of Egmontville, and Rev. Mr. Musgrave, of McKillop. The crown of the evening, however, was the address of Rev. Mr. Neil, who gave a description of his travels in Ireland, Holland and Scotland, and something of what he saw and the impressions formed. Mr. Neil is as attractive and interesting a lecturer as he is a preacher. He spoke for over an hour and was listened to with marked attention. His word pictures were most vivid, while his frequent flashes of wit added spice to the descriptive part. His address throughout was both instructive and intensely interesting. The only thing which in any way detracted from the pleasure of the occasion was the absence of the pastor, Rev. Dr. McDonald, from his accustomed place. He was not, however, forgotten, as all the speakers made the most kindly references to him and we hope that long before the next anniversary he will be fully recovered.

#### PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.

At a special meeting held at Bondhead on Dec. 13th, Mr. J. T. Hall was ordained and inducted to the church of First West Gwillimburgh and Monkman's.

The regular meeting was held at Orillia on Dec. 15th at 2 p.m., Mr. J. K. Henry Moderator in the chair. A letter from the Rev. E. W. Greene, St. James' Episcopal Church was received with greetings and an invitation to the Presbytery to attend as a body or by representatives, and take part in a temperance meeting in his Church in the evening. Messrs. Nicol and McIntosh were appointed to represent the Presbytery at the meeting. A call from St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, Banks and Gibraltar to Mr. J. Lindsay, licentiate, was sustained. Intimation was received of Mr. Lindsay's intention to accept the call if sustained by Presbytery, and Tuesday 20th December was appointed for his trial, ordination and induction. Dr. McFras, Moderator of the Session during the vacancy, to preside, Mr. Henry to preach, Mr. L. McLean to address

the minister, and Mr. Buchanan the people.

The Rev. R. Campbell, D.D., of Renfrew, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The reports of Assembly were referred to Committees for consideration and report at next meeting.

The following memorial was adopted, and a deputation appointed to present it to the county Commissioners at their first meeting, "The Presbytery of Barrie would respectfully call the attention of the Commissioners of the County of Simcoe to the great necessity which exists for a house of refuge for the poor of the county. The cruelty inflicted upon the respectable poor in having them sent to gaol in their old age, when unable to support themselves, has been called attention to repeatedly by the judges of the various Courts. That it is more economical to support these poor persons in a house of refuge, has been demonstrated by the experience of a number of Counties in the Province, and on every ground therefore our Presbytery would urge this work on the attention of the Commissioners, assured that in making this provision they would be sustained by a great majority of the intelligent people of the County." Leave was granted: to the congregation of Sundridge to sell a piece of land, obtained for the site of a manse, the proceeds to be applied to the extinction of the manse debt; to Hallsdale to sell the old church property and to mortgage the new church building for \$5,000; to Guthrie church, Oro, to exchange a piece of land for another piece contiguous to their church lot. On petition of Burk's Falls it was agreed to separate Katrine, and raise the church at Burk's Falls to the status of a pastoral charge, with the same pastor as at present; the change to take effect on April 1st next. The Presbytery expressed gratification at the progress made since Mr. Carswell's appointment there as ordained missionary. As Moderator of the Session of Huntville and Allanville Mr. Carswell was authorized to moderate in a call when desired to do so. Mr. McJorkindale, an elder, applied for the status of Catechist. Testimony was given to his consistent Christian character and usefulness and the application was readily granted. There were discussions on the management of Home Missions, and on the contributions asked for the Schemes of the Church. The clerk was instructed to ascertain and inform congregations what is the rate per member asked for each of the Schemes. - ROBERT MOORE, Clerk.

#### CHATHAM PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met in First Church Chatham on Tuesday 5th Dec., at 10 a.m. The minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. Becket spoke on behalf of the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund and it was agreed that he arrange with Mr. Burns to visit the congregations within the bounds.

The Committee appointed to report on the church connection of all ministers without charge residing within the bounds reported through Dr. Battisby and it was agreed that all such whose names are on the Roll of Presbytery shall be required to identify themselves as members with the nearest congregation or the congregation of their choice in our church and work for its special interest as far as lies in their power. Committees were appointed to examine the Session Records of Bridge End and of Kent Bridge who at a later stage reported them as carefully and correctly kept and it was ordered that they be so attested. Committees to visit mission stations on behalf of Home Mission Committee were appointed as follows: Bent Path, Mr. Davidson; Morpeth, Mr. McLaren; Buxton, Mr. Larkin; Harrow, Mr. Nattress; Pains, Mr. Tolmie. Mr. McLaren was appointed delegate to the annual meeting of the W.F.M.S. Mr. Tolmie appointed a Committee on Young People Societies. Mr. Morrison spoke on behalf of Foreign Mission Funds and it was agreed to recommend that ministers should exchange pulpits if they see fit and urge the claims of the Schemes of the church. A circular from the Presbytery of LaSalle and Renfrew re the proposed reception of Mr. Harkness was read and received. Dr. Jamieson read the report of the Committee on Statistics and the report was received. It was ordered to be printed and distributed.

The Committee on remits from the Assembly reported and their report was adopted as follows:

1st Re representation in Assembly proposed reduction approved of.

2nd Re place of meeting of Assembly, That the present system be not disturbed.

3rd Re Mission Board, approves of the appointment of such a Board.

4th Re Sunday School Board of Publication. (a) While morally bound to pay the present debt, the church should not be liable for any future debt in connection with said publication. (b) Disapproved of.

5th Re reception of ministers from other churches. All the proposed charges approved of.

6th Re uniformity in Public Worship. (a) That the form of service should be left to the judgment of each congregation (b) While not disapproving of the audible repetition of the Lord's prayer and the Apostles creed by the congregation, we do not approve of the church putting itself on record on the matter. (c) Disapproved of. (d) Disapproved of.

Mr. Nattress resigned the position of Moderator of Harrow Session. His resignation was accepted and Mr. Patterson appointed in his stead. It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting of Presbytery in St. Andrew's Church Chatham on the second Tuesday in March. Closed with the benediction.

The Presbytery will meet in St. Andrew's Church Chatham on Tuesday 9th March at 10 a.m. - W. M. FLEMING, Clerk.

#### Correspondence.

##### THE ASSEMBLY'S MINUTES AND THE HOME MISSION CIRCULAR.

MR. EDITOR.—The letter of Dr. Cochran indicating that the Presbytery of Orangeville had during the last year reported to the Assembly \$300 more than had been sent through the church treasurer is so likely to throw discredit on the accuracy of the Presbytery's report that I crave a word of explanation. Through the great kindness of Dr. Warden I have before me facts that place it beyond doubt that all the \$682 reported by the Presbytery for last year was sent through the regular channel. The interesting question then arises: Whence comes the apparent discrepancy? A moment's reflection will show that one source of variation is the fact that "Last year" does not mean the same thing in the two reports, to the Presbytery it means twelve months from January 1st 1865, while to the H. M. Committee it means twelve months from May 1st of the same year. Although taking several years to gather the totals must coincide there might well be difference in any one year. Still another cause of discrepancy arises from the fact that congregations report contributions from Sabbath schools and societies within their bounds as congregational contributions, while the church record report them separately. Thus, for instance, in the H. M. Committee's report, Claude is credited with giving \$30.25, while from the W. H. M. S. and the S. S. there were given additional contributions amounting to \$58, so that the total amount given by the congregation for Home Missions from all sources was \$88.25.

Looking at it from an outside point of view, it would seem as if it would simplify the work both for the treasurer and the several committees, were all the societies within a congregation to report to the congregational meeting and send all their contributions through the congregational treasurer.

While I am very sorry if my previous letter was by any one taken as reflecting on the accuracy of the church treasurer, I am none the less pleased to show that the Presbytery record is also correct, and that though much less than we would like, a somewhat larger amount was contributed from the bounds of the Presbytery than was reported through the Home Mission Committee. WM. FARQUHARSON.

GALT, Jan. 2nd 1867.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—

I beg to gratefully acknowledge through the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW the following additional contributions to the Bheel