

congregation, had as its subject "A Wonderful Timepiece." His text was, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."—Ephesians ii. 10. His discourse was illustrated with two clocks attached to the front of the pulpit. After introducing his sermon with some general remarks on clocks, their construction and use, the preacher said that a mere examination of the careful way in which such a timepiece was put together would place beyond all question the fact that it was of human workmanship. Men were God's timepieces, and the soul of man was so wonderful that it called for a divine maker. The world, indeed, exhibited on every side irrefutable evidences of design, and our spiritual aspirations and emotions could come only from God. Continuing the preacher said that no clock, human or divine, but existed for the performance of some high and good work. The chief purposes of a clock were: to keep time, to show time and to announce time. So men should fulfil God's purposes, should let men see their good works in the visible fruits of the spirit which was within them, and should, when proper occasion called for it, announce the purposes for which they were made. Man should do these things in the strength of Christ, which was all sufficing.

Presbytery of Paris.

The Presbytery of Paris held its regular meeting in Rogersoll, September 24th, Rev. P. Strain, M.A., presiding. The pulpit supply of Onondaga and Albion was left in the hands of Dr. Cochrane. Mr. Miller was appointed moderator of Windham and Waterford, and it was agreed to ask proportion of grant from April to date of Mr. Leitch's translation. It was agreed to ask grant for Mount Pleasant and Hurford for current six months at rate of \$100 a year. Mr. Sinclair's resignation of said charge was taken up and parties heard, Messrs. Bryce, Young, Taylor and McIntyre expressing the warm attachment of the congregation to Mr. Sinclair and desiring that he be retained. The resignation was accepted regretfully, Mr. Hamilton to be moderator of session and to declare the pulpit vacant on Nov. 10th, and Messrs. Cockburn and Miller were appointed to prepare a suitable minute. Baden, Wellesley village, and New Dundee were placed under Chesterfield session, Mr. Johnston to have charge of supply, and a grant \$2 a Sabbath to be asked for the winter. Next meeting is to be held January 14th, in Knox church, Woodstock.—W. T. McMULLIN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Algoma.

The Presbytery of Algoma held its semi-annual meeting at Richard's Landing, St. Joseph's Island, on the 17th and 18th September. The retiring moderator, Mr. Rennie, preached a sermon, taking for his subject, "The Holy Spirit," after which the Rev. J. L. Robertson, M.A., was chosen moderator for the ensuing twelve months. The reports of the Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions and of the convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, were presented, and both showed that satisfactory progress had been made during the past six months in the large Home Mission field of the Presbytery. Students and catechists were appointed to the various mission fields for the next six months. Mr. George Loughood, B.A., graduate in theology of Winnipeg College, was appointed for two years as ordained missionary to Webwood. Arrangements were made for his ordination in October, as follows: Mr. Findlay was appointed to preside and address the minister, Mr. Rondeau to preach and Mr. Pelletier to address the people. The Presbytery recommended its ministers and missionaries to preach a sermon on family worship, and to ascertain how many families observe the practice of holding family worship. Arrangements were made to hold missionary meetings in every station throughout the whole Presbytery. The clerk was instructed to certify the following students to the Senate of their respective colleges: Messrs. T. A. Bell, J. H. Brown, A. W. McIntosh, R. J. Ross, W. Beattie, D. Buchanan, Jas. McCrea, R. Barton, G. Arnold, H. McLean, A. J. McPherson, A. L. Harvey, M. McArthur, F. D.

Roxburgh, R. J. Douglas, T. R. Robinson, D. D. Johnson, and A. Bell. Mr. Mac Gillivray, clerk of Presbytery and ordained missionary at Tarbutt, having accepted a call to labor in the Lake Superior Presbytery, Michigan, handed in his resignation as clerk and as member of Presbytery. His resignation was accepted, and he was granted a Presbyterial certificate of dismission, the Presbytery at the same time placing on record its appreciation of Mr. MacGillivray's services, both as clerk and as missionary. Mr. Rondeau was appointed Presbytery clerk. It was agreed to hold the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery at Webwood next March.—S. RONDEAU, Clerk.

Presbytery of Victoria.

This Presbytery met in St Andrew's church, Victoria, on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd with a fair attendance of ministers and elders. Mr. W. L. Clay was elected moderator for the ensuing year. A deputation consisting of Dr. Campbell, W. L. Clay and D. MacRae, with Dr. Robertson, was appointed to visit Central church, Victoria, to confer with the congregation in reference to supply of the pulpit and other matters. An application from Colwood for a grant of \$100 towards church building was recommended to the Church and Manse Board. It was agreed to certify Messrs. J. R. Robertson, and G. H. Menzies, students, to the Senate of Manitoba College. Mr. D. A. MacRae, convener, submitted the Home Mission report for the past six months, which was carefully considered, and necessary arrangements for supply for the next six months were made. It was agreed to place St. Paul's, Victoria and Union congregations on the list of augmented charges, at the request of these congregations. An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery was held in St. Columba church, Victoria, on Monday evening, Sept. 16th for the ordination of Mr. J. C. Forster, missionary in charge of this and associated stations. Mr. W. L. Clay presided, Dr. Robertson preached, Dr. Campbell addressed the minister, and Mr. D. MacRae the people. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's church Nanaimo, on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 2 p.m.—D. MACRAE, Clerk.

Knox College.

To the Ministers, Office-Bearers, and Members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada,—

The Board of Management of Knox College have had under their careful consideration the condition of the financial affairs of the College, with the view of submitting to congregations full information regarding their position and the requirements of the institution. They have felt that the Church generally has not fully realized the needs of the College or the importance of its work. The Board have repeatedly brought the matter under the notice of the General Assembly, but have reason to fear that the information given and the appeals made in their Annual Reports have not reached the great body of the members of the Church. They have therefore resolved to issue this statement, in the expectation that the Church, on understanding the circumstances, will place them in funds, not only to carry on the work of the College, but to improve its usefulness. The College has now been in existence for upwards of fifty years, and during this long period a larger number of ministers have received their education in its halls than in any of the other Theological institutions of our Church, and at no period of its history has the attendance of students been larger than at present. From its past history the College certainly merits the cordial sympathy and support of the Church. The necessity for its maintenance and thorough equipment has become greater than ever. The University of Toronto is steadily developing into the most important educational institution in Canada, and students from all parts of the country seek their instruction in its classes. A very large proportion of these students are Presbyterians, and many of them look forward to the ministry of the Church. Other Churches, recognizing the same necessity, have established their Theological schools in affiliation with the University, and are making every effort to have them thoroughly equipped. It is of vital import-

ance to the interest of our Church that Knox College, which is now affiliated with the University, should also be thoroughly equipped with a sufficient professorial staff and with all necessary educational appliances. After a most careful examination of the expenses required for the conduct of the College for 1895 and 1896, including a deficit of \$2,629 from last year, the Board cannot estimate them to be less than \$22,000. To meet this amount the Board cannot count on more than the following receipts:—Interest on investments \$12,800; Congregational contributions, presumed to be about the same as last year, \$3,200; total, \$16,000. A deficit of \$1,000 is a most serious matter, and calls for the immediate action, not only of the Church as a whole, but of special effort on the part of individual members.—WM. MORTIMER CLARK, Chairman.

Funeral of Mrs. Gilray.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. Gilray, wife of the Rev. Alexander Gilray, took place on Friday, October 4th, to Mount Pleasant cemetery, and was very largely attended. A private service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Gregg at the parsonage, 91 Bellevue avenue, after which the funeral cortege proceeded to College street Presbyterian church, where the Rev. John Neil, assisted by Rev. Dr. Milligan and Rev. Joseph Hamilton conducted the service. Rev. Dr. McLaren delivered an address, and the choir rendered the favorite hymns of the deceased. The memorial service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Somerville and Rev. R. P. McKay, Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Retirement of Rev. J. B. Duncan.

THE Presbytery of Barrie in accepting Mr. Duncan's resignation of the charge of Parry Sound, adopted the following resolution on September 24th: That the Presbytery in accepting the resignation of the Rev. J. B. Duncan as minister of Parry Sound, desires to express its deep regret in parting with him, and also to bear testimony to his able and efficient services while laboring in the charge which he has just demitted. The Presbytery records with pleasure its high appreciation of the eminent pulpit abilities and the valuable labours of an esteemed co-Presbyter during his long ministry of upwards of forty seven years; and at the same time cherish the hope that the evening of his days may be blessed with that heavenly peace and comfort which are the fruits of a life consecrated for so many years to advance the cause and kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Collection for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

THE Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund beg to remind all the congregations of the Church that the annual collection for the above fund should be made on the third Sabbath of the present month, and they earnestly request all the ministers of the Church to call the attention of their congregations to the following facts in reference to this fund:—

1. The number of widows and orphans now on the fund is greater than ever before, and is increasing from year to year.

2. Owing to the decline in interest, the amount received from investments has been greatly reduced.

3. A large number of congregations omit this collection, and in many in which it is taken up, the amount is altogether inadequate to the needs of the fund.

This is no doubt owing to an erroneous impression that this fund is in a flourishing condition. The contrary is the fact, and unless the collections for the present year are far more general and generous than those of the past year, the Committee will be unable to meet its obligations to those whom Providence has committed to the care of the Church, and for which it should be regarded as both a duty and delight to provide.

The Committee would also remind all connected with the fund that the annual rate is payable on 1st November, and it is of great importance that this is kept in mind, and the rate paid punctually at the time. Hitherto there has been considerable irregularity as to the time of payment, but it is of importance that regularity and punctuality be observed. THOMAS KIRKLAND, Convener.