

## Presbytery of Stratford.

MET in Knox church, Stratford, on the 14th inst., Rev. John Kay, Moderator. A request from the congregation of Avonton to dispose of their old church and build a new one was granted. Rev. W. Findlay spoke in behalf of his mission work, and sought aid to help in building churches and manse. The Presbytery commended the scheme to the liberality of the people. The conveners of the A. and I. M. W. and O., and Foreign Mission Funds reported. The Presbytery resolved to urge church members to vote for the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Messrs. Pyke, Pantou, Hamilton, Callin and Russ were appointed to examine the proposed changes in the Hymnal and report. The remit in the representation of mission stations was approved. Letters from the Prisoners' Aid Association were read. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at 10.30 a.m. on January 16th next, in Knox church, Stratford.—A. F. TELIX, Clerk.

## Halifax Presbytery.

THE Presbytery of Halifax met at Moser River church on the 7th inst. and inducted Mr. McLeod Harvey to the pastorate of the congregation of Quoddy and Moser River. Lying at the eastern extremity of the large Presbytery of Halifax, about 100 miles from the city and 60 miles from the nearest railway station, the congregation is somewhat difficult of access, and consequently has suffered from irregular and inadequate supply. Though organized three years ago it has not had a settled pastor until now. Mr. Harvey thought of going west, but has found a field of labor here in the east as necessitous and as clamant in its cry as any in the prairie province or beyond the Rockies. It is men of Mr. Harvey's missionary spirit that the Church wants to occupy her outlying districts—men whose first question is not "Where they will be most comfortable, but where is the need the greatest." Are our Home Missionaries who give to their souls to the Lord's work in remote and poor districts sufficiently countenanced and supported by the Church they serve? Our foreign Missionaries deserve all the sympathy and support they get, and more, too, but let us not forget our home Missionaries, many of whom forego not a little that they may preach the Gospel to their fellow-countrymen. Thank God for the faithful labourers who have in the home field. Let us support and encourage them in every way in our power.—ALLAN SIMPSON, Clerk.

## Presbytery of Quebec.

THE Presbytery of Quebec met in Richmond on the 14th November, Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, Moderator. There was a large attendance of ministers and a fair number of elders. Elders' commissions in favor of Messrs. Robt. Brodie and Peter Johnston were accepted. Revs. A. T. Love, D. Tait, Dr. Kellock and W. Shearer were appointed to consider and report on remits from the General Assembly. A call in favor of Rev. D. McColl, probationer, from St. Sylvester and Levis village was sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by Mr. McColl. The induction was appointed to take place on the 5th December, Rev. J. M. Whitelaw to preside and address the minister; Rev. Jno. Sutherland to preach, and Rev. Dr. Kellock to address the people. Rev. A. T. Love reported at length on grants and the supply of vacancies and mission stations. Dr. Lamont was appointed to Metis for two years, and Rev. Jno. Turnbull for a like period to Kennebec Road. A committee consisting of Revs. A. T. Love, Thos. Muir and K. MacLennan, was appointed with a view to bring about a union between Marboro, Lake Megantic, Hampden and Winslow. Rev. D. Tait gave a full and interesting report of the work of French evangelization within the bounds. The Rev. Ismael P. Bruneau, late a Congregational minister at Holyoke, Mass., was received as a minister of this church, and was appointed missionary to the French Mission, Quebec. Rev. Prof. Macadam reported on arrears claimed by Rev. A. Robertson, late of Metis. The Mission was recommended to pay \$10 in settlement of the claim. Revs. Jno. W. Tanner and W. Shearer were instructed to report to the next meeting on the advis-

bility of organizing mission work in Coaticook and in the vicinity of Sherbrooke. It was resolved to use a part of the Peoples bequest in paying the salaries of Mr. Boulay, coporteur in Quebec city, and Mr. S. Tseebei, estochist at Indian Lorette. Rev. H. Craig and Mr. Jas. Davidson were appointed a committee to adjust a claim preferred against Melbourne by the Richmond congregation. Leave was granted to Lingwick congregation to mortgage the church property to the extent of \$1,500. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Morrin College, Quebec, 27th February, 1894. J. R. MacLEOD, Clerk.

## London Presbytery.

THE Presbytery of London met on the 14th inst., Rev. A. Henderson, Moderator. Messrs. McDonald and McIntyre were granted leave to moderate in calls in Port Stanley and Tempo and South Delaware respectively. It was agreed that Newbury be united into a district congregation in connection with Wardsville; that the new manse be built at Newbury; that \$325 of the insurance money be appropriated to the new manse, and the \$475 balance retained by the Wardsville congregation, and that in case of a separation of the congregations in future, Wardsville receive the \$325 invested in the manse without interest. The adoption of the committee's report was moved by the convener. Three of the Wardsville delegates appealed on behalf of the congregation from the decision of the Presbytery. It was resolved that the moderator of Wardsville and Newbury and the moderator of Presbytery meet with these congregations on the 22nd inst. to receive the reports of the delegates to Presbytery. Leave was granted to moderate in calls in several vacancies within the bounds of Presbytery. A report on remits from General Assembly was adopted involving changes in synodical powers and appointments to theological chairs. It was resolved that the moderator of the Presbytery address a pastoral letter to the congregations who have failed in contributing to any of the schemes of the church. It was resolved that a conference on missions be held on the Monday preceding the next regular meeting of the Presbytery in January, at 3 p.m.

## Presbytery of Winnipeg.

THE Presbytery of Winnipeg met on the 14th Nov., in Manitoba College. There were present sixteen ministers and four elders. A deputation consisting of Mr. James Stuart and Mr. Wm. Skead, appeared on behalf of Point Douglas Presbyterian congregation, asking for the ordination of Mr. T. U. Richmond, the student now in charge of the congregation, in virtue of the act of the General Assembly last year, which permits the ordination of a student a year before his graduation. The deputation was introduced by Rev. Joseph Hogg, who spoke of the recent organization of the congregation and its encouraging prospects. The roll of the members now contains 71 names, 65 of whom have been transferred from the congregation of St. Andrew's church. Mr. Stuart and Mr. Skead made a statement showing the advantages that would accrue to the congregation if Mr. Richmond had the standing of an ordained minister; and it was agreed after lengthy deliberation, on motion of Rev. C. B. Pirblado, seconded by Rev. Joseph Hogg, that the Presbytery grant the request and proceed after getting leave from the synod to take Mr. Richmond on trials for license and ordination, with the understanding that he follow the instructions of the General Assembly, and attend the next theological session in Manitoba College. This motion was carried by a vote of eight to seven, Rev. Messrs. McBeth, J. A. F. Sutherland, Matheson and Dr. DuVal, and elders Chief Justice Taylor and John Sutherland dissenting and asking that their dissent be recorded. Eight members reported that they had dispensed ordinances in mission stations, eighteen in number, by instructions of the Presbytery. The reports were, in nearly every case, of an extremely encouraging character, and several of the ministers who had visited the mission fields bore testimony to the self-denying and labor-

ious character of the work which was being done by the students, and also to the value of their labours and the high appreciation in which they are held by the congregations to which they minister. The committee to which had been referred the matter of making arrangements for missionary meetings reported as follows through Dr. Bryce: The Presbytery recommends to all the congregations and stations within its bounds to observe the second Sabbath in December, or, where this is inconvenient, the next Sabbath thereafter, as a day for bringing before the people the claims of missions; and suggests that where practicable the interchange of ministers at one of the services on that day, and the introduction of suitable laymen as speakers, as may be arranged and authorized, the convener of the Home Mission Committee to arrange with the students filling the mission stations to make the services of that day of a missionary character. The following scheme for the exchange of pulpits was proposed, and it was left to the convener of the Home Mission Committee to carry on any further negotiations that may be necessary. Knox church and Augustine; North church and Westminster; St. Andrew's and Kildonan; West End Mission and Point Douglas; Stonewall and Halmoral; Springfield and Plympton; Dominion City and Morris; Rat Portage and Keewatin; Port Arthur and Port William; Selkirk and Little Britain. Application was made on behalf of the congregation of Morris, to the Church and Manse Building Board for a loan of \$300 to complete the purchase of a manse which was bought some time ago at a cost of \$800, and the rest of the purchase money of which has already been paid. On motion of Rev. John Hogg, seconded by Dr. King, the application was approved and recommended for favourable consideration to the Church and Manse Board.

## The Church Abroad.

THE opening of the theological SCOTLAND. halls was the event of this month in Scotland. At the Free Church College in Aberdeen, Professor Salmund gave the introductory lecture on Puritanism. The lecture was an appreciation and a criticism. The real strength of Puritanism from first to last lay in these two things: on the one hand, in the sympathy with the rights of the people; on the other, in the deep view which it took of religion as an inward thing meaning a conflict in the soul itself between good and evil.

At the Established Church hall in Aberdeen the occasion was marked by the appearance of a new professor in succession to Dr. Milligan. Since 1857 every chair in the theological faculty has received a new occupant. The new Professor of Biblical Criticism, Mr. Johnston, is a man who has a reputation to win. His opening lecture touched the whole field of Biblical criticism.

In Edinburgh the critics of the Pentateuch were criticized by Professor Garden Blaitie. He thought that the use of various documents in the composition of Genesis and other books was highly probable. This would account, he thought, for those discrepancies in true narrative that make it impossible to maintain the absolute inerrancy of Scripture. With regard to the chronological re-arrangement of Prophets and Law he did not think the theory had sufficient dynamic force to effect the revolution contemplated.

At the University Professor Story remarked on the disappearance of great masters in theology. In Dr. Milligan the Church loses the active service of a man whose works are actually recommended in "The Priest's Prayer Book." Seldom has the Church had to record so heavy a loss within so brief a time as that of Cunningham, Jowett, and Schaff.

ST. ANDREW'S parish church, Glasgow, has given a call to Rev. James Thompson, St. Aidan's, Edinburgh, to succeed Rev. F. L. Robertson.