

intimated that there could be but one reason, that the Church did not realize the infinite power of the indwelling Spirit for work. Dr. Gregg moved, Mr. Meikle seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Murray for his address. The following resolution of sympathy with Mr. Macdonnell in his illness was unanimously passed by a standing vote. "The Presbytery would place on record its appreciation of the Christian character and life of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and of the great services rendered by him to the cause of Christ. The Presbytery would express its deep sympathy with him in his present affliction, and unite in the prayer that sustaining grace may abound at this time, and that by God's good hand upon him, he may speedily be restored to the active duties of the ministry. The Presbytery would also express its sympathy with his congregation, and the hope that they may be permitted to rejoice in the return of their beloved pastor, fully restored to his wonted health and strength." The following resolution of sympathy with Mr. Gilray was also unanimously passed: "The Presbytery has learned, with deepest regret, of the affliction that has overtaken the esteemed pastor of College street church, through the very serious illness of Mrs. Gilray. While commending a brother beloved, in sympathy and faith to the sustaining mercies of the God of all comfort, the Presbytery hears with gratitude of a slight improvement in the condition of Mrs. Gilray, and earnestly prays that she may yet be restored to life and health. — R. C. TIER, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Quebec.

THE Presbytery of Quebec met at Inverness on the 27th ult. Rev. Wm. Shearer was appointed moderator for the ensuing twelve months. The Rev. R. McCullough was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Elders' commissions in favor of Messrs. John McDonald, Three Rivers; Thos. Torrance, Kingsbury; A. McCallum, Danville; P. Johnston, Melbourne; and John Whyte, Leeds Village, were accepted. The session records of Three Rivers and Inverness were examined and attested. Messrs. J. C. Stewart, G. A. Woodside, T. J. O'Brien, M. B. Biron, J. Lindsay, and Jean Melancon, students within the bounds, were certified to their respective colleges. Standing committees were appointed of, which the following are the conveners, viz. Home Missions, Rev. A. T. Love; French Missions, Rev. D. Tait; Augmentation, Dr. Kellock; State of Religion, Rev. W. Shearer; Temperance, Rev. J. W. Whitelaw; Sabbath Schools, Rev. D. McCall; Statistics, Rev. J. R. McLeod; Examination of Students, Rev. C. A. Tanner; and Y. P. S., Rev. W. Shearer. The congregations of Marsboro', Lingwick and Scotstown were granted leave to call. The Presbytery expressed their satisfaction at the efforts put forth by the Grand Mrs. Mission in the matter of securing a place of worship, and commended them to the liberality of the congregations within the bounds and elsewhere. Congregations were enjoined to end the church year with the civil year. Sabbath schools were recommended to use the registers and rolls prepared by the Sabbath school committee, and recommended by the General Assembly. A circular from the Augmentation Committee intimating that \$900 will be required from this Presbytery was read. The allocating of the amounts expected from each congregation was remitted to the Presbytery's committee on Augmentation. The General Assembly having declined the Presbytery's application for leave to receive Rev. C. E. Dobbie, the Presbytery's H. M. Committee were instructed to make arrangements for the future supply of Valcartier. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Richmond on the 12th November. — J. R. MACLEOD, Clerk.

Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne.

THIS Presbytery met at Lahr, Sept. 2nd, and was duly constituted. Present, Messrs. Henry Crawford, moderator; D. MacGillivray, F. C. Simpson, G. A. Leck, and J. W. Crawford, ministers. Minutes of last meeting read and sustained. Elders' commissions were received from Lahr, Bridgewater, Lunenburg, New Dublin, Lockport, Clyde and Harrington, Mahone Bay and Conquerant, appointing Edward Moser, J. Levi Osner, R. L. Nash, Isaac Romkey, Geo. Helitz, L.

Wishart Robertson, Alex. Kidy and Jonas Hebb, representative elders. Messrs. F. C. Simpson and D. MacGillivray were appointed to examine the session records of Mahone Bay and Lahr. Mr. G. A. Leck was appointed moderator of Presbytery. Mr. J. W. Crawford was re-appointed clerk, and Mr. Henry Crawford was re-appointed treasurer for the ensuing year. The following are the conveners of the standing committees. Augmentation, J. W. Crawford, Sabbath schools, G. A. Leck, Life and Work, D. MacGillivray; Statistics, J. W. Crawford; Young People's Committee, F. C. Simpson. Mr. Henry Crawford was nominated moderator of the forthcoming Synod. Messrs. Simpson and MacGillivray, commissioners from the Presbytery, gave interesting reports of the General Assembly's proceedings. Mr. D. McG. Gaudier, catechist, gave a report of his summer's labors at Conquerant. Mr. Gaudier has done good work, as the members of Presbytery who have visited the field warmly testified. Presbytery ordered that Mr. Gaudier be certified to the Theological college, Kingston. Mr. Simpson, the moderator of the Conquerant session, was commended for the many services he has rendered that mission field. The closing report of Mr. Valentine's labors in Clyde and Harrington was read and approved. During the two years and a half Mr. Valentine has served in that field much has been done in the way of organizing and extending the work. A new preaching station has been opened at Harrington Head which is likely to become an important section of the congregation. Here a building lot for a new church has been purchased, and besides the regular preaching services a good Sabbath school and weekly prayer meeting are in operation. The future supply of the several stations was left over for consideration at the next meeting, which will be held at Charlottetown, P.E.I., during the time of Synod. — J. W. CRAWFORD, Clerk.

Rev. Wm. Patterson in Ireland.

THE Belfast Witness, in a recent number, gives the following account of a public meeting held lately in Belfast in connection with the Belfast Union of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour. The proceedings will have additional interest from the part taken in them by Rev. W. Patterson, of Cooke's church, Toronto. The chairman was Mr. R. K. Patterson who paid a high tribute to the Union. He was followed by Rev. Henry Montgomery, who, in the course of a brief address, gave a description of the convention in connection with the society, which was held in Boston a short time ago, and spoke in the highest terms of the manner in which the arrangements had been carried out by the American people, and the great spirit of religion which seemed to exist there. He was glad to know that the society was doing all in its power to put down the drink traffic, and he hoped that the young people in Ireland would be encouraged by the conduct of their colleagues across the sea. One thing in particular that struck him was the love of the people in America for the bible, and he believed the time would come when they would be taking a more active part in church work. (Hear, hear.) They could, in his opinion, do a splendid work, and he did not see that they should not have to take their places along with the older workers. In conclusion, he encouraged them to go forward in the name of the Lord and do their duty. (Applause.)

Rev. Wm. Patterson, of the Cooke Presbyterian Church, Toronto, spoke of the necessity there was for their being united, and it would, he said, be well if all the members of the Protestant churches could be welded together, so that they would be able to present an unbroken front to the common foe. He did not mean to say that they should give up their own denominations and all merge into one denomination, as each one had its traditions and doctrines sacred to it. He thought, however, that the Christian Endeavour Society filled up a wide gap in drawing together the young people from all denominations of the Protestant religion. He referred to the rapid progress made by the society, and to the convention which had been held in Boston, and alluded to the work which had been performed in helping to put a stop to the drink traffic. Roman aggression was, he said, prevalent in America, but he wanted them to bear in mind that he was unbiased, as he was not an Orangeman. There was a small per-

centage of Roman Catholics in the States as compared with the Protestants, but this, he said, did not in any way influence the parents of the children in regard to their education, as in some cases Protestant children were sent to Roman Catholic schools, and Roman Catholic children to Protestant schools. That society had many battles to fight, and the Protestants should be so united together that they would hand down to their children those privileges which they in turn had received from their forefathers. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Rev. J. D. Lamont also gave a short address.

A vote of thanks having been passed to Rev. Mr. Patterson for his interesting address, the proceedings terminated.

AT MAGHERA.

A very enjoyable social meeting was held in the Beagh school on Wednesday night, says the Belfast Witness, in honor of Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Patterson, of Toronto, who have been over for some time on their annual visit to the Old Country, and are leaving on Friday. After tea and cake, and outdoor games were freely indulged in, all repaired to the school, which was quickly filled by as many as could get crushed into it, and then a bright and interesting programme was extemporised and submitted. After the opening exercises Mrs. Patterson sang a beautiful Canadian song, entitled "You won't play in my yard;" then Mr. Graham gave a humorous reading, after which Rev. Professor Leitch, who had come from Portrush to say good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson before they left, addressed the audience in very happy terms. Next came a song by Mr. Graham, and then Rev. Wm. Patterson, who was enthusiastically received, gave a stirring address on Sabbath school and Christian Endeavour work, and concluded by referring to the good he had himself when a lad received in the Beagh Sabbath school, and from Dr. Leitch, and expressed the hope that the Beagh school would continue to flourish in the days to come. Mrs. Patterson then exquisitely rendered "Throw out the life-line;" Miss Kelly gave some selections on the melody; next was a speech by Mr. S. D. Lytle, after which Miss Phillips very tenderly sang "Let us gather up the sunbeams," Mr. S. Brown then addressed the house, after which Mrs. Patterson gave the audience one more treat in her singing of "I am far from my home." The chairman, Rev. Wm. Hall, then informally proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson for the interest they took in the Beagh school, and for the kindness and favor they had done them that night, and this was responded to in a right good Irish style.

The Sabbath School Service.

THE following letter received from Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, convener of the Sabbath School Committee, fixing the date for the service, will be read with much pleasure by those interested in Sabbath school work.

In 1891 the General Assembly resolved as follows:

"That the last Sabbath in September be appointed as a day of special prayer on behalf of the Sabbath schools of the Church, and that such service be held as will bring prominently before our congregation the claims of the Sabbath school upon their prayerful sympathy, pecuniary support and personal co-operation. Also that this custom be continued from year to year until otherwise ordered by the Assembly."

This year the day falls upon September the 29th.

The succeeding Assembly (1892) further resolved as follows:

"That it be a recommendation to the congregations of the Church, to take up a collection in aid of the Sabbath School Committee's funds on the last Sabbath of September, the day already fixed by the General Assembly as a day of special prayer on behalf of the Sabbath schools of the Church."

We hope that the appeal which the committee is making this year, with the full authority of the General Assembly, will be loyally and heartily responded to. The Church everywhere is becoming more alive to the importance of its work amongst the young. I shall be happy to send any number of copies of the Concert Exercise prepared for the day by the committee gratis for the use of Sabbath schools which wish to keep the day.