

Arthur; Sec. of Com., A. O. Wishart; Counsellors, A. L. Burch, J. Burkholder, P. Reith, W. Martin. The following missionaries were appointed for the summer: In British Columbia (Kamloops Pres.)—Field, J. R. Harcourt; New Denver, W. J. Booth; Barkerville, Geo. Mason. In Northwest Territories—Longlaketon, J. L. Cameron; Gilbert Plains, A. Ormiston; Brookdale, G. M. Dunn; Ellisboro', O. M. Wyse. In Ontario—Mine Centre, R. C. McDermid; Rat Portage Mines, Geo. Kendall; Larbert, J. A. Moir; Ocellus Inlet, H. McCulloch; Franklin, B. M. Smith; Dorset, J. R. Brown; Spragge, T. Oswald; Kilworthy, M. McArthur; Aspdin, W. Hare; Carling, W. N. Carr; Black River, T. R. Robinson; Bethune, J. W. Little; Malton, G. B. Wilson; Buxton, W. A. Bremner; Kippawa, T. Dodds; Warren, T. C. Hood; Byng Inlet, J. Burkholder; Depot Harbor, J. T. Taylor, Iron Bridge, T. E. Scott; South Bay, R. J. Ross; Squaw Island, J. L. McPherson; Loring, A. L. Burch; Lake Joseph, H. J. Pritchard; Berriedale, A. O. Wishart; Marmora Mines, P. Reith.

#### PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

Met at Cardinal February the 22nd. Every minister in the Presbytery was present, also a goodly number of elders. Rev. Edward Aston was the moderator. Mr. Danby, of North Augusta, tendered his resignation of his charge. Messrs. Mackenzie and Sinclair were appointed to confer with the congregation. A call to Rev. Mr. Abram, of Burlington, from St. John's Church, Brockville, was presented by Mr. Mackenzie. After Mr. Watson was heard, in support of the call, it was agreed to sustain 'he same as a regular gospel call. Provisional arrangements for the induction of Mr. Abram were made as follows: The moderator to preside and induct, Mr. Wright to address the people, Mr. McDiarmid to address the minister Mr. McEachern to preach, the Clerk to appoint the date. The Home Mission report was presented by Mr. Stuart. The report on augmentation was presented by Mr. McDiarmid. The Clerk was authorized to write to Dr. Warden in regard to the reduction of grant made at Athens, Toledo. Mr. Macfarland presented a most encouraging report on Church Life and Work. Messrs. Stuart, Mackenzie and Wright opened a most interesting discussion on the report just presented. A conference followed. Mr. Mackenzie reported on Y. P. Societies. It was recommended that sessions encourage these Societies in the good work in which they are engaged, invite them to greater liberality and instruct them in the doctrines and polity of our church, and that a Presbyterian of Young People be formed. Members failing to attend 75 per cent. of the meetings of Presbytery shall hereafter be deemed disqualified for appointment as Commissioners to the General Assembly. It was agreed to adhere to the regulations of the Probationer's Scheme.

Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follows.—W. A. Mackenzie, Hugh Cameron, Joseph Higgins, J. J. Wright, Edward Aston, Ministers; James Cumming, Wm. Clark, Newton Coesitt, Jno. Fraser, Robt. Toye, Elders. The report on remits were received 1. As to the reduction of representation to the General Assembly, it was agreed to sustain the remit. 2. As to permanent place of meeting, Not sustained. 3. As to the appointment of a Board of Publication. This remit was sustained, but no editor was nominated. Dr. Campbell of Renfrew was nominated moderator of the General Assembly, and Rev. W. A. Mackenzie of the Synod. Messrs Jno. A. Sinclair and Alexander Ross were appointed on Synod's Committee on bills and overtures. The treasurer's report showed the total amount available for the current year to be \$379.53. Standing Committees were appointed as follows.—On Augmentation—H. J. McDiarmid, J. A. Sinclair. On Home Missions—J. Stuart, J. J. Wright and Jas. Cummings; On Church Life and Work—Jno. F. Macfarland, D. G. S. Curvey, J. M. Kellow and Jno. McCaughy; Sabbath Schools—B. Cameron, D. McEachern, J. P. Fox, and Wm. Kilgour. On Statistics—G.

MacArthur Jno. M. Macalister and Wm. Clark. Systematic Benevolence—Robt. Toye, M. Danby and L. Cameron. Examination of Student—J. A. Sinclair, J. Stuart, Geo. MacArthur, J. J. Cameron and Gordon Watson. On Remits—J. J. Wright, James Madill, A. Cameron and E. Aston. On Young Peoples Societies—W. A. Mackenzie, Jos. Higgins, D. Stewart, W. J. Corbett and J. M. Macalister. A Conference will be held at next meeting on "The Relation of the Church to Politics," and "On Settlement of Ministers in Vacant Congregations." Mr. Sinclair gave notice that he would move that the July meeting be abolished.—George MacArthur, Pres. Clerk.

#### THE PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.

Met at Barrie on March 9th, at 10.30 a.m., and was largely attended by the members. Mr. W. R. McIntosh, B.D., was elected Moderator for next term. Two calls from vacant congregations were sustained, one from Aurile, etc., to Rev. W. Gallagher, the former pastor who resigned last September, and the other from Burk's Falls to Mr. Carswell, who has laboured there as ordained missionary for a year. Mr. Hewitt resigned the charge of First Esau, Burn's and Dunn's churches. The charge will be declared vacant on the 21st inst. Mr. Leishman, of Angus, was appointed moderator of the vacant session. A petition from some residents of Fergusonville, who are members of the Hillsdale Church, desiring fortnightly services by Mr. Skene in their village was received, and referred to the pastor and session of Hillsdale for their consideration. The list of members elected to represent the Presbytery at the General Assembly to be held at Winnipeg in June next is as follows. Ministers, Messrs. Henry McLeod, Clarke Smith, Leishman, McCrae, Campbell, Findlay, Burton and Burnett; elders, G. Grant, M.A., J. A. Mather, James Ross, (Oro), J. Strachan, J. Jamieson, T. McKee, John Cowan, Wm. Aikens, H. McGuire and John Turner. A report was received from the committee on Y.P.S.C.E. The remits of the General Assembly were considered and findings come to, viz., That the time has not come to reduce the representation of Presbyteries in the General Assembly. That either Toronto or Montreal should be chosen as the permanent meeting place of the Assembly. That the remit on the Mission Board be not approved, that the overture of the Owen Sound Presbytery on the reception of ministers of other churches be not approved, no additional legislature on the subject being required. That the Sabbath School Committee be authorized to carry the debt for another year, that the providing of Sabbath School material be remitted to the Sabbath School Committee, and that Mr. Fotheringham be engaged as editor and transferred to Toronto. Messrs. Pogue and Leishman were appointed to consider the remit on uniformity in public worship and report at next meeting. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew with reference to the formation of a new Presbytery, which would take in a portion of Barrie Presbytery was considered at some length. Mr. Findlay indicated on the map the portion which in his opinion Barrie would have to surrender. After discussion Messrs. Moodie and Findlay were appointed to prepare a statement regarding the proposed division of the Presbytery to be sent to the ministers and sessions affected that they may be able to give their views on the subject at next meeting. Leave was given to the congregation of Exandale to mortgage their property for \$500, and to Notawa to sell the old church lot. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Barrie on Tuesday, May 4th, at 10.30 a.m.

Robert Moodie,  
Clerk.

#### THE PRESBYTERY OF INVERNESS.

The Presbytery of Inverness visited Margaree Harbour, Strathlorne, and Margou, on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of February, and found these congregations progressing favorably. Mr. Thompson supplies the three churches of Margaree Harbour, Big Intervale and Chelcamp. His work is highly ap-

preciated as it deserves to be. He is the first pastor of that congregation, and completed his first year there in June last. The people are grateful for the aid given from the Augmentation Fund without which they could not support a pastor. The charge is a weak one, and deserves every encouragement. Subscriptions for stipend are up to \$50 and \$60, and these subscribers can only get preaching two Sabbaths out of three. When Mr. Thompson was inducted the people promised to pay \$500 stipend annually. Since then they have decided to raise \$550. This step in advance is very creditable to them.

Strathlorne had a prosperous year. Services in the church were well attended as a rule, when weather and roads were favorable. Some of the people coming 8, 9, and 10 miles. Weekly prayer meetings conducted by the pastor in outlying districts are generally crowded, though held at 11 a.m. or 3 p.m. There are five sub-schools, and a O.E. Society. Some of the elders conduct weekly prayer meetings in their own districts. Almost every family has family worship twice a day. Eleven were added to the church during the year. The total giving of the congregation for 1896 was \$2025, of which \$825 was paid on church; \$260 on manse and other congregational objects, \$637 in stipend; \$173 for the schemes of the church, and \$75 in clothing for Labrador Mission. The pastor's hands are strengthened very much by a good staff of elders, a good Board of Managers, the C. E. Society and W. F. M. Auxiliary.

Mabou and Port Hood.—In summer Mr. Bayne, the pastor, preaches every Lord's Day in the two churches, twelve miles apart. In winter Port Hood gets every third Sabbath. Mr. Bayne attends to the spiritual needs of his field with great care and success. Eighteen were added to the church during the year. The total giving of the congregation was \$1414. Numerically, this is the weakest congregation in the Presbytery. In loyalty to the schemes of the church it takes the lead. Some of the people give liberally; some give little, some give nothing. That seems to be the way in all our congregations. There are more than corners where the grace of liberality needs to be cultivated.—D. McDonald, Pres. Clerk.

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