

Presbytery of Peterboro.

This Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Millbrook, on the 10th inst. In the absence of the Rev. W. Donald, the Rev. J. Cleland was appointed Clerk. The Rev. Mr. Acheson tendered his resignation of his pastoral charge in Minden, Hammond, etc., with reasons for the same. It was agreed that Mr. Acheson's resignation be now accepted—to take effect after the first Sabbath in October next. A motion, commending the Dunkin Act to the "earnest and prayerful consideration" of the congregations of the Presbytery, was agreed to. Mr. White was appointed to dispense ordinances in Burleigh and Chandos; Mr. Acheson in Haliburton, and Mr. Bell in Harvey. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Paul's Church, Peterboro, on the last Tuesday in September, at 12 o'clock.

Presbytery of Bruce.

This Presbytery met at Lucknow on the 10th inst. Mr. Scott's term of Moderatorship having expired, Mr. Tolmie was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. On application, leave of absence for three months, on account of ill health, was granted to Messrs Currie and Fraser. Mr. Forbes was appointed interim Moderator of the Kirk Session of Zion Church, Teeswater, during Mr. Currie's absence. Mr. Ferguson of the Kirk Session of Kivronsdale and Enniskillen; and Mr. Scott of the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church Saugeen. On application from St. Andrew's Church, Saugeen, leave was granted to them to procure supply for their own pulpit, for the next three months. A communication was read from Mr. Graham stating that on account of family affliction he would not be present at this meeting. The Presbytery agreed to record its sympathy with Mr. Graham and family in their affliction. Mr. Smith submitted the report of the Finance Committee on the Financial and statistical reports of the congregation of the bounds, the report was received and thanks tendered to the Committee, and a Committee consisting of Messrs Straith and Scott, ministers, and Messrs McKinnon and Steele, elders, was appointed to fully consider the financial returns of the congregation of the bounds and recommend a course of action in regard to it for the adoption of Presbytery at its next ordinary meeting. The Treasurer was instructed to write to those congregations who had not remitted their contributions to the fund for defraying the expenses of the elders, appointed as Commissioners to the General Assembly and to the Presbytery Fund, to do so at once. Messrs Hugh Mackay and William Stuart, B.A., after passing the usual trials, the former was licensed and ordained, and the latter ordained. Mr. Mackay goes as an ordained missionary to Manitoulin Island, and Mr. Stuart to Sault Ste Marie. Messrs Sutherland, Stewart and Forbes, ministers, and Mr. William Malcolm, elder, were appointed a committee to consider the answers sent in by the Kirk Sessions of the bounds, to the questions on the state of religion, and to report thereon at next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery having taken in view that intemperance is one of the great obstacles to the progress of the gospel of Christ and the welfare of society, and believing that the Dunkin act if carried would greatly lessen and counteract this great evil, and learning that the County Council has resolved to submit said act to the electors of the County of Bruce, on the eighteenth of September next; therefore resolved that the Presbytery recommend the several sessions and congregations of the bounds to give their hearty co-operation in preparing the minds of our people to support the Dunkin act, when it shall be submitted; they further recommend that all the ministers of the Presbytery hold meetings within their bounds, and seek the co-operation of neighbouring ministers; and they would appoint the following members of Court to take charge of this matter in the following towns and townships viz: Mr. Cameron in Lucknow, Mr. Sutherland in Huron, Mr. Stewart in Kincardine, Mr. McLennan in Bruce, Mr. Gourlay in Saugeen, Mr. Blain in Arran, Mr. Tolmie in Southampton, Mr. Bethune in Elderslie, Mr. Straith in Paisley, Dr. Bell in Walkerton, and Mr. Wardrop in Culross. The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine, on the last Tuesday of September at two o'clock p.m.—A. G. Forbes, Presbytery Clerk.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox Church, Owen Sound, on the tenth and eleventh days of July. The Rev. Alex. McLennan of Sydenham was elected Moderator for the ensuing twelve months. The Session Records of Chatsworth and Latona were examined and ordered to be attested as carefully and correctly kept; and the following ones were ordered to be produced for examination at the September meeting, viz. Leith, Thornbury, Kilsyth, Keady, Division Street Church and Knox Church, Owen Sound. On motion of Mr. J. Oreson it was agreed that all Session Records within the bounds of Presbytery be submitted annually for examination at the July meeting. Mr. McNaughton tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of North Koppel and Sarawak, which, after the hearing of Commissioners, was accepted—the resignation to take effect on the twenty-ninth day of July. Mr. Dewar was appointed to declare the said pastoral charge vacant and to act as Moderator of the Session during the vacancy. The following minute was adopted on his resignation:—In parting with their brother, Mr. McNaughton, the Presbytery agree to record their testimony to the diligence, perseverance and patience with which he laboured in a difficult field under many disadvantages and great bodily hardships. His relation to his brethren in the Presbytery has always been of a very agreeable kind. They part with him with great regret, recording their sincere desire that God may guide his steps, and in His wisdom appoint him a sphere where he may with comfort be long spared to labour for the Lord. Arrangements were made to have the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed at an early day in the Mission Stations of East Holland and Collingwood Mountain. Messrs R. Mitchell and R. Dunlop were appointed assessors along with Mr. Whimster to act as a Session for the Mission Stations of Euphrasia and East Holland; and Messrs H. Wallace and W. Hunter were also appointed assessors along with Mr. McInnes to act in the same capacity for the Mission Stations of Ravenna and Collingwood Mountain. Messrs Alex. Nicol and A. H. Kippen having delivered their trial discourses to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, and having also passed a satisfactory examination in theology, church history, church government, Hebrew, Greek, and personal religion, were in due form licensed to preach the gospel. Mr. Valentine Knechtel a member of Division Street Church, Owen Sound, appeared and expressed a desire to study for the ministry—a committee was appointed to confer with him, and on the report of the committee it was resolved to recommend him to the Examining Board of the College which he may desire to attend. The Home Mission agent, Mr. Dewar, gave in a very full report of Home Mission work within the bounds. In considering the report the agent was instructed to convey the thanks of the court to Mr. Rodgers for his valuable services in the Indian Peninsula and to request him to continue his labours there for a few Sabbaths more. The agent was also instructed to correspond with the Rev. Walter Wright with a view to obtain his services as an ordained missionary for the Peninsula. Mr. Dewar tendered his resignation as Home Mission agent, which was ordered to lie on the table till next ordinary meeting. The Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was received and the thanks of the court were tendered him for his valuable services during the past year. His book was audited and found correct. Messrs Stevenson and Whimster were instructed to explore the neighbourhood around Bay View P.O. with a view to organize a Mission Station there. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Owen Sound, on the third Tuesday of September, at 10 a.m.

The Sabbath School of Melville Church, Fergus, has appropriated \$25 to be sent as a donation to assist the sufferers by the St. John fire.

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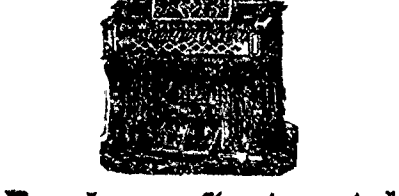
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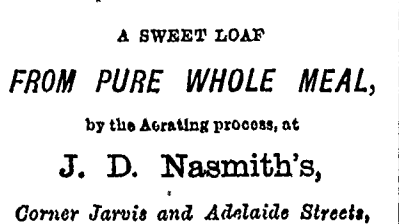
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