

J. Macdonnell, deceased, and the Rev. James Murray, St Catharines, in place of the Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, deceased.

Resolutions were passed on the deaths of Rev. Dr. Williamson, the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Toronto, and the Rev. Dr. Laidlaw of Hamilton, all former members of this board, and ordered to be engrossed on the minutes and copies sent to their respective families or relatives. The resignation by Prof. Fletcher of the chair of Latin was accepted, and in the fall a successor will be appointed. Prof. McNaughton was appointed lecturer on Church history for the ensuing session, and it was agreed to denominate it the Hugh Waddell lectureship, that gentleman having given a subscription of \$5,000 for the theological department.

Rev. Duncan Robertson's resignation of the pastoral charge of East London church, having been accepted, he and his people spoke kindly words of farewell and good wishes to each other at a largely attended meeting of the congregation on April 27th. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have gone West to visit Mrs. Robertson's people.

Presbytery of Guelph

The Presbytery of Guelph met, according to adjournment, on the 9th of April, in Melville Church, Fergus. Mr. James W. Rae, of Acton, Moderator. Among other business the Clerk reported that he had received the Home Mission grant for Hawkesville and Linwood, and paid it over to Mr. Knox, ordained missionary in charge, and produced his receipt for the same. Attention having been called to the fact that Mr. McNair had completed his final examination for the degree of B. D., had had the same conferred upon him by the Senate of Knox College, Toronto, the Presbytery agreed to record its gratification at his success, and its prayer that he may be long spared to enjoy the honor he had earned. The Call from West Toronto Junction to Mr. Rae, of Knox Church, Acton, was then taken up. Parties interested were heard, those from Knox Church signifying the strong attachment of the people to their pastor, their sense of the faithfulness with which he had fulfilled his ministry among them from the beginning, and of the measure of success with which God had crowned his labors in several ways; but adding that in conformity with his own expressed desire they would not oppose his translation. Mr. Rae had the call placed in his hands for his decision, when he stated that he felt it to be his duty to accept. Thereafter it was resolved that the translation craved be granted, and a committee was appointed to prepare a minute expressive of high appreciation in which they held their brother, and their sympathy with the congregation deprived of his services. It was agreed that the dissolution of the pastoral tie take place on and after the last Sabbath of April, and Mr. Strachan, of Rockwood, was appointed to declare the charge vacant on the first Sabbath of May, and to act as moderator of Session during the vacancy. Mr. Rae then tendered his resignation of the moderatorship of the Presbytery, which was accepted. The hour having come for beginning the public services connected with the induction of Mr. John H. MacVicar to the pastoral charge of Melville Church, evidence was furnished that the edict of induction had been regularly served upon the congregation. Proclamation having been made to the people assembled that if any of them had any objection to offer to the life and doctrine of Mr. MacVicar he should appear at once before the Presbytery and state the same, and no objector appearing, Dr. MacVicar, Principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, who had been asked and consented to preach on the occasion, took the pulpit, and preached an earnest and appropriate discourse from the words, Acts ii. 21, "And whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," arranging his thoughts under the two divisions, 1. What it is to be saved, and 2. How we are saved. After sermon, Dr. Wardrop gave a brief narrative of the steps in the Call, after which the usual questions of the formula were put to Mr. MacVicar, and he having returned satisfactory answers to these, he was, by solemn prayer, Dr. Torrance leading therein, inducted into the pastorate of

Melville Church. Dr. Wardrop then addressed him, and Mr. Mullen the people on their respective duties. On the dismissal of the congregation Dr. Wardrop, Mr. Rennie and Dr. Roger were appointed to repair to the door of the church with the newly inducted pastor that the people might welcome him as their minister as they retired. Mr. MacVicar having retired to the place in which the Presbytery was met, and having signified his readiness to sign the formula when required, his name was added to the roll. And he took his place as a member of the court. Dr. Wardrop was appointed to introduce him to the Session, which was instructed to meet for the purpose. The Presbytery had presented to it the report of the Young People's Societies, which had been under consideration at the conference in Berlin. There were also submitted certain recommendations adopted by the conference, which the Presbytery adopted as its own, and which the Clerk was instructed to get printed, to be read from the pulpits of congregations in the bounds, for the construction of the people. The committee appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell gave in their report, which was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy to the family and one to the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Toronto. In accordance with a resolution passed at the conference in Berlin, the committee of the Young People's Society, with the addition of the ministers in Guelph, were appointed a committee to arrange for a convention of Young People's Societies in the bounds, to be held some time in May or June, as may be found most suitable. Permission was granted to Mr. Hamilton to avail himself of the services of two of the ruling elders in Winterbourne at the approaching observance of the Lord's Supper at Elmira, with the elder at that place, should such be found necessary. On motion, made and seconded, it was agreed that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Principal MacVicar for so cheerfully consenting to preach on the occasion of this day's services, and for the able and appropriate sermon which he gave. The time and place of next regular meeting having been intimated. The Presbytery now adjourned.

Presbytery of Kamloops

A pro-nata meeting of this Presbytery was held at Vernon, April 15th at 10.30 a. m. Rev. T. S. Glassford was appointed moderator pro tem. The first item of business was the resignation of Mr. J. Knox Wright, as clerk. Mr. Geo. A. Wilson was appointed clerk pro tem. Rev. Dr. M. Gordon, of Halifax, was nominated moderator for general assembly, and Mr. Glassford commissioner in room of Mr. Wright, resigned. Mr. Wallace, of Rossland, resigned on account of ill health. Resignation was accepted. The following minutes regarding the resignation of Messrs. Wallace and Wright were approved of by Presbytery: "The Presbytery of Kamloops in receiving the resignation of Rev. J. K. Wright, B.D., as Presbytery Clerk, desires to place on record its great appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered the Presbytery ever since its formation and its deep sense of the loss sustained by his removal to Chilliwack in the Presbytery of Westminster. The Presbytery while regretting his departure, cheerfully bears testimony to the sterling qualities of Mr. Wright. Possessing intellectual attainments of a high order combined with an eminent Christian character, he was an able expounder of gospel truth. His unselfish spirit, genial disposition and sympathetic nature endeared him to all the members of the Presbytery. As the first clerk of the Presbytery, his intimate acquaintance with the work within its bounds and his knowledge of church law, made his counsel invaluable. As pioneer missionary his name stands high for heroic endeavor and the present prosperous condition of the church within the Presbytery bounds is largely due to his self-denial, and the earnestness with which he did his work. Spallanscheen and Okanagan owe him much. His work was a foundation work and of a kind that will endure. The Presbytery follows Mr. Wright with their best wishes and earnest prayers, that his work in his new field of labor

may be crowned with abundant success."

In accepting the resignation of Mr. J. E. Wallace, as missionary at Rossland, B.C., on account of failing health, the Presbytery extends its sympathy to Mr. Wallace and desires to record its recognition of the faithful service rendered by him during his stay at Rossland, and its prayer is that he may soon be restored in health that he may be enabled to successfully labor in the new field to which he goes.

Presbytery of Lindsey

The Presbytery met at Beaverton, April 21st., with a good attendance of ministers and elders. Rev. M. N. Bethune resigned the charge of Beaverton and Gambridge. The congregation being previously cited, a number of commissioners appeared and spoke in the kindest terms of Mr. Bethune and his work, and sincerely regretting his resignation. Presbytery formally accepted the resignation, and placed upon record resolutions expressive of the love and esteem of the brethren for Mr. Bethune. Mr. G. McKay, Sunderland, was appointed Moderator, pro tem, and instructed to declare the pulpit vacant on the 17th May next. Mr. D. D. McDonald gave a very full and satisfactory report on Sabbath schools, which was dealt with in the usual way. A call was presented from St. George, in the Presbytery of Paris, addressed to Rev. D. Y. Ross, of Cannington. It was ordered to be laid on the table, and the congregation of Cannington cited to appear for its interests at an adjourned meeting in Sunderland, May 7th, at 2.30 p.m. The following commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly, namely, Ministers, Messrs. D. D. McDonald, J. W. MacMillan, G. McKay, J. McD. Duncan, and M. McKinnon, and elders, Messrs. J. Gunn, J. C. Cameron, Jas. Allen, J. Brown, and R. Irwin. Mr. Duncan was appointed to the committee on Assembly Business. The next regular meeting will be held at Wick on the fourth Tuesday of June, and a Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention will take place the following day.

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