

tative elder of Stanley street church, Ayr, and report. A circular on temperance was read and in connection therewith it was agreed as follows: "Inasmuch as by the action of the Ontario Legislature, the electors of this province will have on the first of January next an opportunity of expressing their minds on the prohibition of the liquor traffic, the Presbytery would therefore repeat the deliverance of the supreme court of the Church, that the traffic in intoxicating liquors is contrary to the Word of God and to the spirit of the Christian religion, and ought not to be legalized by the votes of a Christian people. The Presbytery expresses the earnest hope that our people will be found unanimously opposed to this great evil, and urges our ministers and other office-bearers to bring this important subject properly before the people. Mr. Cockburn addressed the court on the claims of Home Missions and Augmentation, asking \$3,600 for the former, and \$1,250 for the latter from the Presbytery. A moderation in a call was granted St. Andrew's, E. Oxford and Blenheim. Mr. Hutt was appointed Convener of Committee for bringing the claims of the schemes of the Church before congregations.—W. T. McMullen, Clerk.

Barrie Presbytery met in the Barrie Presbyterian church on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. Dr. Gray was appointed to preside during the Session. Much surprise and regret were expressed when the Clerk, the Rev. R. Moodie, laid on the table his resignation as minister of Stayner and Sunnidale. After deliberation, it was agreed that the resignation lie on the table till the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and that a deputation be appointed to confer with the congregations of Stayner and Sunnidale. There was also considered the resignation of Mr. John Hunter, as minister of Guthrie church and Mitchell Square, laid on the table at last meeting. Mr. Hunter is at present in Scotland, and he has tendered his resignation, to the great regret of his congregation, to facilitate the union of it with Central church, Oro. The resignation was accepted and a resolution was unanimously adopted expressive of the regret of the Presbytery in losing the services of so faithful and successful a minister. A verbal report was received from Mr. W. J. Hewitt, stating that he had declared the pulpit of Ivy and Town Line charge vacant. Mr. A. Findlay submitted a call from Sundridge in favour of the Rev. J. J. Cochrane, M.A., and describe it and very harmonious. It was sustained and was put into the hands of Mr. Cochrane and accepted by him. The inducted was appointed to take place on Tuesday, 24th October. Committees were appointed to deal with several congregations in the southern and north-western parts of the county with the view of effecting changes which would tend to benefit the cause throughout these districts. A very large portion of the Session was taken up with Home Mission business. A committee was appointed to arrange if possible the mission in groups, under the charge of ordained missionaries, and steps were taken to raise a fund of \$6,000 for manse and church-building purposes. An appeal is to be made, especially to those Presbyteries which have practically no Home Mission fields. An interesting report

was read by Rev. A. Findlay of his labours throughout the Muskoka and Algoma districts. A circular was read from Dr. Cochrane, anent the requirements of the Home Mission Committee for its work during 1893-94. The apportionments to this Presbytery for Home Mission and supplementary purposes are larger than last year, and call for increased liberality in dealing with Home Missions.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria, was held on September 21 in the First Presbyterian church, there being present Rev. D. A. Macrae, of Nanaimo, Moderator; Rev. D. Macrae, Rev. A. B. Winchester, and Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Victoria, and Messrs. A. Shaw and J. T. Bethune, elders. Besides the members of the Presbytery, there were a very large number of spectators present, and a keen interest was taken in the proceedings. In the circular calling the meeting, it was set forth that Rev. P. McF. McLeod had preached in the old Methodist church on Sept. 10th to a congregation that had been advertised as the Central Presbyterian church, but which had, in fact, no existence to the knowledge of the Presbytery, and that Mr. McLeod by so preaching, had violated the laws of the Presbyterian Church. On the Saturday previous, a document signed by the Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. Messrs. D. Macrae, and A. B. Winchester had been laid before the Rev. Mr. McLeod, setting forth that to carry out this intention would be to violate the rules of the Church, and further stating that if the course were persisted in, the signers would petition the Moderator to call a special meeting of the Presbytery to deal with the matter. On Monday, Mr. McLeod sent a lengthy reply, in which he defended his position. These documents having been read, the Moderator formally cited Mr. McLeod to appear at the bar and answer to the charges made against him in the court. After long discussion, taken part in by all the members of Presbytery and, by permission of the Presbytery, by three petitioners from the body of Presbyterians, to whom Mr. McLeod had preached, asking for organization, an extended motion was read and carried unanimously, in which the Presbytery declares that "Rev. Mr. McLeod's action was irregular and calculated to bring the laws of the Church into disrepute and impair the interests of the Church in the city, and Mr. McLeod is enjoined to discontinue all public services in connection with the movement of the petitioners until the Presbytery has issued the case." Rev. Mr. McLeod announced that he would appeal to the Synod, and a committee, consisting of Rev. D. A. Macrae, Alexander Shaw and Young, was appointed to prepare an answer to the appeal. The question was asked, "What effect will Mr. McLeod's appeal have on the matter?" Rev. Dr. Robertson, Missionary Superintendent, who was present, replied that the case would stand on its own merits. But as to Mr. McLeod, if he appealed, and the Presbytery was sustained, then the Presbytery could deal out what punishment it saw fit. If Mr. McLeod appealed, and the new congregation were formed, other supply would have to be obtained, as no minister under censure could perform the functions of the Church. The next matter taken up was the issuance by Mr. McLeod of certificates of demission to members of St. Andrew's church after he had sent in his resignation, and had ceased to conduct the public services of the church. With regard to these it was agreed to recommend that while noting the irregularity, they be ratified by the Session as valid, except in any case in which it might appear that the certificate had been issued in error.

The Presbytery of Algoma held a semi-annual meeting in Manitowaning, on the 26th, 27th and 29th days of September. Rev. S. Rondeau, of Sudbury, was elected Moderator. The following changes in the working of fields were proposed for the approval of the committees of Assembly concerned: 1. The stations of Massey, Chelmsford and Cartier to be erected into a new field to be in charge of Rev. E. D. Pelletier, who will labour under the joint supervision of the Home Mission and French Evangelization Boards. 2. Webbwood, Birch Lake and Nairn to form another field, in the care of an ordained missionary. 3. An ordained missionary to be appointed to Tarbut field. 4. That Rock Lake and Ophir fields be worked together during the winter. 5. That Sturgeon Falls shall have service in the morning and Cache Bay in the evening. 6. That Chapleau be the central point of a field to have the services of an ordained missionary. Mr. William Tracy applied for the position of catechist, was duly examined and accepted. The claims of mission fields on the Home Mission Fund for the past six months were presented by the Presbytery's committee, and sustained as read by the Convener. A hearty

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At Rotherham House, 56 Isabella St., Toronto, on the 8th of October, the wife of the Rev. J. Elliott, Nairn, Ont., of a son.

## DEATHS.

In the Township of Morris, on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, George Hanna, father of Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.A., Uxbridge; aged 75 years 9 mos. Native of County Down, Ireland. (Belfast papers, please copy).

vote of thanks was passed by the Presbytery, (1) for a grant of \$250 received from the Church and Manse Building Fund, (2) to the Women's Home Mission Society of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, for assistance in working the Silver Water field, and (3) to the Knox College Missionary Society for their valued assistance in carrying on mission work in several fields within the bounds of this Presbytery. The Supt. of Missions was authorized to visit Eastern congregations for the purpose of presenting the claims and needs of Home Mission work in Algoma Presbytery, and to solicit assistance and support for this important field. It was resolved to pay the pastors of the augmented congregations the sum of ten dollars each from the Presbytery Fund, to make up for the deficiency in the grants last spring. The Presbytery was divided into convenient districts, and committees appointed to each for the purpose of holding missionary meetings in the interests of the General Schemes of the Church, and the Convener were enjoined to call special attention to the claims of the Augmentation Fund. The Convener of the Temperance Committee was instructed to correspond with the Public School Inspectors of the district to ascertain the extent to which Temperance Text Books are used in the Public Schools. It was resolved to admit Mr. D. B. Smith, catechist, to an examination for the rank of approved catechist, in view of the faithful and efficient character of his work during the past three years. Subjects were assigned and a committee appointed to conduct the examination. The Moderator and the Clerk were asked to draw up a scheme for the regular and systematic examination of catechists and present it at the next meeting of Presbytery. A conjoint meeting of the H. M. and F. E. Committees having been held to define the duties of Rev. E. D. Pelletier in the French and English work he is expected to undertake, reported recommendations which were adopted. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the friends in Manitowaning for the very generous and hospitable treatment received by the members of Presbytery during their stay in that village.

J. K. MacGillivray, Clerk.  
McLennan P. O., Ont.

The Presbytery of Sarnia held its usual quarterly meeting at Strathroy on the 19th Sept., Rev. John McKee, Moderator, in the chair. Rev. Mr. Currie, on behalf of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, gave in the half yearly report from 1st of May to 1st of October, which was received. In regard to the mission field opened up by this Presbytery in Dawn, exception to which was taken by the Presbytery of Chatham, within whose bounds the stations referred to are situated, the Presbytery agreed to express regret that unwittingly they had infringed on territory under the care of Chatham Presbytery; transfer the stations erected and the whole question of supply for that field into the care of the Chatham Presbytery, and the Clerk was instructed to explain the mistaken action of this Presbytery in the matter. The Home Mission Committee were instructed to provide such supply for the stations during the winter as may be deemed necessary. Rev. Mr. Mackinnon intimated that he had moderated in a call at Adelaide and Arkona, on the 7th of September last, in favour of Rev. G. Haight, probationer; signed by 66 members and 54 adherents, promising \$700 with manse—\$450 from Adelaide and \$250 from Arkona. Messrs. Wiley and Shields, commissioners, were heard in the matter. On motion of Rev. Mr. Currie, the Moderator's conduct was approved; the call sustained as a regular gospel call, and \$50 supplement asked for from the Augmentation Fund. The call was forwarded to Mr. Haight for consideration. Rev. Mr. McLennan laid on the table the resignation of his charge of Camlachie and Aberarder. Deputations from both congregations were present and acquiesced in immediate action being taken. After consideration, it was agreed to accept Mr. McLennan's resignation, the same to take effect on the last Sabbath in September. Rev. Mr. Pritchard was appointed to preach and declare the charge vacant on the 8th of October, and act as interim Moderator

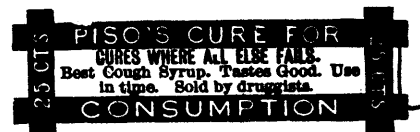
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of Session thereafter. The Presbytery expressed its regret at such a termination of a useful ministry; expressed the hope that Mr. McLennan may soon find a suitable field in which to exercise his ministerial gifts, and instructed the Clerk to furnish Mr. McLennan with a presbyterial certificate. Rev. Dr. Thompson was appointed Moderator of Point Edward congregation. There was laid on the table and read, a call from North Gower and Wellington, in the Ottawa Presbytery, to Rev. J. S. Lochead, of Parkhill, in this Presbytery. No delegate appearing from the Ottawa Presbytery, the Clerk gave explanation thereof, and parties were heard in the above order, Mr. Lochead intimating his acceptance of the call. Parties were removed. On motion of Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed to grant the translation in terms of Mr. Lochead's decision; express regret at parting with their brother; the resignation to take effect on the 2nd day of October; Rev. Mr. Currie to preach and declare the charge vacant on the second Sabbath of October, and act as interim Moderator of Session thereafter. There was laid on table and read a call from Forditch and Gorle, in the Saugeen Presbytery, to the Rev. Jas. Pritchard, of Forest, in this Presbytery, also reasons of translation and extract minute of Presbytery in the matter. On motion of Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed to order the same to lie on the table and appoint Rev. Mr. Currie to cite parties to appear at a meeting to be held in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, 17th October, at 10 a.m. The Home Mission report was adopted, and the Moderator instructed to sign the necessary schedules.—Geo. Cuthbertson, Clerk.

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