

on family religion, and Mr. McKenzie on amusements. The addresses were very practical, interesting and instructive. Next regular meeting at Orangeville, May 1st, at 10.30 a.m.—H. CROZIER, Clerk.

Presbytery of Brandon.

THE Presbytery of Brandon met at Virden on Tuesday, 15th inst., at 10 a.m. Rev. D. Campbell, B.A., of Holland, was elected Moderator for ensuing six months. In his absence Rev. A. Urquhart presided. The clerk was instructed to issue cards to the Presbyteries, advising them that this Presbytery intended to ask leave of the General Assembly to receive Rev. F. Lamb as a minister of this Church. It was agreed to recommend to Synod that the following new Presbyteries be formed: (1) Portage la Prairie, consisting of the territory now in Minnedosa Presbytery, as far west as Minnedosa, and the territory in Brandon Presbytery, along the main line of C.P.R. as far west as Melbourn, together with Poplar Point, now in Winnipeg Presbytery. (2) Glenboro Presbytery; the territory along the Glenboro branch of C.P.R. from Carman West to Souris, together with Wawanesa and Routhwaite. (3) Melita Presbytery, embracing the municipalities of Winchester and Arthur and the electoral district of Souris and Assiniboia. Rev. P. Wright, B.D., was appointed representative of Brandon Presbytery on the special Synodical committee to consider the arrangement of Presbyteries. In regard to General Assembly remits, Presbytery recommended (1) That no uniform system of appointment to theological chairs be demanded, provided all appointments are made subject to the approval of the General Assembly. (2) That no change be made in respect to the powers of Synod. (3) That the interim act with regard to the representation of mission stations become the law of the Church. The discussion of proposed changes in the Hymnal was after some consideration postponed to next meeting of Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of missions, was nominated as moderator of next General Assembly. Dr. Robertson and Messrs. Campbell, Currie, Polson, Wright, and McLean, were appointed commissioners to the Assembly. Mr. G. Haddow was selected to hold an elder's commission. Mr. Wright presented the Home Mission report. It reviewed the work of the past six months in the mission fields; suggested plans for future working, as also the kind of supply and grants required. The report after careful consideration was adopted. Mr. H. Ross was instructed to moderate in a call at McGregor when the people are ready. The financial and statistical report was read by Mr. Shearer. It showed a considerable increase in the number of families and communicants, a better attendance at Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings, but a large decrease in amounts raised for the schemes of the Church, and in the sums paid on churches and manse during the year. The sum of \$30,000 was contributed during 1893 for all purposes by the Presbytery. The congregation of Knox church, Portage la Prairie, obtained permission to mortgage their church property, if this was found necessary, to purchase a new church site. This congregation was also empowered to sell their church and site in view of the proposal to erect a new church. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Brandon, on Tuesday, 8th of May; the hour to be arranged by the clerk.—T. R. SHEARER, Clerk.

Presbytery of Algoma.

A SEMI-ANNUAL meeting of Algoma Presbytery was held at Sudbury on the 13th, 14th, and 15th days of March this year, 1894. The attendance was good. Rev. S. Rondeau presided. It was resolved to ask the General Assembly for leave to add the name of Rev. E. B. Rodgers to the roll of Presbytery. The names of Messrs. John McKay and Robt. Bovill were added to the roll. The report of Rev. A. Findlay regarding his visits to congregations for aid in the building

of churches and manse was received with thanks, and it was decided that this Presbytery in conjunction with the Presbytery of Barrie memorialize the General Assembly for the establishment of a Church and Manse Building Fund for Northern Ontario, in view of the fact that the fund of this nature now in existence is available exclusively for the missions of Manitoba and the North-west. The treasurer reported that he had apportioned the amounts for the Assembly Fund among the several congregations having ordained ministers who were to send the amounts direct to Dr. Reid. It was also resolved to memorialize the General Assembly to substitute for the present indefinite description of the boundaries of this Presbytery, the following, viz.—“The Presbytery of Algoma shall be bounded on the east by Sturgeon River; on the south by Lake Nipissing, French River, the Georgian Bay, the southern shores of the Great Manitoulin and adjacent islands, the St. Mary's River and the north-eastern shores of Lake Superior as far westward as the mouth of White River, and on the West by White River.” Regulations for the guidance of missionaries and managers of mission fields were adopted and ordered to be printed for immediate use. Our representatives on the Assembly's Home Mission Committee were instructed to lay before that committee the advisability of amending their regulations so as to allow catechists with families as much remuneration, at least, as is allowed to students. A very favourable report of the work done in the Bruce Mines field was received from the committee appointed to visit that field. The committee to Thessalon reported progress and were continued with Presbyterial powers to determine the location of the church between Little Rapids and Kirkwood. Mr. Duncan B. Smith, catechist, having laboured within the bounds of the the Presbytery for the past three years with acceptance, and having passed the prescribed examination satisfactorily, was granted the status of approved catechist and recommended to the Home Mission Committee for appointment as such. A scheme for the systematic examination of catechists was adopted, providing for examination at entrance, at the end of the first year's work, and for the status of approved catechist. The consideration of a further course of study leading to ordination was laid over for the present. A report of his work for the past six months was heard from Rev. Ed. Pelletier, missionary, under the joint employ of the board of French Evangelization and the Home Mission Committee. The report was received with approbation and payments of the grant recommended. The reports of the deputations appointed to visit the congregations drawing aid from the Augmentation Fund showed that the congregations are not more than holding their own, but, that in the case of Sault Ste. Marie the congregations might, by putting forth an earnest effort, attain and maintain the status of a self-sustaining congregation. The former grants were, however, recommended in each case in the meantime. The reports on Home Mission work by Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, and Rev. J. Kennie, convener of the Home Mission Committee, were received with thanks and adopted with slight amendments as follows:—(a) Amounts to be paid by the Home Mission Committee for the work of the past six months in the mission fields. (b) Amounts asked to be appropriated for the work of the next six months in the several mission fields. (c) That in view of the peculiar circumstances of the cause at Gore Bay, the Rev. J. L. Robertson be transferred from Thessalon field to Gore Bay for two years, and that the clerk be appointed to communicate this decision to the Thessalon congregation personally, next Sabbath, with explanations. The superintendent was requested to visit the Massey, Chelmsford and Copper Cliff Stations, with a view to perfecting the organization of these stations. A donation of missionary books for the use of the Presbytery was received from the W.F.M. Presbyterial Society of the Presbytery of Peterboro, and gratefully acknowledged. The reports of the committees on the State of Religion, Temperance, Sabbath schools and Statistics, were presented

in a more or less complete form, and ordered to be transmitted to the proper conveners in the superior courts. Rev. W. A. Duncan, was appointed in the absence of the convener, to frame answers to the circular on Sabbath observance, and forward the same to the Synod's convener. Two important points in these reports, viz., the success of the Ministerial Association at the Sault in securing the cessation of Sunday work on the canal, and the result of the plebiscite in our province with the subsequent and gratifying stand taken by the Local Government in regard to prohibition. The Rev. Dr. McKay, our Formosa missionary, was nominated for the Moderatorship of next General Assembly, and the following were elected as commissioners from this Presbytery, viz., Rev. S. Rondeau, of Sudbury, and Rev. W. E. Wallace, of Little Current, with elders A. Paul, of Sudbury, and Jas. Scott, of Wobbswood. Rev. E. D. Pelletier was appointed to act on the committee on Bills and Overtures at the next meeting of Synod, and this Presbytery's share of the Synod's expenses for 1893 ordered to be paid from the Presbytery Fund. Mr. A. P. Blouin was examined, recommended for further work within our bounds, and certified as a student of the third year's standing in the literary course. It was resolved that in the interests of the extensive Home Mission work in this Presbytery, it is highly desirable that Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, should be appointed a member of the executive of the Home Mission Committee. Remits from the General Assembly were considered and the necessary action taken as follows: 1st. That this Presbytery decidedly approves of the sessions of mission fields having representation in Presbytery and the superior courts of the Church. 2nd. That Synod be empowered to issue all complaints and appeals that do not involve questions of Church polity or doctrine. 3rd. That it is desirable that all nominations or appointments to theological chairs by the governing boards in our several colleges, be sent down to the Presbyteries for their information at least three months before the meeting of the Assembly at which such appointments are to be made or sanctioned. 4th. Synopsis of answers to remit on the Book of Praise—that it is desirable (a) to have selections from the psalms and paraphrases, in the best available versions, incorporated and numbered consecutively with the hymns, but also with the number of the psalms bracketed; (b) to have a larger variety of topics embraced in the book of praise and a larger addition of simple hymns suitable for the young, the young people's societies, and evangelistic services, containing Gospel invitations, appeals, etc.; (c) to have music of a simpler style and of a more popular character than that which prevails in the present hymnal, the American being preferable to the heavier English arrangements of metres and harmonies; (d) a large proportion of the new hymns proposed are not suitable for general use. It was resolved that in addition to the similar authority given at last meeting of Presbytery to Messrs. Duncan and Wallace over the fields contiguous to their own congregations, other ordained ministers exercise pastoral supervision and act as moderators of existing sessions in mission fields outside of their own special charges as follows: Rev. J. K. MacGillivray, of Tarbutt field, over the Hilton and Richard's Landing field; Rev. D. H. MacLennan, of Bruce Mines field, over the Rock Lake and Ophir fields; Rev. J. L. Robertson, of Gore Bay field, over the Mills, Silver Water and Spanish River fields; Rev. J. Rennie, of Manitowaning, over South Bay and Providence Bay fields; Rev. S. Rondeau, of Sudbury, over Copper Cliff, Warren and White Fish fields; the ordained missionary to Thessalon, when appointed, over Day Mills, Iron Bridge and Cockburn Island fields, but in the meantime Rev. D. H. MacLennan to act. The most cordial thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the friends of Sudbury for their kind hospitality extended to members of the Court. It was decided to hold the next regular meeting of Presbytery at Little Current, on Tuesday, 15th Sept., next, at 7 p.m. J. K. MacGILLIVRAY, Clerk.