

Church News.

In Canada.

Meetings of Presbyteries.

ALBIONA—Manitowaning, Sept. 27th, at 10 a.m.
BARRIE—Barrie, Oct. 3rd, 10.30 a.m.
BRUCE—Paisley, Sept. 12th, 9 a.m.
CALGARY—Calgary, Sept. 5th, 8 p.m.
CHATHAM—First church, Chatham, Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 10 a.m.
GUELPH—St. Andrew's church, September 19th, 10.30 a.m.
HURON—Clinton, September 12th, 10.30 a.m.
MAITLAND—Wingham, Sept. 19th, 11.30 a.m.
ORANOVILLE—Oranoville, Sept. 12th, 10 a.m.
OWEN SOUND—Knox Church, Owen Sound Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 10 a.m.
PARIS—Knox church, Woodstock, Oct. 3rd, 11 a.m.
PETERBOROUGH—First Church, Port Hope, Sept. 19th, 9 a.m.
QUEBEC—St. Andrew's church, Sherbrooke, Aug. 29th, 8 p.m.
REGINA—Broadview, Sept. 13th, 3 p.m.
SAUGUNN—Mount Forest, Sept. 10th, at 10 a.m.
SYDNEY—Falmouth Street Church, Sydney, Sept. 6th, 10 a.m.
VANCOUVER—Nanaimo, St. Andrew's church, September 6th.
WHITBY—Oshawa, Oct. 17th, 10 a.m.

Presbytery of Sydney.

PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY met on the 2nd inst. Revs. Messrs. A. McLean, M.A., John Robertson, and A. Cameron were invited to correspond. A call from St. Andrew's congregation, Sydney, addressed to Rev. D. B. McLeod, M.A., Orwell, P.E. Island, was sustained. It was signed by 210 communicants and a large number of adherents. The salary is \$1000 with manse or rented house. Also a call to Rev. John Fraser, North Shore and North River, from Whycocomagh, and largely signed, was laid on table of Presbytery. Both calls were hearty and unanimous, and were disposed of according to the rules of the Church. Revs. Messrs. J. Forbes, E. B. Rankin and Dr. Murray were appointed a committee to arrange meetings in view of Rev. E. Smith's visit to the Presbytery in the interests of the Mission cause. Rev. W. Grant and Rev. D. McMillan were appointed to dispense the Lord's Supper at Leitch's Creek, on the 4th Sabbath of August. After disposing of routine business and local matters Presbytery adjourned to meet in Falmouth Street Church, Sydney, on Wednesday, the 6th of September, at 10 o'clock.—I. MURRAY, Clerk.

Presbytery of Ottawa.

THE quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa was held in Knox church. Rev. Mr. Doudiet, of Buckingham, was unanimously elected Moderator for the ensuing term. The resignation of Rev. Mr. Moege, of Aylmer, was accepted. Rev. Mr. Scott, of Hull, to declare the pulpit vacant. Rev. Mr. Winfield was received into the Presbytery as a minister in good standing and was accorded a hearty welcome. Rev. G. M. Clarke, formerly of New Edinburgh church, was placed on the superannuated list.

The application of Rev. F. W. Farries, from New Bern, N.C., for his Presbyterial certificate was granted. Application was also granted the Stewarson church to increase the mortgage indebtedness of the church by \$2,500; making it \$7,500 in all.

The standing committees of the ensuing term were then arranged by the substitution and addition of names for those who were leaving the bounds. State of Religion, Rev. McFarlane; Sabbath Observance, Rev. O. Bennett; French Evangelization, Revs. Doudiet, Beatt, Whillans, Scott and D. Campbell; Statistics, Revs. Doudiet and Beatt; Examination for Licenses and Ordinations, Revs. Tufts and McFarlane; Church History and Government, Revs. McLaren and

Cromble; Examination of Students' Exercises, Revs. Doudiet and Herridge; Evangelistic Service, Rev. Scott, substituted for Rev. Clark, and Rev. McLaren added.

In view of the present state of educational matters in Quebec, it was decided to continue the committee on Protestant education in the province.

At the afternoon session considerable time was taken up in discussing the call of the North Gower congregation to Rev. I. G. Lockhead, of Parkhill.

The representatives of the congregation having been heard to the effect that the congregation could only pay \$600 per year, and \$150 was required from the augmentation committee, Rev. Mr. Moore feared it was useless for the Presbytery to recommend the same in view of past deficits, and it was decided that Rev. Messrs. McFarlane, McLaren, and Goodwillie should visit the congregation of North Gower and report at a meeting of the Presbytery two weeks hence on the call to Rev. I. G. Lockhead.

Rev. Mr. Gamble next presented the report of the French Evangelization Committee. It referred to the fact that Rev. Mr. Seylaz, pastor of St. Mark's (French) church had been absent from his church for five months. He was ill. Rev. Mr. Roudeau, colporteur, had filled his pulpit.

Presbytery of Guelph.

ON the 8th of August this Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in Chalmers' Church, Elora, principally for the purpose of the ordination and induction of Mr. R. H. Horne, B.A., LL.B., to the pastoral oversight of that congregation. Mr. Horne in the forenoon underwent trial exercises, and his appearance being highly satisfactory, it was agreed that his ordination and induction be proceeded with at two o'clock in the afternoon. The Presbytery then took up the report of its committee appointed to confer with the office bearers of the congregation at Waterloo on the claim of their late pastor. The report was unanimously adopted. Mr. Hamilton reported that on the 7th inst. he had moderated in a call in the church at Waterloo, which had come out unanimously in favour of Mr. John McNair, B.A., a licentiate. It was sustained, and the Clerk was instructed to send it on to Mr. McNair for his decision. In the event of his accepting arrangements were made for hearing his trial exercises, and should these prove satisfactory, proceeding to his settlement on the 22nd inst. at an adjourned meeting in the church at Waterloo. The guaranteed stipend promised Mr. McNair \$500 of salary, and \$100 for house rent, with two weeks holidays. Dr. Dickson reported that he had moderated in a call given unanimously by the congregations of Doon and Preston to Mr. H. J. Thomas, M.A., licentiate. It was sustained, and Mr. Thomas having signified his acceptance of it, arrangements were made for his undergoing his trial exercises, and in the event of these being satisfactory, of his being ordained and inducted at Preston on Monday, the 21st inst. The guarantee of stipend is for eight hundred dollars, five hundred of which are to be paid by the Preston section of the charge and three hundred by the Doon section. At two o'clock in the afternoon the Presbytery proceeded, according to appointment, to the ordination and induction of Mr. Horne. Mr. Atkinson, of St. Andrew's church, Berlin, preached an excellent sermon from the words of Christ, John xi, 6, "I am the way, the truth and the life." After the sermon, Mr. McInnes, who has acted as Moderator of Session during the vacancy, and who was appointed to preside on the occasion, gave a narrative of the steps in the call to Mr. Horne, put to him the usual questions, and, satisfactory answers having been given to them, he was, by solemn prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, ordained to the office of the holy ministry and inducted into the pastoral oversight of the congregation, with the rights and privileges thereto pertaining. He then received the right hand of welcome from the brethren present, after which Mr. Norris addressed him in earnest and appropriate terms, and Mr. Mullan, with equal earnestness and appropriateness, the people, on their respective duties. Upon the dis-

missal of the people Mr. Horne repaired to the door of the church, accompanied by Mr. McInnes and Mr. Sutherland, that the people as they retired might welcome him as their minister, and Mr. McInnes was appointed to introduce him to the kirk session, which was instructed to meet immediately after the rising of the Presbytery. The entire services connected with Mr. Horne's settlement were of a deeply solemn and most impressive character. The settlement is a cordial, and there is every prospect of its being a prosperous and comfortable one. The congregation is to be congratulated that it has so soon procured a pastor in room of Dr. Middlemiss, who retired from the active duties of the ministry in the end of February last, on the ground of failing health, and who had laboured among them in a very acceptable and devoted manner for upward of thirty-seven years, who held a high place in the esteem of all his brethren, whose pulpit discourses were characterized by careful preparation and prayerful thought and faithful dealing with consciences, and who was looked up to as an authority on ecclesiastical procedure. Dr. Middlemiss is at present in Edinburgh and intends remaining there all winter, that his health may be thoroughly restored.

REV. MR. HORNE was inducted to Chalmers church, Elora, on Tuesday.

ON Sabbath week the pastoral charge of Ivy and Townline Presbyterian church, Thornton, was declared vacant by Rev. Mr. Hewitt, Moderator of session.

REV. DR. McDONALD, of Seaforth, has been sent by officials of the Presbyterian Church to inspect the mission schools of that Church between Winnipeg and the Pacific coast. He is now in Winnipeg.

THE congregations of Keady, Desboro and Peabody, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, have extended a call to the Rev. James Hamilton B.A., who has laboured there as ordained missionary for the past two years.

REV. ROBERT JARDINE, D.Sc., of Prince Albert, N.W.T., has retired from the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Jardine is a graduate of Queen's, and about ten years ago was pastor of St. John's church, Brockville. It is said that views at variance with the Confession of Faith caused his retirement.

THE members and adherents of the King Street Presbyterian church, London, Ont., have extended a unanimous call (lacking one vote) to Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Dutton, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. W. M. Roger. A committee will wait on the Presbytery at its next meeting in St. Thomas, and it is expected the Presbytery will cordially sanction the call.

THE Synod of the Maritime Provinces will meet in St. Paul's church, Truro, on the first Tuesday of October. The committee appointed to make arrangements for the accommodation of members of Synod met last week. Rev. T. Cummings was appointed chairman, and Rev. A. L. Geggie, secretary. A circular was prepared which will be sent to every minister in connection with the Synod to ascertain who expect to be present—ministers and elders.

AT a special meeting of the Presbytery of Whitby on 8th inst., the resignation of the congregation of Newcastle by Rev. W. F. Allen was accepted regretfully by the congregation and by the Presbytery. The step was forced on Mr. Allen owing to the ill-health of his wife. The pulpit will be declared vacant by Rev. Alex. Leslie, M.A., on the second Sabbath of September next. Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., of Bowmanville, was appointed Moderator of the Newcastle session during the vacancy.

REV. W. R. JOHNSTON, B.A., son of Mr. W. E. Johnston, 158 St. Patrick street, Toronto, who recently graduated in Knox College, was on Tuesday of last week ordained into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation of Penetanguishene and Wyebridge. Rev. D. James, Moderator of the Presbytery presided, Rev. W. Wylie, of Waukegan, preached, Rev. John Ross, Churchill, addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Galloway, Hilldale, addressed the congregation. Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia; Rev.