

Presbytery of Maitland.

THIS Presbytery met at Wingham, September 18th, Rev. J. Malcolm, moderator. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders. Commissions were received and roll made for the year. The consideration of instituting a fund bearing the expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly was deferred till the March meeting. Mr. John McKay, of Kinloss, was recommended to the senate of Knox College, Toronto, as a suitable candidate for the Gospel ministry. Mr. R. Cameron, Divinity student, delivered prescribed exercise which was sustained, and the clerk was instructed to certify him to the senate of Knox College, Toronto. Sessions were instructed to make arrangement for holding missionary meetings and report at March meeting, and it was recommended that sessions take advantage of the opportunity of using the services of Rev. Mr. Anderson, of St. Helena, who has prepared a series of magic lantern slides in connection with the work of our mission in India. Copies of the proposed book of praise were distributed to ministers. It was intimated that Dr. McKay, of Formosa, moderator of the General Assembly, will visit congregations in the Presbytery this fall. It was agreed that the usual grant from the augmentation committee be asked for Pine River. Sabbath Observance questions were distributed. It was agreed that a convention of Young People's Societies in the bounds be held at Brussels, on Monday, 19th November, at 1.30 p.m., that the programme and all arrangements be left in the hands of the Presbytery Committee on Young People's Societies. A conference on the settlement of vacancies was held. Presbytery will meet again at Wingham, November 20th, at 11.30 a.m.—JOHN MACNABB, Clerk.

Presbytery of Peterborough.

THE Presbytery of Peterborough met in Port Hope on the 18th Sept. There were present 15 ministers and 11 elders. The Rev. Jas. Cattanaach was chosen moderator for the next six months. The committee on the reconstruction of stations was reappointed with instructions to continue their efforts to rearrange the fields formerly occupied by Messrs. Ewing and Bennett. Reports were received from the mission fields under the care of the Presbytery and the necessary action taken in connection with them. A call from Norwood to the Rev. T. F. Somerville was sustained, salary promised \$800 and manse. Induction fixed for October 16th, at 2 o'clock p.m. Dr. Smith to preside, Mr. Reeves to preach, Mr. Scott to narrate the steps leading to a call, Mr. Thompson to address the minister and Mr. Sutherland the people. A similar call from Lakefield to Mr. A. C. Reeves was sustained and accepted. The stipend promised \$800 and manse. It was agreed that the ordination and induction of Mr. Reeves take place on the 2nd October, at 3 o'clock p.m. Mr. Hyde was appointed to preside, ordain and induct. Mr. Johnson to preach, Dr. McLelland to address the minister, and Mr. Cattanaach the people. Committees were appointed to examine the students within the bounds and to certify them to their respective colleges. The following are the names of the students under the care of the Presbytery, viz: Messrs. McKay, 2nd year in Theology; Roxburg, 1st in Theology, and Hall, 2nd year in Arts. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Paul's church, Peterborough, on the third Tuesday of December, at 9 o'clock a.m. The standing committees for the current year were appointed. The Presbytery recommended that, if possible, the committees on the State of Religion, Temperance, Systematic Beneficence and Sabbath Observance report at the December meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Bennett was appointed to take the necessary steps for the election and ordination of elders in Cardiff as soon as possible. Messrs. Duncan, Gilchrist, Lord, ministers and Mr. John Underwood, elder, were appointed a committee to examine the proposed church Hymnal and to report at next meeting.

Lakehurst, Havelock and Centreville were granted leave to mortgage their respective church properties. Mr. Cleland, treasurer of the Presbytery fund, presented his book for inspection as duly audited. Further arrangements were made in the interests of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. It is expected that reports from congregations not yet heard from will be presented at the next meeting.—W. BENNETT, Clerk.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

THIS Presbytery met in St. Catharines on September 18th. Dr. McDonald reported that a circular had been sent to the congregations within the bounds asking for a contribution of three cents per communicant for the deficit in the augmentation grants; but he had as yet received only a few answers. It was agreed to urge ministers to try and obtain the sums asked for. Mr. Shearer submitted according to notice the following motion: "That it be an instruction to the Treasurer of the Presbytery in apportioning the amount payable by each congregation for the Presbytery, Synod, and Assembly funds to take as the basis of distribution the ordinary revenue of the congregations." After discussion it was agreed to postpone further consideration till next stated meeting. Mr. W. Hare, of St. Catharines, received recognition as a student intending the ministry. The call to Mr. Cruickshank from Wellandport was sustained and accepted. Sessions were requested to report on the new "Book of Praise" before November 1st, and a committee was appointed (Mr. Mitchell, convener), to consider these reports and submit recommendations on the subject at the November meeting. The call from Cayuga to Mr. S. Lawrence was set aside. It was resolved to hold a Presbyterial Conference on Statistics and Finances, and Systematic Beneficence in connection with next meeting of Presbytery. A call from Hagersville to Rev. C. H. Lowry was sustained and forwarded. A call from International Bridge to Rev. W. Cooper was set aside. Mr. R. McKnight appeared asking to be received as a minister. It was resolved not to entertain the application. On September 20th at Grimsby, Mr. John Muir, M.A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. John's church there. The congregation is self-sustaining.—JOHN LAING, Clerk.

Presbytery of Victoria.

THIS Presbytery held its ordinary September meeting in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, with a fair attendance of ministers and elders. The half-yearly report of the convener of the Home Mission Committee, on the whole indicating gratifying progress, received careful attention and occupied the greater part of the time. With one exception Alberni and a vacancy of one month in another field was reported as having had full supply for six months. The Rev. Dr. J. Campbell was appointed moderator for the ensuing year, and Standing Committees with the following as conveners: Home Missions, Mr. D. A. MacRae; Foreign Missions, Mr. P. McF. McLeod; Temperance, Mr. T. H. Rogers; Sabbath Schools, Dr. J. Campbell; State of Religion, Mr. Alex. Tait; Sabbath Observance, Mr. A. B. Winchester; Church Property, Mr. Thornton Fell; and Statistics and Finance, the Clerk. A committee was appointed to prescribe and supervise a course of study for Mr. C. A. Colman, assistant Chinese missionary, with a view to his ordination as authorized by the General Assembly. Leave of absence for eight months was granted to Mr. A. B. Winchester, Chinese missionary, with a view of studying the language in Canton, China. A visit from Dr. Bryce in the interest of the Theological Department of Manitoba College was commended to congregations. Session records of Wellington, St. Andrew's, Victoria, were examined and attested. Mr. T. H. Rogers having made certain statements with regard to a motion adopted by the Presbytery on the 21st June, in reference to his non-attendance at a meeting of a special Committee of the Presbytery on that date, it was on motion agreed that Mr. Rogers's explanation of his absence on that occasion

is satisfactory and that he be exonerated from all blame. In an appeal from a finding of the session of First church, Victoria, in a case of discipline, the appeal was dismissed, and the action of the session confirmed. A report of the organization of a congregation in James Bay District, Victoria, was received, and Mr. T. H. Rogers was appointed to moderate in a call to a minister whenever the congregation may be ready to take this step. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in First church, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 4th December next, at 2 o'clock p.m.—D. MACRAE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Ottawa.

THIS Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in Knox church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, 25th September, at 2 p.m. Mr. J. A. Nelson, of Bristol, the moderator, took the chair. There was a good attendance of ministers. A call was presented from the congregation of Litchfield to the Rev. Alex. McGregor, B.A., who accepted it. His induction will take place on Tuesday, 9th October, at Portage du Fort, when the moderator of Presbytery, Mr. Nelson, will preach and preside; Mr. Kalem will address the pastor and Mr. McKibbin will address the congregation. Dr. Armstrong gave a most interesting report of the various mission fields within the bounds. These have been exceedingly well worked during last summer, and there is prospect of carrying on this work satisfactorily during the winter in most of the fields. Mr. Gamble gave a similar account of the French fields and as he had visited all the fields this summer his report was all the more interesting. Mr. Beatt laid on the table his resignation of the charge of Cumberland and Rockland. It was agreed to cite the congregation to appear for their interest at a meeting of Presbytery to be held in Knox church, Ottawa, on the 4th October, at 2 p.m. Mr. James Ballantyne reported on the students' exercises. The clerk was instructed to certify the students according to the report. The next regular meeting will be held in Bank street church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, the 6th November, at 10 a.m.—JAMES H. BEATT, Clerk.

Presbytery of Kingston.

THIS Presbytery met in Chalmers' church reading room and was constituted by the moderator, Mr. Moore, of Seymour. Rev. Mr. Florence, previously a Congregational minister in the States, was, in accordance with the decision of Assembly, received and recognized as a minister. Mr. Gracey's motion, respecting the payment of travelling expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly, referred to sessions for report at next meeting. Mr. Craig, of Deseronto, made application to be allowed to leave for three years, which he proposes to spend in Germany for the education of his family, for study himself and for the health of Mrs. Craig. The following decision was arrived at with the consent of all: "The Presbytery having heard the application of Mr. Craig, supported by the session and congregation of Deseronto, for three years leave of absence, sympathies with him as to his reasons for a prolonged sojourn in a foreign land and expressing its admiration of the spirit manifested by the session and congregation, nevertheless having regard to the unprecedented nature of the request, decrees as follows: Grants the request made in the meantime and asks the General Assembly for its sanction." It was agreed to appoint Principal Grant and Mr. Houston to support the request in the Assembly that meets in London next June. The Home Mission report was then called for when Mr. Maclean reported that less than half the returns from the mission stations had so far been received and requested that the matter be deferred to next meeting when a full report could be given. This was agreed to. Mr. McEachern reported from the new station at Hay Bay, showing that remarkable progress had been made during the six months of its history. Some other routine business was transacted and the next meeting was appointed to be held in John street church, Belleville, on the third Tuesday of December at 2 p.m.