

THE new Presbyterian church erected at Lochwinnoch, was dedicated to Divine worship on Sabbath, 11th inst., with appropriate religious exercises. The morning service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, assisted by the pastor, Rev. H. Taylor. The afternoon and evening services were led by Rev. Dr. Smith, of Queen's University, Kingston. On the Monday evening following a social entertainment was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society in the new church. A substantial tea, prepared with unusual bounty, was served in a temporary building adjoining the place of worship in the early part of the evening. After tea an adjournment was made to the church, and soon the utmost capacity of the building was tested to hold the large company who had come from all quarters to enjoy the evening with the people of Lochwinnoch. All the passages were filled with people. Rev. H. Taylor occupied the chair. After praise and prayer the meeting was entertained with congratulatory addresses from the ministers present, viz.: Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. E. W. Florence and the Rev. R. E. Knowles.

Presbytery of Huron.

THIS Presbytery met in Clinton on the 13th inst. The treasurer's book was audited and certified as correctly kept. Revs. Messrs. Ross, of Brussels, and Davidson, late of Wroxeter, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members. Messrs. Shaw and Martin were appointed to address the annual meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Foreign Mission Society in January next. The estimate of expenditure for the current year was agreed upon, and the finance committee authorized to raise it in the usual way. The remit of Assembly respecting graduating students, and ministers received from other churches, requiring that they give one year's service in the mission field before being eligible for call, was approved of *simpliciter*. The Rev. Mr. Cockburn, of Paris, representing the Assembly's Committee on Augmentation was present, and heard on the claims of the Augmentation Fund. The Presbytery thanked Mr. Cockburn for his address, and remitted the matter to the Home Mission Committee with the hope that measures may be taken to make up the amount asked. The report on Sabbath schools was submitted, recommending that a conference be held on the afternoon and evening of Monday, 13th January, in Carmel church, Hensall. The apportionment to this Presbytery for Home Missions, viz., \$2,150 and for Augmentation \$700 was submitted and the attention of the brethren called to it very specially. The attention of the session of Leeburn and Union church, Goderich Township, was called to the necessity of increasing the stipend of their ministry to relieve the Augmentation Fund as much as possible. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Carmel church, Hensall, on the 15th January, at 10.30.—A. McLEAN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Pictou.

THE Presbytery of Pictou met in Union church, Hopewell. A communication was read from Mr. Edwin Smith, convener of the Augmentation Committee, intimating that the sum of \$1250 would be required from the Presbytery for augmentation. The following allocations were made to the congregations within the bounds: United church, \$200; Prince Street, \$135; James church, \$120; St. James, Antigonish, \$50; Shaton church, \$75; Knox church, Westville, West River, Green Hill and New St. Andrews, \$60 each; Scotsburn, Union Centre, \$55 each; Union church, Hopewell, \$50; Thorburn, Springville and Bridgerville, \$40 each; Glenelg and East River, \$35 each; Blue Mountain and Garden of Eden, Sherbrooke, St. Paul's and Sunny Brae, Trenton, Merigomish, \$30 each; Little Harbor and Fisher Grant, \$20 each; West River, St. Mary's, \$18; Ferrana, Barney's River, \$15 each. Arrangements were made for the supply of mission stations as follows:—Carriboo, Messrs. Carson, Cairns, J. B. Maclean, and Henderson; Cape George, Messrs. Munro, Falconer, Turnbull, and A. Robertson; Mulgrave, Messrs. Carruthers, Bowman, Rogers,

Cumming, Campbell, Grant, and A. Maclean; Country and Isaac Harbors, Messrs. J. D. MacFarlane, Jas. Sinclair, Dr. Patterson and A. V. Morash. The services in the evening in connection with the designation of Mr. Fraser were interesting and impressive. Mr. Falconer, in the absence of Mr. Campbell, moderator of Presbytery, presided and narrated the steps leading to Mr. Fraser's appointment to Trinidad. Dr. Patterson offered the designation prayer. Mr. A. McLean addressed the newly appointed missionary and Mr. Sinclair the people. Mr. Falconer presented a copy of the Scripture to Mr. Fraser in the name of the Foreign Mission Board. Mr. Fraser accepted the gift in appropriate terms and added a few words of farewell to the congregation. Presbytery adjourned to meet in James church, New Glasgow, Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 2.30 p.m.

Presbytery of Minnedosa.

THE Presbytery of Minnedosa met *pro re nata* at Hamiota to consider the call to Mr. A. Chisholm, from Rapid City. Messrs. McNaught, M.P.P., and Thompson were present as delegates from the congregation. The call, which was hearty and unanimous, was sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by Mr. Chisholm. The date was fixed for his ordination and induction, Mr. Moore, moderator of Presbytery, to preside, Messrs. Lang and Hosie to address the people and the minister respectively.—J. H. CAMERON, Clerk.

Presbytery of Inverness.

THE Presbytery of Inverness met at Lake Ainslie for visitation and other business. The cause of Christ in that congregation is favourably progressing. The pastor, Rev. A. Grant, expressed the regret that, through age and infirmity, he was no longer able to discharge satisfactorily the duties of a settled minister. He accordingly laid his resignation upon the table of Presbytery. The Presbytery, taking all the circumstances into consideration, asked the congregation to make the best arrangements possible, and report to the next meeting of Presbytery. The reference from Skye Glen and vicinity in regard to the site of a proposed hall was disposed of by an almost unanimous vote in favour of building at or near Mr. Wm. Smith's western line. The clerk reported on behalf of the delegation that visited the points of West Bay and St. Peter's recently, with a view to a union that would strengthen the congregation of St. Peter's. The meeting at the Points was favourable to union; that at St. Peter's unfavourable. Middle River proposed to unite with Baddeck Forks to form a strong congregation. Baddeck Forks had not been heard from. The reports of catechists were adopted, and the Home Mission Committee asked to pay balances due. Mr. A. W. McKay was paid in full by the Margate Stations: Mr. McNeill by Middle River; and Mr. J. B. McKinnon by the Forks, Baddeck. The application of the Margate Stations for a grant of \$250 from the Augmentation Fund toward a settled pastor for the year beginning April 1st, 1895, was adopted, and the Augmentation Committee asked to grant the amount. Mr. A. J. McNeill was appointed to labour two Sabbaths at River Inhabitants, and two at least, at Port Hastings, and later at Malagawatch and River Dennis. The Presbytery unanimously agreed to recommend the General Assembly at its next meeting to receive Rev. Wm. Peacock, of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as a minister of this Church, and also agreed to ask the Home Mission Committee to employ Mr. Peacock in the meantime. The following committees were appointed for 1894-95, the names of conveners being first.—State of Religion: Messrs. D. McDougall and Neil Nicholson; Sabbath Schools: Messrs. E. S. Bayne and Nathaniel Smith; Sabbath Observance: Messrs. D. McDougall and J. W. Archibald; Temperance: Messrs. A. McMillan and James McDonald; Statistics: Messrs. D. McDonald and A. D. McKay; Systematic Benevolence: Messrs. E. S. Bayne and Nathaniel Smith; Augmentation: Messrs. E. S. Bayne and A. McMillan. The augmentation allotment was allocated as last year's. Presbytery agreed to meet again for visitation and other business at Strathlorne, Tuesday, the 15th of January, and at

Mabou on the following day.—D. McDONALD, Clerk.

Presbytery of Stratford.

THE Presbytery of Stratford met at Knox church. The evening session was occupied by the reading and discussion of an elaborate paper on "Proportionate Giving," by Rev. W. W. Craw, of Missouri. The most important business of the morning session was the discussion of the resignation of Rev. A. Stewart, of the pastoral charge of the Hamstead and North Easthope congregations, because he thought a young man would be better able to build up the congregations which were now becoming quite small. It was agreed to dissolve the pastoral tie on the second Sabbath of January next, that the pulpit be declared vacant on the third Sabbath, and that Mr. Pyko be moderator of the session during the vacancy. The report of Home Missions was presented by Dr. Hamilton, who pointed out that \$79,000 were required for the work in hand. The amount to be raised by the Presbytery is \$2,500. Mr. Cockburn, of Paris, who appeared at the request of the Augmentation Committee, addressed the court and pressed the needs and claims of this fund upon the Presbytery. The Presbytery thanked Mr. Cockburn for his address, and it was agreed to raise, if possible, \$850, the amount required from the Presbytery. Mr. Hamilton, of Motherwell, was congratulated by the Presbytery upon the honour done him by Knox College in conferring upon him the degree of D.D. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Knox church on the third Tuesday of January, at 10.30 a.m.

Presbytery of Halifax.

THE Presbytery of Halifax met in St. John's church, Windsor, on the 5th inst. for the induction of Rev. Henry Dickie into the pastoral charge of that congregation. There was a good attendance of members of the Presbytery and a large congregation, including many of other denominations besides Presbyterians. Rev. Mr. Dawson, of Canard, moderator of Presbytery, presided. Rev. A. Gandier preached a sermon suitable to the occasion; the moderator inducted; Rev. Thomas Stewart addressed the newly inducted pastor, and Rev. Thomas Fowler addressed the congregation. After the formal services the Methodist and Baptist ministers gave short addresses of welcome and encouragement to Mr. Dickie and the people. The newly inducted pastor enters upon his work under the most encouraging auspices. The congregation is strong, united and full of enthusiasm and will no doubt heartily sustain the pastor in his arduous labors.

The Presbytery met again in Chalmers hall, when reports were received from the catechists laboring in home mission fields during the summer. At Caribou Mines the missionary had been assisted by Evangelist McKay for some weeks and a large number of young men had come out for Christ. Owing to the importance of the work at the present time Mr. Davidson had decided not to return to college this fall, but to remain and follow up the good work. The report from the North West Arm stated that in addition to the missionary a teacher had been employed for three months to conduct Sabbath services at Goodwood and teach the neglected children of that district during the week. The extra expense had been provided from private sources. The work in North Dartmouth has greatly prospered during the summer under Mr. Ross. New families have been gathered in, communicants added and increasing revenue. The report from Labrador showed that for one year past Mr. Forbes had labored upon that bleak coast, teaching and preaching in the winter and travelling up and down 100 miles of coast in summer time. Satisfactory reports were received from the other fields under the Presbytery's care. The Presbytery decided the amount to be asked toward the augmentation fund from each congregation. A special meeting of Presbytery was called for Nov. 19th, at Shubenacadie, to consider a call from Little River. Presbytery adjourned to meet on the last Tuesday of January, at 2.30 p.m., when the new Book of Praise will be up for consideration.