

Londesborough and Dr. McDonald of Seaforth in their affliction, and the hope that they would soon be restored to health. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Blyth on the 19th of January at 11 a.m.—A. McLEAN, Clerk.

**The Presbytery of Hamilton**  
Met in Hamilton on the 17th November. Mr. Rogers late of Pelham South, was transferred to the Presbytery of Peterboro; as to his request to be recognized as engaged in evangelistic work no action was taken. Committees were appointed to consider the action of the Augmentation Committee as it may affect the supplemented congregations of Port Dalhousie, Merriton, and Bridgeburgh. Addresses were given in the interest of the Home and Foreign Mission fund, Manitoba College and the Aged and Infirm Ministers fund. The clerk reported that he had given a certificate to Rev. Dr. Beavis who has accepted the pastorate of the First Congregational Church in Hamilton. The Presbytery gave much time to considering the Young People's Societies and the report of the General Assembly on the subject, and expressed approval of the proposed plan of study. It was resolved to hold meetings for conference on this subject in several parts of the Presbytery. The remit re Representation in Assembly was approved. The second remit was partly considered.—JOHN LANG, Clerk.

#### Presytery of Ottawa.

The regular meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa was held in Bank St. Church Ottawa, on the 3rd and 4th of November. The Rev. J. S. Lochead, Moderator presided and there was a good attendance of members. The ministers of last regular meeting, and of adjourned meetings held since that date were read and sustained. Elders Commissions were received in favor of Mr. A. G. Robertson of Kenmore, and Mr. Wm. Manson of East Gloucester, and their names were placed on the roll of Presbytery.

Mr. J. S. Durie, Presbytery treasurer, gave a brief and lucid statement regarding the Presbytery Fund. It was agreed to make the Presbytery's financial year, coincident with the civil year, and that a committee be appointed, consisting of Dr. Campbell and Rev. R. E. Knowles, to act with the treasurer in making quarterly reports regarding congregations in arrears, to consider the propriety of placing the assessment on a new basis, and to make the best possible settlement of existing arrears. The cordial thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. Durie for his interest and labor in behalf of the Presbytery. The congratulations of the Presbytery were tendered to Rev. Dr. Moore, in the honor done him, in his having been invited to attend the 150th Anniversary of Princeton University, and to preach before the faculty and students of the Theological Seminary. Rev. W. W. Hardie was appointed to declare the pulpit of Russell and Metcalfe congregation vacant on the 15th Nov. inst. and the Rev. D. D. Millar was appointed interim moderator of the session during the vacancy. The Moderator was appointed to officially represent the Presbytery on the occasion of jubilee services to be held in connection with Bristol Congregation on the 22nd and 23rd inst.

Mr. Leroy Foote made application to be employed as a catechist. The application was referred to a committee with instructions to report at next meeting. Rev. A. McGregor was appointed to act in conjunction with the committee named at a previous meeting to visit Fitzroy Harbor and Torbolton ancient arrears due their late pastor.

Mr. Scott, Convener of the Augmentation Committee, drew attention to the reduction in the grants made by the Assembly's Committee, to some of the Augmented Congregations in the Presbytery, particularly East Gloucester, Hintonburg and Aylmer. The Presbytery expressed its regret that the Assembly's Committee had seen fit to cut down the grants to those fields, and the convener was instructed to make representation of particulars in each case to the Committee.

Mr. W. G. Back, student, was certified to the Senate of Queen's College, Kingston. Rev. Jas. Taylor, of Aylwin, was appointed

to present the claims of Manitoba College within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Rev. J. A. Macfarlane reported on French work. A very interesting conference of French workers was held in which all the French Missionaries in the Presbytery took part. The Presbytery agreed to ordain Mr. J. B. Sincennes as Missionary to labor at Montebello and associate stations, and appointed the following morning at ten o'clock, in Bank St. Church, as the time and place for the ordination. Leave was given Mr. P. Beaubien to collect money to build a church at Perkins, and his work commended to the sympathy and liberality of our people.

On the morning of Nov. 4th the Presbytery met in the same place. Mr. Sincennes was examined in the prescribed subjects, and the examination sustained. The usual questions were put to him by the moderator and answered, after which with prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery he was ordained to the office of the ministry. Mr. E. F. Seylaz addressed the newly ordained minister.

It was agreed that Mr. Sincennes appointment to Montebello, be for one year, and that a grant of \$40.00 per month be asked from the French Evangelization Board for this field.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will be held in Bank St. Church, Ottawa on the first Tuesday of February 1897.—R. GAMBLE Clerk.

#### Barrie Presbyterial W. F. M. S.

The tenth annual meeting of the Barrie Presbyterial took place in Barrie, Tuesday and Wednesday Oct. 27th and 28th, ninety one delegates were in attendance. All the branches (except two being represented. All the Sessions were of a helpful, encouraging nature. Tuesday morning the meeting opened with a devotional service, Mrs. Clarke presiding. The regular Session began at ten o'clock, the President Mrs. R. N. Grant in the chair. The hearing of the Mission Band and Auxiliary reports was interesting the general tone of these was gratifying. The President Mrs. R. N. Grant following with a splendid address. In the evening Mrs. Tallo President of Barrie Auxiliary in a few well chosen words, welcomed the delegates to Barrie. Mrs. Smith of Bradford replied on their behalf. Greetings were received from the Baptist, and Methodist Missionary Societies, Barrie. Kindly greetings were also exchanged with the Anglican Missionary Society of Toronto Diocese, then in session at Barrie. Mrs. McFinnell read an excellent paper on "Perseverance Amid Difficulties." It was clearly shown that difficulties are good for us if rightly borne. The Secretary, Mrs. Northam of Orillia reported an increase of four branches during the year. Our present number is forty seven of which twenty eight are Auxiliaries and nineteen Bands. The Thanksgiving Service is becoming more universal every year, and its results financially and spiritually too far reaching to be fully estimated. Miss Robertson of Collingwood, Assistant Secretary reported 539 Missionary Letter Leaflets in circulation. The department of supply to the North-West was specially interesting, and the best ever presented from this Presbytery Mrs. Baillie, Secretary stated 1300 lbs. of good clothing valued at \$551 as forwarded from this Society. The financial statement presented by the Treasurer was in advance of other years despite the prevailing depression, being \$1453.17 in contributions, \$205 over last year. Surely the Lord is stirring the hearts of the women. Mrs. McCrae of Collingwood gave a practical address on "The Ways, Means and Motives of our Work." Mrs. J. G. Scott sang with much acceptance at this meeting. "A Song of Trust" after which Miss McKenzie (late of Honan) gave an interesting talk on Honan. "The Children's Hour" was one of the most interesting features of the day and was ably conducted by Mrs. Moodie of Barrie. The ready response to questions asked the Barrie Juvenile Band, showed how well children can be trained in Church and Mission work. Miss L. Stevenson gave an account of the exact route to Chu Wang China from Barrie by rail, steamer, etc. Miss Isa Scott sang sweetly "Open the Door for the Children." This Session

was brought to a close by a forcible address by Mrs. Cameron on "The value of little Things" bearing upon the importance of children's work. The delegates and their friends then adjourned to the basement where a bountiful tea was provided by the Barrie ladies. An hour was profitably spent in receiving old and making new friends. At the public evening meetings Rev. D. D. McLeod, pastor, presided Rev. R. N. Grant D.D., Orillia gave an address basing his remarks on "Come over to Macedonia and help us." The choir under the direction of Mr. Henderson rendered some fine music, a collection of \$21.50 was added to the funds. Wednesday morning the delegates assembled at ten o'clock, after devotional exercises and prayer by Mrs. Smith, Orillia: "That the nations may be touched and that strong help might be raised up for the suffering Armenians and all who suffer for Christ's sake." The subject of silent reminders in "Calendar" form was discussed. They were commended to every member of the W.F.M.S. It was strongly urged that the money contributed by envelopes be used for no other purposes than sending the Gospel to the heathen. Mrs. Garrett of Bradford in the absence of Miss Dennis introduced the subject "Outlook of our Y. W. Bands." It was important that Presidents be thoroughly consecrated. Home influence was greater than any other—do not be discouraged; numbers is not always a sign of strength. An instructive paper, full of suggestive thoughts prepared by Mrs. Young of Gravenhurst, and read by Miss Young of Penobscot followed. After luncheon in the basement the closing session opened at 1.30. The "Question Drawer" was taken charge of by Mrs. Smith, Bradford, and many Questions were suitably answered. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the resolution to present Mrs. Carawell, Burk's Falls, and Mrs. Smith, Bradford, with life membership certificates, they having been intimately connected with the W.F.M.S. for many years. Six dollars was received from Literature Table by sale of Literature. Upon invitation the Presbyterial will meet in Bradford next year. The following officers were elected for '97, as recommended by nominating committee: Hon.-Pres. Mrs. R. N. Grant, Orillia; President, Mrs. McCrae, Collingwood; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Cameron, Allandale; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Clarke, Bracebridge; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Smith, Bradford; 4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. Webster, Jarratt's Corner; Treas., Mrs. Cameron, Allandale; Sec., Miss Kean, Orillia; Asst. Sec., Miss McConkey, Barrie; Sec. of Supplies, Miss M. Young, Gravenhurst. It was with deep regret the Society accepted the resignation of retiring officers who for the past four years had worked together. Mrs. Webster gave a few closing earnest words "Keep close to the Master" and our work will be successful. Votes of thanks were tendered the Barrie ladies for their kindness to the visiting delegates, to the church officers, choir, Rev. R. N. Grant, etc. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Ault. May the year upon which we are entering be marked by greater zeal and more personal faithfulness than the past.

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