

Church News.

We are thankful for the many copies of the Review...

Mrs. Hall, of Vanneck, has recently been presented by the Prof. Line Auxiliary...

This opening services in connection with the new church at Westport, Ont., Rev. D. V. Ross, pastor, were conducted Feb. 17th, by Rev. J. W. Wylie...

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

GLENGARRY.

Met in Knox church, Cornwall, March 19th, the Rev. James Hastie, Moderator. The application of the mission stations of Apple Hill and Gravel Hill to be elected into a regular congregation was granted...

QUEBEC.

Met in Sherbrooke on the 12th and 13th March, Rev. A. T. Love, B. A., Moderator. Mr. John Allan, B. A., was taken on preliminary trials for license and application in his behalf was made to the Synod...

CHATHAM. Met on 12th March, Rev. W. Farquharson was chosen Moderator for the next twelve months. An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held at Leamington, March 19th...

ORANGEVILLE.

Met in Orangeville, March 12th, Mr. Ballantyne was appointed convener of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and Messrs. Campbell, convener, Craig, and their elders, a committee on the State of Religion. The Clerk read an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Lindsay...

REGINA.

Met at Indian Head on the 13th and 14th of March. There was an excellent attendance of members and at the evening sessions the attendance of the public

was large. Mr. John McCaul, representative of Knox church, Regina, was certified to the Court and his name added to the roll. Rev. John Ferry of Indian Head was also received as a member of the Presbytery. An application for a grant of money to aid in the erection of a church in the Glenelg field was ordered to be sent to the Church and Manso Building Board with the recommendation of the Presbytery...

WATKINSON.

Met at Watkinson, on the 12th March, with twenty ministers and sixteen elders present. Reports of depositions to aid receiving congregations were received and considered, when it was agreed to ask the following grants: For Pelee River, \$150; for Belgrave, \$150; and for Langston, \$100. Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, M. A., having presented his presbyterial certificate, was recognized as a minister without charge in the bounds of the Presbytery...

ordered to be transmitted to the convener of the Synod's committee on those subjects. The report of the Committee on the Remit on Vacancies and Settlements was given in by Mr. Ross, and was adopted. On motion, duly seconded, it was agreed that the Presbytery of Hamilton, being interested in the Home Mission work of the Church, and being desirous of becoming more directly and actively engaged in it, resolve to petition, and hereby do respectfully petition the Reverend the Synod of Hamilton and London, to take such steps as shall transfer to the said Presbytery's care and oversight such a portion of the Mission field at present under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Bruce, as may be deemed best in the interests of all concerned...

GUELPH.

Met in Chalmers' church, Guelph, March 19th. A long time was spent in reading the reports of those who had been engaged in conducting the visitation of congregations. Each of the reports gave a full and careful summary of the answers returned to the questions that were appointed to be used, and some of them a deliverance which the Presbytery was recommended to adopt. A motion to lay the reports upon the table was defeated by an amendment to the effect, that those committees that had not prepared deliverances, complete their work, and that the deliverances be read to the different congregations visited. An application was made from Hawkesville and Linwood setting forth that they were desirous of procuring the services of a stated pastor, and that they were able to promise only \$450 of annual stipend, agreed to apply to the Committee on Augmentations for a grant of \$350 a year, so as to bring up the salary offered to the minimum. The following were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly: Messrs. John Davidson, Donald Tait, B. A.; James A. Dickson, B. D.; Archibald Blair, B. A.; John McLean Gardner, and Alexander Jackson, ministers, with Messrs. Wm. Alexander, Wm. Agur, Prof. Pantor, Robert Miller, Chas. Davidson, and Jacob Young, ruling elders. The clerk submitted to the Committee, appointed for the purpose, answers to the Reasons of Protest and Appeal by Wm. Henry and others against the judgment of the Presbytery in sustaining the Session in suspending them from the fellowship of the Church, for doctrinal error, and for following divisive courses in the congregation to which they belonged. The Reasons of Protest and Appeal were read over, and afterwards each one separately, and in immediate connection the answer to it that had been prepared. On motion it was resolved that the answers be approved, that they be adopted by the Presbytery as its own, and that the same committee that prepared them be appointed to support them on the floor of the Synod when the matter came up for consideration and decision. Mr. Mullan reported that he had moderated in a call in the congregation of Melville church, Fergus, in favour of Mr. J. C. Tolmie, a licentiate of the Church. Mr. Mullan's conduct in moderating was approved. The call was then produced and read, signed by 160 members and thirty-eight adherents, with a guarantee of a stipend at the rate of \$1,000 a year and a manse. Commissioners were heard in support of the call. Other parties appeared, opposing the call, on the grounds that it had not been signed by one-half of those belonging to the congregation, and by very few of the office-bearers and Sabbath-school workers. After anxious and careful consideration, the Presbytery refused to sustain the call, believing that Mr. Tolmie's settlement in Melville church, should he accept, would not be to his own comfort nor to the interest of the congregation. The Presbytery next, in view of the want of harmony in the congregation as to their choice of a minister, evinced on this and on a previous occasion, appointed a committee to meet with it and the Session, ascertain, as far as they can, the cause from which that want of harmony proceeds, give such counsel as they may judge appropriate, and endeavour to bring about cordial co-operation on the part of office-bearers, members and adherents. The Rev. George M. Grant, D. D., was unanimously nominated for the moderatorship of the next General Assembly. Mr. Jackson introduced to the Presbytery Mr. McPherson, a young man who had the ministry in view, and intended to enter Knox College at the beginning of next session, and who, in the meantime, was desirous of employment as a catechist. A committee was appointed to meet with Mr. McPherson, and ascertain the suitability of his qualifications for the service contemplated. This committee reported in favour of the application, and the clerk was authorized to forward the name to the Home Mission Committee for employment as a catechist under its auspices. A request was granted from the congregation of Knox church, West Puslinch, that Mr. D. B. Cameron be appointed stated supply until the meeting in November next; he consenting to accept as remuneration what the people collect during the term of service. An application was granted from the Central Presbyterian church, Galt, to sell the St. Andrew's manse property, of which they were now in legal possession. Mr. A. M. Hamilton and Mr. Alexander Kennedy were appointed the Presbytery's representatives on the Synod's committee on bills and overtures. A memorial, properly transmitted, was read from the congregation of Zion church, Nichol, setting forth that it had been so reduced in numbers from the opening of the preaching station at Metz, and the removal of families from the neighbourhood, and deaths that had taken place, that they were unable to pay towards their minister's stipend the amount promised, and which they had been hitherto paying, and asking the advice of the Presbytery in these circumstances. Commissioners were heard in support of the memorial. After reasoning it was agreed that the committee previously appointed to confer with the Session and congregation of Melville church, Fergus, be appointed to meet with the Session and congregation of Zion church, Nichol, and of Alma, make all enquiry they may think necessary, and give the best advice in the circumstances.—R. TORRANCE, Clerk.

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