

regret at parting with their brother, acknowledge the good work he has done in Parkhill and McGillivray, and express their esteem for his useful counsels and labors in the Presbytery generally; the resignation to take effect on the second day of October; Rev. Mr. Currie to preach and declare the charge vacant on the second Sabbath of October, and act as interim Moderator of session thereafter. There was laid on the table and read, a call from Fordwich and Gorie in the Saugueon Presbytery, to the Rev. Jas. Pritchard, of Forest, in this Presbytery, also reasons of translation and extract minute of Presbytery in the matter. On motion of Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson it was agreed to order the same to lie on the table and appoint Rev. Mr. Currie to cite parties to appear at a meeting to be held in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, 17th October, at 10 a.m. The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on the second Tuesday in December, at 10 a.m.—G. O. CUTHBERTSON, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Maitland.

THE above Presbytery met at Wingham, on September 19th, Rev. G. McKay, moderator, in the chair. Elders' commissions were received and the roll made up for the year. Mr. McLennan, in terms of petition from Langside congregation, was appointed to supply that congregation with Gospel ordinances. A call to the Rev. A. McKay, from the congregations of Union Centre and Lochaber in the Presbytery of Pictou, N.S., was declined by Mr. McKay. The applications to the Home Missions Committee for grants and aid-receiving congregations made last March were renewed. The clerk was instructed to certify Mr. E. A. McKenzie, student, to the Senate of Montreal College. The amount required from this Presbytery for the Assembly Fund is \$100, for Home Missions \$1,200 and for Augmentation Fund \$500. Arrangements for holding missionary meetings in the congregations was left in the hands of kirk session. The Committee on Conference was instructed to arrange for holding a conference on Christian life and work at next meeting according to standing orders. The next meeting will be held at Wingham, November 21st at 11.30 a.m.—JOHN MACNABB, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Guelph.

THE Presbytery of Guelph met in St. Andrew's church, Guelph, on the 19th Sept., the Rev. Henry Norris, of Glenallan and Hollin, Moderator. There was a large attendance of ministers. Reasons were given for the absence of Dr. Wardrop. Commissions to ruling elders from a few sessions to represent them in Presbytery and Synod were read and approved. New candidates for the ministry were introduced, and these were instructed to meet with the Committee on the Superintendence of Students to be dealt with. Mr. Charles Davidson, convener, presented the report of the Finance Committee containing an estimate of expenditure for the year, and showing that an average rate of eight cents per family would be sufficient to meet it. Mr. Hamilton, convener, presented the report of the Committee on the Superintendence of Students, giving an outline and general characteristics of the exercises that had been handed in by the two students labouring as missionaries in the bounds, speaking of them in terms of commendation, and further recommending that those about to enter upon their studies with a view to the ministry be encouraged to proceed. The report was adopted, thanks were given to the Committee, and especially to the convener, and the clerk was instructed to certify students and candidates to the College Senate. A long time was spent in discussing the proposal and scheme for Presbyterial visitation delayed from last ordinary meeting, beginning at the forenoon and resumed at the afternoon selerunt. Objections were urged to any Presbyterial visitation of the congregations and stations in the bounds being entered upon at present, and ultimately it was decided by a majority of fourteen to ten not to conduct such. It was then agreed to discharge the committee, thanking them for their care and labour in preparing the

scheme which had just been submitted. The Presbytery then took up the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, which had been presented at last meeting in the form of an address, to the members and adherents in the bounds, pointing out the privilege, the need, and the duty of continued and even increased liberality, and specifying the schemes of the Church with the object and claims of each. The convener stated that he had not been able at the former meeting to give the address in full and could not do so yet, because he had not been advised regarding the amount that would be required for some of the schemes. It was resolved that he complete the report as soon as he is furnished with all the necessary information, and that he get such a number printed as to supply a copy to each family in the Presbytery. Mr. Beattie's notice of motion as to overturning the General Assembly to change its rules so as to allow of a ruling elder to be appointed Moderator of Presbytery was delayed to a future meeting. An extract minute of Synod was read sanctioning the transference of the congregations of Rothsay, Moorefield and Drayton to the care of the Presbytery of Saugueon. The clerk reported amounts required for the Presbytery, Home Missions, Augmentation, Foreign Mission and Assembly Funds, and the rate per family necessary to raise these. Also the supply sent for the quarter beginning with October by the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers and the allocation he had made of the same, which was approved. A committee was appointed to look into the business calling for attention on the minutes of Synod and Assembly. The clerk submitted a scheme for canvassing the congregations in the interests of the endowment fund for aged and infirm ministers, when, after lengthened discussion, it was resolved that Mr. Burns be requested to prosecute the work, and that congregations be prepared for his visit by an interchange of pulpits by the ministers, and a presentation to them of the merits and wants of the scheme. The clerk submitted a revised copy of the commissioners' roll, and moved that it be henceforth followed on the appointment of Moderators. The names of members present were then taken down, after which the Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of November, at half past 10 o'clock, forenoon, and the sederunt was closed with the benediction.

#### Presbytery of Sydney.

THE Presbytery of Sydney met on the 6th inst. The attendance was large. Rev. E. Smith of Stowiacke and Rev. E. Mackenzie, late of Cape North, were invited to correspond. Presbytery were pleased to learn that Rev. John Fraser had decided to remain among his much attached people at North Shore and North River, by refusing to accept the call given him from Whyocomaugh, which was accordingly set aside. St. Andrew's congregation failed to induce Mr. McLeod, of Orwell, to come to Sydney. Presbytery recorded its sympathy with this congregation in their disappointment. Conveners of committees were appointed as follows: Temperance, Rev. W. R. Calder; Sabbath School, Rev. J. A. Forbes; State of Religion, Rev. E. B. Rankin; Statistics, Rev. M. A. McKenzie; Systematic Beneficence, Rev. D. McMillan; Augmentation, Rev. William Grant. Arrangements were made by which the claim of Rev. E. McKenzie on his late church at Cape North, amounting to \$100 should be settled. Mr. McMillan reported that he had raised the sum of \$253 for Louisburg church building fund. (This amount is exclusive of Sir D. Smith's promise of \$100 to be given hereafter.) Of the \$253, \$203 had been paid to the above fund, and \$50 still remained in his hands, which he proposed to appropriate to the erection of a memorial pulpit for the late Rev. A. Farquharson in Louisburg church. Several members of the court sympathized with his recommendation. Rev. Mr. Calder moved, which motion was agreed to, that Rev. D. McMillan's report be received, that he be thanked for his diligence, and the donors for their liberality, and that

a committee be appointed to visit Louisburg, ascertain the condition of our cause there, and report to next meeting of Presbytery. A committee of four was appointed. After hearing Rev. E. Smith's presentation of the state of the funds of the Foreign Mission, Presbytery resolved to record its approval of the effort which is being made to liquidate the debt against the committee of the Foreign Mission of our Church, expressed its hope that this desirable object will be fully realized, and with a view to this end, would urge on all our congregations to contribute cheerfully and according to their ability. Rev. E. B. Rankin and Rev. D. McMillan were appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Society to be held in North Sydney on the 13th and 14th of this month, and convey to this organization of the Church the high appreciation of the Presbytery of their work and influence. Rev. John A. McGlacken obtained leave of absence from his congregation from the middle of October to May, 1894. Rev. Malcolm McLeod was appointed to dispense the Lord's Supper at Leitch's Creek, on the 24th inst. Rev. Allan Simpson was unanimously nominated for Moderator of Synod. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Matthew's church, North Sydney, on Wednesday, the 1st day of November, at half past eleven o'clock, a.m.—I. MURRAY, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Kingston.

THE Kingston Presbytery met in St. Andrew's schoolroom. Present: Revs. James Williamson, LL.D., Thomas G. Smith, D.D., David Wishart, James Fowler, M.A., Robert Laird, George Porteous, Henry Gracey, Donald Ross, D.D., M. W. Maclean, M.A., W. T. Wilkins, B.A., Samuel Houston, M.A., James M. Gray, John Gallagher, B.A., Joseph Gandier, John Fairlie, Duncan McEachern, M. Macgillivray, M.A., Robert J. Craig, M.A., John Mackie, M.A., James Cumberland, M.A., J. Tyall George, M.A., George B. Lang, B.A., J. D. Boyd, B.A., D. G. McPhail, B.A. Elders present were: Prof. Dyde, James Adams, Smith Gilmeur, S. Donovan and Mr. Webb. Communications from Dr. Cochran, convener of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, and from Dr. Reid, senior clerk of Assembly, were read. The amount expected to be raised throughout the whole Church for Home Missions was stated to be \$63,000; for Augmentation Fund, \$31,000 for the current year. Of these sums the Presbytery of Kingston is expected to contribute for Home Mission, \$2,450, and for Augmentation Fund, \$1,100. For the Assembly Fund the quota expected from Kingston Presbytery is \$120. Rev. Mr. Maclean read the report of the Home Mission Committee. The blank forms had been forwarded to each of the mission fields, and only half of them had been received. The committee wished the official report to be deferred until next meeting. He was glad to say that the mission field in Caslow and Mayo, in North Hastings, was reported by Rev. George Porteous, as promising to give \$375 per annum if they got an ordained missionary. A grant of \$800 will be asked for that purpose. The committee felt that for the Poland district Rev. Mr. McLlroy should receive an addition of \$50 to his stipend of \$700. Rev. Mr. Florence, of the Congregational Church, New York, had resigned his charge, wishing to join the Presbyterian Church. He desired to take a full course at Queen's and in the meantime he has written that he wished to have work during the winter anywhere the Home Mission Committee would place him. His time was up to-day. The committee recommended that Mr. Florence be sent to Camden and Tamworth for the winter months, so that he might attend to his studies. I need applied for an ordained minister and the application was granted. A petition from Zion church asked privilege to mortgage for \$2,500 their new manse now under completion and valued, including lot, at \$3,200, also permission to mortgage the Church property as collateral security until such time as the debt on the manse is reduced to \$1,500, when it will carry itself. Rev. Mr. Mackie considered that a manse was the centre of influence and

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