

pretty appearance. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges arrived on the afternoon train and were invited to the reception in the evening. Dr. Ferguson occupied the chair. After prayer and an anthem by the choir, the chairman explained the object of the meeting and called upon Mrs. D. Smith to read the address of welcome. Mrs. H. Richardson assisted in the presentation. The present to the bride was a very handsome china salad set and to the groom two vols. of Encyclopedia of Missions. Mr. Hodges made an appropriate reply. All adjourned to the lawn of Mr. Moffat where a banquet was spread. Everyone present wore a happy smile and rejoiced at the return of their pastor with his bride."

Presbytery of Glenboro.

THE Presbytery of Glenboro', which had been formed at the last meeting of the General Assembly, met in Glenboro', on August 7th. This Presbytery consists of the congregations and mission fields along the Glenboro' branch of the C.P.R., together with Rounthwaite and Hilton on the N. P. R. After the Presbytery was constituted, Rev. A. McD. Haig was nominated moderator, Rev. T. Campbell, clerk, and Mr. W. R. Ross, treasurer. The standing committees were appointed with the following conveners: Home Mission—Rev. H. W. Fraser; Foreign Mission—Rev. A. E. Driscoll; State of Religion—Rev. H. C. Sutherland; Sabbath Observance—Rev. R. Gollan; Temperance—Rev. A. Currie; Systematic Beneficence—Mr. W. R. Ross; Sabbath Schools—Rev. T. R. Shearer; Statistics—Rev. D. Campbell; Theological Department of Manitoba College—Rev. A. McD. Haig. A request was granted to Hilton to moderate in a call and the meeting adjourned to meet in Holland, Oct. 8th.—D. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

Presbytery of Barrie.

A *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Barrie was held at Barrie, on Thursday, 23rd August, for consideration of calls, which were disposed of as follows:—A call from Uptergrove and Longford, to the Rev. John Buchanan. Stipend promised \$765, with manse and glebe. Mr. Buchanan intimated by letter his intention to accept the call, and the Presbytery agreed to meet within the church at Uptergrove on Tuesday, 4th Sept. at 1.30 p.m. for the trials for ordination, and should these be sustained, at 2 o'clock for the ordination and induction. Dr. Gray to preside, Mr. W. R. McIntosh to preach, Dr. Grant to address the minister and Mr. N. Campbell to address the people. Call from Airlie, Black and Banda, to the Rev. William Gallagher. It was agreed on condition of Mr. Gallagher accepting the call, and certain arrears of salary being paid, that the induction services be held at Airlie, on Sept. 20th, at 2 p.m. Mr. Henry to preside, Mr. McLeod to preach, Dr. McCrae to address the minister and Mr. Burnett the congregation. Call from Gravenhurst, to Rev. John Burton. Mr. Burton, who was present and had been invited to correspond, addressed the court and reserved his decision till next week. In hope that his answer will be favourable it was provisionally arranged to meet at Gravenhurst on Thursday, 13th Sept., at 7.30 p.m., for his induction.—Dr. Gray to preside, Mr. Buchanan to preach, Dr. Clarke to address the minister and Mr. McLeod the congregation.—ROBT. MOODIE, Clerk.

Presbytery at Ottawa.

THIS Presbytery met in Knox church, Ottawa. There was a large attendance of the country pastors, only four being absent. The city was not so well represented as there were only three of the city (including Hull) pastors present. The Rev. T. A. Nelson, of Bristol, was appointed moderator for the next six months. Dr. Armstrong presented a short report on the Home Mission work. He stated that Mr. Russell's appointment to Litchfield having ended with June, the field had been applied for a few Sabbaths by the Rev. J. C. Campbell, and will be supplied till the end of this month by Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Danby, our missionary at Stittville, had

been called to Augusta, in the Brockville Presbytery, and had therefore requested to be relieved of Stittville. This had been done and Mr. Stitt, a student, had agreed to take charge of this field for the next two months. Rev. H. T. Kaleu, the missionary at Eardley and Onslow, asked permission to purchase a property which would be exceedingly suitable for a manse. It was situated opposite to the Eardley church and could be obtained for \$500. His request was granted and as the field is a very poor one he is cordially recommended to the generous support of those who desire to see our cause prosper. Mr. Beatt introduced one of the young men of his congregation, Mr. Thurlow Fraser, to the Presbytery. He said he intended joining the University at Kingston this winter to study with a view to the ministry. He was examined by the Presbytery and recommended to the College. Messrs. McLaughlin and Lough were appointed assessors of the session at Rockwood until such time as extra elders there can be secured. There were only four of the Commissioners to the General Assembly—Messrs. Dr. Moore, J. M. Goodwillie, J. Bennett and W. Hamilton—present when their reports were called for. After giving their reports they received the thanks of the Presbytery for their diligence. The standing committees were appointed for the year. The following are the conveners of the various committees: State of Religion, Rev. D. Findlay, Manotick; Sabbath Schools, Rev. Orr Bennett, Russell; Home Missions, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Ottawa; Supply of Vacancies, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Ottawa; French Evangelization, Rev. R. Gamble, Wakefield; Statistics, Rev. J. H. Beatt, Cumberland; Sabbath Observance, Rev. J. C. Campbell, Ottawa; Temperance, Rev. T. A. Nelson, Bristol; Systematic Giving, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Ottawa; Church Property, Rev. Dr. Moore, Ottawa. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again in Knox church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, the 25th September, at 2 p.m.—JAS. H. BEATT, Clerk.

Presbytery of Sydney.

THIS Presbytery recently held a meeting at Loch Lomond for the visitation of the congregation. Mr. McLeod reported that he endeavored to preach the gospel faithfully, that he holds diets of visitation, visits the afflicted attentively and labors to discharge all the duties of the ministry as far as he is able. The session also submitted a record of their doings which satisfied the Presbytery. The elders seemed to know their duties and appear to be conscientious in fulfilling of them. The managers also appeared to good advantage. The congregation is composed of two sections. Framboise section raised last year \$360 for stipend—the number of families being, as reported, 65. Loch Lomond has 80 families and raised \$369.70. In all \$756.70. For schemes of the church \$108; this department not making such a good record. The managers have system in their department and showed determination to adhere to their own arrangements, which seem to be very satisfactory to Presbytery. The congregation have a very fine manse, in good repair, and all around there is an air of comfort and prosperity. After suggesting some improvements in minor matters, which were cordially accepted by pastor and people, and settling a few local difficulties, Presbytery expressed its satisfaction in finding the different departments of the congregation so efficiently operated. There is reason to anticipate that the visit of the Presbytery to Loch Lomond will be productive of good. There is no reason why the people of that locality should not be happy. A kind providence has done much for the place. The lakes are beautiful; the land is fertile; and the landscape, varied with hill and dale, is surely pleasing to the eye. A hardy and industrious race possess the land; they come of a religious stock, and when the affairs of the present and the future blend harmoniously there lack no elements of prosperity and happiness. But it is easy to mar the best and fairest prospects. To create strife is not a difficult task; requiring neither much wit nor strength; a godless anarchist can turn a nation's joy into mourning and an obscure old woman can lay Chicago in ashes!

A call from Whycomagh, addressed to Rev. John Fraser, North Shore and North River, was laid on the table of Presbytery; also a letter from the brother, the object of the call, expressing his unwillingness to leave his present charge, and positively refusing acceptance of the call to Whycomagh and asking the Presbytery not to proceed with it. The Presbytery accordingly agreed to act in harmony with Mr. Fraser's strongly expressed desire and set the call aside. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Falmouth street church, Sydney, on Wednesday, the 5th day of September, at 11 a.m.

Correspondence.

Believers' Meetings.

EDITOR PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR,—A correspondent of THE REVIEW in last week's issue muses at some length upon the Believers' Meetings at Niagara-on-the-Lake. His comments, while kindly withal, elicited a smile from more than one of those who hold the premillennial view of Christ's coming, and whom he seems to regard as a peculiar and distinct class of Christian people. As one of "these Christians" I would like to offer a few remarks in comment upon his own. In the first place he notices that we have "a tenacious grasp upon the fundamental truths of Scripture," that we "refuse diluted and adulterated doctrines," and that we, "with fearless dogmatism, declare that we have found the truth," all of which is spoken in kindly commendation. Why should this be so noticeable in the meetings of "these Christians?" Because, for one reason, the premillennial truth has opened up our Bible to us in such a marvellous manner, that it is more precious than ever, and so much is it used by the apostles as a golden clasp to fasten, as it were, upon our lives the mightiest Scripture-truths, that believing it we cannot but be strengthened in the faith.

In the second place our impartial friend says that we "are thoroughly in earnest," and that the "marked earnestness went far to still any lingering prejudices that the thought of a distinctive opinion is so apt to arouse." Let me just say that this "distinctive opinion" is to a great extent the source of that earnestness. We are looking for the speedy coming of that "same Jesus" (Acts i. 11) in person, to receive from us the account of the talents and opportunities He has placed in our hands. We know not the day nor the hour, but "the fig tree is putting forth her leaves and we know that summer is near," so it behooves us to be in earnest, that when our Lord comes He may find us not waiting with folded hands, but working in earnest expectation.

In the third place he says the leaders "are saturated with the idea that it is the work of the church to save believers over the world and out of the world." Just exactly what he means I am not certain. Believers are already saved. The work of the church is to "preach the Gospel to every creature," and leave the result with God. This, he will find, those who are looking for Christ's speedy, personal return, are most earnest and active in doing. The work of the Holy Spirit, in this dispensation, is to choose from among the people of the world, a bride for Christ, the bridegroom—a church, ecclesia, chosen ones, call it what you may: and when his work is completed, and the bride is ready, the Bridegroom will come. He tells us the work of the church is "to make universal the way of Christ's Kingdom," and quotes "ye are the salt of the earth," "ye are the light of the world," as proofs. But the need of salt surely implies corruption, and the fact of Christians being the light implies the existence of opposing darkness. He refers also to the parable of the leaven. But in our interpretation here and in Biblical use of the word everywhere else, leaven is a symbol of evil. What, on the other hand, does he make of the parable of the net, where good and evil are only separated at the Day of Judgment?

The church is nowhere commissioned to convert the world, but to be in it as "salt," "a light," "witnesses," "preaching the Gospel." Nowhere is the church encour-