

## Church News.

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### In Canada.

Rev. F. McTee, clerk of the Presbytery of Portage la Prairie, having accepted a call to Burnside, his address is now Burnside, Man.

The session of Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, desire to place on record their grateful acknowledgement of the kind assistance and valuable services rendered to our mission on Elizabeth St., especially during the past six months, by Messrs. McNicol, Mitchell, Morrison, Monzie, Buchanan and others, students of Knox College. While we know they do not look for any reward save their Master's approval, yet we deem it a privilege to convey to them our heart-felt thanks for the willing and generous assistance they have given in this work, and we pray that the blessing of our heavenly Father may rest upon them who ever He may call them to labor. We further direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of those students named in it.

A *pro rata* meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce was held in Glamis on April 3rd for the purpose of inducting Rev. Isaac Macdonald into that charge. Rev. George MacLennan, moderator of Presbytery, presided; Rev. James Steven, of Tiverton, preached. Rev. John Anderson addressed the minister and Mr. MacLennan the congregation. Mr. Macdonald received a hearty welcome from the congregation at the church door. In the evening a tea meeting was held to welcome the newly inducted minister. Tea was served in the manse and addresses were delivered in the church by Rev. Messrs. Steven, Anderson and Macdonald, Mr. MacLennan being chairman. The meeting was a complete success. Rev. Mr. MacLennan the former moderator of session, was presented with a kindly worded address and an easy chair. A suitable reply was made. The settlement promises to be a very pleasant and auspicious one.

On Friday evening, the 5th inst., the Presbyterian congregation of Webbwood village gave a farewell social to Mr. Longhead, the student who has had charge of this mission during the winter; but who is returning to the Winnipeg college to complete his course of studies. Although he has been but a few months among us, yet he by his untiring energy and earnestness in the Master's cause and the great interest he has taken in our children, ever endeavoring to lead them to a knowledge of the Saviour, has endeared him alike to us all. A large number of the parents and children were present, the children taking advantage of the occasion to spend another hour with their friend. Speeches were delivered by several of the prominent members of the congregation, all expressing regret that the time had come for our missionary to leave us. Towards the last of the programme the chairman called Mr. Longhead to the front, when little Miss Marion Scott stepped forward and, on behalf of the Sabbath School children, read a kindly-worded address, in which they expressed their sorrow that their friend was going to leave them, and at the words "accept this token," little Miss Minnie Conroy presented him with a purse containing \$16.70. Mr. Longhead was taken thoroughly by surprise, but replied in a few well-chosen words, thanking the children for their appreciation of his work among them, and expressing the hope that should he not meet them again on earth, that he should meet them all in the better land, where parting is no more. Mr. Longhead preached his farewell sermon last night to a crowded house, and leaves to-day, the 8th inst., for Winnipeg, carrying with him the good wishes of all who know

him. God speed him in the good work is the prayer of the Webbwood congregation.

### Presbytery of Peterborough.

THE Presbytery of Peterborough met in Port Hope. Mr. Laird, of Port Hope, was chosen moderator for six months. The consideration of a petition from Warsaw was deferred until next meeting of Presbytery. The difficulty between Bethesda and Alnwick, as to the proportion of stipend to be paid by each station has been overcome, and Mr. Ross remains as the pastor of the charge. Arrangements were made for the wiping out of all arrears of stipend due by the congregation of Springville to their late pastor. The remit of Assembly anent the appointment of a standing committee on missions to the Jews was approved of. The remit re the amalgamation of certain committees was approved of to the extent of recommending that those on the State of Religion, Sabbath Observance, and Systematic Benevolence be amalgamated, but that there be a separate committee on Temperance. The Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Knox College, Toronto, was nominated as Moderator of Assembly. The following ministers were appointed as delegates to the Assembly, viz., Anderson, MacWilliams, Oswald, Smith, Cattinach, McClelland and Johnston. The elders appointed were Messrs. Underwood, of Grafton; D. S. Hague, of Baltimore; G. Rutherford, of Castleton; A. J. Johnston, of Peterborough; R. Graham, of Lakefield; R. Tully, of Peterborough, and I. Craik, of Port Hope. Mr. W. H. Murray, barrister, Peterborough, made application to be received as a student in theology with a view to the ministry. A committee was appointed to consider the application and to confer with Mr. Murray. On the report of the committee the Presbytery agreed to recommend to the Assembly that "Mr. Murray be received as a first year student in theology, and that he be allowed to take two years extra-murally in theology." The application of Mr. Anderson to be allowed to retire from the active duties of the ministry was considered and the necessary steps taken in the case. An interesting report on statistics was presented. The Presbytery has now twenty-six pastoral charges. Five congregations were settled during the year—Havelock, Mill street, (Port Hope), Millbrook, Norwood and Lakefield—and two remain vacant—Omamee and Springville. One church and two mansees were built during the year. The total membership under the charge of the Presbytery is 5,150. For Foreign Missions the congregations have contributed slightly less than the year before; but the W. F. M. S. has made a gain greater than this loss. The Augmentation Fund gains \$91 as compared with last year; the colleges gain to the extent of about \$60, but the Home Mission Fund comes short by about \$106. About \$140 more than last year have been raised for the Schemes of the Church as a whole. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's church, Peterborough, on the first Tuesday of July at 9 o'clock.

### Presbytery of Truro.

THIS Presbytery met in conference on Temperance in the lecture room of St. Paul's church, on the evening of March 18th. The moderator, Rev. C. Mackay, presided and addresses were delivered by D. S. Fraser, A. L. Geggie and others.—The Presbytery met again in the same place on Tuesday morning. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. The Rev. James Maclean reported from Upper Londonderry that he had declared the charge vacant. Mr. McNicol's name was removed from the Presbytery roll. It was agreed to make application for four student catechists for the summer,—one each for the three mission stations and a fourth to labour under the supervision of the Parboro session. It was also agreed to apply particularly for Mr. W. H. Cratz to supply North River, and Mr. Melville Grant to supply Harmony. Application was made to the Augmentation Committee for a grant of \$150 for Coldstream and for \$100 for Brookfield. Application for Maclean and River Hebert was deferred, and Messrs. James

Maclean and H. K. Maclean were appointed a committee to visit the congregation. Commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly. The Rev. R. A. Falconer was nominated to the chair of the fourth professor in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and Rev. James Robertson, D. D., was nominated moderator of the General Assembly. The Presbytery considered the remits of the General Assembly. It was agreed to disapprove of the proposed rule that graduating students and ministers received from other churches should give a year's service in the mission field before being eligible for a call, also of the proposal to appoint a committee of the General Assembly for the special oversight of work among the Jews, and also of the regulation obliging each minister on his ordination to connect himself with the Aged and Infirm Minister Fund. In regard to the overture proposing the amalgamation of the committees on the State of Religion, Sabbath Observance, Systematic Benevolence and Temperance—it was agreed to approve of the union of the first three. The attention of Presbytery was directed to the affliction which had fallen upon the family of Dr. McCulloch through the injury sustained by Mrs. McCulloch. A suitable resolution was adopted and a committee appointed to wait upon Dr. McCulloch assuring him of the sympathy of the Presbytery, and expressing the hope and prayer that Mrs. McCulloch might speedily be restored to active usefulness. Application was made on behalf of the Rev. J. D. McGillivray for leave to retire from the active work of the ministry. Other matters of ordinary routine were attended to and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Brookfield, holding a conference on Sabbath Observance and the State of Religion on Monday evening, May 20th, and meeting for the transaction of ordinary business on the following morning at 9.30 o'clock.—J. H. CHASE, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Calgary.

THE Presbytery of Calgary met in regular half-yearly session at Calgary. The Rev. David Spear, B.A., of Innisfail, was moderator. A very large representation was present, and the work of the court occupied three days. Dr. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, was chosen for the Moderatorship of ensuing General Assembly. The following commissioners to Assembly were also appointed: D. G. McQueen, B. A., Edmonton; Charles McKillop, B.A., Lethbridge; John Fernie, Lacombe; John P. Grant, Piicher Creek. Elders: Hon. E. H. Bronson, Ottawa; John Charlton, Lyndoch; Major James Walker, Calgary; John D. Higginbotham, Lethbridge. The following were chosen to represent the Presbytery at the Synod of B.C. in Nanaimo in May: Rev. J. O. Herdman, B.D., Calgary; E. G. Walker, B. A., Davisburg; J. A. Matheson, B.D., Dowdney. Resignations: Rev. Charles Stephen and Rev. J. A. Matheson, tendered resignations of their respective charges. A special committee of Presbytery was appointed to consider questions arising in connection with the same. The report of committee became the finding of Presbytery and was to this effect: "The Committee unanimously recommend, after careful deliberation, that Mr. Stephen be asked to withdraw his resignation and resume his work at Medicine Hat; that Mr. Matheson be asked meantime to lay his resignation on the table till September, in the hope that he may see his way clear to remain in the field at Dewdney." Reports were given of the conveners of the Presbytery's committees, duly considered and adopted, and the conveners thanked. Public meetings were held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6th and 7th March, the latter being under the auspices of the Y.P.S.C.E. The Rev. Alex. Forbes, B.D., of Aberdeen, Scotland, was ordained on March 6th, for Fort Saskatchewan field. Mr. G. S. Scott, according to deliverance of last General Assembly, was examined in second year's theological work. The examination was written, and embraced Systematic Theology, Hebrew, New Testament Greek, Church History and Introduction, prescribed by Dr. King, of Manitoba College. The result of the examination showed that