

PRESBYTERY NOTES.

Presbytery of Brockville.

Met at Winchester Feb'y 24th. There was a good attendance. Elder's commissions were received in favor of Messrs. Wm. Clark of Cardinal, and Wm. Deeks of N. Williamsburg. A resolution expressive of sympathy for Rev. C. J. Cameron, of St. John's Church, Brockville, who was recently called upon to mourn the loss of his mother, was passed. The Home Mission report recommended that the services of Mr. Fee be continued at Morton during the summer months and that a grant of \$3 per Sabbath be asked for that station. Rev. Mr. Flock, of Montreal, was nominated Moderator for the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and Rev. Prof. D. M. Gordon for the next General Assembly. A petition from Spencerville asked that Roebuck should be organized into a distinct portion of the congregation. Steps were taken to carry this into effect. Delegates to the General Assembly were then appointed as follows:—Messrs. Jas. Stuart, Jas. Madill, John M. MacAlister, John F. MacFarland and Mark Danby, Ministers; Jas. P. Fox, Jas. Wesley Gilroy, Wm. Kilgour, Jas. Cumming, Jas. Landskail, Elders. The report on Y. P. Societies recommended (1) That Sessions give greater encouragement to these societies in their efforts to do the Lord's work; (2) That a Presbyterian of Y.P.S. be formed. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, was nominated for the Chair of Apologetics in Knox College, and Dr. Robinson to the Chair of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis. Standing Committees were appointed as follows:—

Augmentation—Henry J. Macdiarmid, Jno. A. Sinclair and the Elder from Spencerville.

Home Missions—Jas. Stuart, J. J. Wright and Jas. Madill.

Church Life Work—Jno. F. MacFarland, D. G. S. Connery, Jno. McC. Killock, Jas. Moodie, Robt. Toye.

Sabbath Schools—Hugh Cameron, Ed. Aston, D. MacEachern, Jas. P. Fox, Wm. Kilgour.

Statistics—Geo. MacArthur, Jno. M. MacAlister, Wm. Clark.

Systematic Beneficence—Robt. Toye, L. Cameron, Mark Dauby.

Examination of Students—W. A. Mackenzie, Jno. A. Sinclair, Jas. Stuart, Geo. MacArthur, C. J. Cameron, John J. Cameron, and the elder from 1st. Church, Brockville.

Remits—J. J. Wright, W. A. Mackenzie, C. J. Cameron, and the elder from Lyn.

Y. P. Societies—Wm. A. Mackenzie, Samuel S. Burns, Jos. Higgins, Wm. J. Corbett, Donald Stewart.

The session records of Cardinal, Mainville, Spencerville, Kemptville, Dunbar, Colquhoun and Winchester were examined and found correctly kept. The Augmentation report showed that the following grants were paid during the past half year:—Merrickville, \$100; Westport, \$75; Dunbar, \$55; N. Augusta, \$100; Athens, \$112.50; Total, \$442.50, but that a reduction will take place beginning April 1st, 1896. It was agreed to ask no reduction at Westport because of the loss of their church. Strict enquiry was made of members present as to efforts put forth to save this fund, and Synodical and Assembly Committees are to be asked to make no reduction before consulting Presbytery. A resolution expressing sympathy with Rev. S. S. Burns and congregation at Westport on account of loss sustained through the destruction of their church by fire was passed. Mr. MacFarland's report on the State of Religion was of a most encouraging nature—a cheerful, hopeful tone pervading the entire report, as was also that of Mr. Hugh Cameron on Sabbath Schools. It was moved by Mr. Sinclair seconded by the clerk and agreed to That this Presbytery desires to express its profound sorrow at the death of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of New St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, that we express the feeling of personal bereavement, some because through personal acquaintance we have felt the personal charm of his conversation and the magnetism of his all embracing sympathies and others, because we shall greatly miss his brilliant personality in our higher church courts where his place will be hard to fill, and the clerk is instructed to convey our profound sympathy to the congregation deprived of an untiring pastor and to the family which has in less than two years been deprived of a loving mother and a devoted father, and they are hereby commended to the God of all comfort. It was agreed to meet again at Lyn on the 2nd Tuesday in July at 8 p.m. Messrs. H. Cameron and Jas. P. Fox were appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures.—Geo. MacArthur, Clerk

Presbytery of Maitland.

Met at Lucknow March 17th Rev. D. Perrie Moderator, Rev. F. A. MacLennan Clerk pro tem. Circulars were read from Presbytery of Montreal and that of Orangeville intimating their

intention to ask leave of the General Assembly to receive as ministers of this church Rev. Charles A. Baffa Presbytery of Ozark Synod of Missouri U.S.A., and Rev. D. A. Hamilton formerly a minister of the Presbyterian Church U.S., respectively.

The Presbytery will make application to the Assembly's Committee on Augmentation in behalf of Pine River and Walton congregations for \$150.00 each per annum.

The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly to meet in Toronto next June, Ministers, Messrs. Fairbairn, Hall, Anderson, McLeod, G. McKay; and Elders, Messrs. G. Archeson, G. Mathieson, Rev. John Stewart, John Ballantyne and John Dawson.

On motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously carried that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to Mr. J. H. Scougall, of Kincardine, for his services in producing in ornamented penmanship an in an illuminated form the address presented to Mr Sutherland on the occasion of the Jubilee of his Ministry. The Presbytery would also express their high appreciation of the artistic excellence of Mr. Scougall's work and of his generosity in making a gift of his services in this matter.

Mr. Murray was appointed Convener of Home Mission Committee for the ensuing year. Reports on Sabbath schools, Young People's Societies and church life and work were read and adopted.

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Mr. MacLennan was granted leave of absence for three months to visit Scotland.

The annual report of the Presbyterian Womans' Foreign Missionary Society was read by Mr. J. G. Murdoch in behalf of the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was unanimously carried. That we as a Presbytery having heard the annual report of the Presbyterian Womans' Foreign Missionary Society desire to express our appreciation of the excellence of the report and our gratitude to God for the goodly measure of success which has attended their efforts during the past year. We would rejoice in the continually increasing financial results of the work of the Auxiliaries as a whole, and more especially in the spiritual advantages to themselves and others in connection with their labor of love. We commend the Society and their work to God and "to the Word of His grace."

The Rev. Dr. Smith delivered an able missionary address. On motion the thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Dr. Smith for his excellent address.

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held at Wingham May 19th at 11.30 a.m.—John MacNabb, Clerk.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

The Presbytery met in Division St. Hall, March 17th, Dr. Fraser, Moderator. All members present. The first hour was spent in devotional exercises. Mr. McCulloch asked that Hepworth be allowed to build a church. Presbytery expressed its gratification at the evidence of prosperity, and granted the leave asked. Mr. Maxwell resigned his position as ordained missionary of Lion's Head. The resignation was with regret accepted, and a resolution adopted bearing testimony to his ability, faithfulness and success. The Home Mission Committee was instructed to secure if possible a successor able to speak Gaelic. On the report of Mr. P. McNabb, it was agreed to supply Holland Centre and Knox Sydenham together for the summer; the final disposition of the matter to be left till the September meeting.

Commissioners to the General Assembly were chosen as follows: Ministers, Dr. Fraser and Mr. Davison by rotation, Dr. Somerville, Messrs. Acheson and A. McNabb by ballot. Elders, Messrs. C. Boyle, W. Ormiston, L. Spragg, Jas. Fyfe and J. Armstrong. Mr. A. McNabb gave notice that he would move at the June meeting that all ministerial commissioners except one be chosen from the Presbytery roll as at present provided for.

Mr. A. McNabb reported for the Committee appointed to visit Heathcote with the view of readjusting their finances in relation to Thornbury. The commissioners present from the congregations were asked to meet with Mr. Simpson, and Messrs. Acheson, Waits and Ormiston to bring in a finding. The following was agreed on, and adopted by Presbytery:—"That Heathcote be encouraged to pay \$275 as stipend for the year beginning Jan. 28th, 1896, and ending Jan. 28th, 1897, and that Thornbury pay \$700 for same period."

It was agreed that arrears to the Presbytery Fund in Heathcote be remitted. Mr. Smith was appointed as ordained missionary for two years in Johnston, etc., on the understanding that they may call him as their pastor at any time. Mr. A. McNabb was appointed their Moderator for this purpose. Mr. J. Hunter presented a request from Markdale congregation for leave to consolidate their debt by a new mortgage for \$900 at 6% on church and manse. The leave asked was granted.

The Home Mission grants were revised as follows.—Lion's Head, \$6 per week; Indian Peninsula, \$2 per week in summer, \$3 in winter; Crawford, etc., \$250 per annum; Johnston, etc., \$150 per annum. Dr. Waits presented the report on Augmentation. Mr. Acheson was appointed on the Assembly's Committee on Bills and Overtures, and Mr. Simpson on the Synod's Committee on business. Mr. Acheson gave an interim report on Church Life and Work, Mr. P. McNabb on Sabbath Schools, and Mr. Simpson on Young People's Societies. These reports were received, instruction given to complete them, and forward them to the respective conveners of the higher court. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the same place, April 21st, at 10 a.m., and the meeting was closed with prayer and the benediction.—J. SOMERVILLE, Clerk.