

OWEN SOUND

Mr. Matheson reported for the Examining Committee and recommended that Mr. Boyne be certified to the Senate of Knox College. Adopted.

This Presbytery met in Division St. Lecture Hall, on the 5th inst., and was opened with devotional exercises by Mr. Harper, Moderator. Rev. W. J. Clark, of London, was invited to sit with the Presbytery.

Mr. Aitchison resigned his charge of Lata and Burns on the ground of ill-health. The delegates from the Congregation spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Aitchison and his work. The resignation was accepted and Mr. Matheson was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of October, and to act as Moderator of Session during the vacancy.

The question of the separation of Skipness from the Allenford charge was carefully considered, but Presbytery could not see its way to make the separation in the meantime. It was thought that development in the work of the district might call for the work of a student in the spring when the whole question could be satisfactorily dealt with.

A large delegation from Allenford, etc., was present in connection with the resignation of Mr. Mowat. The resignation was accepted to take effect at the end of September, and Presbytery expressed its appreciation of Mr. Mowat's devoted and arduous labors in a difficult field. Mr. McNabb was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the last Sabbath of September, and to act as Moderator during the vacancy. Messrs. Matheson, Shepherd and the Clerk were appointed a committee on the supply of vacancies, to act with the Moderators of Sessions during vacancy.

Mr. Bethune was appointed ordained missionary for a term of two years from October 1st in Dayow, etc., subject to the approval of the Home Mission Committee. Reports on Home Missions and Augmentation were presented by Mr. Acheson and Mr. McNabb, respectively, and were adopted. Mr. Shepherd was added to the Augmentation Committee in place of Mr. Mowat, and the committee was requested to devise ways and means for securing from the Congregations of the Presbytery the thousand dollars asked by the Assembly's Committee.

A resolution of sympathy with Mr. Nelson in his severe illness, and with his family in the sore bereavement occasioned by the drowning of his son Lorne, was passed. Leave of absence from his charge was given till the March meeting of Presbytery, and in the event of Mr. Nelson not being able to secure a suitable substitute, Mr. Acheson was appointed to make the best arrangements possible in the circumstances.

The accounts of the Home Mission Convener were audited and found correct with a balance of \$37.80 on hand.

Next regular meeting will be held at Owen Sound on December 5th at 10 a.m.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The congregation of St. Paul's Church Hamilton, Ont., has undertaken to support Rev. J. Y. Ferguson, of Renfrew, as a medical missionary in the Island of Formosa. The young man was ordained at a missionary meeting held in the church Tuesday night. Rev. Dr. Smith presided, and Rev. S. B. Russell preached. Rev. S. R. Martin and D. R. Drummond also spoke. On behalf of the congregation a handsome Bible was presented to Rev. Dr. Ferguson.

Rev. D. W. S. Urquhart preached farewell sermons at Corbetton and Riverview September 3rd, and was inducted to Kippen and Hills Green September 6th. The Rev. James Buchanan, Dundalk, is moderator during the vacancy. The next meeting of Orangeville Presbytery will be held at Orangeville on September 12th at 10:30 a.m.

In the death of Rev. Robert C. Moffat, Secretary of the Upper Canada

Tract Society, Canada loses one of its oldest and most honored Presbyterian divines. He has passed away after a long career of usefulness.

Dr. Moffat was in his 74th year, and was born in Langdale, near Glasgow, Scotland. He received his early education in Glasgow University. In 1852 he came to Canada and entered the Presbyterian College, Toronto, from which he graduated in 1856. On October 14th, 1856, he was ordained and inducted at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Walkerton, where he remained until 1885, when he became minister of the Presbyterian Church at Winchester, Ont. Rev. Dr. Moffat retired from the ministry in 1888, and a year later he was appointed Secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society which position he had held ever since. Deceased was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge at Winchester. He is survived by a widow one daughter and one son, Mr. James W. Moffat, a mining engineer, of Nelson, B.C.

LAUARK AND RENFREW

This Presbytery met in Zion church on Tuesday of last week. Rev. Orr Bennett, acting Moderator, Dr. Campbell, clerk, readers commissions were presented, and names entered upon the roll. The minutes of the last regular and some special meetings were sustained. James M. Miller was elected Moderator for the next six months.

A minute in reference to the death of Rev. James Wilson, of Lanark, was adopted. A letter was received from Mrs. Malloch acknowledging and expressing thanks for the Presbytery's sympathy expressed on the death of her husband. An extract minute was read from the General Assembly giving Rev. D. J. McLean the standing of Pastor Emeritus.

A committee was appointed to strike the standing committees and on their report the committees were appointed.

There was a petition from Bathurst asking that their congregation be raised to the status of an augmented charge, which was granted.

There was a call from Scotland to Mr. Greig, and after all parties had been heard, and the matter fully stated, Mr. Greig elected to remain in Bathurst, and Mr. Cram, Moderator of the Scotland Session, was empowered to moderate in another call when the people are ready.

An application was presented from F. Miller, asking leave of absence for six months to do mission work in the west; the request was granted provided his congregation is satisfied and that suitable supply is provided. Mr. Evans, of Castleford, asked leave of absence for six months, it being necessary for him to go south with his wife for the winter; leave was granted on the same condition as Mr. Miller.

The Presbytery rate was revised and arranged for one year, an addition of 20 p.c. generally being added.

A report was presented in reference to Dr. Crombie's retirement from the clerkship, and he was made honorary clerk, handing over books and papers to his successor, Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Consideration was next given to four reports bearing upon four departments of the Church work. The home missionary interests were reported upon by Rev. A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place; the augmentation fund by Rev. J. Hay, of Renfrew; the condition and prospects of the aged ministers' fund and the fund for widows and orphans were reported by Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, while Rev. Mr. Currie, of Perth, presented the claims of foreign missions.

After the commissioners to the last General Assembly had reported and other matters of less public importance had been attended to the Presbytery fixed its last meeting for the calendar year for the 28th of November.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Rev. W. S. Fleck, Fairlie has gone to Canada on a visit to his sons at Virgins, Manitoba.

Mr. Carnegie's house party at Skibo Castle last week included the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lord and Lady Strathcona have arrived at Glenoe, their charming Highland residence.

At Leith, on the 15th ult., Wm. Smith, general dealer, was fined £50, or three months, for trafficking in liquor.

Apples are almost a failure in East Lothian this season. The crop is the poorest that has been seen during the past 30 years.

On the 22nd ult. Inverness Presbytery gave a hearty reception to the Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod on his return from Canada.

Principal Iverach, Aberdeen, has been conducting services in Pollokshields West Church, in the absence of Dr. Wells, who has been on a visit to South Africa.

It is stated that bread will be cheap for some time to come. The British harvest has been exceptionally good, and large wheat supplies are going there from abroad.

Dr. Hew Morrison, of the Edinburgh Public Library, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Church, has been entrusted with the editing of a "Manual of the Church Question in Scotland."

One of the most important factors in favour of Japan is that the soldiers need no meat, and have never tasted the alcoholic drinks which are as necessary to the Russians as meat.

There is a deadlock in the affairs of Newark Parish Church, Port Glasgow, of which Mr. T. H. Graham is minister. Up to the 19th ult. 20 office-bearers had resigned owing to friction with the minister.

Nearly twenty thousand yellow fever refugees, it is estimated, are in Chicago. The estimate is made by hotel men who are caring for 2,000 of them. Of the Southerners the rest are living with friends, or at private boarding houses.

Within the last two summer seasons mixed bathing, which was formerly regarded by the British matron with horror, has become so popular that the restrictions against it have been allowed to fall into the breach of non-observance at the majority of English watering places.

Not fewer than fifty-seven British peers have to heirs to succeed them. That number of titles is likely to become extinct on the death of their present holders.

Many years have gone by since Captain Webb swam across the English Channel, and every effort to equal his record—and many attempts have been made—has been unsuccessful.

Admiral Sir Archibald Douglas, the Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, is Canadian born, bred, and educated, but has been all over the world since he quitted the Dominion.

In a few weeks nearly two thousand electric cabs will be plying for hire in London streets. The vehicles are on the same principle as the private electric broughams now so popular.

London is content to drink Thames water, as it has not been shown that a single case of disease has resulted from using it judiciously.

An unusual number of Presbyterian pulpits in London were occupied by American and Canadian Ministers on Sunday, Aug. 1th. These preachers included Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, of Montreal (at Marylebone); Rev. Dr. Agnew Johnston, of New York (at Regent Square); Rev. Dr. Alex. Alison, of New York (at Clapham Road); Rev. Dr. T. Sims, of Melrose, Mass. (at Crouch Hill); Rev. Dr. Herridge, of Ottawa (at Fognal); Rev. Dr. J. Neil, of Toronto (at Highbury); and Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black, late of Toronto (at St. John's Wood).