

a systematic beneficence, were submitted and read by the stewards of the respective communities and, having been adopted, were ordered to be forwarded to Synod. A conference on Sabbath observance was held. JAMES GORRELL, Clerk.

Presbytery of Brockville.

This Presbytery met at Prescott. Nearly all the ministers were present. Mr. Gordon Watson's name was ordered to be added to the roll. Dr. Muir, of Huntingdon, was nominated Moderator of Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and Rev. D. M. Gordon of the General Assembly. The clerk, on behalf of the Committee on Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund, reported that a system of exchange of pulpits had been arranged throughout the bounds of the Presbytery, and where canvassing had been done much liberality had been shown. It was agreed to allow Mr. Madill to remain in California until the first of May. Mr. Kane to supply his congregation. The report on remits presented by the moderator, Mr. J. J. Wright, recommended: 1. That a group of mission stations supplied by one missionary be regarded as one congregation for purposes of representation. 2. As regards the enlarging of the powers of Synod, that no change be made. 3. That College Boards should have the right to make appointments of professors, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, and that the latter should have the right to ask for the removal of any teacher when such seemed necessary for the good of the Church. 4. That the Hymnal should be revised, enlarged and given better binding; that hymns for the younger members of the Church should be issued in separate volumes with a suitable number in the larger Hymnal, and that selections from the Psalter would be sufficient. A special committee consisting of Messrs. J. H. Macdunn, Edward Aston, Hugh Cameron, D. G. S. Connery, and Gordon Watson was appointed to consider and report upon the proposed selections. These recommendations were agreed to. It was further agreed that the music of the Hymnal should be thoroughly revised, that the pages should be cut as in the psalter, that the new Hymnal should be more thoroughly indexed as to topics and that an index of Scripture passages referred to should be added. The Presbytery's report on Sabbath observance recommended that members of Presbytery and congregations be urged to resist every infringement of Sabbath laws, and that they set a good example in the matter of Sabbath observance to others. Messrs. J. H. Macdunn and William Campbell were appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Synod's committee on bills and overtures. It was agreed to hold a conference on Sabbath observance at the next regular meeting. Mr. Macfarland presented the report on the state of religion. With the exception of the part relating to the duties of elders and family worship, the report was of encouraging nature and recommended: 1. That congregations be divided into districts each under the supervision of an elder. 2. That an effort be put forth to bring about a more general observance of the family worship. 3. That church members be urged to refrain from social pleasures and games in so far as they tend to weaken and destroy spiritual life. Standing committees for the current year were appointed as follows:—On the State of Religion—Messrs. Macfarland, Stewart A. Ross, James Moodie; on Home Missions—Messrs. James Stuart, J. J. Wright, and Hugh Montgomery; on Sabbath Schools—Messrs. H. Cameron, Fox, Kilgour, Watson; on Augmentation of Stipends—Messrs. C. J. Cameron, Aston, Cassit; on Sabbath Observance—Messrs. D. G. S. Connery, Macalister, Reilly; on Systematic Beneficence—Messrs. Robert Toye, Lauchlin, Cameron; on Examination of Students—Messrs. W. A. MacKenzie, Sinclair, MacArthur, C. J. Cameron, Toye; on Statistics—Messrs. G. MacArthur, Macalister, Thompson; on Remits—Messrs. J. J. Wright, L. S. Burns, Gordon Watson; on Temperance—Messrs. Graham, Macdunn, Clark, Campbell. The report on systematic beneficence presented by Mr. Robert Toye showed that congregations were far from adopting a uniform

method of raising funds for church purposes. Mr. H. Cameron presented the report on Sabbath schools which was received and adopted. The following were appointed delegates to the next General Assembly, viz.:—ministers—Messrs. Wright, Macalister, C. J. Cameron, Hugh Cameron, MacKenzie; elders—Messrs. N. Cassit, Andrew Reilly, Gordon Watson, Robert Toye, William Cochrane. Mr. Graham presented the report on temperance. Full reports were received and considerable progress made. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held on the second Monday in July, at 1.30 p.m. The report on Home Missions, presented by Mr. Stuart, recommended: 1. That Mr. Turnbull be appointed to Morton. 2. That deputations be sent to visit any augmented charges. 3. That a grant of \$175 be asked for Stone's Corners. Mr. Cameron, of Woodlands, was appointed to Athens for a period of six months as an ordained missionary.—GEORGE MACARTHUR, Clerk.

Presbytery of Glengarry.

THE Presbytery of Glengarry met at Cornwall on the 13th inst., a large number of members present. In the absence of Mr. Cormack, through affliction in his family, Rev. Mr. Burnet was appointed Moderator *pro tem*. Deputations to augmented charges reported, recommending the continuance of former grants in each case, and the recommendations were adopted. The committee appointed to consider the best mode of conducting Presbyterian visitations reported through its convener, Rev. John MacLeod, making valuable recommendations. Rev. R. MacLeod reported on behalf of the committee appointed to consider the remit on the relation of the Colleges to the Church; upon which the following recommendation was adopted: Uniformity should be aimed at, so far as the circumstances of each college will permit, in the mode of appointing professors in all our colleges. It was agreed some representation be given to mission stations in the church courts under such conditions as the Assembly may approve of. On the report of Rev. A. K. MacLennan, a union between St. Luke's, Finch and South Finch was agreed upon. The congregation of Coto St. George was admitted to the Church and Presbytery. The Rev. J. J. Cameron tendered his resignation of the charge of St. Matthew's church, Osnaburck. It was allowed to lie on the table. The following ministers were appointed commissioners to next General Assembly—Jno. MacKenzie, D. MacLaren, J. J. Cameron, A. Givan, D. D. MacLennan, and M. MacLennan. Lay commissioners will be appointed at the adjourned meeting to be held on the 27th inst. Rev. J. Hastie, and Mr. D. B. MacLennan were nominated to represent the Presbytery on the Synod's committee on bills and overtures. Rev. J. A. G. Calder was nominated for the moderatorship of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and Dr. MacKay, of Formosa, for that of the General Assembly. The next regular meeting will be held in Alexandria, on the second Tuesday of July next. Presbytery adjourned to meet at South Finch on the 27th inst. at 11 a.m.—M. MACLENNAN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Orangeville.

THE Presbytery of Orangeville met at Shelburne, March 13th, sixteen ministers and two elders present. Mr. Aldcorn, a delegate from St. Andrew's, Proton, asked for probation service with a view to a call. The two stations agreed to give \$500 and manse, and asked the Presbytery to apply for a supplement of \$250, conditional on settlement. The application was granted. The Presbytery agreed to apply for the following supplements: For Osprey, \$150; for Dandak and Ventry, \$150; for Laurel and Black's Corners, \$250; for Caledon East and St. Andrew's, Caledon, \$175. In this case the latter station has reduced the supplement by \$75. For Corbetton, Riverview and Gaudier, \$150. These stations have lately had their first pastor settled. Mr. Bell stated that the people of Knox church, Vanatter, and Waldemar desired to call, and requested that leave be granted him to

moderate in a call, and that the Presbytery apply for a supplement of \$150, conditional on settlement. The request was granted. Mr. Orr reported that, after intimation duly given, he had met with the people of Camilla and Mono Centre and moderated in a call in favor of Rev. A. McClelland, of Toronto. The call was signed by 105 members and 12 adherents. They promised \$600 stipend annually and manse. Messrs. Scott and Turnbull, from Mono Centre, and Mr. Anderson, from Camilla, stated that the very bad state of the roads accounted for the small number signing the call, but that it was hearty and unanimous. The call was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to Mr. McClelland. Provisional arrangement was made for Mr. McClelland's induction at Camilla at the call of the clerk, Mr. Orr to preside, Mr. Morrison to preach, Mr. MacKenzie to address the minister, and Mr. Bell the people. The Presbytery considered Mr. Emes' resignation of the pastoral charge of Ballinacraig and Melville church. Messrs. Foster and Sharp, from Melville church, were heard, and stated that complete harmony existed in their congregation between pastor and people, but as slight troubles existed in the other station they would not oppose the resignation. Mr. Emes stated that he would leave the matter in the hands of the Presbytery, but expressed his preference to be released. Moved by Dr. McRobbie, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the resignation lie on the table and a presbyterial deputation be appointed to visit these congregations and report next meeting. Moved in amendment by Mr. Farquharson, seconded by Mr. Orr, that Mr. Emes' resignation be accepted, to take effect on the twenty-third day of April next. The amendment was carried. Mr. Campbell was appointed interim moderator of the session of Ballinacraig and Melville church, and requested to preach at said church on April 29th and declare the pulpits vacant. Messrs. Campbell and Elliott were appointed a committee to draft a minute anent Mr. Emes' resignation and report at next regular meeting. Messrs. Hughes, Orr, Elliott, McRobbie and Wells were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. The appointment of elders was deferred till next meeting. Mr. MacKenzie, on behalf of Mr. Steele, submitted the treasurer's report, which was received and adopted and ordered to be printed. Circular letters were read to the effect that the Presbytery of Picton will ask leave of Assembly to receive Rev. Willard P. Anderson, formerly a minister of the Baptist Church, and the Presbytery of London will ask leave of Assembly to receive Rev. Robert Aylward, B.A., of the Congregational Church. Mr. Farquharson submitted a report on the state of religion. Mr. Wilson gave a report on Sabbath schools, and Mr. Wells on systematic beneficence. These reports were received and adopted and the thanks of Presbytery tendered for their able reports. Mr. MacKenzie reported on the draft book for the psalter and recommended: 1st. That the remit of the Assembly be sustained, including the entire psalter in the Book of Praise. 2nd. That no change be made in the version of the psalms. 3rd. That selections of the psalms and paraphrases be incorporated in the hymnal. The report was received and its recommendations adopted. Mr. Campbell reported anent the hymnal and recommended—1st. That it is advisable to await the report of the committee of the Presbyterian Alliance anent a hymnal. 2nd. That we endorse the action of the committee in adding a number of hymns for special occasions. 3rd. That more of the familiar Gospel hymns of the Moody and Sankoy collection be added in addition to those already proposed. 4th. That a children's hymnal be prepared separately from the church hymnal. The report was received and its recommendations adopted. Mr. Wells reported on the remit anent the enlargement of synodical powers, and recommended that no change be made. Also on the remit anent the representation of mission stations, and recommended that no change be made in the law of the Church. Both of these recommendations were adopted. In the evening the Presbytery held a conference, when Messrs. Feriallo and Hughes gave addresses