

Presbytery of Lindsay.

A regular meeting of the Presbytery took place at Cannington on the 28th of November. The attendance of ministers and elders was very large. The moderator, Rev. E. Cookburn, M.A., presided. The following were the chief items of business: Reports of mission work were given in by Messrs. Paul, Currie, McLennan, McLaugh, McDonald, and the Moderator. A memorial from St. Andrew's congregation, Lindsay, was presented, asking the Presbytery to sanction their mortgaging St. Andrew's church property for an amount not exceeding \$1200. Mr. James Watson was heard in support of the memorial. He stated that the object in view in raising money by mortgage was the improvement of the church building by a gallery and basement. The prayer of the memorial was granted. A communication was read from the St. John Presbytery, New Brunswick, intimating that Rev. J. D. Murray declined the call given him by Kirkfield and Victoriaville. Mr. Robert McNabb and Mr. John Cameron were received as students for the ministry, and the clerk was instructed to certify them accordingly. It was agreed to leave the arrangement for missionary meetings and missionary sermons in the hands of the various sessions, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting. Deputations were also appointed to hold missionary meetings in mission stations. Rev. A. McLennan, B.A., tendered his resignation of the charge of Scott and Uxbridge, giving for a reason a desire to travel for some months as a probationer with a view to recruiting his health. After several members of the court expressed sympathy for Mr. McLennan it was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery in Quaker Hill church, on the 12th day of December, at 1 p.m., and to cite the congregation of Scott and Uxbridge to appear there for their interests. The next business was the licensure of Mr. Hugh McPhayden, who passed a creditable examination in Hebrew, Greek, Theology, Church History and Church Government, besides reading a Latin Thesis, a Greek critical exercise, a homily, a lecture and a sermon, all of which were sustained as satisfactory. Rev. J. Gray, M.A., of Orillia, who in connection with Rev. K. McLennan, M.A., of Peterboro, was appointed to advocate the claims of Queen's College, Kingston, and Knox College, Toronto, addressed the court at some length. He dwelt on the excellent services rendered by these colleges in the past, the efficiency and soundness of their professors, and the pressing demand for a more liberal financial support at the present time. It was moved, seconded and unanimously resolved: That this Presbytery having heard Mr. Gray's advocacy of Queen's College, Kingston, and Knox College, Toronto, do now express their sympathy with the object of his mission and their intention to make vigorous efforts to place our colleges in a more satisfactory financial position. An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at Quaker Hill on the 12th day of December, 1876, at 1 p.m., and the regular quarterly meeting at Woodville will be held on the 1st Tuesday of February, 1877, 11 a.m.—J. L. MURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

Presbytery of Bruce.

This court met at Ripley on the 18th inst., for the induction of the Rev. A. Sutherland, late of Melburn, into the pastoral charge of Knox's Church, Ripley. The church was well filled with an intelligent and interesting audience. Rev. J. Fraser presided and preached. Mr. Stewart addressed the minister, and Messrs Wm. Anderson and Davidson the people at the close of the service. Mr. Sutherland received a hearty welcome from the people of his charge as they passed out of the church; after which the treasurer paid him a quarter's salary. Mr. Sutherland enters on his labors in this comparatively new field with the most cheering prospects of success. A. G. FORBES, Pres. Clerk.

Presbytery of Montreal.

This Presbytery held a special meeting on Thursday in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, to consider the call from St. John, N.B., to Rev. W. Mitchell. The Rev. R. Campbell represented the Presbytery of St. John, and also the congregation of St. Andrew's Church there, while Chalmers' church was represented by Messrs. McDougall, Rogers, Ross and Harvey. The commissioners having addressed the Presbytery the call was placed in Mr. Mitchell's hands, who signified his acceptance thereof. In the course of a lengthened address Mr. Mitchell frankly assigned as one reason leading him to accept the fact, that accompanying the call there was a guarantee of a more adequate pecuniary support than his Montreal congregation were able to provide. He spoke in laudatory terms of the liberality of his people in Chalmers' Church, but owing to the unwillingness of some of the very men outside the congregation who had induced the people to build a much more expensive church than they intended, to come forward with liberal sums, the debt was so heavy as almost to crush them; added to which the Presbytery had encouraged the formation of new congregations in the west end of the city, which would limit the field of Chalmers' Church, and operate against the ability of the people to give a minister an adequate support for years to come. Mr. Mitchell further stated that such was the rapid multiplication of Presbyterian churches in the city, that the people of Montreal were required to contribute an average of nearly double the amount per family for stipend that is required in the cities of Toronto and Hamilton. Several of the brethren having expressed their regret at parting with Mr. Mitchell, the Presbytery agreed to the translation. The Rev. R. H. Varden was appointed to preach in Chalmers' Church on the 31st inst., and declare the pulpit vacant, and the Rev. James Fleck was appointed Moderator pro tem of the Session. We sympathize with the congregation of Chalmers' Church in the loss of their minister, and trust that they may soon obtain the services of another.—Com.

Presbytery of Huron.

This Presbytery met in Clinton, on Tuesday last. Mr. McQuarrie's induction at Wingham was appointed to take place on the 28th inst., at 11 a.m.; Mr. Ferguson to preside and address the people, Mr. McLean to preach, and Mr. Young to address the minister. The call from the congregation of Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia, to Rev. A. McLean, of Blyth, was taken up. Parties being duly cited were called, when there appeared Dr. Ure for the Presbytery of Ploton, and for the congregation of Sherbrooke. Dr. Sloan, and Mr. McQuarrie for the congregation of Blyth, and Messrs. Gallagher and Anderson for the congregation of Belgrave, and Mr. McLean for himself. After parties were heard and the Presbytery deliberated for some time, it was agreed that Mr. McLean be retained in his present charge—this being his own desire. Dr. Ure was appointed to write to the congregation of Sherbrooke, conveying to them the sympathies of the Presbytery in the circumstances in which they are placed.

Presbytery of Peterborough.

This Presbytery met at Peterborough, on the 12th of December. The principal business was the consideration of Mr. MacLennan's resignation of the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, which that brother, with the view of engaging in the Church's service in another part of the field, had placed in the hands of the court. After lengthened consideration, the Presbytery agreed, though very reluctantly, and with the most cordial feelings of respect and affection for Mr. MacLennan, to accept his resignation. The following appointments, rendered necessary by Mr. MacLennan's removal from the bounds, was unanimously made: Mr. Bennett to preach in St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, on the 24th inst., and to declare the pulpit vacant; Mr. Torrance to be Moderator of Session during the vacancy; and Mr. Cleland to be Treasurer of the Presbytery Fund, and Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Finance and Statistics. Messrs. Cleland and Donald were appointed a committee to draw up a suitable minute expressive of the Presbytery's esteem and regard for Mr. MacLennan, and their deep regret at his departure from among them. It was unanimously agreed that those congregations which have not yet remitted the amounts apportioned to them for the Home Mission Debt, should be urged to do so without delay; and if they should feel unable to pay the entire amount for which they have been assessed, that they be earnestly requested at least to take up a collection, and to forward the same to the Treasurer of the Church with as little delay as possible. Mr. Bennett gave notice that at next meeting of the Presbytery, he will move: First, that at an early sediter of said meeting, commissioners be appointed to the General Assembly, indited to meet at Halifax in June next. Second, that the business to which "Presbyteries are required to give attention," as appears on page two hundred and fifty-five of the Minutes of last Assembly, be considered as far as time will permit. WILLIAM DONALD, Pres. Clerk.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTH. On Friday, the 8th inst., in the village of Markdale, the wife of the Rev. J. A. McAlmon of a son. DIED. At the manse, Baltimore, on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 2nd, Mary Green, aged two years, youngest daughter of Rev. W. A. McKay.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES. HURON.—The Presbytery of Huron will meet in Clinton on 2nd Tuesday of January, at 11 a.m. LINDSAY.—Next regular meeting, D.V., at Woodville on the last Tuesday of February, at 11 a.m. PETERBOROUGH.—The Presbytery of Peterborough will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, on the third Tuesday of January, at 11 a.m. KINGSTON.—Next meeting to be in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on the 2nd Tuesday of January 1877, at 3 p.m. BRUCE.—The meeting of this Presbytery will meet on the first Tuesday in March, 1877. OWEN SOUND.—In Knox Church, Owen Sound, on third Tuesday of December next. TORONTO.—The Presbytery will meet in the usual place on the first Tuesday of January, 1877, at eleven a.m. OTTAWA.—The Presbytery of Ottawa will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on the first Tuesday in February, at 3 o'clock. SAUGON.—The Presbytery of Saugon will meet in Knox Church, Harriston on the last Tuesday of December, at 4 o'clock, p.m.

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