

In view of the recent aggressiveness of the Roman Catholics in all parts of our field, it was resolved,—(1) To appoint the first Sabbath in September as a day of prayer and fasting for the Church native and foreign. (2) That visitation of out-stations be more frequent. (3) That more frequent station-classes for church-members and inquirers be held. Considerable routine business was also disposed of.

At 11 a.m. Monday, July 27, Presbytery adjourned *sine die* to meet at the call of the moderator.

WILL H. GRANT, Clerk.

Sarnia Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Sarnia met in Strathroy on the 14th inst., and was constituted. Rev. Mr. Eadie, Moderator, in the chair.

Mr. McPherson, of Petrolia, was appointed Moderator for the next six months.

Mr. Daly, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit Marthaville, Brooke and Inwood, reported that their mission had been successful and that they had succeeded in uniting these three stations under one charge, Marthaville, to give \$238, Inwood, \$300 and Brooke, \$250. It was agreed to direct the Home Mission Committee to provide suitable supply.

Mr. McPherson, Convener of the Y. P. S. Committee reported that they had made arrangements for a united meeting in Sarnia in December next.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the second Tuesday in December, and the Young Peoples' meeting on the previous day.

Rev. Mr. Fortune was appointed the Presbytery's representative on Manitoba College.

Presbytery took up for consideration a call from Avonton and Carlingford, to Mr. Graham, of Watford.

It was agreed with regret to grant the translation, the same to take effect, on the 5th of October, and Mr. Jordan was appointed to preach and declare the pulpit vacant on the 11th of October and act as Interim Moderator of the Session thereafter.

Rev. Mr. McRobie laid on the table a petition asking to allow him to retire from the active duties of the Ministry, and share in the benefit of the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund. The Presbytery agreed to take the usual steps in the matter and bring it before the General Assembly in June next.

Rev. McKee was appointed member of the Home Mission Committee in the room of Mr. Graham.

The half yearly report, of the Home Mission Committee, was presented by Mr. Currie, Convener, six missionary fields from the first of May to 30th of Sept., with claims from the Home Mission Committee for said labors also. In connection with the report, it was agreed that the Home Mission Committee be instructed at an early date, subject to the call of Mr. Currie, Convener, to meet at Sarnia or Bridgen, and to listen to any suggestions that may be given on the various mission fields and to re-arrange the same in the best and most harmonious manner possible. Meantime it was suggested that Plum Creek be detached from Black Creek and Guthrie and united with Bridgen, that Duthel be detached from Sombra and attached to Guthrie and Black Creek and that Court-right and Sombra be united. In the event of satisfactory arrangement, Presbyterial powers were granted the Committee to take immediate action on the same.

It was agreed to call for Session records at next ordinary meeting in December.

The meeting was closed with the benediction. GEO. C. CHAMBERS, Clerk.

Presbytery of Guelph.

The Presbytery of Guelph met in Chalmers church, Guelph, on the 15th September, the Rev. W. Robertson, M. A. Moderator. The attendance of members was large, only three ministers being absent of those in charge.

Dr. Dickson presented a report from the Finance Committee containing estimates for next year.

Mr. Mollan reported from the Committee on Missionary Meetings and Sermons, recommending an exchange of pulpits on

the last Sabbath of October, or as near that date as possible. Thereport, with the exchange of pulpits as proposed, was approved.

He also reported from the Committee on Evangelistic Services, suggesting that the whole matter be left this year in the hands of Sessions, and that reports of what they have done be given in at the meeting in March. The suggestion was approved.

Dr. Dickson reported from the committee appointed to arrange for Dr. Torrance's jubilee, giving an order of services for the occasion and recommending that as the date of the jubilee falls on Wednesday the 11th November, the next regular meeting of Presbytery be on that day instead of on the third Tuesday of that month, and that the place of meeting be Chalmers church. To this the Presbytery agreed.

Mr. Smith read a report from the Committee on Superintendence of Students to the effect that those residing in the bounds had sent in the exercises required of them, with the exception of Mr. Macklin, who was lying ill of typhoid fever. The Clerk was authorized to furnish them certificates. A Committee was appointed to meet with Mr. Macklin upon his recovery, and the Clerk was instructed to certify him to the College Faculty.

The motion that the hour of meetings be changed from half past ten to ten o'clock, passed.

The Committee to Dracon and Meiz reported that an effort had been made to ascertain how much could be raised by the people towards the support of ordinands. Mr. John L. Small, B. A., a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Winnipeg, was willing to take charge of the congregation as an Ordained Missionary. It was agreed to apply to the Committee for a grant, and it was left to the Clerk to make arrangements towards his ordination and induction, if the application to the Committee be granted.

A report by Mr. David Strachan, convener of the Committee on Societies, showing that the convention had been held, and containing a number of resolutions. The committee, with the addition of the ministers residing in Guelph, was instructed to carry out the suggestions of these resolutions.

Mr. McNair, of Waterloo, was appointed to bring the claims of Manitoba College before the congregations in the bounds.

Dr. Torrance, convener, Mr. Smith, and Mr. J. A. McCrae, were appointed a committee to consider the remits from the General Assembly, requiring the attention of the Presbyteries, and report.

A memorial to the Minister of Justice on the Dominion Reformatory for Young Men, was considered, and approved.

Mr. W. B. Hutton Catechist, recommended to the Home Mission Committee for work.

An application from Baden, to be taken under the charge of this Presbytery.

At three o'clock the Presbytery proceeded, constituted to Knox church, for the induction of Mr. W. A. J. Martin. Rev. J. O. Smith preached. An address was then delivered by Mr. Robertson, then followed the induction prayer by Mr. McInnes and an address to the newly inducted minister by Dr. Wardrope, and to the people by Dr. Torrance.

Kamloops Presbytery.

This Presbytery met in Kamloops on Sept. 22nd, according to adjournment for the purpose of ordaining and inducing Mr. J. C. Stewart, B. A., over the pastoral charge of Kamloops. The morning session was occupied in the examination of the candidate for ordination. After a rigid examination in the prescribed subjects it was agreed that taking a conjunct view of the whole, the trials be sustained, and the Presbytery meet in the evening for his ordination. The afternoon session was spent in thoroughly discussing the remits sent down to Presbyteries by the last General Assembly. After a most careful consideration of the facts bearing on each case the finding of the Presbytery was as follows: Re-reduced representation to the General Assembly, the remit was approved. In the remit re-assembly meeting place, it was unanimously agreed that a central place of meeting should be decided upon—that Toronto be that place. The billing system to be

done away with, and the travelling expenses of commissioners to be borne by the General Assembly. The remit re-acceptation of ministers was approved, and the following recommendation to the General Assembly unanimously agreed to: "That in view of the extreme difficulty experienced by the large Missionary Presbyteries of the Church of securing adequate supply for the mission fields, especially during the winter months, it was agreed to approve of the remit, and, in addition, to recommend that the General Assembly enjoin from all students, one year continuous service in the mission field, either before or after graduation, and Presbyteries be instructed to refuse to ordain and induct graduates over self sustaining or augmented congregations until a certificate be presented from the Home Mission Committee that such service has been given, and that no graduate be eligible for a call until these conditions have been complied with."

The remit re Mission Board, was approved, and a committee consisting of Rev. Geo. Murray, J. C. Stewart and D. H. Campbell, Elder, was appointed to draft a resolution respecting the report of the committee on uniformity in Public Worship.

In the evening the Presbytery met for the ordination and induction of Mr. Stewart. Rev. Geo. Murray, M. A., presided, and public worship was conducted by Rev. T. G. McLeod, B. A., who preached an appropriate sermon. Mr. Stewart being called upon came forward, and satisfactorily answered the prescribed questions which were put by the moderator. Mr. Stewart was then ordained to the office and work of the ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, the moderator engaging in the ordination prayer. He was then formally addressed by the moderator and inducted into the pastoral charge of Kamloops, the members of Presbytery giving him the right hand of fellowship. Very able and practical addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Robertson and D. E. McQueen, B. A., of Edmonton, who were present and sat with the Presbytery as corresponding members to the newly ordained minister and assembled congregation respectively. Mr. Stewart was then conducted to the door, where he was introduced to the congregation as they retired.

Upon his signifying his willingness to sign the formula, Mr. Stewart's name was ordered to be placed upon the Presbytery roll.

Mr. Stewart's settlement is an exceedingly harmonious one, and augurs well for the future success of the congregation, Geo. A. Wilson, Clerk.

Presbytery of Chatham.

Chatham Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. The minutes were read and confirmed. Elders commissions were called for, and the roll of Presbytery was made up. Dr. Battersby was elected moderator for the ensuing six months. Messrs. McLintock, Manson and Haggart were appointed to examine student's exercises and at a later stage reported favorably. It was then agreed to instruct the Clerk to certify them to their Colleges. Standing Committees were then appointed as follows: Statistics, the Clerk and Messrs. Jamieson and McCoir; Home Mission Committee, Dr. Battersby, Convener, and Messrs. Becket, McLaren, McCullough, McMillan and McArthur; Sabbath School, Mr. Larkin; Argomontation Fund, Messrs. Tolmer and Davidson; Church Life and Work, Messrs. Mustard, Nattress and McTaggart; Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund, Mr. Becket; Manitoba College, Mr. Hunter. It was agreed to petition His Honor the Minister of Justice to reconsider the resolution of the Government to locate the proposed Reformatory for Young Men at the Village of Alexandria. Birnbeim Session Records were examined by a committee and found to be carefully and correctly kept. It was agreed with the consent of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to continue Mr. McLean Catechist in Bent Path till spring. The supply of Morpeth was left in the hands of Presby's Home Mission Committee and the session till spring.

It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting of Presbytery in First church, Chatham. Closed with the benediction.

W. M. FLEMING, Clerk.