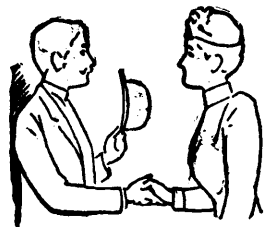


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Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. T. R. Shearer, B.A., of Rounthwaite, has been appointed clerk of Brandon Presbytery.

The Rev. M. C. Rumball, B.A., of High Bluff and Prospect, clerk of Brandon Presbytery, has been called to Morden, in Rock Lake Presbytery, which call he has accepted.

On Tuesday, December 13th, Mr. H. Ross, of Wheatland, N. D., was ordained and inducted to the pastoral charge of Burnside and Macdonald in the Presbytery of Brandon. Mr. Rumball presided; Mr. Fraser preached; Mr. MacLean addressed the minister, and Mr. Wright the people.

The Rev. Dr. Torrance, Guelph, Ontario, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Statistics, requests us to publish that in the early part of November he sent to presbytery clerks as he learned their names from Appendix 24 to the Assembly Minutes, or from correspondence, parcels containing slips for collecting the statistical and financial reports of congregations and mission stations for 1892; and, in the beginning of December, sheets for the reports of Presbyteries compiled from the same. If any clerk has not received these he would feel obliged for early notice to that effect.

Correspondence is asked from probationers and students, about to graduate in the spring, who desire to supply the vacancy of Hepworth and Cruickshank, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound. Hepworth is a growing village of 800 inhabitants, with a large timber business, good school, three trains per day each way, and some 50 communicants. Cruickshank is a farming district 6 miles distant on a main gravel road, and has some 30 communicants. It is a new pastoral charge, without church buildings or manse, but with a hopeful future before the growing congregation of Hepworth: Stipend, \$450 with \$50 for house rent, and \$300 from Augmentation. Congregations are anxious to call anyone who will take hold of the work of building up the cause. Write to Rev. Geo. A. Yoemans, Moderator, Lock Box 147, Warton, Ont.

At Athens, Ont., a very interesting meeting was held, on the evening of December 19th, to say good-bye to Miss Clowe, who has been a very faithful and efficient worker in the Sabbath School there, and who has been appointed to the position of assistant teacher in our Indian School at Portage la Prairie. After devotional exercises and a short address on the duties of the Church toward its missionaries, by the pastor, Rev. D. Fleming, B.A., Miss Clowe was presented by her S. B. class, with a very suitable address and a useful gift. She was then addressed by the pastor, who gave expression to the feelings of the congregation in parting with such a faithful worker, and presented her with a very handsome Oxford Bible. Before the close of the meeting, one of the elders came forward and, to the pastor's complete surprise, presented him with a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles, expressive of the good will and wishes of the congregation.

In spite of other attractions in the city, the large hall of Brantford Young Ladies' College, could not accommodate the crowd of our music-loving people intent upon listening to one of the finest programmes that has been rendered by the students of the Brantford Ladies' College, on the evening of December 20th, the occasion of the annual Christmas concert. The fair performers were each greeted with hearty and well-deserved applause, testifying to the excellent rendering of the selections and to the thorough training received from the faculty, to each of whom Dr. Cochrane paid a well-merited compliment. The session has so far been a most prosperous one, while present indications point to a considerably increased attendance after the Christmas holidays. Principal Caven, of Knox College, visited the college the previous evening, and addressed the faculty and students in felicitous terms.

A report from Mr. Newmark, who is labouring amongst the Jews of Montreal, was full of hope as to results. He claims that there are 6000 Jews in Montreal, and many are discussing with him, the great question—whether Jesus is the Messiah.

The Presbytery of Toronto met at Mimico on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 3 p. m., for the induction of the Rev. Alex. McMillan to the pastoral charge of Mimico congregation. The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. John Mutch, presided. Mr. Young, of St. Enoch's City, preached a sermon from Phil. ii, 12, "Work out your own Salvation," after which Mr. Grant narrated the steps leading up to the call of Mr. McMillan. The Moderator then, after prayer, inducted the pastor-elect into the charge of Mimico congregation. After an address to the pastor by Mr. Grant, and an address to the people by Mr. Gilray, Mr. McMillan was formerly introduced to the people present. The settlement promises to be a

most happy one, and the earnest good wishes of his brethren go with Mr. McMillan in his new charge.

The Congregation of Pembroke have about completed a handsome and commodious new manse for the use of their pastor, the Rev. G. D. Bayne, M.A. The manse will be ready for occupation in the spring, and will cost in the neighbourhood of \$5000. It will be fitted with all modern conveniences, such as hot water heating, electric light, etc., and will be quite an ornament even to the beautiful town of Pembroke. Mr. Bayne has just completed the fifth year of his pastorate in Pembroke. The Rev. Dr. George Sexton, of St. Catharines occupied the pulpit of Calvin Church, Pembroke, during the absence recently of the pastor at missionary meetings. Dr. Sexton supplied for three weeks and preached with great acceptance to this large congregation. His sermons were scholarly and eloquent, and combined all the elements of true effectiveness. His last discourse was on the question: "Does death end all?" and was a masterpiece of pulpit eloquence. Calvin Church, Pembroke, is noted for the intelligence of its congregation and, as might be expected, Dr. Sexton was thoroughly appreciated. He will be cordially welcomed to Pembroke should he return.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Foreign Mission Committee met in Knox College on Tuesday and Wednesday, 27th and 28th December. Present, Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Dr. Wardrope, Principal Grant, Principal MacVicar, Dr. McLaren, Dr. Mungo Fraser, Dr. J. B. Fraser, Mr. Currie, Mr. Burson, Mr. Milligan, Mr. Jeffrey and R. P. MacKay, Dr. Jackson, of Galt, and Mr. Smythe, of Berlin, waited on the committee in reference to the call extended to Mr. Winchester, to return to the pastorate of his former charge in Berlin. The committee declined to take any action, leaving it to be decided by the Presbytery in the ordinary way. Very hopeful letters were read from Mr. McDonald and Miss Lister, as to the work in Alberni. There are other open doors into which Mr. McDonald would like to enter if the funds will enable him to do so. Miss Minnes, who is highly recommended and has been already doing work in the mission, was appointed as teacher in the school.

Upon the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Synod of British Columbia, \$100 were granted for the purchase of lumber for the erection of a school-house in the property at Alberni, the Indians themselves being willing to do the work and also give some financial aid. The building is to be used as a school, church, court house and council chamber for the Indians.

A resolution was adopted accepting the resignation of the Rev. John MacDougall, of Honan, on account of his wife's health, and also expressing appreciation of Mr. MacDougall's work whilst in the service of the committee. Mr. MacDougall has, since the beginning of October, delivered over fifty addresses in missions, and will, should he settle in Ontario, be of great service to the Church in connection with the work which he has so much at heart.

A resolution was also passed accepting the resignation of Dr. Elizabeth Beatty. It is earnestly hoped that Dr. Beatty's health will be so far restored as to enable her to resume work in India in which she has been so successful.

A very favourable report of the state of the schools at Indore, by the Government Inspector, was read with much satisfaction.

Letters were read from Formosa, which have already appeared in the public press as to the sufferings of native preachers, and a motion was passed, that Dr. MacKay be requested to render such assistance as, in his judgment, may seem desirable.

Dr. Webster, it was reported, is on his way to Palestine, having successfully passed examinations and secured a diploma, at Constantinople, without which he would not be allowed to practice in Palestine.

The Presbytery of Chatham met in Chatham on Tuesday, 13th December, at 10 a. m.; Rev. T. Nattress, B.A., Moderator. Most of the ministers were present, but only a few of the elders. On behalf of the committee appointed to obtain an ordained missionary for Blytheswood, etc., the clerk reported that no settlement had yet been made. Mr. Shaw, Moderator of the Session of Blytheswood, etc., stated that he had been instructed by the congregations to request that they be raised to the status of a vacant charge, that \$300 per annum be asked for them from the Augmentation Fund, and that leave be given to moderate in a call. On motions duly made and seconded, all the requests were granted. Mr. McNabb, having declined the call to Buxton and Union, it was set aside, and the leave to moderate in a call was continued. A circular from Dr. Reid anent

the Assembly Fund, was read, and the clerk was instructed to apportion among the congregations in the Presbytery, the amount expected from the Presbytery; such apportionment to be on the basis of the number of families in the different congregations. Dr. Battersby, Convener of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, read the annual report of the committee, which, on motion, was received and adopted. Dr. Battersby and the clerk were instructed to prepare and transmit to Mr. P. J. Uzelle, Cathichist, a certificate expressive of the high esteem in which he is held by the Presbytery, and testifying to his earnest, active and efficient labours in mission fields within the bounds, during a term of eight years. Mr. Davidson, was appointed to visit Dawn, and Mr. Hunter, Duart; to endeavor to secure a reduction of the Augmentation grants to these places, for the ensuing year; and Mr. Nattress was appointed to visit Colchester, and Mr. Becket, Wabash, on like errands for the Home Mission grants. The supply of the pulpits of Leamington, Buxton and Blytheswood, was, for reasons given, left in the hands of the respective sessions. Permission was given Colchester to sell the "Temple." Mr. Davidson, of Bothwell, was appointed convener of the Presbytery's Committee on the State of Religion, in the place of Mr. McIntie, resigned. The Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Essex, on January 10th, at 2 o'clock, p. m.—W. M. Flemming, Pres. Clerk.

The Presbytery of Vancouver Island met in St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, on the 13th December; there was a good attendance of members. A letter from the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee of the General Assembly, and resolution of the Committee with reference to the relation of missionaries, and their fields of labour, appointed by the committee to the Presbyteries within whose bounds they are labouring, were read and freely discussed. The Rev. Dr. Campbell gave notice that at the next meeting he would submit an overture to the General Assembly, asking that all such missionaries and their fields of labour sustain the same relation to the Presbytery as that of home missionaries and their fields of labour. The following commissioners were appointed to visit and receive mission fields and report at the next meeting, viz., Comox, Mr. P. M. F. McLeod; Northfield, Wellington and Alberni, Mr. D. A. MacRae; Victoria West and Cedar Hill, Dr. Campbell and Dr. G. L. Milne. Mr. Alex. Young was appointed to visit points along the line of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railways with the view of opening new mission stations in that district. The Constitution of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, was submitted and received the sanction of the Presbytery, and also authority was given to the congregation to sell the old church and manse, the proceeds to be applied in reducing the debt on the new church. Steps were taken for the allocation of the presbytery's share of the Synod expense fund to the different congregations. Dr. Milne and Mr. Thornton Fell were appointed a committee to consider and take action in reference to the matter of legislation affecting church property. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, on the day before the meeting of the Synod of British Columbia. D. MacRae Pres. Clerk.

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