

Church News.

THE Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew ordained and inducted Mr. Neil Campbell, B.A., into the pastoral charge of Elmsley on the 29th September.

WE are asked to state that Misses Innis Corbett and Annie Webster, Florence, Ont., have collected \$5.40 for Knox College Students' Missionary Society.

REV. H. A. ROBERTSON has sent home several casks of arrow-root from Erromanga. It can be obtained in bags of six to ten lbs. each, at 30 cents per lb. from D. Logan, Pictou, R. McGregor and Sons, New Glasgow, and Mr. Atkins, druggist, Truro. Friends of the mission who would like to possess some of the produce of the mission field have an opportunity to do so.—Maritime Presbyterian.

ON Sunday the 3rd inst. the communion of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Pinkerton Presbyterian church. The pastor was ably assisted by the Rev. Dr. Middlemiss, of Elora. The latter conducted the special services on Friday and Saturday, also preached on Sunday evening. Seven new members were received on this occasion into fellowship with the church—four by profession of faith and three by certificate.

ON Thursday afternoon, Sept. 23rd, the Ladies' Aid in connection with the Dunbarton Presbyterian church, held a peach festival and bazaar at the residence of Mr. Wm. Taylor, near Cherrywood. Although the morning was anything but promising, the afternoon and evening were favourable and a very enjoyable time was spent. The grounds were nicely prepared, and in the evening the plentiful supply of lanterns lent lustre to the scene. A goodly number of the friends of the congregation partook of the tempting refreshments which had been so plentifully provided, after which the meeting was called to order by the pastor, the Rev. R. M. Craig, when a programme was presented, consisting of readings with vocal and instrumental music, and a very appropriate address by the Rev. J. J. Cameron, of Pickering. The audience after a few hours' enjoyment left for their respective homes, all highly praising the efforts put forth by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor to add to the comfort and happiness of all present. Proceeds upwards of \$72. The Ladies' Aid has only been in existence about eight months, but by the well-directed efforts and praiseworthy activity of all the members, have already collected upwards of \$350 towards the building fund. The new church, which occupies a very commanding position in this village, is now being rapidly pushed forward, and when completed will be a credit to the congregation and the pride of the community. It is expected that the opening will take place about the beginning of December, when the committee will spare no pains to provide a very rare treat for all who avail themselves of the opportunity of being present.—Pickering News.

FRIDAY evenings at the Brantford Ladies' College are devoted to literary and social recreation, affording the young ladies the advantages and attractions of social life in a well ordered home. Under the direction of the lady superintendent a series of entertainments has been arranged for during the session, and a few friends are invited from time to time to meet the young ladies and enjoy the programme provided. We find the following notice of a recent "evening" in a local paper: "The musical part was under the direction of Prof. Garratt, of the college, who with the assistance of Messrs Percy and Harold, delighted the brilliant company with the sweet strings of violin and piano. The Misses Gould contributed a vocal solo and duet which gained for them an attentive listening, notwithstanding that it must have been a difficult task to silence the general hum of conversation which prevailed in the drawing room. Miss McNider, of Hamilton, and Miss Dora Wilson, of Seaforth, contributed two excellent piano solos. We must not forget to notice the taste displayed in the arrangements in the drawing-room and parlours, in the floral decorations and the general home air which impressed you as you entered. Miss Dalmer, assisted by Miss Addie Gould and Miss Chambers, acted the part of hostesses for the evening, and they discharged their duties with much grace and dignity. During the evening the following younger pupils of the school, Misses Mary Turner, Edith White, Colina Ferris, Juanita McNider, and Isabella Garrett, dispensed the refreshments in such a way as to attract special notice for the tone and pleasing manner in which they helped to entertain the guests. It was the general comment that the college was most efficiently equipped in its social as well as in its literary department."

REV. G. CUTHBERTSON preached on the occasion of the ordination of elders in Petrolia Presbyterian church on the 17th Sept., and gave an able exposition of Presbyterian faith and policy. Amongst other things he said: "Presbyterianism is elastic enough to adapt itself to every nationality and to all phases of society. Doctrines never change, but the church changes with age, with growth and experience, and advances with the progress of the world; and when it outgrows its garments in which it was swaddled and stretches up to maturity, God expects the church to think and speak and act as a man that has put away childish things, and hence attitude must from time to time be taken, guided by circumstances and changing conditions." Speaking of what Presbyterianism had done in Canada he also said: "From small and disheartening beginnings it has risen to the fair and promising organization that now occupies such a respectable position and wields such an influence at home and abroad. Composed of four synods, each overshadowed by the guidance and review of an influential general assembly, it through its presbyteries and varied kirk sessions, breaks the bread of life to a constituency presided over by 800 ordained ministers, not to speak of ordained missionaries and catechists. It supplies its own ministry from the well equipped colleges at Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto and Manitoba, and these manned by professors mostly of its own training, compare favourably with similar institutions throughout the world. Of these colleges and of that ministry we can assert that the teaching and preaching is as pure and sound, if not purer and sounder, than in any other existing church; and the result is that Canadian Presbyterianism is to-day freer from heterodoxy and freer from restless disturbing questions than any other church in the world. It has drawn towards it by the doctrinal system and form of government a constituency characterized by a true yet quiet, unostentatious piety; has called from thence a thoughtful, intelligent liberality, and holds to itself faithful and true the aristocracy of intellect."

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE. STUDENTS OR CATECHISTS WANTED.

THIS presbytery is the "little sister" in the family of Presbyteries in the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories. The Pembina Mountain Railway runs through the territory of the presbytery from east to west for about 745 miles. The most of the congregations of the presbytery are found along the railway like beads on a string. On the report of the Superintendent of Missions the presbytery at its last meeting effected important changes with a view to the more efficient working of the field. Promising railway centres have been selected as centres of church work. The adjacent territory on both sides of the railroad has been attached to these centres and the business centres and the territory tributary to them will thus become the congregations. The average congregation will take an area of three townships wide and four long, or say 432 square miles. It may be mentioned that the railway is in course of construction. Twenty miles are being built this year, and twenty were built last season. The presbytery is separating Nelson and Clegg from Lintrathen and uniting them to Morden, and disjoining Mountain City from Morden and uniting it to Darlingford. This will leave Lintrathen compact and strong enough to call a minister, and Morden and Darlingford will be strengthened. Cartwright and Hoisevain have been made three groups with five stations each. From the Deloraine group 396 square miles have been cut off and erected into a new group. Several of these congregations are able to take their place on the augmented list now, and one or two good crops would enable all of them to call ministers. The presbytery is hampered very much by lack of funds. All its fields were occupied this summer, and it is now found that means are not available for the occupation of its fields during the winter. To neglect fields like Swan Lake or Riverside after the successful work of the summer would be a calamity. An appeal will be made to the H. M. C. for this special work. The Antler field lying along the western boundary embraces an area of over 500 square miles, and no minister of any church will be there this winter but our own. The Rev. A. H. Cameron is leaving the presbytery to labour in the Regina presbytery. The presbytery earnestly asks for three students or efficient catechists to help in its work this winter.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

CHATHAM—Presbytery met at Chatham 21st September. A new congregation was organized in the township of Dover. Congregations were ordered to make their congregational year coincide with the calendar year, and ministers were enjoined to lay the claims of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund before their people. It was resolved to ask the Home Mission Committee for grants in aid to Leamington and West Tilbury. Mr. Tallach gave notice that at next regular meeting he would move that the presbytery overture the General Assembly to take into consideration the subject of academical degrees, with a special reference to degrees conferred by institutions in the United States on certain ministers of our Church. Mr. Becket gave notice that he would move an overture to the General Assembly to appoint an agent to canvass for subscriptions to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.—Wm. Walker, Clerk.

TORONTO.—Met October 5th in the lecture-room of Knox church, Rev. P. Nichol, moderator, in the chair. Commissions were read appointing representative elders from congregations. Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., Presbytery of Whitby, and Rev. Wm. Mackinley, Presbytery of Paris, were present and were associated as corresponding members. The Assembly's injunction that the financial year over the Church should correspond with the calendar year was sent down to Church trustees for their guidance. Rev. M. C. Cameron reported for the committee of the congregation of Hornby and Omagh that these congregations at a late meeting had agreed to provide a salary of \$750 and a rented house for a minister, and requested the presbytery to send them suitable candidates from whom to choose. The presbytery expressed gratification with the report, and instructed Mr. Cameron to proceed with the moderating of a call as soon as the congregation was ready for that purpose. It was agreed that the meeting place of the Presbytery be changed from Knox church to the lecture-room of S. Andrew's church, the latter being considered a quieter and more convenient place. Delegates from Richmond Hill and Thornhill congregations were heard regarding a claim by the Richmond Hill people that Thornhill should contribute a share of the rent on the manse at Richmond Hill, in which the minister for the combined congregation lived. The Presbytery affirmed their decision at last meeting in the case—that Richmond Hill continue to pay as heretofore; while the hope was expressed that the Thornhill portion should see their way to assist. At the afternoon sederunt Messrs. James Argo, J. G. Shearer, R. M. Hamilton and Alfred Gaudier, theological students within the bounds, read discourses on subjects previously assigned to them. The discourses were sustained by the presbytery, and the clerk was instructed to attest the students to the authorities, of their respective colleges. The other business was of a routine character.—R. Monteath, Clerk.

QUEBEC.—Met in Sherbrook on the 21st Sept. Mr. J. G. Pritchard was elected Moderator for the current year. Elders' commissions were presented and accepted. Mr. J. R. MacLeod, Dr. Mathews and Mr. Pritchard reported having dispensed ordinances at Gould, Valcartier and Sawyerville respectively. Mr. Pritchard reported that he had visited Sawyerville and associated stations; that there are forty families in that group who express their willingness to support ordinances if these are provided by the Presbyterian Church, and that one of the stations is—East Clifton—had subscribed \$600 toward the erection of a church. Mr. Lee was instructed to visit the field with a view to more complete organization. Point Levi was granted leave to moderate in a call. Dr. Lamont submitted a unanimous call from Scotstown, in favour of Mr. Jno. McLeod, B.A., licentiate. The call was sustained and the clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. McLeod. A telegram was received from Mr. McLeod intimating his acceptance of the call. The Moderator was instructed to prescribe trials for ordination, and the induction was fixed for 13th October, at 8 p.m.—Dr. Lamont to preach and preside, Mr. Pritchard to address the minister, and Mr. MacLeod (Kingsbury) the people. Mr. J. R. MacLeod, convener of committee on the re-arrangement of certain fields, reported that Richmond and Melbourne had been united to form

one pastoral charge, and that a similar union had been consummated between Windsor Mills and Lower Windsor. The presbytery thanked the committee for their diligence, and expressed gratitude for the unions consummated. Mr. Charbonnell gave a report on French work for the last quarter with which the presbytery expressed its gratification. A unanimous call from Windsor Mills and Lower Windsor in favour of the Rev. J. D. Ferguson, B.A., was sustained. Mr. Ferguson was allowed time to consider the call. Messrs. M. MacLennan and J. M. Whitelaw, students, submitted discourses, and were certified to their colleges. Mr. D. Currie tendered his resignation of the charge of Three Rivers. The resignation was laid on the table and provision made for citing the congregation to appear at the next meeting. The presbytery adjourned to meet in Scotstown on 13th October, at 10 a.m.—J. R. MacLeod, Clerk.

PETERBORO.—Presbytery met in St Andrew's Church, Peterboro', on the 21st of September. Mr. Sutherland was chosen Moderator for the next six months. Messrs. Leslie and Watt were invited to sit as corresponding members. A large deputation appeared from Warsaw and Dumfries to declare their adherence to the call to Mr. Howard, and to ask for a grant of \$300 from the augmentation fund in support of a pastor, and also for a grant of \$3 per Sabbath from the 1st of April to the 1st of October, to enable them to meet expenses connected with the supply of the pulpit during the vacancy. Presbytery agreed to recommend these applications to the sub-committee on augmentation to meet in Toronto in October next. Mr. Howard was asked to reconsider his declination of the call to Warsaw. Messrs. Mowatt, McDonald and Haig, students, were certified to their respective colleges. It was agreed to certify Mr. Borland also, who purposes entering Knox College this session. On motion of Mr. Bell it was agreed to instruct the Convener of the presbytery's Home Mission Committee to make a proper representation to the Central Committee in Toronto and students from foreign colleges not fulfilling their appointments and neglecting to write the exercises presented by the presbytery. The Rev. A. Leslie, of the presbytery of Whitby, appeared to confer with the presbytery with regard to the future supply of the station at Oakhills. Mr. Leslie reported that he had been requested by the people to supply them with preaching—that he had done so on the alternate Sabbath evenings for some time, and that it would be very inconvenient for him to continue the supply. It was agreed to appoint a committee consisting of Messrs. Mitchell and McRae, ministers, and Mr. Clark, elder, to visit the field with a view to reunion with Garden Hill and Knoxville, and to confer with all the parties to be affected by such proposed union. Mr. Leslie received the hearty thanks of the presbytery for the interest taken in the station, and was requested to continue, as far as possible, in the meantime to supply the people with the preaching of the Word. Reports were received from the delegates who had visited the various mission fields regarding the progress made during the year. These reports were exceedingly satisfactory. At one of the stations it was reported that twelve additions had been made to the membership, at another nine. Several of the fields ask for supply during the winter months. Two stations in one field, viz., Apsley and Clydesdale are to be organized as congregations with ruling elders and moderator of session. Messrs. Miller and McArthur were recommended as catechists to the Home Mission Committee and leave requested to employ them in the mission fields during the winter.—W. Bennett, Clerk.

BARRIE.—Presbytery met at Barrie, Sept. 28. A call from the congregation of Collingwood to the Rev. John Campbell, M.A., Ph.D., was sustained, and the clerk was directed to forward it to the Saugeen Presbytery. Arrangements were made for the induction of Dr. Campbell in the event of his translation being agreed to by that presbytery. The resignation of the charge of Knox and Guthrie churches tendered by Mr. T. A. Morrison was accepted. Mr. H. Currie was appointed to declare the pulpits vacant, and Dr. Fraser moderator of session during the vacancy. The presbytery was engaged for considerable time over a difficulty arisen in Innisfil through the removal of a part of the Churchill congregation from Hunter's Corners to Stroud as their place of worship, Stroud being within a short distance of the church at Craigvale. Deputations from congregations concerned and their ministers were heard at length, as well as the members of the committee of presbytery who were appointed to consider the matter, and who recommended that the removal be disapproved as having been made without consulting the presbytery, but that the congregation should be permitted to worship at Stroud in the meantime. After a short discussion the presbytery decided, contrary to the committee's recommendation, that the session of Churchill be enjoined to give service at Hunter's Corners as formerly. Home mission business also engaged the presbytery for some time. The H. M. committee reported that they considered the reports of the missionaries' summer work, about twenty-five in number, and found "that the work in the mission field has been carried on by our missionaries with great diligence and fidelity, and in several fields there were gratifying results in the increase of spiritual life and additions of members to the Church." The committee specially commended Mr. W. Hay for his faithful and earnest work in the mission field on the Canadian Pacific Railway, also for his admirable and full reports on the state of the work there. A valuable report was received also from the Rev. John Mordy, M.A., who was sent toward the close of the season to gather information for the guidance of the presbytery at this meeting. From various persons during the summer representations were received as to the urgency of having an ordained missionary on the line between Sudbury and Schreiber. The presbytery adopted this committee's recommendation that such a missionary be appointed, and that Mr. Mordy be recommended to the assembly's H. M. committee for the appointment. Provision was made for directing the studies of Mr. W. J. Hewitt with a view to the ministry, and regulations adopted regarding the qualifications of approved catechists. Arrangements were made for supplying the mission stations with winter services as far as possible. The resignation of Mr. A. H. Drummond as ordained missionary at Port Carling, etc., tendered by him, was accepted. It is hoped he will soon have another field of labour in the bounds. Mr. Grant was directed to moderate in a call from Severn Bridge, Washago and Ardrea on Tuesday, October 12th, at 2 p.m. The clerk was directed to certify student missionaries on returning to their several colleges. Several other details of Home Mission work were attended to.—ROBERT MOONIE, Clerk.

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