

Presbyterian Missions.

The annual Missionary Meeting of the Picton Presbyterian congregation came off on the 31st ult. The attendance was not so large as usual, neither did the deputation appointed put in an appearance. This was a source of much disappointment to those who called and controlled the meeting, and being the second disappointment of the same nature, it was the more keenly felt. Possibly the lamented death of the Rev. Patrick Gray, of Kingston, whose interment took place on the afternoon of the same day, may be some extenuation of the bad faith of the deputation, but at any rate common courtesy should have induced them to send a timely explanation or apology. Under these untoward circumstances the best had to be made out of the local force, the Rev. Mr. MacMechan taking the working car, which he plied vigorously for upwards of an hour, traversing the whole field of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, taking his auditors rapidly over the New Hebrides, Trinidad, China, India, and the French and Home fields of the Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He mentioned that the annual revenue of the church for the ecclesiastical year, ending June last, amounted to almost a million of dollars, and that great progress and success had been vouchsafed to both Ministers and Missionaries at home and abroad, and wound up with an earnest appeal for increased interest, prayer and liberality, on behalf of the Lord's cause and kingdom.

The Rev. Mr. Annis, the junior minister of the Canada Methodist Church in Picton, made an excellent and impressive speech, showing that Great Britain and Canada owed their enlightenment, elevation and happiness as nations, to the work of the Missionary. The plates were then put round and upwards of \$82 realized. Miss Ross and Miss Scott were appointed collectors in Brook Ward, Miss Redmond and Miss Routledge in Tecumseth, and Miss McDonald and Miss Palmer in Hallowell. When these young ladies make their calls, as they intend to do in about two weeks, it is expected that a large amount in excess of the above will be obtained. Walter Ross, Esq., M.P., presided with dignity and effect over the meeting. The choir under the lead of Miss Eleanor Moore, who presided at the organ, rendered the hymns and anthems in very superior style.

Presbytery of Peterborough.

This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Port Hope, on the 31st of October. The attendance was small. A call from the congregation of Cobourg to the Rev. James Ballantine, late of Kingston, Jamaica, was laid on the table; was found to be signed by one hundred and sixty-two communicants, and seventy-three adherents; was accompanied with a promise of a salary of \$1200 per annum, with a manse; was sustained as a regular gospel call; and was accepted by Mr. Ballantine, who was present. It was agreed that his induction should take place on the 15th Inst., at 7 p.m.; that Mr. Torrance should preach, that Mr. Wardrop, of Guelph, should be requested to deliver the charge to the minister, and that Mr. Laing, of Dundas, should address the people. Members of Presbytery were appointed to perform the duties assigned to Messrs. Wardrop and Laing, respectively, in the event of those brethren being unable to be present at the induction. Messrs. Cleland and Donald were appointed a committee to visit Perrytown, Oakhill, and Knoxville, to see whether those congregations could not come up to the standard required by the General Assembly, before a grant can be made by the Home Mission Committee. Messrs. Torrance and Ewing were appointed a Committee to perform a like duty, with respect to Fenelon Falls and Somerville. Mr. J. W. Meikle was appointed to labour as a Missionary for the next two months, in Chandos and Burleigh. It was agreed, unanimously, that sessions and congregations be authorized to make their own arrangements, in reference to the time and manner of holding missionary meetings; but that they shall report to the Presbytery, as to the holding of such meetings. It was further resolved that, in view of the great importance of our Home Mission work, and of the heavy debt still resting on the Home Mission Fund, to urge every congregation within the bounds to endeavour to make the contributions to this Fund, this year, specially liberal. It was agreed also to call the attention of sessions and congregations to the intimation of the Home Mission Committee, that, in the event of the income of the present year being again unequal to the expenditure, it will recommend a still further reduction of the grants.—W. DONALD, Pres. Clerk.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery met in the village of Ancaster on the first day of November. Mr. John H. Ratcliffe was ordained and instructed into the pastoral charge of Ancaster and Alberton. The resignation of Mr. Campbell, of Beverly, was taken up; commissioners from the congregation stated that they had been instructed not to oppose the acceptance of the resignation. It was then resolved that the Presbytery with much regret find themselves shut up to accept the resignation of Mr. Campbell and her-by do accept the same, to take place after next Sabbath, and appoint Mr. Waits of Waterdown to preach in the church at Kirkwall on Sabbath the 12th inst., and declare the vacancy. Mr. Chrystal was appointed moderator of session pro tem. The resignation of Mr. James Herald, minister of St. Andrew's Church, Dundas—no commissioners from the congregation were present, but Mr. Smith stated that the congregation had resolved to offer no opposition, and he laid on the table a copy of a resolution to that effect, which had been adopted—whereupon it was after due deliberation resolved that the Presbytery record their deep sympathy with their brother in the severe afflictions which has rendered him unable for the duties of the ministry, and their regret that he has been obliged to retire from the work; that with much sorrow they feel themselves required to accept the resignation, as they hereby do, to take effect forthwith, and Mr. S. O.

Frazer be appointed to preach in St. Andrew's church, Dundas, on next Sabbath, the 5th instant, and declare the vacancy; also that Mr. Smith be appointed moderator of session pro tem. It was further resolved to retain meanwhile the name of Mr. Herald on the roll of Presbytery as a retired minister, and apply to the General Assembly for approval of this motion. Mr. Alexander Henderson then finished his trials, and was licensed to preach the gospel.—JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

Presbytery of Whitby.

The Presbytery of Whitby held its regular quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on Tuesday, the third day of October, at eleven o'clock a.m. There was a fair attendance of ministers and elders. After devotional exercises, in which Mr. Kennedy led, he was appointed to act as Moderator pro tem, in the room of Mr. White, unavoidably absent. The Presbytery was then constituted, and transacted the following pieces of business. The report of the committee appointed to inquire into the financial difficulties in the congregation of Enniskillen was read, when it was moved and agreed, "That the report be received, and that representatives of the congregation, if present, be heard in the matter." The representative of the congregation being heard, it was further moved as an amendment to a motion and amendment, "Adopt the report, sympathize with the congregation in their growing difficulties, and request them to report to the Presbytery at the close of their financial year, that if necessary further action be taken in the matter." Mr. F. Beattie read a report of his labours as catechist in Newtonville during the past summer, and was highly commended by the Presbytery for his diligence. It was then moved by Mr. Roger, and seconded by Mr. Spencer, and agreed, that Mr. Beattie be furnished with the requisite certificate to enable him to resume his studies at Knox College. Mr. Douglas applied for an assessor to aid in the election of elders in the congregation of Port Perry, and Mr. Robinson, of Uxias, was appointed to aid as such. The clerk read the report of the committee appointed to consider the resignation of Mr. Calder, the tenor whereof is as follows:—"The Presbytery exceedingly regret that circumstances connected with the congregation of Orono should have occurred to induce their brother, the Rev. Mr. Calder, to resign the pastorate thereof, and that of the congregation of Kendal as well, though the relationship between him and that section of his late charge was not only amicable, but all that could be desired as regards mutual esteem. Amid much that has occurred, calculated to grieve Mr. Calder, it must be gratifying to him, as it is to the Presbytery, to have the testimony of the session and congregation of Orono, given at the late Presbyterial visitation, viz., that 'he faithfully preached the Gospel, and also the frank avowal of the congregation of Kendal of their entire satisfaction with his ministerial services, and their regret at his resignation. These facts have a marked significance, tending to the credit, as they cannot but minister to the comfort of Mr. Calder. The Presbytery deeply sympathizes with their brother under the calamities vented through the press by some party or parties subscribing the name of an elder of Orono Session without his sanction or knowledge, and they take this opportunity of expressing their continued esteem for Mr. Calder as a man, and their confidence in him as a minister. They trust he will soon have the opportunity and the honour of doing good work in another portion of the vineyard of their common and gracious Master." It was moved by Mr. Hogg, and seconded by Mr. Laing, that the report be received and adopted, which was agreed to. It was reported on behalf of the assessors of the Kirk Session of Orono, that they had discharged the duty entrusted to them. On motion it was resolved that each congregation within the bounds hold a public missionary meeting, at a time and in a manner best calculated to ensure success. Messrs. Roger and Hogg were appointed a committee to revise and amend the questions during the visitations of the Presbytery to congregations. The Presbytery, on motion, agreed to meet in the same place on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of December, and was closed with the benediction.—WALTER R. ROSS, Pres. Clerk.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTH. At Blyth, Oct. 17th, the wife of the Rev. D. B. MOHR, of Cranbrook and Kithel, of a son, both doing well. MARRIED. On the 24th October, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Mr. Robinson, Mr. J. JOHNS, Merchant of Alisa Craig, to Miss ANNIE STONEHOUSE, of the Township of Scarborough.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES HURON.—The Presbytery of Huron will meet in Clinton on 2nd Tuesday of January, at 11 a.m. CHATHAM.—The next regular meeting of the Presbytery of Chatham will be held in Adelaide St. Church, Chatham, on the 3rd Tuesday of December, at 11 o'clock a.m. LINDSAY.—The Presbytery of Lindsay will meet in Carleton Place on the last Tuesday of November. WHITBY.—The Presbytery of Whitby will meet in St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, 10th day of December. 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. PARIS.—The Presbytery of Paris is called to meet at Picton on Tuesday, the 21st Nov., at p.m., to hear parties in the call from Wingham to the Rev. H. McQuarrie. GUELPH.—In Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on the 2nd Tuesday of Nov., at 1 o'clock p.m. VICTORIA.—At Cannington, on the last Monday of November, at 11 a.m. STRATFORD.—In St. Andrew's Church, Stratford on Tuesday, 19th December, at 10 o'clock, a.m. OWEN SOUND.—In Knox Church, Owen Sound, on third Tuesday of December next. HAMILTON.—1st Tuesday of December, at 11 a.m., at Hamilton. HAMILTON.—The next ordinary and stated meeting will be held in Central Church, Hamilton, on the third Tuesday of December, at 11 o'clock, a.m. LONDON.—Adjourned meeting on 1st Tuesday of November, at 2 p.m., in 1st Presbyterian Church. Regular meeting 3rd Tuesday of December, at 2 p.m., in the same place.

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