

slon schools, and many others, during the summer season, in various parts of the country. The church as a whole believes in the vast importance of this work, and its intimate bearing upon the future well-being of our country. What the missionaries feel the need of, as well as those engaged in directing the work, is intercessory prayer in their behalf, and for the work. Again and again do they beseech us to pray for them, and we are convinced that may do. But what is needed is prayer by the whole church. Then the interest in the work will deepen, and we may surely look for showers of blessing, and a turning to the Lord of vast numbers who are now entirely ignorant of the liberty and joy of the simple truth as it is in Jesus.

Obituary.

The session of Kemptville and Oxford Mills would recognize the hand of God in the removal by death of two of its members within six weeks of each other, and whilst bowing in humility to his will would hear His voice saying, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." We would put on record the sense of the loss we feel at their removal and commend the afflicted families to the care of Him who is the "Judge of the widow, and the father of the fatherless."

Mr. Robert Lindsay came from the North of Ireland in 1844, and settled near Oxford Mills. He was ordained to the office of ruling elder on 5th October, 1881, and served the congregation for over 14 years till called to his rest on Sabbath evening, 22nd March, at the ripe age of 82. He was held in high esteem by the whole community.

Mr. Cosby Cook was born and reared in the vicinity of Prescott. He spent several years in California, where he united with the Presbyterian church. Returning to his native land he settled in Kemptville and united with the congregation. He was ordained to the eldership on 16th June, 1889, and for over six years served the congregation in that capacity. He was of a gentle and kindly disposition. For several years he suffered with failing health. He bore up with Christian fortitude, resigned to his Heavenly Father's will, ripening for the church above, to which he was called peacefully away on 10th of February last, aged 58 years.

Presbytery of Regina.

The regular meeting of the Presbytery of Regina was held in Moosomin, March 4th. There were present fifteen ministers, four elders and four students. A call from St. Paul's, Prince Albert, in favor of Archibald Lee, Kamloops was laid on the table. After the call had been read, which showed that it had been signed by ninety members and fifty adherents, it was moved by Mr. Carmichael, and seconded by Mr. Campbell and agreed that the call be sustained as a regular gospel call, and that it be transmitted with accompanying documents to the Presbytery of Kamloops. An appeal from Mr. John McKenzie against the election of elders in Moosomin, was after discussion dismissed, and the election declared valid. The report of the convener of the Home Mission committee was received and adopted. The following motions were agreed to:—(1) Inasmuch as Shell River Station is forty miles from Colleton, with which it is worked, and only fifteen miles from Snake Plains. The Presbytery of Regina asks the Synodical Committee to enter into correspondence with the Foreign Mission Committee, with a view of putting Shell River field under the pastoral care of Rev. W. S. Moore, and thus secure the better working of the field, and save the missionary the long and expensive journey. (2) A deputation appointed to visit Ohlen field report that the Swedes are not in sympathy with the Presbyterian Church, and although in fairly good circumstances, have only contributed \$2 to the support of Mr. Hofstrand. It further reports that there are English speaking settlements in the vicinity of the field where two additional stations could be opened. The Lutherans also hold regular service in Ohlen field. In view of these facts, the Presbytery recommend the Synodical Committee to withdraw the grant from Ohlen as now constituted on 30th September, 1896, and appoint a student Presbyterian missionary to Ohlen and ad-

joining stations with a grant of five dollars per Sabbath. (3) As Carnoustie can be conveniently worked with Dongola in the Minnedosa Presbytery, the Presbytery of Regina would respectfully ask the Synodical Committee to connect it for the summer with Dongola field, and if this can be arranged, the Presbytery would re-arrange the remaining stations with Hillburn and Welwyn, thus saving the services of one missionary and doing the work with equal efficiency. (4) We recommend that Abernethy be separated from Fort Qu'Appelle field and joined with Kenlis and Rose Valley, so as to constitute one pastoral charge, to be put on the Augmentation list, also, that Indian Head, Sintaluta and Walkers form another pastoral charge, and that these changes take place on Oct. 1st, if there is no difficulty in the way. (5) Whereas all attempts to remove the Indians to the plain have been futile, the Presbytery of Regina recommend the Foreign Mission Committee to build churches on Piapot's and Muscowpetong's reserves in the valley near the encampments. Whereas there are many aged and infirm Indians near Round Lake Mission, that Mr. McKay's idea of building cottage hospitals for aged and infirm Indians be approved, and that the Foreign Mission Committee be asked to furnish him such aid as he may require for this purpose. (6) The Presbytery of Regina, at this its first meeting after its acceptance of the resignation of Rev. Mr. Rochester of the pastorate of Prince Albert, desires to place on record its sense of the important work done by him in that field and all the neighboring districts in the five years of his residence there. (7) That a Presbyterian library be started at a fee of \$2 per member, ship, and that the moderator, clerk, with Messrs. Thompson, Kemlo, McCleod and Reddon, be a committee to start library and obtain memberships. Deputations were appointed to visit Glen Adelaide, Whitewood, Broadview and Wolesey. Rev. D. M. Gordon was nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. The following were appointed commissioners: Messrs. Campbell, Carmichael, Bryden, Reddon and Thompson, ministers, and Messrs. A. Martin, R. Martin, R. Crawford, W. Motherwell and T. Fotheringham, elders. The reports of the standing committees were received and adopted. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held on Wednesday, the 8th July, at Qu'Appelle Station—J. W. MUIRHEAD, Clerk.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

This Presbytery met on March 17th in Hamilton. Mr. Shearer reported moderation in a call from St. Paul's church, Hamilton, to Rev. H. S. Beavis. The call was on motion of Mr. Shearer then set aside without hearing those appointed by the people to support it, on a vote of 13 to 12 on the ground that Mr. Beavis had already publicly declared his decision not to accept the call as it was only voted for by a majority of the meeting. From this action of Presbytery Dr. Laing had his dissent recorded. It was resolved to separate Delhi from Lynedoch and Silverhill; to apply to Synod to its transference to the Presbytery of Paris; and to apply for \$150 supplement for Lynedoch and Silverhill. Obituary notices of Dr. Reid, Dr. John Scott and Mr. John Porteous were reported and ordered to be engrossed in the record. It was reported by telegram that the call from Wentworth church was accepted by Mr. MacWilliams; and the induction was appointed for Thursday, April 16th, at 8 p.m. Mr. Young, to preside, Mr. Conning to preach, Dr. Fletcher to address the pastor, and Mr. Shearer the people. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed, viz., ministers,—in rotation, Dr. McIntyre, Dr. Abraham, S. N. Fisher, Dr. Fraser, F. Ballantyne, G. A. McLennan, W. Morin, P. M. McEachern; by ballot, Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Laing, Mr. Shearer. Elders—W. Parker, J. Charlton, G. Rutherford, R. McQueen, W. Wilson, A. I. MacKenzie, R. Laurie, C. Moses, G. Gibson, F. Reid, Dr. McDonald. Dr. Fraser having resigned his commission T. G. Thomson was elected in his place. Mr. Conning reported moderation in a call from Carlisle, hearty and unanimous to Rev. E. B. Chestnut. The call was sustained and accepted. Great satisfaction was expressed at this pleasing result and thanks were given to Mr. Conning for his wise and efficient conduct in this matter. The induction is to be at the White church, Carlisle, on the 31st inst.

at 2 p.m. Mr. Conning to preside Mr. N. C. McLennan to preach, Mr. Young to address the pastor and Dr. Abraham the people. A committee was appointed to visit Strabane to inquire into a misunderstanding in the congregation. The attempt to reunite Ancestor and Alberton having failed, Ancestor is to be supplied as a mission station. It was resolved to apply for the continuance of the grant to Locke street, Hamilton, at the rate of \$200. Dr. Fraser obtained leave of absence for six months. Mr. A. I. MacKenzie was appointed treasurer in place of Dr. McDonald, resigned. The report of the office of moderator being held by an elder was generally approved. Dr. Fletcher, McDonald and Laing were appointed to represent the Presbytery in this matter before Synod.—J. LAING, Clerk.

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