

Church News.

In Canada.

Presbytery of Orangeville.

THE Presbytery of Orangeville met at Orangeville July 11th. The Moderator's term of office having expired, the Rev. J. J. Elliott, B.A., was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. In his absence Mr. Ernes, the late Moderator, presided. Commissions were received on behalf of the following elders:—Messrs. J. Sinclair, Osprey; J. Nairn, South Luther; S. Hunter, Claude; and Wm. Rutledge, Charleston. The following are conveners of standing committees for the ensuing year: Home Missions—Dr. McRobbie, Shelburne; Foreign Missions—Rev. R. Fowlie, Erin; Augmentation—Rev. J. J. Elliott, B.A., Hillsburgh; Finance—Mr. A. Steele, M.A., Orangeville; Temperance—Rev. E. A. Harrison, Dundalk; Colleges—Rev. J. L. Campbell, B.A., Cheltenham; W. and O. Fund—Rev. L. C. Ernes, Ballinfad; A. and I. M. Fund—Rev. W. Farquharson, B.A., Claude; French Evangelization—Rev. J. R. Bell, Laurel; Sabbath Schools—Rev. A. Wilson, Caledon; Sabbath Observance—Rev. P. Fleming, Caledon East; State of Religion—Rev. W. Farquharson, B.A., Claude; Superintendence and examination of students—Rev. J. L. Campbell, B.A., Cheltenham; Systematic Benevolence and Statistics—Rev. J. Wells, M.A.; Flesherton. Mr. Orr was granted leave to moderate in a call at Camilla and Mono Centre. Mr. Hudson was appointed Moderator of the session of Maple Valley and Singhampton. Dr. McRobbie submitted the following minute in regard to Mr. Hossack's translation, which, on account of having been mislaid, was unwittingly detained. Moved by Dr. McRobbie, seconded by Rev. J. J. Elliott, that in view of Rev. D. C. Hossack, M.A., L.L.B., of St. Andrew's church, Orangeville, having accepted a call to Parkdale, Toronto, this Presbytery place on record its acknowledgment of his ability and intellectual attainments as a minister of the Gospel, and while regretting that he felt it to be his duty to leave our Presbytery, yet we must appreciate his willingness to obey the call of the Church to a larger and more extended field of usefulness which is ever furnished in our large centres of population. During his ministry of about four years he has shown himself a faithful pastor, a clear and forcible preacher, a kind and sympathetic friend, yet a fearless denouncer of prevailing evil. As a member of the Presbytery he was conscientious in his attendance upon Church courts and energetic in the discharge of all duties devolving upon him, and whilst we, as a Presbytery and individuals, are sorry to part with one so trustworthy, our best wishes will follow him and his to his new field of labour, hoping they may ever enjoy a large share of Heaven's choicest blessings. We desire also to express our sympathy with St. Andrew's congregation, Orangeville, in the loss of a pastor so much beloved, and hope they may soon have another under-shepherd placed over them, and that the Master's work may be carried on as efficiently in the future as in the past. The next regular meeting will be held at Orangeville Sept. 12th, at 10:30 a.m.—H. CROZIER, Clerk.

Presbytery of Bruce.

THE Presbytery met at Southampton, Rev. W. Mowat, who was appointed Moderator for the half year, presiding. The standing committees for the year were appointed, with the following conveners:—Home Missions, Mr. Tolmie; State of Religion, Dr. James; Sabbath Schools, Mr. Eckford; Temperance, Mr. Johnston; Statistics, Mr. Perrie; Superintendence of Students, Mr. McKenzie; Systematic Benevolence, Mr. Gourlay; Sabbath Observance, Mr. Fitzpatrick; Finance, Mr. McKenzie. On the recommendation of a committee appointed at last meeting it was resolved to hold a conference on Sabbath school and

general Christian work at Paisley on the 11th day of September next, at 1 and 7.30 p.m., and the following programme was adopted. 1. The obligation lying on parents to see to the spiritual education of their children, (a) in the family, (b) in the Sabbath school. 2. How best to utilize the Young Peoples' Societies so as to retain the young people in Church connection and encourage and direct them in Christian work. 3. The benefits to be derived from the study of the Shorter Catechism and how to stimulate an interest in this study. The clerk was instructed to notify Sabbath schools and request them to send delegates to the Conference. Leave was granted to the Moderators of the sessions of West Arran, Dumblane and North Bruce and St. Andrew's; urgent, to moderate in calls as soon as the congregations are ready. Dr. James and Mr. Craigie were appointed to address the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Chesley in September next. The commissioners to the last General Assembly reported their diligence in attendance at that meeting. The Presbytery will meet for business at Paisley, on Tuesday, September 12th, at 9 a.m. and for conference on Monday, the 11th, at 1 p.m.—JAS. GOURLAY, Clerk.

Presbytery of Regina.

THE Presbytery of Regina met at Qu'Appelle on Wednesday, July 12th. There were present a large number of ministers and several student missionaries labouring within the bounds. A docket of business was presented and adopted. Mr. Campbell reported that he had presided at an election of elders at Grenfell, and Mr. McKay reported the state of the work at Whitewood requesting that, as the missionary appointed to that field had arrived, he be relieved of the Moderatorship of the session. Mr. McKay was thanked for his care of Whitewood and his request granted. Certificate of Mr. Muirhead's ordination by Kingston Presbytery having been presented, his name was added to the roll. A letter from Dr. Jardine asking that his name be dropped from the roll was read, and the following resolution was passed thereon: "Whereas a letter has been received from the Rev. Robert Jardine, Sc. D., late minister of Prince Albert, stating that the Confession of Faith is not now a true expression of his religious convictions, and asking the Presbytery to remove his name from the roll as a minister of the Church, the Presbytery accedes to the request of Dr. Jardine and hereby removes his name from the roll as a minister of the Church, and declares him to be no longer a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." The clerk was instructed to give the usual notification to other Presbyteries of the action. Session records of Alameda, Oxbow, Wolsley and Qu'Appelle were examined and attested. Mr. Robson gave an interesting report of his attendance at the General Assembly. Mr. Matheson was elected Moderator for the ensuing year and the following standing committees were appointed: Foreign Missions—Messrs. McKay (Con.), Robson, Moore, Laird, McLeod, A. McDonald and Skene; Home Missions—Messrs. Carmichael (Con.), Matheson, Clay, Robson, Scott, Rochester, Rompas, Crawford and Motherwell; Sabbath Schools—Messrs. Welsh, (Con.), Muirhead, Bryden, McKechnie, Martin, Thompson, (R. K.), Donald (Moosomin); Sabbath Observance—Messrs. Rochester (Con.), Ferry, Campbell, Robertson, Tait, Crawford; Temperance—Messrs. Campbell (Con.), Robson, McMillan, Rochester, Welsh, Thompson (J. W.), Laird; Examination of Students—Messrs. McLeod (Con.), Welsh, Moore, Muirhead, Campbell, McKay, Muirhead; State of Religion—Messrs. Robson, (Con.), Carmichael, Matheson, McKechnie, Scott, Ferry, Anderson, Fotheringham (A.T.); Manitoba College—Messrs. Moore (Con.), Clay, Crawford, B.ale, Campbell (J. J.); Statistics and Finance—Messrs. Clay (Con.), McCaul, Bersea, Thompson; Systematic Benevolence—Messrs. Ferry (Con.), Welsh, Laird, Bryden, Mr. Beale, missionary in Japan under the A. B. C. F. M., being present, was extended the courtesy of the house, and at a later stage gave an address on the work in that

distant land. An application from Carleton for a loan of \$300 from the C. & M. Building Fund was recommended. The following arrangements were made for the induction of Mr. Rochester, v.z., that it take place at Prince Albert on Aug. 9th, Mr. Carmichael to preside and address the minister, Mr. Clay the people and Mr. Lewis to preach. It was also agreed that Mr. McKechnie be ordained at Carleton on the 25th inst., and that Mr. Carmichael preside and address the minister, Mr. Robson the people and Mr. Clay to preach. The following minute in reference to Mr. Douglas' resignation was ordered to be recorded: "The Presbytery, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Douglas, feels that it is losing one of its most valuable members. By his kindness and unvarying courtesy he has won the esteem and respect of all his brethren. His comprehensive knowledge of the great doctrines of grace and thorough sympathy with them, his power of expressing the most profound truth in language at once simple and attractive made him a preacher interesting and attractive to all classes, a workman who needs not to be ashamed. Under his pastorate Moosomin congregation became self-sustaining and was blessed each year by large additions to its membership. Our earnest prayer for him is that his health may soon be completely restored and that he may enjoy many years of happy and successful work in the cause which he loves so well and to which he has devoted himself." Arrangements were made for visiting by deputation the following mission fields:—Janslowne, Green Valley, Colleston and Estevan, and for the dispersing of ordinances in all the fields within the bounds. In the matter of arrears claimed by Mr. Nicholl, late missionary at Broadview, it appeared from the books and vouchers of the congregation that \$35 was still due, which amount the congregation was instructed to pay. A conference on Helps and Hindrances in Christian Work, was held and after a cordial vote of thanks to the people of Qu'Appelle the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Broadview on the second Wednesday of September at 3 o'clock p.m.—W. L. CLAY, Clerk.

Presbytery of Maitland.

THIS Presbytery met in Knox church, Kincardine, July 25th, at 5 p.m. Rev. A. Sutherland, Moderator, *pro tem*. The Rev. Dr. MacDonald, of Seaforth, and Rev. J. Stewart, were invited to sit as corresponding members. Mr. Kenneth McLennan, B.A., B.D., delivered his trials for ordination. A Hebrew critical exercise, Exodus xii. 3-14, an expository discourse, Matthew v. 1-12; and a popular sermon on Exodus xxxiii. 14. Mr. MacLennan was examined in Biblical Hebrew, Theology and Church History. The ordination trials were sustained as very satisfactory, and the Presbytery adjourned to proceed with the ordination services at 7:30 p.m. The Presbytery met at 7:30, Rev. A. Sutherland, Moderator *pro tem*. There was a large congregation present and after devotional exercises the Rev. A. Sutherland preached a very suitable and earnest sermon on Mark xvi. 15. He dwelt on the commission given by Christ to preach the Gospel as authoritative and universal, on the nature and excellence of the work, on the effects which the preaching of the Gospel produces, the trials to be encountered, and the encouragements to constancy and steadfastness in the work, the abiding presence of our Lord, His promises of protection and sustaining grace. Sermon being ended, the Moderator asked the Rev. Dr. MacDonald of Seaforth, who was present representing the Foreign Mission committee to state the principal steps which led to the calling of Mr. K. McLennan. The Doctor stated in substance that the great matter with the committee was that the person be called of God. They inquire as to the suitability of the persons whom they call, as to their knowledge, motives, disposition, ability in acquiring language and as to whether they possess a good healthy constitution and they felt satisfied that they found a suitable person in Rev. K. McLennan. The questions to be put to Missionaries at ordination were then put to Rev. K. McLennan to which satisfactory answers were given. The Moderator then