

entertainment, he or she was presented with a box of bonbons. Throughout it was a most delightful evening, and all present expressed their sincere pleasure at the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison in giving them an opportunity to spend so pleasant an evening.

The induction of Rev. A. P. Logan to the Presbyterian church at Bedford, Sackville and Waverley, was held Monday, Nov. 29th, at Bedford. There was a large congregation present and Rev. A. V. Moreash, preached an appropriate sermon on "Jesus Only" and Rev. T. Stewart, Moderator of Presbytery, inducted Mr. Logan into his new charge. Afterwards he was addressed by Rev. Dr. Black. Rev. T. Fowler laid before the people their duties to their new pastor. At the close of the services an interesting social was held, when refreshments were distributed.

LONDON PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met in Knox Church, St. Thomas, pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, Nov. 9th, 1897, at 11 a. m., and was duly constituted. Rev. J. G. Stuart, Moderator and Mr. G. Sutherland, Clerk.

After reading the minutes of the September meeting and the special meeting of Oct. 22nd, the docket was read, and the order of business arranged. Mr. Drummond reported on behalf of the Committee on the printing of the Presbytery's minutes in pamphlet form—that the same may be done at the rate of 50 cents per page—amounting to about \$35 per annum. The Committee recommend, that the minutes be printed from the beginning of 1898. The report was received, and the recommendation adopted. Mr. Drummond and the clerk were appointed to issue the matter. The following minute was given in by Mr. W. J. Clark in connection with Mr. Talling's removal from the Presbytery. "On the occasion of the resignation of the pastorate of St. James Church, London: by the Rev. M. P. Talling, B. A., and his consequent removal from the bonds of the Presbytery of London. This Presbytery desires to place on its records, a statement of hearty appreciation of Mr. Talling's services during the past seven years as pastor of St. James Congregation, and member of this Court. He has been faithful and diligent in the discharge of duty devolving upon him in his own congregation; regular in his attendance at Church Courts—ready and willing, always to undertake and faithfully carry out any work laid upon him in the interest of the Church. He has so conducted himself, as to deserve and gain the esteem and affection of his brethren—and they devoutly pray, that wherever his lot may be cast the blessing of the Lord may rest upon him—and that in the future—as in the past, he may continue to be largely used for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and the edification of His people." The minute was received and adopted. The Committee on the "Constitution of Young People's Societies," presented their report as follows: When the Young People of a congregation desire to organize a Young People's Society, they shall signify their desire to the Session, and on obtaining its consent, the pastor shall arrange for a meeting with the view of organizing.

The constitution as agreed on by the Presbytery is as follows: 1. The name of the Society shall be The Y. P. Society of the congregation. 2. The object of the society shall be (a.) the diffusing of information concerning the Mission Work of the Church, and specially that done in our own country. (b.) The cultivating of a devotional spirit among the members and discussion of missionary topics. (c.) The collection of missionary funds.

3. Members.—The Society shall be composed of those young people, being members or adherents of the congregation, who enroll as members.

4. Officers.—The officers shall be as follows: Hon. President, the pastor; President, two Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, together with conveners of committees that may be appointed.

5. The duties of President, Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary shall be such as devolve upon persons filling similar offices. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to

conduct the correspondence with the Presbyterial Society, etc.

The regular meeting of the Society shall be held. A special meeting may be called, at any time by the President, or at the request of three members. The report, as thus agreed on, was adopted. The Moderator, as convener of the Committee, on the situation and condition of St. James' Congregation reported progress—the Committee was continued. The Committee on augmentation reported, that the Assembly Committee have agreed to grant the amounts asked for this year—the report was received and adopted. The Committee appointed to allocate to the various congregations, the amounts required of each for the various Schemes, reported their diligence in doing so—the report was received and adopted. The Moderator of Presbytery, Messrs. J. Currie, J. W. Clark, Towers and Mr. George Elder were appointed a Committee to present some scheme, wnet contributions to the Schemes of the Church, at next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery ratified the appointment by the *pro re nata* meeting of Presbytery for the ordination and induction of Mr. Gilmore, at Pottersburg, on the 11th inst. at 7 p. m.

The Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Glenora on Monday, January 10th, 1898, at 7:30 p. m. for conference, and on Tuesday, January 11th, at 9 a. m. for business—and closed with the benediction.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

GUELPH PRESBYTERY.

The meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 16th inst., in Chalmers Church, Guelph. Mr. P. J. McLaren, B. A., of Belwood, presided as moderator.

Dr. Dickson reported that he had moderated in a call at Hespeler, which had come out in favor of Mr. James S. Scott, a licentiate of the church, with a guarantee of stipend of \$900 a year, with free use of manse. Commissioners from the session and congregation were heard in support of the call. The call was sustained. The clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Scott of the fact, and arrangements were made for his ordination and induction, in the event of his accepting.

A motion by Mr. Atkins to overture the General Assembly to appoint a Board of Theological Examiners. A committee was appointed to prepare an overture to the Assembly on the subject, and report at next meeting.

The clerk reported that the General Assembly's Committee on Augmentation had agreed to the application for a grant of \$150 to Hawkesville and Lanwood, on condition of their coming up to the \$450 required from congregations asking such aid. The matter was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Augmentation.

A committee was appointed to report on the business emerging from the proceedings of the last General Assembly, requiring the attention of Presbyteries.

A report from the Committee on a communication from the Prisoners' Aid Association was presented, consideration was delayed till the next meeting.

The report of the Committee on the mode of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly was referred back for amendment.

The motion, of which Dr. Middlemiss had given notice, to overture the General Assembly to enact an ordinance in terms of the Barrier Act for a larger representation of the Ruling Eldership in Presbyteries and Synods, was delayed, to be brought up at the usual annual Presbyterial conference in March.

A motion, of which Mr. Martin had given notice, that it be a standing rule of Presbytery that the Sessions of vacant congregations report at each meeting the supply they have had in their pulpits, was adopted, without discussion.

Mr. Atkinson gave notice that he would move at next meeting that application be made to the General Assembly to disjoin this Presbytery from the Synod of Toronto and Kingston and join it to the Synod of Hamilton and London, and Mr. Horne that he would move the appointment of a standing committee on Systematic Beneficence.

In the evening the Presbytery met at 8 o'clock in the body of the church, the pub-

lic having been invited to be present, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Westminster Assembly of Divines. According to previous arrangements, addresses were given, the first by Dr. Dickson, of Galt, on the events, civil and ecclesiastical, leading up to the calling and meeting of the Westminster Assembly; the second by Dr. Torrance, sketching some of the leading members of the Assembly; the third by Dr. Middlemiss, of Elora, on the work of the Assembly and the doctrinal history of the Church. All the addresses showed extensive research on the part of the speakers, and were listened to with interest by those present.

Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of January, 1898, at 10.30 a. m.

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery held its half-yearly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, on September 22nd and 23rd. There were present eight ministers and five elders. The moderator's term of office having expired, Mr. Pelletier was chosen moderator for the next year.

The Supt. of Missions was invited to sit with the Presbytery as a corresponding member.

In Conference, "The Responsibility of Parents in regard to the Spiritual training of their children," "The importance of teaching our children and young people the Shorter Catechism," and "Church Life and Work" were introduced and discussed by Messrs. Robertson, Rennie, Armstrong, Duocan, Pelletier, and the Supt. of Missions.

Messrs. Garrioch, MacLennan and Young, were appointed a committee to nominate standing committees.

Messrs. Rennie, Findlay and Garrioch, were appointed a committee to consider the Requirements of the Church for '97-8, and prepare estimates for the guidance of our missionaries and people.

Messrs. MacGillivray and Beshgetoor were invited to sit with the Presbytery as corresponding members.

Having been conducted through the Canadian Pulp Mill, by the kindness of Mr. Laog, through the generous permission given by F. H. Clergue, Esq., manager, the Presbytery acknowledges the courtesy shown them, and express their delight in seeing such a vast and important enterprise established at Sault Ste. Marie, and thank the manager for the privilege and courtesy extended to them.

The Moderator was instructed to forward a copy of his interesting report on French Evangelization to Mr. Taylor. The recommendations in Mr. Findlay's report; and, those also by Mr. Rennie in the Home Mission Committee's Report were considered seriatim and adopted, one of which was that our missionaries be requested to preach missionary sermons before taking up collections for the Schemes of the Church.

The Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees having reported, the Presbytery agreed to the following:—

Home Missions:—Messrs. Rennie, Pelletier, Armstrong, MacLennan, Robertson, and Paul.

French Evangelization:—Messrs. Lougheed, Rennie, Pelletier, and Paul.

Church Life and Work:—Messrs. Robertson, Armstrong, and Young.

Statistics:—The Clerk and Mr. Armstrong.

Students and Catechists:—Messrs. Robertson, Rennie, and Bickell.

Augmentation:—Messrs. Findlay and Hartley.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Messrs. Lougheed, Garrioch and Nixon.

The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the pastor, managers, and good people of St. Andrew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, for the great kindness, and generous hospitality shown to the Presbytery, during our stay among them. To the young people for the excellent entertainment provided at our opening Session, and, to the Session, for having so generously provided the drive to the Dominion Canal, and the Pulp Mill which proved such a satisfactory and memorable visit. D. H. MacLennan, Clerk.