

Presbytery of Wallace.

This Presbytery held its February meeting at Amherst, N. B. Dr. Sedgewick presented the report on the remit, *in re* proposed new book of praise. The report gave evidence of much thought and care. The following is the mind of Presbytery in the matter.—1. That first recommendation be adopted, *viz.*, that action in the matter of revising and enlarging be meanwhile delayed,—for the four reasons given in the report. 2. That the entire Psalter be included in any book of praise that may be sanctioned by the Church. 3. That the Psalter be with new versions. 4. That selections from the Paraphrases be inserted. 5. That the Children's Hymnal be in a separate form. 6. That while the Presbytery do not adopt the recommendations submitted with regard to the Hymns to be added or omitted as in the draft book, resolved to transmit the report as a whole to the Hymnal Committee for consideration. The remit *in re* appointment of professors in our colleges was disposed of as follows: "That in view of all the circumstances of the case, the Presbytery do not consider it necessary that absolute uniformity should prevail in the matter of appointments to theological chair provided that the control of the Church over such appointments is sufficiently secured, and believing that such control is sufficiently provided for in the mode of appointment to theological chairs in Queen's College, proposed by the trustees of that institution, they recommend that their proposal be adopted. In regard to the mode of appointment to chairs in the other theological colleges, the Presbytery would recommend that such appointments be made by the General Assembly after nominations by the governing bodies of said colleges. The Presbytery would at the same time recommend that the General Assembly should declare in substance as follows.—That when such an appointment fails to be made, intimation of the same should be given without delay to the Presbyteries of the Church, that Presbyteries shall have the right—should they think fit to exercise it, of suggesting names to the governing body of the college in question, that it shall be the duty of such governing body to give due consideration, to the names transmitted by Presbyteries before submitting its own nomination to the General Assembly." With regard to remit *in re* enlarged Synodical powers the Presbytery meanwhile delays the consideration of the overture in question, and expresses the opinion that the overture of the Assembly of 1892 in regard to the enlargement of Synodical powers should be revived and again transmitted to Presbyteries which two overtures should be considered together.—J. A. MCKENZIE, Clerk.

Presbytery of St. John, N.B.

REV. WILLARD McDONALD acted as Moderator at the last meeting of St. John Presbytery, and there were present the following members: Rev. Messrs. Macneill, Bruce and Macrae, and Mr. J. G. Forbes, of St. John; Rev. Mr. Barker, of Richmond Corner; Rev. Mr. Mullin, of Stanley; Rev. Mr. Ross, of Prince William; Rev. Mr. Fiske, of Florenceville, and Mr. A. W. Coburn, of Harvey. The special business was the consideration of the appointment of Rev. James Ross, of Woodstock, to be travelling missionary. The congregation of Woodstock had been summoned to appear to give reasons why the appointment should not be made, and sent as representatives Messrs. McLean, Henderson and McLaughlin. Rev. Mr. Macneill, commissioner of the Home Mission Board, presented the claims of the Board and the Presbytery, which he said were unanimous in their opinion as to the urgent necessity for a travelling missionary, and were unanimous also in the opinion that Rev. Mr. Ross was eminently fitted for the position, and, in fact, the only man within the bounds of the Presbytery or the Maritime Synod who combined all the qualities essential to "the man for the place." Rev. Mr. Bruce spoke in the same vein. The Woodstock delegates pleaded earnestly and eloquently for the re-

tention of Mr. Ross at Woodstock, contending that if he were taken from them the church would receive a blow from which it would be difficult to recover. The delegates spoke in tears of the affection and warm regard of the entire people for Mr. Ross, and their plea for his continuance amongst them was affecting in the extreme. Mr. Ross himself, as he sat throughout the discussion, manifested the deepest feeling, and when called upon after both sides had been heard to announce his determination, he could hardly speak for emotion. In well-chosen words he spoke of his being undeserving of the praise which had been given him, and in tremulous words intimated that if he consulted his own feelings and his own comfort he would remain at Woodstock, but it was a question of duty and he would bow to the decision of the Presbytery. The Presbytery then voted to confirm the appointment. Action as to the time when Rev. Mr. Ross will enter on his new duties was deferred until the meeting in March.—CON.

Presbytery of Sydney.

THE Presbytery of Sydney met in St. Andrew's church, Sydney, when a large amount of business was transacted. The following resolution was passed: "Presbytery regrets exceeding that owing to circumstances over which they had no control the induction of Rev. M. McLeod did not take place at either of the times appointed. And further, the Presbytery desires Mr. McLeod to regard himself as the minister of Cape North congregation, his formal induction to take place there at as early a date as possible." It was agreed to request the augmentation Committee to continue its grant to St. Peter's, also \$200 for Gabarus and \$270 for South Gut and Englishtown, in the event of settlement. The Home Mission Committee are expected to continue to Cape North its former allowance. Mr. Drummond and Mr. McMillan will draw up a suitable minute of Presbytery for the late Dr. McLeod. It was agreed to hold a public meeting by the Presbytery at its next meeting, in the interest of the state of religion within its bounds. Presbytery took strong grounds against any change in the present relation and powers of our Church courts. They were also unanimously of opinion that "Theological professors should be appointed by the General Assembly through the Presbyteries." Rev. J. F. Forbes was inducted into the pastoral care of St. Andrew's congregation. Mr. Forbes received the usual welcome from the congregation; and was by the retiring moderator introduced to his session. The managers of the congregation were not neglectful of their duty, promptly placing in the hands of their new pastor a quarter's salary (\$250) in advance. Mr. Forbes is the third pastor in succession of St. Andrew's. Dr. McLeod, so favourably known throughout the church, and lately gone to his rest, being the first, and Mr. Farquharson, for sixteen months deceased, the second. It is an important charge and calls for much labour.

Presbytery of Barrie.

HELD an adjourned meeting at Orillia, on Tuesday, 27th February, at 2 p.m. Dr. Gray, in the absence of the Moderator, was called to the chair, and constituted the meeting. Six ministers and two elders, members of the court, were present. The Rev. Messrs. D. Kelso, of the London Presbytery, A. Stevenson, late of Molesworth, and G. Grant, M.A., Orillia, being present, were invited to sit with the Presbytery. A call from Guthrie church, Mitchell Square, Central church, Oro, and Oro Station to Mr. N. Campbell, of Elmsley, was tabled by Mr. McLeod, who reported that he moderated in the call on the 12th February. The stipend of \$800 with use of manse and glebe or rented house is promised. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, is asked to support it before that court. The call from the congregations of Elmvale and Knox church, Flos, to Mr. J. McNeil, of Uptergrove and Longford, left over from last meeting was taken up. A com-

puting call from Chalmers' and Duffy churches, Dunwich, to Mr. McNeil, was presented, and prosecuted by Mr. D. Kelso, of the London Presbytery. After all parties were heard, Mr. McNeil was asked if he was prepared to decide on the calls. He intimated his decision to accept that from Dunwich. It was agreed to grant his translation to the London Presbytery, and to declare the vacancy of Uptergrove and Longford on the 11th of March. Dr. Gray was appointed moderator of session during the vacancy. The call from Gravenhurst to Mr. L. Perrin was set aside as intimation of his intention to decline it was received. Dr. Gray, as moderator of session, was authorized to moderate in another call when desired by the Gravenhurst session, and Mr. W. R. McIntosh received like authority as moderator of the session of Elmvale and Knox church. Some minor business was attended to and the Presbytery's session of two hours was brought to a close.—ROBT. MOODIE, Clerk.

Higher Religious Instruction.

I have much pleasure in sending you some further results of the late examinations.

INTERMEDIATE DOCTRINAL.

Louis Sharpe, Chalmers' ch., Uxbridge, Ont.....	128 (Dip.)
Jessie Winfield Watt, Chalmers' ch., Uxbridge, Ont.....	160 (Prize.)
Louise McCullough, St. John's ch., Halifax, N. S.....	150 "
Mabel Grant, do. do.....	100 (Dip.)
Jessie MacKandy, do. do.....	138 (Dip.)
Bertha Rockwell, do. do.....	155 (Prize.)
Lena B. Hamilton, do. do.....	88 (Cert.)
Frederick W. Gordon, St. Paul's ch., Madoc, Ont.....	166 (Prize.)
May Brownson, do. do.....	163 "
Bertha Loucks, Russell, Ont.....	115 (Dip.)
Mina Turnbull, do.....	157 (Prize.)
Jennie M. Kennedy, Knox ch., Scarborough, Ont.....	152 "
Sarah L. Paterson, do. do.....	126 (Dip.)
Agnes McCall, do. do.....	159 (Prize.)
Elizabeth Ellen Little, do. do.....	162 "
Emily A. Ley, do. do.....	100 (Dip.)
Nellie Bastedo, Bloor St. ch., Toronto, Ont.....	165 (Prize.)
Birdie Wilson, do. do.....	105 (Dip.)
Edith McGill, do. do.....	130 "
Edgar Fenton, do. do.....	153 (Prize.)
Agnes Richardson, Brussels, Ont.....	134 (Dip.)
Carrie McConnell, Craigvale, Ont.....	174 (Prize.)
Robert Ernest Diehl, College St. ch., Toronto, Ont.....	129 (Dip.)
James A. Adamson, do. do.....	131 "
Jennie Hamner, do. do.....	150 (Prize.)
Florence Garvin, Knox ch., Toronto, Ont.....	192 (Medal)
Lizzie Clark, College St. ch., Toronto, Ont.....	165 (Prize.)
Laura Campbell, St. Mark's ch., Toronto, Ont.....	170 "
Flossie McKell, do. do.....	174 "
Barbara Q. Eason, do. do.....	180 (Medal)
Jennie Johnston, do. do.....	183 "
Alice L. Cook, do. do.....	186 "
Katie Proctor, St. Andrew's ch., Sarais, Ont.....	157 (Prize.)
D. Archie Brobner, do. do.....	104 (Dip.)
George B. Henderson, do. do.....	127 "
Jas. B. Henderson, do. do.....	137 "
Bells Hall, First ch., Chatham, Ont.....	124 "
Georgina Fish, Chalmers' ch., Montreal, Que.....	150 (Prize.)
Maggie Bell, Carmel ch., Hensall, Ont.....	168 "
Ellen Shirray, do. do.....	162 "
Minnie Marston, St. John's ch., St. John, N.B.....	136 (Dip.)
Amanda Marston, do. do.....	100 "
Alice B. Henderson, do. do.....	163 (Prize.)
Laura M. Howe, do. do.....	155 "

I should be much obliged if the examiners whose delay is holding back the rest would report as soon as possible. Yours sincerely,
T. F. FORTBINGHAM.

REV. JOHN McNEIL, of Uptergrove, has declined the call to Elmvale and accepted the call to Dunwich, Presbytery of London. Stipend, \$850 and a free manse.