

Church News.

The Church in Canada.

REV. W. G. WALLACK, of Moor Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, solicited at the anniversary services of his old congregation at Georgetown, on Sunday, 15th inst.

REV. JAS. A. BEATT, of Cumberland, gave a most interesting account to his congregation, lately, of the Sabbath school convention held in St. Louis. Greater interest in Sabbath school work will be the result of Mr. Beattie's lectures on the subject.

THE induction of the Rev. John S. Lochhead, M.A., to the pastoral charge of North Gower and Wellington, took place at Wellington on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m. Rev. D. Findlay, B.A., of Manitowick, presided and inducted; Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, B.A., of New Edinburgh, preached; Rev. J. M. Goodwillie, M.A., of Osgoode, addressed the newly inducted pastor, and the Rev. J. McLaren, of Carp, addressed the people. Mr. Lochhead's father was pastor at North Gower for many years.

REV. JAS. H. BEATT, of Cumberland, lectured at Novar on Tuesday, 17th inst., and at Bearbrook on Wednesday the 18th inst., on the Sabbath School convention held at St. Louis, Mo., in September last. He gave an interesting account of the meeting, with summaries of or extracts from the addresses, and sang many of the beautiful hymns. He is doing this to arouse interest and enthusiasm in Sabbath School work in the district and wherever he may be asked to go.

MANY friends of the Rev. J. R. Sinclair, M.A., will be sorry to know that his health has forced him to leave for Los Angeles, S. California. He broke down at the close of last season at Knox College, and has had hemorrhage of the lungs on several occasions. Good hopes, however, are entertained for him if he lives an outdoor life, and this he started in pursuit of on the 19th inst. It is hoped the most sanguine hopes will be realized, and that he may be spared for a long life of usefulness in a congenial climate.

THE managers and members of the Leslieville Presbyterian church, Toronto entertained their pastor, Rev. W. Frizzell, at a supper and social reunion last week, it being the eleventh anniversary of his induction as pastor. Congratulatory addresses were made by representatives of the different boards and societies in connection with the church in regard to the rapid growth of the congregation, which at the time of Mr. Frizzell's acceptance of the pastorate, numbered only twenty-five, while during the past eleven years the membership has gradually advanced to the number of 260. Many pleasant reminiscences of past happy days were recalled during the evening, and everyone present spent a most enjoyable time.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

THE Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Knox Church on October 17th. Mr. Somerville reported that the grants for Home Mission and Augmentation had been received, and that Messrs. Maxwell and Little had been appointed missionaries to the Peninsula. Mr. Rodgers was asked to visit Berkeley and Williamsford to ascertain the mind of the people as to future supply and report to the Home Mission Committee. Congregations were instructed to pay assessment to Presbytery fund before June 30th in each year. This is Standing Rule No. 9 in future. Mr. McLean was appointed to supply Lake Charles for a year, and Presbytery agreed to ask Home Mission grant of \$50 in aid. Mr. Hamilton accepted the call from Keady, etc., and the induction was appointed for October 31st, at 2 p.m., in Keady church. Mr. McAlpine to preside, Mr. Smith to preach, Dr. Fraser to address the minister, and Mr. Forrest the people. Dr. Fraser submitted the report of the Committee on Uniform Order of Sabbath Service, which was adopted and recommended to sessions as the order of service to be observed in the Presbytery. Clerk was in-

structed to have it printed and copies sent to all sessions. It was agreed to consider the subject of Systematic Benevolence at the December meeting. Mr. McLean was granted leave to moderate in a call to Warton. The following resolution regarding Prohibition was moved by Dr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Rodgers, and carried unanimously: Whereas the General Assembly of this year reaffirms its unqualified condemnation of the saloon or bar room as a centre of most degrading influences and a source of great danger to the Church and country, and its conviction that nothing short of Prohibition rigidly enforced will remove the frightful evils of the drink traffic; assured its hearty support to the legislators of the land in securing the enactment and enforcement of a prohibitory law at the earliest possible date, and urges all members and adherents of the Church who are qualified to vote, to cast their vote for, and use all proper means to secure the largest possible majority in favor of Prohibition in the approaching Provincial plebiscite on that question. The Presbytery therefore earnestly recommends all ministers and elders within its bounds to press this important matter upon the attention of members and adherents of the congregations.—J. SOMERVILLE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Victoria.

(Official report, by request.)

II.

The following deliverance in reference to the death of the Rev. R. Jamieson, of New Westminster, of which the Presbytery was informed by telegram, was adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to the family, viz: "The Presbytery having heard with deep regret of the sudden death of the Rev. Robert Jamieson, the pioneer minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in this Province, desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss the Church has thereby sustained, and to express to his bereaved family their sympathy with them in their sorrow. Mr. Jamieson was a man of great intellectual vigor, an able preacher of the Gospel and a faithful and devoted pastor. He took a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Church, and even after retiring from the active duties of the ministry, he continued to attend the meetings of the Presbytery and to give all the help his impaired health would allow in the work of the Church. The Presbytery note with interest that the sad news of Mr. Jamieson's death has reached them while in session in the church at Nanaimo, which he was instrumental in organizing and of which he was the first pastor. Through his efforts the first Presbyterian church was erected, and under his ministry the good was begun of which we see the good results to-day, in the large and flourishing congregation now under the pastoral care of the Rev. D. A. MacRae." Mr. McLeod presented the Home Mission report for the past six months. Mr. Alexander Young tendered the resignation of his charge of Wellington, on the grounds of impaired health, which was accepted, his name being retained on the Roll as a minister retiring from the active duties of the ministry by leave of the General Assembly. It was also agreed on the application of the congregation to place Wellington on the list of augmented charges and to ask for a grant of \$200 for one year. The Rev. Dr. Robertson was appointed to visit St. Paul's, Spring Ridge and East Fernwood, Victoria and Cedar Hill, and report a plan of rearrangement to the adjourned meeting of the Presbytery. Mr. Alexander Tait, of Langley, was appointed to take the place of Mr. Alexander Fraser at Comox, with the understanding that the congregation have a right to go on the augmented list and call a minister during the year if they so desire, the latter being obliged to withdraw from the Presbytery for a time at least owing to the state of Mrs. Fraser's health. Messrs. Adamson, Alberni, McPherson, Northfield, and Campbell, Sooke, intimating their withdrawal from these fields at the end of the current six months, their supply was left in the hands of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, and the Superintendent of

Missions. Mr. J. H. Higgins was continued in charge of Huron Mines for the next six months. Dr. Campbell was asked to visit Sooke and Metchoan and dispense ordinances. Mr. D. A. MacRae presented a full and interesting report of a visit to Alberni, Engleat, Man a liver, etc. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. McLeod, the retiring Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. The following standing committees were appointed, viz: Home Missions—Mr. D. A. MacRae, convener, Mr. D. MacRae and Alex. Young, ministers, and Messrs. Alex. Shaw and Alex. Sharp, elders. Sabbath Schools—Dr. Campbell, convener, and Mr. D. MacRae, ministers, and Mr. Thornton Fell, elder. Sabbath Observance—Mr. A. B. Winchester, convener, and Dr. Campbell, ministers, and Mr. J. T. Bethune, elder. State of Religion—Messrs. Alex. Tait, convener, and A. B. Winchester, ministers, and Mr. John Munnell, elder. Church Property—Mr. Alex. Young, convener, and Mr. Thornton Fell, elder. Foreign Mission—Dr. G. L. Milne, Dr. Campbell, D. MacRae and A. B. Winchester. A letter was read from Mr. J. A. McDonald, for some time missionary to the Indians at Alberni, intimating that he had resigned his appointment to the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, and asking for the usual certificate of ministerial standing. It was on motion of Dr. Campbell agreed that the clerk be authorized to issue the certificate asked for, and that the Presbytery has learned with regret that Mr. McDonald has felt it necessary, owing to ill health, to resign his position at Alberni, but rejoices that his health is improving and hope that soon he may be entirely convalescent. The Presbytery extends its sympathy to Mr. McDonald, who has suffered great affliction in the death of his sister, who was a faithful worker with him for a time in his field of labour. Mr. Winchester gave an interesting statement regarding his Chinese Mission work. The Presbytery also held a *pro re nata* meeting in the First Church, Victoria, on the 21st Sept. for the purpose of considering the action of Mr. P. McF. McLeod in conducting public religious services in the old Methodist church, pending the usual steps being taken by the Presbytery in determining whether to grant or refuse the prayer of the petition for the organization of a new congregation in Victoria, together with his action in issuing certificates to members of St. Andrew's church after he had ceased to conduct the public services of the congregation without consulting with, or securing the approval of the session and two other matters of minor importance. The following findings were, on motion of Mr. D. A. MacRae, seconded by Mr. Alex. Shaw, adopted, viz: Whereas a petition was presented to the Presbytery of Victoria at its meeting at Nanaimo on the 6th inst. signed by Mr. W. G. Lorimer and others, asking for the organization of a new congregation in Victoria. Whereas the Presbytery, after receiving the petition appointed a committee to meet with the petitioners on the 20th day of September, current, and obtain all necessary information, and also agreed to cite and did cite the congregation of St. Andrew's, First church and St. Paul's church, Victoria, to appear for their interests at such meeting, as the law of the church provides. Whereas the Presbytery, in order that the case might be issued as speedily as possible, agreed to hold an adjourned meeting in Victoria on the first Wednesday of October, to receive the report of the committee and dispose of the petition. Whereas it is evidently contrary to the law of the Church, as laid down in section 6, page 10 of the Rules and Forms of Procedure, adopted by the General Assembly of 1889, to conduct any regular religious services in such cases, until the Presbytery has decided to grant organization and has provided for such services. Whereas Mr. P. McF. McLeod did hold services on the 10th and 17th September, forenoon and evening, in the old Methodist church, corner of Broad street and Pandora Avenue, before the committee appointed had reported, before the parties had been afforded an opportunity of being heard, and before the Presbytery had determined whether to grant or refuse the organi-