

The Burnbrae Presbyterian church in Seymour Township, about six miles east of Campbellford, Ont., was struck by lightning, set on fire, and the building totally destroyed. Most of the contents were saved. Loss estimated at \$6,500; insured in the Perth Mutual for \$3,000. The loss to the congregation is unfortunate, as they spent nearly \$2,400 in remodelling and enlarging the church last summer.

The induction of Rev. Andrew McWilliams, formerly of Peterboro', as pastor of Wentworth Presbyterian church, took place April 15th, before a large congregation. Prior to the induction Rev. J. Conning of Caledonia conducted devotional exercises. Rev. John Young, city, inducted Rev. Mr. McWilliams. Rev. Dr. Fletcher addressed the new pastor, and Rev. J. G. Shearer addressed the people. A musical programme followed.

There was a large gathering at the manse, Uptergrove, on Friday night, April 14th, in aid of the Foreign Mission Scheme and the sum of \$19 was realized. This sum is an "Extra" Contribution in response to the Committee's recent appeal to make up the deficiency for the year. Advantage was also taken of the occasion to present Rev. Mr. Buchanan, the pastor, with an excellent costly and handsome fur coat, and pair of gauntlets; a nicely worded address was read. Mr. Buchanan made a feeling reply. Other Presbyterians who are in the habit of visiting this place, during the summer holidays, presented Mr. Buchanan at the New Year with an unique china tea set. Evidently the Rev. Gentleman is warmly enshrined in the hearts of his good parishioners.

#### Presbytery of Glengarry.

The Presbytery of Glengarry met by adjournment at Maxville, on Friday the 27th inst. The Rev. M. MacLennan reported having moderated in a call at Kenyon, on the 23rd inst., the call being in favor of Rev. J. Campbell, lately from Scotland. The call being for certain reasons incomplete, it was decided to leave it still in the hands of the elders for completion, with instructions to report at an early date. The congregation of Vankleek Hill obtained leave to build a small mission church edifice on the 5th concession of Caledonia. After some general conversation regarding a church edifice being built at Greenfield, it was resolved inasmuch as the consent of Presbytery had neither been asked nor obtained, that a committee consisting of Rev. D. MacLaren, J. Cormack, A. Givan and Messrs. D. B. MacMillan, John MacEwan, and Jas. R. MacKenzie be appointed to make thorough investigation and report to Presbytery. — M. MacLENNAN, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Barrie.

This Presbytery met at Allandale, on the 15th March, and was largely attended by the members. Mr. Burnett, moderator, occupied the chair. A call from Parry Sound to Mr. S. Childersee of the Kingston Presbytery, was sustained and arrangements were made for his induction conditional on his translation being granted by his Presbytery. This congregation, which until recently was aided by the Augmentation fund is now able to offer \$800 stipend with use of a manse. The resignation of the charge of First West Gwillimbury and Monkman's, tendered by Mr. Carswell at a former meeting was accepted. It was appointed that the pulpit be declared vacant on the first Sabbath of April, and that Mr. F. Smith, of Bradford, be moderator of session during the vacancy. An interesting report on Church Life and Work was presented by Dr. Grant, and offered occasion for a profitable discussion. The recommendations of the report were adopted: viz. 1. That sessions keep in touch with the Christian Endeavor and other Young People's Societies approved by them, and do all in their power to introduce more of the teaching element into the exercises of these organizations. 2. That a look-out be kept for the Sabbath excursion steamer on the lakes within our bounds. 3. That a Presbyterial conference be held once a year at which the reports on statistics and on Church Life and Work shall be considered. Leave was granted to Mr. Macadam to arrange for moderation in a call to North Bay. The application of Rev. John James, D.D.,

to be placed on the list of annuitants of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was received, and transmitted to the Assembly's committee on that scheme. Dr. Gordon, of Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The following were elected commissioners to the Assembly, viz., ministers — Messrs. Burnett, James, Grant, D.D., McCrae, Ph.D., Wyllie, Ross, Moodie, Campbell, Leishman and Carswell; elders — Messrs. Colin Robertson, W. F. Fraser, Donald McQueen, T. Bell, John Galbraith, A. P. Cockburn, W. McLarty, jr., G. Duff, T. McKee and I. G. Hood. Mr. Findlay presented an interesting report of his supervision of the mission stations and received a cordial vote of thanks for the fullness of information given. It was agreed that in order to the more satisfactory supply of summer resorts the Presbytery shall make exchanges with students during the holiday season. Mr. Carswell was nominated for appointment by the Home Mission Committee as ordained missionary to Burk's Falls and Katrine. Arrangements were made for his induction on the second Thursday in April. A report of committee on rules for Young People's Societies was presented by J. A. Ross. The committee was continued with the addition of Dr. Grant and Mr. McLeod to their number, with instructions to print and circulate their report so that it may be considered at next meeting. Mr. Ross was granted three months leave of absence as he purposes to cross the Atlantic during the summer. The Presbytery was handsomely entertained by the ladies of the Allandale congregation to dinner and tea. Next meeting to be held last Tuesday of May at Barrie, at 10.30 a.m. — R. MOODIE, Clerk.

#### A Misunderstanding Corrected.

Editor Presbyterian Review:

Sir.—In your issue which has just reached your appreciative, but geographically distant British Columbia readers, there appears two small items which demand public correction, viz. —

The mission premises in New Westminster had to be vacated early in January, but after a month in which the work was at a standstill Mr. Colman has resumed again.

"Owing to the hard times the friends in Westminster, who formerly paid the rent, have had to drop the burden Mr. Winchester has picked it up, and now pays the rent out of his own pocket."

"Mr. Winchester visited the work on the Mamland in the first week of February, and found the work being done well."

My rule is that anything concerning myself, good or bad, which appears in any public print, I pay no attention to it. But in this instance, Christian friends and co-laborers in New Westminster have been held up before the church in an unenviable and misleading manner, and I cannot keep silent. I think I know your correspondent in B.C. If I am right, he is a warm personal friend and friend of the Chinese Mission, and would be the last one to grieve any worker in the Lord's vineyard intentionally. In this matter he has been partly misinformed as the following statement will make evident: 1st. The store in which our mission work was carried on, it is quite true; "had to be vacated early in January," but not because "friends in Westminster, who formerly paid the rent had to drop the burden." An offer had been made to the agent for the building, of a much higher rental than the Societies felt they could pay and therefore we were asked to leave the store. 2nd. The work was not dropped, but suspended merely until after the Chinese New Year. Partly because there was no suitable premises at that time ready for occupation, and partly because just before the Chinese New Year, little or nothing can be done among the Chinese in School work. 3rd. "Mr. Winchester . . . now pays the rent out of his own pocket."

I am very sorry this matter was mentioned. In re-renting our old premises, which was the best we could do in the circumstances, the rent was just double what it was before. The Young People's Societies of St. Andrew's and Sapperton congregations, are not as able to give as they formerly were, and I

volunteered to guarantee the rent, so that they might labor without fear of getting into debt. Meanwhile, they are teaching and contributing just as before, and the amount I may have to make up is likely to be very small indeed.

Since August, 1893, a band of workers headed by Rev. and Mrs. Scouler, and Rev. and Mrs. Chestnut, now in Ontario, from St. Andrew's, Sapperton and West Presbyterian churches, Westminster, have labored and have not fainted, in connection with our Chinese work, though oftentimes their service, save to faith's foreseeing eye, doubtless seemed in vain.

If any comparatively small number of Christians in Ontario, Quebec, or Manitoba, where no Chinese question burns, had paid rent, fire and light, out of their own funds, and kept school open for Chinese scholars 5 evenings a week, and for 12 months in the year, with an average attendance of say 4 teachers per night, they could have been entitled to the church's thanks and admiration. But when this is done on the Pacific Coast, where public opinion on the Chinese question is so very different from public opinion on this question in the East, then the Christian character, missionary spirit, courage and fidelity, which inspires and sustains such an enterprise in such circumstances, is greatly enhanced, and merits our warmest commendations. I am jealous, therefore, for the good name of these faithful Christian friends—the work falls upon a very few—who have so patiently and lovingly endeavoured to serve our Lord in this most difficult and unpraised work.

As much can be said also of the voluntary teachers who have assisted us in Vancouver and Victoria. All honor to them. May the Lord bless them abundantly.

No one will be more glad to have the above correction of a seemingly small reportorial inaccuracy (but one which nevertheless is liable to be construed as somewhat reflecting on earnest and beloved fellow-Christians, than the warm and lead-hearted "Paisley body" whom you are fortunate enough to be able to designate as "Our own Correspondent."

Thanking you in advance Mr. Editor for your valued space.

Yours very truly,

A. B. WINCHESTER.

Victoria, March 21st. 1896.

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The attention of our readers is drawn to the advertisement of the steamer Greyhound, which gave such very satisfactory service last year between Oakville and Toronto.

This steamer is commencing her regular trips about 15th May. Superintendents of Sunday schools arranging for their annual picnics should see the Purser of this popular boat before deciding to go elsewhere.