

single individuals not in families, 166; and of communicants on the roll, 627. The net increase for the year, after deducting all who had received certificates, or had died or had had their names removed, was 36. We observe that by a resolution adopted at the congregational meeting an effort is to be made during the present year to pay off the remainder of the floating debt, which amounts to \$8,000. The average contribution per communicant, for all purposes, amounted to \$38.22.

ON Sabbath, the 6th inst., appropriate anniversary services were conducted in Cooke's church, Toronto, by the pastor, Rev. J. Kirkpatrick. The subject of discourse selected was Psalm cxvii. 6: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed," etc. The following arrangement of thought suggested by the text was presented: 1st, *The character of the Gospel*—"precious seed." It is such in view of its author, its contents, its aims and influence, and the sacrifices made in every age for its truth. 2nd, *The manner in which the Gospel should be preached.* The Church goes forth, weeping. We are to seek out the destitute and the lost, and carry the Gospel message to them. The missionary spirit of the Church in our day is a beautiful illustration of the way in which the Master's commission is to be obeyed and the Gospel carried to the ends of the earth. Men are to be urged to come to Christ. The ministry may well weep under a sense of the responsible nature of the work, and in view of the rejection of the claims of the Gospel on the part of many. 3rd, *The results of faithful preaching.* These are sure. God's word shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases, and prosper in the thing whereto He has sent it. Every faithful servant of Christ shall at last enjoy the reward of seeing the fruits of his labour and prayer. It will be his privilege to say; "Here am I and the people God has given me," and to hear the "well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of thy Lord." In closing, he reviewed the work of the year, and spoke of the progress made by the congregation. Fifty-two new members were added to the roll, thirty of these by certificate and the remainder on profession. Eighteen children were baptized and one adult. There were twelve dismissals and nine deaths, leaving a total membership of 397, which will be considerably reduced by a thorough revision of the roll, as many of these are only nominally connected with the Church. On Tuesday evening, 8th inst., a very successful social was held. After tea the pastor took the chair, and delivered a short address. He dwelt principally upon the financial condition of the congregation. Nearly \$4,000 had been collected during the year to meet the current expenses, and this amount will be increased by contributions to charitable, benevolent, and missionary purposes, to \$5,000 or over. All this furnishes ground of encouragement and a fresh incentive to faithful effort. He expressed the hope that the recent troubles through which the Church had passed would be productive of good, and that a purer atmosphere and brighter sunshine would follow the subsiding storm. Short addresses of a congratulatory character were afterwards delivered by Prof. Gregg and Prof. McLaren, also Revs. D. J. McDonnell, J. Hay, J. Hogg, J. Burton, and Dr. Hamilton, and the music circle under the leadership of Mr. McMichael, rendered at intervals a select programme of sacred music. All the meetings were largely attended by the members of the congregation and their friends, and the exercises on Sabbath and on the week evening were of a cheering character.

**PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.**—This Presbytery met at Jarvis on the 1st of February, when Rev. Thomas McGuire accepted the call addressed to him from the congregation of Emerson, Manitoba. The congregations of Jarvis and Walpole were unanimous and earnest in their desire to retain Mr. McGuire as their pastor, but the importance of Emerson as the gateway to the Canadian North-West, and the larger sphere of influence thus presented to him and eloquently insisted upon by Dr. Cochrane and Mr. Laidlaw as representing the Presbytery of Manitoba, weighed so much in Mr. McGuire's opinion that he said he thought it his duty to accept the call. The Presbytery accordingly granted the translation. Mr. McGuire has made no little sacrifice in leaving his attached flock in Jarvis and Walpole and voluntarily undergoing the discomforts which the change must entail, and we congratulate the North-West on having got an energetic and faithful minister, possessed of much

zeal as a missionary, and highly esteemed and beloved by all his brethren. We hope that the success which will follow this step will justify Mr. McGuire's acceptance. The congregation has promised \$500 stipend and \$150 for house rent, and the Home Mission Committee will, doubtless, see that this small sum is adequately supplemented. The call to Mr. Mann, from Blackheath, East Seneca and Caistor, was not disposed of as Mr. Mann asked for a month to consider it. Mr. Bruce was appointed Moderator of Presbytery in place of Mr. McGuire translated.—J. LAING, *Pres. Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF HURON.**—This Presbytery met in Clinton, on Tuesday, 18th January. Mr. Danby was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. A committee was appointed to draft a suitable minute respecting Mr. Sieveright's resignation. Mr. Stewart gave a report on Home Missions. No report being given by the Committee on the State of Religion, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Convener, who was absent, informing him that a report would be expected at next meeting. The Financial Committee brought in a recommendation to the effect that the expenses of commissioners to the Assembly be paid by the congregations from whom said commissioners are elected, that the Clerk be instructed to issue a circular notifying all the congregations within the bounds of this decision, and that each year a special circular be sent to the congregations from whom commissioners are elected, calling attention to the fact of such elections and requesting that the expenses of such commissioners be paid before they leave for the Assembly. The above recommendation was adopted. Professor McLaren was nominated as the next Moderator of the General Assembly. A motion in the direction of inaugurating Presbyterial visitations was defeated. The remit on Sustentation was sent down to sessions and congregations for consideration, to be reported on at next meeting. The circular on Temperance was sent down to sessions to answer the queries submitted therein, and send such answers to a committee who is instructed to draft a deliverance on the aforesaid answers and report at next meeting. On the day following (Wednesday), a Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention was held, at which important subjects in connection with Sabbath school work were introduced by parties appointed to open such subjects, and discussed by the Convention. The Convention proved a great success.—A MCLEAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

**THE PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.**—This court met at Corawall on the 18th ult. There was a full attendance—only one clerical member absent. The Rev. Mr. Keane tabled a Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Halifax, and he was received as an ordained missionary, and his name ordered to be sent to the Committee on Distribution of Probationers. The following motion of which previous notice had been given was moved by Rev. J. S. Burnet, seconded by Rev. Mr. Ferguson, "That the minutes of each sederunt be read and submitted at the opening of each subsequent diet, in case there is more than one diet, and also that they be read and submitted at the close of the final diet." The yeas and nays having been taken—the motion was negatived. The committee appointed at last meeting to consider a claim of Mr. Patterson for services rendered, reported favourably to Mr. Patterson, but, on motion of Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. F. McLennan, the claim was disallowed. A committee, consisting of Dr. McNish, Messrs. Binnie, Burnet, D. B. McLennan, Q.C., and A. C. McDonald, was appointed to correspond with certain parties in Lochiel in reference to expenses incurred in connection with the recovery of church property there, and the clerk was instructed to produce the minute bearing on this matter. The Rev. A. McGillivray read a valuable and exhaustive report on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit the various congregations. The Rev. J. Fraser, seconded by Dr. Lamont, moved the adoption of the report as follows: "That the report of the deputation appointed to visit the various congregations be adopted, the thanks of the Presbytery be offered to the deputation for their diligence and for their elaborate report, and that the Presbytery now proceed to the consideration of certain matters therein; further, that the committee be requested to prepare a copy for publication, with a view to its distribution among our congregations, and that member be enjoined to devote one Sabbath to the discussion of the

more important matters embraced in the report." It was agreed to hold a Conference on the State of Religion at next meeting at Alexandria. The Assembly's remit on a sustentation fund was sent down to sessions and congregations before being considered by the Presbytery. The Rev. Principal McVicar was nominated Moderator of next Assembly. A Presbyterial visitation of the congregation of Lochiel was appointed for Tuesday, 8th Feb., and the Presbytery having appointed its next ordinary meeting at Alexandria on the 15th March, adjourned to meet at Lochiel on the day named.—HUGH LAMONT, *Pres. Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.**—This Court met in Richmond, on the 8th inst. The Presbytery being informed of the sudden death of Mr. Hume, missionary at Kennebec Road, Dr. Mathews and Mr. McDonald were instructed to prepare a minute expressive of the feelings of the Court in losing one of its oldest members. It was agreed to request the Home Mission Committee to increase the grant to Kennebec Road to \$6 per Sabbath, and that an ordained missionary be secured for that station, whose duty will be to take an oversight of destitute localities in that section of the Presbytery, and give them supply as he may be able. Reports of Presbyterial visitations to most of the congregations and mission stations of the Presbytery were given. In most cases these reports were highly satisfactory. It was agreed to recommend the Home Mission Committee to make the case of St. Sylvester and Lower Leeds, and that of Danville, special ones, and grant to the former \$270 per annum so as to secure their union as a separate charge, and to the latter \$300 per annum. It was reported that Mr. Chas. Campbell, probationer, had been appointed to this Presbytery for four Sabbaths, but had not come, nor had he written, to give reasons for not fulfilling his appointments. The Clerk was instructed to communicate these facts to the Committee on Distribution. Mr. Dewey and Mr. J. R. McLeod were appointed to take steps towards securing a deed of the property of the congregation of Windsor Mills. It was agreed to take steps with the view of uniting the stations of Marsboro' and Chaudiere into a pastoral charge, and permission to moderate in a call, as soon as they are in a condition to do so, was granted. The resignation of Mr. Geo. McKay of the congregation of Leeds was presented to the Court. It was agreed to allow it to lie on the table until the next meeting. A letter from Mr. Fenwick, of Metus, was read, stating that a lot upon which to build a church for the accommodation of summer visitors at Little Metis had been given to the Presbyterian Church, and desiring the Presbytery to declare that it has a connection with the matter and to recommend a certain course of action. It was agreed that as the Presbytery had no official information regarding the matter, no action could be taken. Application was made and granted on behalf of Mr. J. S. Pritchard and Mr. Jas. Ferguson to be taken under the care of the Presbytery as students entering upon the study of theology. Messrs. Amaron, J. R. McLellan and Tully were appointed as the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee—Mr. Tully, Convener. Session records from the congregations of Richmond, Sherbrooke, Hampden and Lingwick were examined and found to be carefully kept. Leave to moderate in a call was granted to the congregation of Melbourne, provided that of Windsor Mills be agreeable. Dr. Mathews gave notice that a future meeting he would move that the Home Mission Committee be recommended to withdraw the grant made to these congregations. That Committee was recommended to grant \$50 per annum to Marsboro' and Chaudiere, and \$3 per Sabbath to Riviere du Loup for the next twelve months. The remit from the Assembly anent a Sustentation Fund was taken up, and after a discussion of the subject the Presbytery agreed to the general principle of a Sustentation Fund. Mr. McDonald gave notice of a motion to the effect that at each regular meeting the Presbytery devote one session to a conference on the practical work of the ministry. The following delegates to the Assembly were appointed:—By rotation: F. M. Dewey, A. F. Tully, Geo. McKay; by ballot: Dr. Mathews and Dr. Cook. The elders appointed are: Prof. Weir, E. McMaster, G. B. Houlston, Mr. Peebles, and Rev. J. E. Tanner. Principal McVicar was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. Messrs. Amaron and Dewey were appointed to select subjects for discussion at the Conference on the State of Religion.—F. M. DEWEY, *Pres. Clerk.*