

## Ministers and Churches.

MR. James I. Anderson, who has for some years filled the position of superintendent of Sabbath school in the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, London, and who has recently left that position to assume similar duties in Knox Church, London South, received from his old pupils and fellow labourers very hearty and valuable tokens of esteem last week. Dr. Proudfoot presided, and there was a large gathering of bright faces to say good bye to their old friend and superintendent. After a kindly and affectionately worded address had been read by Mr. Thomas Reid, a very handsome and valuable silver tea set was presented to Mr. Anderson. The recipient was almost overcome with his pleasant surprise, and Dr. Proudfoot volunteered to reply for him. Music, recitations and brief speeches by the members of the Sabbath school and others present were given, and Mr. Anderson had no coldness to complain of in the farewell of his Park Avenue friends.

**PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.**—A *pro re nata* meeting of this Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian manse at Portage la Prairie on Thursday, the 1st October. Mr. Bell was elected Moderator *pro tem*. The Presbytery was duly constituted by prayer. Mr. Todd was appointed to act as clerk. There were present Messrs. Bell, McKellar and Todd, ministers. A call from Neepawa and associated stations to S. C. Murray was read, and a guarantee was given by the congregation of \$700 per annum towards salary. It was agreed that the call be received and sustained as a regular Gospel call. A letter from Mr. Murray was then read by the Moderator, intimating his acceptance of call. It was agreed that the ordination and induction take place in Neepawa Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, 13th October, at three o'clock p.m. Mr. Bell was appointed to preach and preside, Mr. McKellar to address the minister and Mr. Todd the people on the occasion. The clerk was ordered to transmit the call and all papers attached to Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray was appointed to read the induction edict. The Presbytery was adjourned by the Moderator pronouncing the Benediction. *JAMES TODD, Pres. Clerk, pro tem.*

**PRESBYTERY OF SAUGUEEN.**—This Presbytery met in Durham on the 22nd Sept. Mr. L. W. Thom was appointed Moderator for the next six months and took the chair. Each of the stations labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery during summer, namely, Messrs. E. B. McGee, John Robertson, James Drummond, William Graham and D. S. McPherson, read a discourse before the Presbytery. The discourses were all sustained and the clerk was instructed to certify said students to the Senate of Knox College. The Presbytery took the usual steps towards organizing liverview and Corbuden into mission stations. Mr. James Scott gave in his report as Treasurer, which was received. Mr. Scott was re-appointed Treasurer for another year, Mr. Bickell to act in his place should he have occasion to be absent part of the winter, as he expected. Mr. Dodds, on behalf of the people formerly belonging to Orchardville, obtained leave to sell their church property to pay off all indebtedness. Mr. Baikie, on behalf of the deputation appointed at last meeting to visit Woodland and neighbouring congregations, reported that they had not gone as they understood that nothing could be done in the direction indicated at last meeting to get a connection for Woodland. Mr. Straith and Dr. Campbell were appointed to visit Woodland, East Normanby and Aytton to ascertain if these stations could not be formed into one pastoral charge. A call with relative papers from Tara to Mr. Wilcox was presented and read. The call was laid on the table and parties cited to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting in Mount Forest on the 15th of October. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Mount Forest, on the 15th Dec. next at eleven o'clock a.m. *S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.*

**PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.**—This Presbytery met in Morrin College on the 23rd September. The attendance was fair. It was reported that the Rev. J. McKeown, who was supplying Valcartier, had been removed by death since the last meeting. The brethren in Quebec are supplying the pulpit until the end of September, so as to secure the salary in full for his widow. Mr. Ferguson, of Kennebec Road, withdrew his resignation and was granted leave of absence until the month of April. Mr. Pritchard reported having visited Metis, administered the sacraments there and ordained elders. Messrs. N. McLeod, M. McLennan, James Sutherland and M. McKenzie, students, were certified to their respective colleges. Mr. James Sutherland gave a very encouraging report of his work in Inverness during the summer. A call from the congregation of Richmond Bay, West, P. E. I., in favour of Mr. D. Currie, of Three Rivers, was presented. It was signed by 100 communicants and 141 adherents. Salary, \$500 per annum. His congregation were cited to appear in their interests on 3rd November. Mr. Maxwell, of the Evangelical Union, Scotland, applied to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. After careful enquiry the Presbytery agreed to forward his application to the Assembly with the recommendation that it be granted. The Rev. Donald Mackay, minister of the Church of Scotland, also appeared before the Presbytery and made a similar application. It was agreed to transmit his application to the Assembly with the same recommendation. Mr. James Sutherland was appointed to supply the congregation of Inverness during the winter months. Mr. Maxwell was appointed to St. Sylvester and Lower Leeds, and Mr. D. Mackay to Metis. Provision was also made for the supply of the other vacant congregations and mission stations of the Presbytery for the next half-year. The grants from the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds were carefully revised and recommendations were made. The following Conventions were appointed: 1. On State of Religion, J. C. Catnach; 2. On Temperance, J. G. Pritchard; 3. On Sabbath Schools, F. P. Sym; 4. On Protestant Education, Dr. Matthews; 5. On Statistics, F. M. Dewey.—*F. M. DEWEY, Pres. Clerk.*

## MONTREAL NOTES.

THE Presbytery of Montreal is to meet at Joliette on Friday, 23rd inst., at half past seven p.m., for the ordination of Mr. Z. Lefebvre, B.C.L., as missionary in that field. The Rev. Professor Coussirat, B.D., is to preside, Mr. A. B. Cruick to preach and Mr. G. Colbourne Heine, M.A., to address both the missionary and the people. Joliette is a city about fifty miles east from Montreal, the population of which is almost entirely French, with a very few English-speaking families. We have here a comfortable brick church, with house attached. Services are conducted both in French and English every Sabbath. The Protestant families number only fifteen or twenty. Our church is the only Protestant one in the city or surrounding district. Are we to give up our French evangelization work and leave these people without service? Are we to remove this centre of Christian life and influence from this dense mass of Roman Catholics, with all its superstitions and its soul-enslaving ceremonies, that we may send more men and money where the people have Bibles and know the way of salvation through a crucified Saviour? No Church that would so act could expect God's blessing on any department of its work.

A MEETING of the Board of Management of the Presbyterian College was held last week and was largely attended. Mr. David Morrice, Chairman, presided. The business was chiefly routine. A Finance and Estate Committee was appointed for the year, consisting of Messrs. D. Morrice, J. Sterling, Warden King, J. Murray Smith, Wm. Yule, and Rev. Messrs. Warden and Dey. The College buildings have been gone over and all necessary repairs, etc., attended to during the vacation with a view to their preservation in good condition and to the comfort of the students. There are seventy-four students this session, a larger number than in any previous year. Eight of these graduate next spring.

THE Montreal Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has recently organized auxiliaries in Lachute and Athelstan. The Society was originally established ten years ago for the purpose of aiding the French evangelization work. Under the conviction that the sympathy and practical help of the women of the Church should not be restricted to the department of mission work, the Society was three or four years ago re-organized on a broader basis, and now includes in its operations home and foreign mission work as well as French evangelization. It supports a French Bible woman and English Bible woman and nurse, and also contributes towards foreign missions. Desirous of acting more directly under its supervision, a deputation consisting of several members of the Society appeared last week before the Presbytery of Montreal and presented a memorial asking closer relationship to the Church. The Presbytery adopted a resolution, commending the work of the Society and encouraging it in organizing auxiliaries in the various congregations within the bounds, and appointed a committee to consider in what way its work may best be brought into relation to the Presbytery and to the General Assembly. The committee appointed was the Rev. R. Campbell, Convener; Principal MacVicar, Messrs. Warden, Jordan, Dey and Paul.

THE fear which outsiders have of visiting Montreal at present was illustrated in the very small attendance at the annual meeting of the Canada Baptist Eastern Missionary Convention held here last week, as also in the abandonment by the Episcopalians of a Church congress to be held in Montreal this month because of the number of letters received from promised speakers declining to attend owing to exaggerated rumours regarding the unhealthy state of the city. Incredible as it may seem to people residing here, one of our own ministers in the country the other week declined to hold a missionary meeting, appointed by the Presbytery to be held in his church, because one of the deputation was from the city of Montreal; and yet, so far as the writer is aware, there have only been two or three cases of small-pox in all the Presbyterian congregations of Montreal during the past six months. Nor does he know of a single case at present in the whole of the upper Western part of the city. Referring to exaggerated rumours and the fears outsiders have, the Montreal *Witness* well remarked the other day that the residents of this city "may all be glad that they live where they are safe from the agonies of a fear which makes life out of Montreal hardly worth living."

## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Executive of the Home Mission Committee met on Tuesday of last week in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. The whole of the members were present, as follows: Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener; Rev. R. H. Warden, Secretary; Dr. Campbell, Dr. Laing, Rev. Messrs. Macdonnell and Moodie and Mr. R. Kilgour.

The claims of Presbyteries for mission work during the past half-year were considered. These were ordered to be paid to the extent of \$7,226.10. In addition to this the sum of \$12,000 was paid to the Synod of Manitoba for the half-year.

Applications from Presbyteries for grants to new fields, etc., for the next six months were considered and action taken.

The following appointments were made: Rev. Alex. Hamilton to Manitoba; Rev. J. S. Stewart, Rev. D. L. McKechnie and Mr. A. C. Scrimger to Lanark and Renfrew; Rev. D. H. McLennan and Messrs. Hector McLennan and MacArthur to Bruce; Messrs. J. Miller, W. J. Hewitt, A. G. Jansen, C. B. Hemming, H. Knox, J. Garrioch, W. M. Robertson, John Gilmour and M. Gillanders to Barrie; and Rev. John Fraser and John McGregor to Quebec.

The Foreign Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba reported the appointment of Rev. Alex. Campbell as teacher in the high school at Prince Albert, N.-W. T., Mr. Campbell to give missionary supply to some of the stations in the vicinity of Prince Alixt. The Committee approved of the appointment in so far as it related to their department of the work.

The Rev. D. Cameron, of Lucknow, intimated his acceptance of the appointment to Manitowaning, with the understanding that he would proceed to the field early next spring.

Interesting reports were received from Rev. Jas. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the North West, and Rev. A. Findlay, in charge of the field in Muskoka and Algoma. Correspondence was submitted from Rev. Messrs. McKay, Fraser, Thompson and Chisholm, of British Columbia, giving encouraging reports of their several fields. It was agreed to ask these missionaries to meet and confer regarding the whole field, reporting their views in full to the Committee at its meeting in March next. It was further agreed to ask Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Winnipeg, to visit British Columbia and confer with these brethren, as also with the brethren of the Church of Scotland, with a view to furnishing the Committee with full information regarding the whole field and suggestions as to its working in future.

The financial statement for the past half year of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West was remitted to the Secretary.

Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Macdonnell and Warden, with Messrs. W. Mitchell and Kilgour, were appointed to meet on the day preceding the March meeting of the Committee, to arrange the business to be then considered, and Presbytery Clerks and Conventions were instructed to forward to the Secretary prior to this meeting claims for mission stations and augmented congregations, applications for grants for next year with extract minutes, etc.

## AUGMENTATION OF STIPENDS.

The Sub-Committee on Augmentation met in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Convener; Rev. R. H. Warden, Secretary; Dr. Laing, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Cochrane, Rev. Messrs. McKay and Farries and Messrs. Kilgour and Mitchell.

The claims of Presbyteries for the past half year were considered at length and the following ordered to be paid:

Quebec	\$1,028 00
Montreal	1,475 00
Glengarry	280 00
Ottawa	760 00
Lanark and Renfrew	880 00
Brockville	450 00
Kingston	737 50
Peterboro	511 50
Lindsay	441 65
Toronto	862 50
Barrie	628 50
Owen Sound	645 00
Saugeen	275 00
Guelph	245 00
Hamilton	610 00
London	528 00
Charham	425 00
Sarnia	445 00
Stratford	255 00
Huron	125 00
Maitland	570 00
Bruce	337 43
Rock Lake (Man.)	415 72
Brandon (Man.)	350 00

Total .....\$13,282 80

The Secretary was instructed to correspond with the Presbyteries of Winnipeg and Regina regarding their claims.

The changes in the several congregations were duly noted and applications of Presbyteries for new grants or modifications of existing ones considered.

The Committee spent much time in considering the present condition and prospects of the Augmentation Scheme. It was estimated that \$32,000 would be required to liquidate the obligations of the Committee for the year ending 1st April, 1886, in addition to the \$4,000 borrowed from the reserve fund last year, making a total of \$36,000 for the present year. The Committee agreed that a strenuous and united effort must be made by every Presbytery within the Church to raise this amount.

The Convener was instructed to issue a circular to Presbyteries, as also to the congregations of the Church regarding the matter. It was felt that the present year will test the permanency of the Scheme and that while increased liberality will be required all through the Church, Presbyteries should especially see to the immediate and thorough visitation of the aid-receiving congregations in their bounds so that if possible a reduction of the grants be made in every case. The General Assembly requires this visitation to take place prior to the next meeting of the Committee; and the Committee must be satisfied at their March meeting by extract minutes of Presbytery and full statistics that in the case of every congregation the visitation has been thorough and not a mere formality before they will be warranted in making a grant for the year beginning 1st April next.

## PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces met in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B., on the 6th inst., the Rev. James McLean, of Truro, Moderator, in the chair, and Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Halifax, Secretary.

The retiring Moderator took his text from Matthew xi. 22, preaching an able, practical and appropriate sermon.

The roll having been called, the Moderator delivered a short address, in which feeling reference was made to those who had been removed by death during the year.

The Rev. Thomas Sedgwick was then appointed Moderator. The Hon. D. McCurdy presented the report of the Committee on Augmentation. The following is a synopsis of the report: Since the commencement of the Augmentation movement, twenty-five congregations have been raised to a minimum by their own efforts, securing in their case alone a permanent annual allowance of \$2,022; seven more, which ought to be self-supporting, have approached it and their contributions, by \$560; twenty-one of those which were so