

Church News.

Presbytery of Rock Lake.

THE Presbytery of Rock Lake held a regular meeting at Melita and within the Presbyterian church there, on Tuesday the 10th inst. at 8 p.m. Quite a number of ministers and elders present. Mr. Andrew, of Riverside, was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months. An extract minute of Assembly fixing the boundaries of the Presbytery of Rock Lake was read. Also an extract minute of Assembly granting leave to this Presbytery to take Mr. J. N. Guthrie on trial for license. Mr. Fisher having resigned the pastorate of St. Andrew's, Boissevain and leaving the matter in the hands of the Presbytery, it was decided not to accept the resignation. Arrangements were made to have ordinances dispensed in mission fields before the student missionaries return to their respective colleges in the fall. Mr. White reported having dispensed ordinances in the Antler's mission field. Home mission report considered and adopted. Auditors appointed to examine accounts of convener of Presbyterian Home Mission Committee and report at the next meeting. A motion was passed with reference to the brethren who leave this Presbytery to go into new Presbyteries formed by the Act of Assembly. The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Pilot Mound and within Knox church there, on the second Wednesday of September at 2 p.m.—WM. CAVEN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Pictou.

THE Presbytery of Pictou met in St. James church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, 3rd inst. Messrs. W. Donald, R. McCunn, Professor Falconer and J. R. McLeod were present as corresponding members. Mr. Campbell was elected moderator, and the present clerk re-elected for the current year. There appeared before the Presbytery, Mr. R. McCunn, minister of St. George's church, River John, of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland, and Mr. John McKenzie and Dr. Murray applying for themselves and the congregation which they represent to be received into the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The commissioners stated that at a regularly called meeting of the congregation held on the 28th of June, it was decided to make application for admission in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Pictou in connection with the Church of Scotland was tabled, certifying to the ministerial standing of Mr. McCunn. It was moved by Mr. Cumming, seconded by Mr. A. McLean, and cordially agreed that the prayer of the petition of St. George's church, River John, be granted and that Mr. McCunn and his congregation be unanimously received and are hereby received into this Presbytery in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The clerk stated that since last meeting of Presbytery he had received a call addressed to Mr. Robertson, New St. Andrew's, from St. John's, Windsor, signed by 194 communicants and 114 adherents, accompanied by the usual papers, that Mr. Carruthers had exchanged with Mr. Robertson and cited the congregation to appear in their own interests at this meeting. The commissioners were present from the Presbytery of Halifax, and from New St. Andrew's. Mr. Robertson was asked to state his mind when he intimated that he had decided to decline the call. Presbytery accordingly agreed to set aside the call and express sympathy with the congregation of St. John's, Windsor. Mr. D. M. Gordon, of Halifax, was nominated for the Professorship of Systematic Theology and Apologetics in the Halifax Presbyterian College. Leave was granted to Mr. S. A. Fraser to moderate in a call at Sunny Brae and St. Paul's, when the congregation is ready. Standing Committees were appointed as follows: State of Religion—Mr. Falconer, convener; Messrs. A. Bowman and D. Henderson, ministers; and Messrs. J. Stewart and Nathan Pushee, elders. Temperance—Mr. Rogers, convener; Messrs. Grant, McCunn, and J. A. Cairns, ministers; and Messrs. J. R. Cunningham and S. W. Fraser, elders. Sabbath Schools—

Dr. McLeod, convener; Messrs. Sinclair and G. S. Carson, ministers; and Messrs. James A. Fraser and John Ross, elders. Sabbath Observance—Mr. Robertson, convener; Messrs. Cunningham and A. Campbell, ministers; and Messrs. Harvey Graham and James McKay, elders. Statistics—Mr. Carson, convener; Messrs. Falconer and Cairns, ministers; and Messrs. Daniel McDonald and J. D. McGregor, elders. Systematic Benevolence—Dr. Patterson, convener; Messrs. Morash and A. McLean, ministers; and Messrs. J. J. McLean and John Forbes, elders. Augmentation—Mr. Cumming, convener; Mr. Macfarlane, minister; and Messrs. Angus Cameron and R. McDougall, elders. Presbytery adjourned to meet in James church, New Glasgow, on the first Tuesday in September at 2.30 p.m.—J. R. MUNRO, Clerk.

Presbytery of Glengarry.

THIS Presbytery met at Alexandria on the 10th July inst., a large number of members present. The Rev. N. T. C. MacKay was elected moderator for the ensuing six months. A motion of sympathy with Rev. Mr. Cormack, retiring moderator, on account of prolonged illness in his person and family, from which he has but lately recovered, was unanimously passed. Deputations were appointed to conduct Presbyterial visitation and report at the December meeting. Commissioners to the General Assembly reported diligent attendance. Standing committees for the ensuing year were appointed. In order to give time for due consideration of reports it was resolved to call for the reports on the State of Religion, Temperance, and Systematic Benevolence at the December meeting. A committee consisting of Messrs. McLaren, Hastie, and J. MacLeod, with power to add, was appointed to arrange for missionary meetings and report at next regular meeting. It was resolved to instruct the committee on Systematic Benevolence to prepare and issue a tabulated statement of the amounts expected from congregations towards the various schemes for the current year. With respect to the deficit in augmentation returns it was resolved to make good the loss to the brethren, members of this Presbytery on the fund, and Mr. Givan was authorized to solicit contributions from the congregations. A call from Woodlands in favour of Mr. N. A. MacLeod, licentiate, was sustained. Mr. MacLeod being present, accepted the call, and will be ordained and inducted on 9th August. Rev. J. A. G. Calder resigned the charge of Knox church, Lancaster, for good and sufficient reasons the resignation was considered at once. It was resolved to accept the same, and that the pastoral tie dissolve on the 1st of August next. Rev. J. W. McLeod resigned the charge of Finch and Chrysler, for certain difficulties. Resignation lies on the table till next regular meeting and a deputation appointed to visit Finch and report at next regular meeting. After other routine business Presbytery adjourned to meet again at Woodlands on the 9th day of August next, at 1 p.m. The next regular meeting was appointed to take place at Lancaster, on the second Tuesday in September next, at 11 a.m.—N. MACLENNAN, Clerk.

Presbytery of London.

THIS Presbytery met in Knox Church, St. Thomas, on the July 10th, Rev. W. J. Clark, moderator. There was a fair attendance of members both lay and clerical. After reading the minutes of former and special meetings, the order of business was arranged. The following are some of the items of business transacted. Mr. Little reported that South Caradoc congregation had increased their contributions for stipend to the amount requested by the Presbytery. Messrs. J. Currie and E. H. Sawers were appointed a standing committee for the examination of students labouring and residing within the bounds. Leave was granted the respective moderator's of London South, Vanneck, Wardville and Newbury, to moderate in calls in these congregations if need be before the next meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. Henderson and Miller were appointed a deputation to visit Newbury, and if they find matters in their judgment satisfactory,

give the congregation leave to proceed with the manse building. The moderator of Presbytery and clerk, were appointed to prescribe subjects to students residing within the bounds. The committee on examination of students reported that they had examined Messrs. W. Wilson and John Johnstone, feel satisfied with their attainments, and recommend that they be certified to the Senate of Knox College. The clerk read an extract minute from the clerk of Toronto Presbytery stating that Toronto Presbytery had obtained leave from the Synod of Toronto and Kingston to take Mr. T. A. Mustard on trial for license, and transferring him at his own request to London Presbytery. Mr. Mustard's trials were heard at the evening sederunt; and he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. Henderson reported that he had received over \$100 for augmentation from congregations within the bounds to meet the deficit in grants to augmented charges. The report was received, and Mr. Henderson authorized to pay \$25 to each of the brethren concerned, and allocate the balance when received to the parties entitled to the same. The Presbytery received in due form, Mr. Robert Aylward, formerly a minister of the Congregational Church—as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, leave having been obtained from the General Assembly. Messrs. Sawers, Miller, Sutherland, Stewart and Dr. Proudfoot, commissioners to the last General Assembly reported their diligence in attending that Court. The clerk, on behalf of Mr. J. A. Younge, read the regulations of Presbytery guiding it in appointing commissioners to the General Assembly. Notice of motion in connection with this matter, was given in by Mr. J. Currie. Mr. Goforth, missionary from Honan, being present was asked to address the Presbytery, and did so, dwelling on the difficulties and encouragements of the work. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Goforth for his address. The Presbytery adjourned. The next meeting is to be held in First Presbyterian church, London, on second Tuesday of September, at 1 p.m. The Presbytery closed with the benediction.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

Presbytery of Brandon.

BRANDON Presbytery met in Portage la Prairie on Tuesday, 10th inst. An application made by High Bluff congregation for a loan of \$250 from Church and Manse Building Fund, was considered and recommended. Messrs. Carawell and Douglas were appointed to audit the accounts of Home Mission committee and of the Presbytery's treasurer. The clerk was instructed to select texts for discourses from the students in mission fields. A deputation was appointed to visit Carberry congregation in the interests of the work there. It was agreed that Messrs. Wright, Urquhart and Fraser form a committee to make an equitable apportionment of Home Mission funds among the Presbyteries affected by changes about to be made in Brandon Presbytery. On account of the new arrangement of Presbyteries, to take effect shortly, the standing committees were re-appointed for the present and the allocation for the schemes of the Church deferred till next meeting. Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Brandon on August 21st, at an hour to be arranged by the clerk.—T. R. SHEARER, Clerk.

Presbytery of Sydney.

THE Presbytery of Sydney, met July 4th in St. Andrew's church, Sydney. Rev. J. F. Forbes was chosen moderator and Dr. Murray continued clerk. Rev. J. A. Forbes was appointed to dispense the Lord's supper at Leitch's Creek on July 22nd, and Rev. W. Grant the same ordinance at Louisburg on the first Sabbath of August. Standing committees were appointed; we give the names of the conveners. Temperance, J. F. Forbes; Sabbath Schools, J. A. Forbes; Systematic Benevolence, D. McMillan; State of Religion, E. B. Rankin; Sabbath Observance, W. R. Calder; Augmentation, W. Grant. It was found necessary to change