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The regular quarterly meeting of Paris Presbytery was held Jan. 15th, in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, the Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., presiding. A call from Norwich and Bookton to Mr. J. M. Millar, B.A., of Queen's University, was sustained, and Mr. Millar accepted the call. The ordination and induction take place on Tuesday 29th inst., the Moderator to preside. A call from East Oxford and Blenheim in favor of Rev. A. Leslie, M.A., minister of Newtonville and Kendall, in the Presbytery of Whitley, was reported by Dr. McKay, Moderator of Session, and was sustained, and Dr. McKay was appointed to prosecute the call at the bar of the Presbytery of Whitley. Dr. McMullen submitted the report of the committee on the new book of praise, recommending general approval with some suggestions to the Assembly's Committee which was agreed to. Dr. McKay was appointed to address the W. F. M. S. annual Presbyterial meeting. The list of amounts expected from congregations for Missions and Augmentation were read and earnest attention directed thereto.—W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

The deputation of the Presbytery of Hamilton, appointed to visit Thorold in regard to the resignation of Rev. Mr. Mitchell, consisting of Messrs. Day, Robertson, Murray and Fletcher, ministers, and Messrs. Rutherford and Black, elders, visited Thorold on Tuesday, 18th ult. They met with the elders and managers of the congregation in the afternoon and with the congregation in the evening, Mr. Mitchell pressing his resignation. The following resolution was passed without opposition: That, inasmuch as our pastor, Mr. Mitchell, has expressed his decided intention of pressing his resignation of the pastorate of this church upon the Presbytery of Hamilton, the congregation, while deeply regretting this decision, can only acquiesce in the same, and we hereby appoint Mr. Geo. Turner, Sr., to represent the congregation before the Presbytery in January. Mr. Mitchell has throughout his ministry been actively engaged in promoting revival work, and there have been large accessions to the membership of the congregations to which he has ministered elsewhere, as well as an increased membership at home and improved financial standing.

The Presbytery of Bruce, met at Paisley on December 11th when Rev. G. McLennan was appointed Moderator for the ensuing half year and

presided. Rev. J. Johnston reported having organized mission stations at Gillies Hill and Dobbington with a membership of 43 and 21 respectively. Leave was granted to Moderate in a call to Tiverton, and arrangements were made for issuing the call. The remits of Assembly having been considered, it was agreed to recommend that the Jewish work be continued under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Committee. The remit on the amalgamation of certain committees was approved of. The Presbytery also approved of the Assembly's enacting that every minister, on being ordained, be obliged to connect himself with the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund and pay the fixed rate. It was recommended that graduating students give six months to Home Mission work and that ministers received from other churches give twelve. A committee was appointed to examine the Hymnal and report at next meeting. Prof. D. M. Gordon was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. Committees were appointed to visit Augmented Congregations—J. GOURLEY, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Glengarry met at Maxville on the 18th inst., a large number of members being present. The Rev. R. McLeod, was elected Moderator for the ensuing term. Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, of Ottawa, being present, addressed the court in behalf of the Augmentation Fund. He was thanked for his address, and as a result of his plea a committee was appointed to take the general oversight of the interests of the fund, and also to visit the augmented charges within the bounds. The Rev. Colin McKercher, lately of the Presbytery of Minnedosa, had his name, on his own application, placed on the roll as a minister without charge. Deputations appointed to conduct Presbyterial visitation throughout the bounds reported through their respective conveners. The reports showed congregational work to be efficiently done on the whole. With hardly an exception congregations are in a normal condition. Missionary meetings were also conducted in each congregation according to arrangement of Presbytery with excellent results. The conveners of the respective deputations appointed to visit congregations Presbyterially, were appointed a committee to draft a recommendation in name of the Presbytery to the augmented charges of the Presbytery in order to strengthen the hands of the committee on augmentation in its prospective visit to these charges. A call from the congregation of Knox Church, Lancaster, was placed on the table. It was largely signed considering the short time at their disposal for its circulation. It was hearty and unanimous, and in favor of Rev. A. Graham, of the Presbytery of Bruckville. The remit on the Book of Praise was considered. A strong plea was put in for the maintaining of Psalms, as now in use, entire in the proposed book, while selections and new versions might be incorporated and numbered consecutively with the hymns, which form a part of the said book. It was also resolved to suggest that a carefully classified index to the hymns be appended so as to make the contents easily accessible to all. The various remits of Assembly were entrusted to committees for consideration and report at next regular meeting of the Presbytery. Rev. R. McLeod presented the report of the Presbytery's Committee on Sabbath Observance. It summed up the forms of Sabbath desecration in our congregations in the words—indifference, visiting and pleasure seeking. It was followed by an excellent conference on the subject of the report, in which a large number took part. A deputation was appointed to communicate with M. P's and Parliamentary candidates with a view to securing their support to legislation for the better observance of the Lord's day. Provisional arrangements were made for the induction of Mr. Graham at Lancaster, provided he accepts the call which we understand he has done.—M. McLENNAN, Clerk.

A *pro tem* meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston was held in the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, on the afternoon and evening of Monday, January 7th. In the absence of Rev. S. Childerhose, Moderator, Rev. J. L. George, of Belleville, was elected Moderator *pro tem*. The chief business before the Presbytery was in connection with the resignation by Rev. R. J. Craig, M.A., of the pastoral charge of the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto. Mr. Craig's letter of resignation was read. The edict citing the session and congregation to appear in their interests was returned certified as having been duly served. Messrs. E. W. Rathbun and F. H. Sims appeared as commissioners on behalf of the session and congregation, and stated that while the session and congregation still entertain the same feelings of personal attachment to Mr. Craig and appreciation of the work he performed during so many years, and while regretting the severance of the pastoral tie; yet in view of the difficulties of making suitable arrangements for carrying on the pastoral work during a protracted absence, they would not oppose, but acquiesce in the action of the Presbytery should it, in its wisdom, see fit to accept his resignation. The Presbytery accordingly resolved to accept Mr. Craig's resignation and accede to his request to place his name upon the appendix to its roll, and ask the General Assembly to sanction their action. At the evening meeting, the edict citing the congregation to hold a meeting for the purpose of a Presbyterial visitation, and for moderating in a call if necessary, was read by Rev. W. T. Wilkins, Presbytery clerk. The Moderator conducted a diet of public worship, preaching an eloquent sermon from the text, 1 Chron. xxv. 5. At the close of the sermon the Moderator formerly declared the pulpit vacant.

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MARRIAGES.

At Sherbrooke, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Shearer, James Laing Riches, of Sherbrooke, to Jennet Andrews, of Inverness, Quebec.

At the manse, Ormstown, on the 16th of January, 1895, by the Rev. D. W. Morison, B.A., John Graham to Mary McLean, daughter of Dugald McIntyre.

At the residence of the bride's father, on January 9th, by the Rev. A. J. Mowatt, William Laidlaw Hogg to Annie Agnes Laing, eldest daughter of J. Laing, Maisonneuve.

At the manse, in Kemptville, on Tuesday, January 22nd, 1895, by the Rev. H. J. McDermie, Mr. William McCord, to Miss Matilda Jane Connley, both of South Gower, Grenville Co., Ont.

On Wednesday, January 9th, 1895, at St. Andrew's manse, Richmond, Ont., by the father of the bride, James Stewart to Maggie Clark, daughter of the Rev. Hugh McLean, all of Richmond.

DEATHS.

At Thorah, on the 21st inst., Roberta, beloved wife of John Bruce, Esq., in her 89th year.

At 120 Pembroke Street, on Saturday morning, Alexander Mortimer Smith, aged 76 years.

At Galt, Ont., on January 16th, 1895, Catherine Turnbull, widow of the late Wm. Quairie.

At 44 Wilcox Street, Toronto, Ont., on Jan. 15th, 1895, Alexander R. Christie, in his 79th year.

At Berlin, on Wednesday, January 23rd, Flora Macdougall, sister of the late D. Macdougall, ex Registrar of the County of Waterloo.

At his late residence, in the Township of Mc Gillivray, on the 27th Dec., 1894, Andrew Farish, in the 71st year of his age. A native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and for twenty-five years an elder in the Carlisle Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery then proceeded to hold a visitation, the session and office bearers being asked the usual questions prescribed for such occasions. The congregation being asked whether they were prepared to moderate in a call stated their readiness. The Rev. Alexander McMillan, of Mimico, was duly nominated. Other nominations were called for by the Moderator, but none were made and the congregation, a vote being taken, decided to extend a call to Mr. McMillan. The call was then duly signed by a large number of members and adherents. Rev. S. Houston, M.A., was appointed a commissioner from the Presbytery to support the call before the Presbytery of Toronto and crave the translation of Mr. McMillan.

APPLICANTS FOR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

Allow me to place before your readers the policy of other important missionary organizations as to applicants for service in the foreign field. It will be seen to have a direct bearing on the condition of our own Church at the present time, when so many young men are eagerly looking for an opportunity to do what they feel to be the Saviour's command to them.

The Church Missionary Society, seven years ago, resolved to refuse to candidate whom they regarded as suitable for the work. During these seven years they have doubled their missionary staff, and although they have occasionally known a deficit, nothing has occurred to induce them to think of retracing their steps. They have at the present time 265 ordained missionaries in the field, and the funds for the support of their work are annually forth coming.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in December, 1892, adopted the following resolution: "In view of the urgent calls from the mission fields for reinforcements, and in the deep trust that God

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will supply the means for sending and supporting the workers whom He has called, it was resolved that, for the present year, the Board would decline no qualified and approved candidates for service as ordained missionaries, on financial grounds." The Board's action was limited to the fiscal year in which it was taken, but it was approved by the General Assembly in May, 1893, when the following resolution, which has since constituted the policy of the Board, was adopted: "Resolved, that we approve of the Board's determination to send to the open fields of the world all qualified men who may apply. So long as the harvest is great and the labourers few, it must be the duty of the Church to put into the harvest field those whom God calls in answer to His prayer." Is their faith in the Canadian Church to follow on this point such important examples. That there is room for the exercise of faith in such matters, none will question. Would it not be helpful to get on this point the opinions of some in the Church whose interest in the world's evangelization is well known?—K. P. MACKAY.

Toronto, Jan. 26th, 1895.

The entertainment given by Miss Smith, of Toronto, in behalf of the Sabbath School, at Winthrop, was of a high order. The readings were rendered in an excellent manner and were appreciated by the audience. The selections rendered were most appropriate, although of a nature that required great skill of delivery. The interest of the audience, however, never flagged and the evening seemed only too short. Her rendering of the hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," as the deaf mutes give expression to the sentiments of the hymn by signs, was extremely interesting. The home choir deserve special notice for the excellence of their part of the programme. Should Miss Smith, at some future time, be able to give us another evening, we can safely assure her of a full house. The funds of the Sunday School were, we understand, considerably increased by the evening's proceedings.

Toronto Presbyterian Sabbath School Union monthly meeting will be held in the lecture room of Westminster Presbyterian Church on Friday, February 1st., at 8 p. m.

With the Spring-tide come the Flowers, but before them come the illustrated Seed and Flower Catalogues—in its way almost as attractive as the Flowers themselves. We have just received the Catalogue of the Steel, Briggs, Maroon Seed Co., of Toronto, full of instructive details of great value to all interested in plant and flower life—and who is not? The reputation of this house stands high, and no reader of this journal can do better than consult their Catalogue or write them personally.

We are in receipt to-day of a copy of a special edition of Copp, Clark & Co.'s *Canadian Almanac*, for 1895, printed for the enterprising corporation of H. H. WARNER & Co., Ltd., of London, England, who are now sole proprietors of "Warner's Sarsaparilla Cure." It is full of valuable information and reflects credit on the publishers as well as on the enterprise of this English company.

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