

Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, as our readers will find recorded in our report of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Paris, a social gathering took place in the Town Hall for the purpose of welcoming the new pastor. Rev. John McEwen of Ingersoll, Moderator of the session of Chalmers' Church during the time they had been without a minister, occupied the chair and ably discharged the duties of the position. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Little, McMullen, Parker, Goodspeed, and Inglis. Rev. Donald McKenzie, of Ingersoll, formerly of Embro, and deservedly known as the Father of Presbyterianism in the County of Oxford, was present, and was requested to address the audience. This occasion, he said, had a peculiar interest to him. Rev. Mr. Mackay, who had that day been inducted into the pastorate of Chalmers' Church, had grown up under his ministrations. The house of Mr. Mackay's father had been highly favored with blessings. Five sons had come out as ministers of the Gospel, and of these two were now in heaven, he believed. He referred to his own congregation, and said that he believed it had sent out more ministers than any other in the country. Seventeen young men, who had been brought up under his ministrations, had become preachers of the Gospel. He made brief reference to the early days of Presbyterianism in Woodstock. In 1837 he held the first Presbyterian service in the town, and continued to preach once a month for some time. Then there was only a handful belonging to the denomination, but they had prospered, and grown into the two large congregations which now existed.

THE annual report of the Chatsworth congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for the year ending 15th February, 1878, is now before us. The session reports that the attendance on the forenoon service has never been better; that the audience at the Gaelic service is diminishing as the aged people are being removed by death, but that service in that language is still necessary for the sake of a few individuals; and that the attendance at the evening service, commenced about a year ago, is very encouraging. The minister, Rev. James Cameron, now in the twentieth year of his pastorate, not only conducts these regular services, but preaches a good deal on week evenings in private dwellings and school houses round the neighborhood, sometimes one evening, sometimes two evenings, sometimes three evenings. The stations principally supplied on these occasions are, Arnott, Rockford, Sullivan Mills, Mitchell Settlement, 10th Con. Sydenham, and Massie. At all these meetings the attendance has been remarkably good, the young people regularly attending and manifesting marked interest in religious truth. There is also a monthly sermon in the church, at the full of the moon, varied at times by a lecture on temperance or a missionary discourse. Eighteen new names were added to the communion roll in the course of the year, the number of members now on the roll being 223, and the number of families about 120. The total amount raised by the congregation for all purposes appears to have been \$1,429.58, whereof \$162.37 was devoted to the schemes of the Church, as follows: Home Missions, \$46.77; Colleges, \$18.92; Foreign Missions, \$46.77; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$10.42; French Evangelization, \$41.10; Chiniquy's Church, \$7.12; Wiarton Church, \$12.70; Presbytery Home Mission, \$8.92.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—The last regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on the 7th and 8th inst. The first business taken up was the Remits from the General Assembly not disposed of at last meeting. It was agreed to express approval of the proposal to have a common fund for the Colleges. In reference to the Remit anent putting the names of retired ministers on the roll, it was resolved to recommend that the name of any retired minister who has been permitted by the Assembly to retire from the active work of the ministry be retained on the roll of the Presbytery within whose bounds his last pastoral charge was situated. It was agreed to recommend that ordained missionaries, laboring within the bounds of any Presbytery with the consent of the Home Mission Committee, have their names placed upon the roll of that Presbytery. The Remit containing a list of questions to be put to ministers, elders, and deacons at ordination was approved of *simpliciter*, as was also the one in reference to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The Remit on Ecclesiastical Procedure was put into the

hands of a committee, who considered it carefully and brought in a report with a large number of recommendations, which the Presbytery resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider. Among the changes which the Presbytery agreed to recommend are a preparatory section defining the constitution and powers of a congregation with rules and forms for formation of the same; assigning to Synods the duties of receiving ministers applying for admission from other Churches, and conferring upon the state of religion, Sabbath Schools, and the general work of the Church; that the Assembly's Committee on bills and overtures shall consist of the clerks of the Assembly and commissioners chosen by the Presbyteries, one from each Presbytery; and the deletion of paragraph five in chapter ix., in reference to the licensing of students, and the following inserted instead: "The Presbytery being satisfied regarding the qualifications of the student as required in paragraph 1, shall certify the same to the clerk of the Synod. The student desiring license shall then appear before a committee of Synod, appointed for this purpose, who shall examine him upon prescribed subjects in Latin, Greek, Philosophy, Church History and Government, Biblical Criticism, Hebrew, Divinity, Homiletics, and Pastoral Theology. For such, examination papers in these subjects shall be prepared by a committee annually appointed by the General Assembly. The student shall obtain from the Synod clerk an extract minute of his having passed this examination, and shall present it to some Presbytery of the Church with written application to be taken on trials for license. The Rev. Donald McKae of St. Stephen's Church, St. John, was nominated as the moderator of the next meeting of the General Assembly, and the Rev. James Watson of Huntingdon, as the moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. Mr. Knowles, minister, was appointed commissioner in the place of Dr. Mann who had declined, and Mr. Robert Kennedy, elder, in the place of Mr. John McMillan. The clerk reported in regard to the amount necessary to pay the expenses of the commissioners to the approaching meeting of the Assembly, and what each congregation would require to pay according to the stipend paid by them, and he was instructed to notify congregations of the amount required of them severally according to the statement submitted. The clerk was instructed to procure a book with the formula written in it, and have it ready for signature at next meeting. The Presbytery agreed to adopt the principle of regular Presbyterial visitations of all the congregations within the bounds, and appointed a committee to mature a scheme and prepare a list of questions, and report at next meeting. Reports on Home Missions, and the State of Religion were read by the respective conveners. In connection with the former it was resolved, that when a vacant congregation receives supply from a student missionary for the summer, such student shall receive the same rate of remuneration as probationers, with the understanding that when a probationer desires to visit the congregation with a view to settlement, or the congregation desires the visit of any minister with a view to giving a call, the student shall, on intimation thereof received from the convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, vacate the pulpit for such preachers; but that he shall not be required to do so more frequently than at the rate of one Sabbath per month. A deputation with Presbyterial power was appointed to meet at Bristol, on Monday the 21st inst., at three o'clock p.m., to make definite arrangements with the congregation in regard to the payment of arrears, and issue the matter of Mr. McLaren's resignation. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, on the first Tuesday of August, at two o'clock p.m.—J. CARSWELL, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The Presbytery of Paris met in Knox Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday the 7th of May. There was a full attendance of both ministers and elders. The resignation of the Rev. Mr. Glendinning of Glenmorris, came up for consideration. Commissioners were heard on the part of the congregation, but in the absence of Mr. Glendinning, final action was deferred until Tuesday the 21st, at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held in Paris. Leave was granted the Mount Pleasant congregation to sell their present church building, and use the proceeds to aid in erecting a new edifice. It was agreed to make definite arrangements for Presbyterial visitation of the congregations within the bounds at next meeting, and that they should be visited in alphabeti-

cal order. Leave of absence for three months was granted Mr. Aull to visit Great Britain. At two p.m. the Presbytery met in Chalmers' Church, and proceeded with the induction of the Rev. W. A. McKay into the pastoral charge of said congregation. The Moderator presided, Dr. Cochrane preached the sermon, Mr. McEwen addressed the pastor, and Mr. Anderson the people. There was a very large congregation present, and Mr. McKay received a cordial welcome at the close of the services from his flock. The Presbytery agreed to hold an adjourned meeting in River Street Church, Paris, on Tuesday the 21st, at eleven a.m., and to hold the next regular meeting in Knox Church, Ingersoll, on the first Monday of July, at two p.m.—WM. COCHRANE, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met at St. Mary's on the 7th inst. The congregations of Milverton and North Morningson applied for a moderation in a call, which was granted. They promise \$900 and a manse. The petition for a second congregation at St. Mary's was granted. Rev. Mr. Macpherson was appointed to preach for the petitioners on Sabbath, the 19th inst., and he, with Rev. Mr. Hislop and Mr. Alex. Robertson were appointed to meet them on the following day at 2 o'clock, in order to the formation of a communion roll. On motion of Mr. McLeod, it was agreed to re-consider Presbytery's decision in relation to Mr. Cameron's services at New Hamburg and Shakespeare. The former item was postponed in order to get further information, and as to the latter it was agreed "that having heard the commissioners in the case, the Presbytery express regret that Mr. Cameron has not seen his way to follow the advice formerly given, and hereby enjoin him to cease the regular services in the hall in Shakespeare which he has conducted there for some time, and advise him and Mr. Watt to unite in the conducting of extra services in the hall in order that the unbecoming opposition manifest to the world may cease." Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Cameron dissented and protested for leave to complain to General Assembly. Messrs. Macpherson and Hamilton were appointed to answer their reasons and appear for Presbytery. The clerk was instructed to notify congregations of their proportions of Presbytery expenses for the current year, said proportions to be paid at July meeting. Assembly's remit on the formula was approved, and the remit on ecclesiastical procedure after numerous alterations, was approved. Presbytery adjourned to meet at half-past nine o'clock a.m., on the 9th of July next, in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford.—J. FOTHERINGHAM, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at Mill Point on the first day of May. Mr. Steele's resignation of the charge of the congregation of Amherst Island was accepted. It was decided to hold a Presbyterial visitation of this congregation on Monday, the 20th of May, at ten o'clock a.m. The call from Waterdown to Mr. MacMechan was favorably entertained, the representatives from Picton congregation offering no opposition. This attitude on the part of the congregation was out of deference to Mr. MacMechan's expressed desire to remove to this new charge. The expressions of esteem and regard for their pastor contained in resolutions adopted by the congregation were strong, and indicative of a warm attachment. Committees were appointed to draft suitable minutes that would embody the sentiments of the Presbytery in regard to these two brethren. In the evening, Mr. R. J. Craig was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Mill Point. It is a gratifying compliment to him, that after laboring in this village for two years as an ordained missionary, he has been settled as pastor over an attached and promising people. At the induction service, Mr. Maclean preached and presided, Mr. MacMechan addressed the minister, and Mr. Young the people. Immediately after, the congregation repaired to their pastor's residence, where an address of welcome to him was read by Mr. Smith, one of the elders. He thus enters on his stated ministry under the most favorable auspices. On the evening of the following day, the Presbytery met at Gananoque for the induction of the Rev. Henry Gracey into the charge of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church. The people turned out in large numbers, and manifested a lively interest in the proceedings. Mr. Nicholson preached, Mr. Gallagher presided and addressed the minister, and Mr. McCuaig the people. Thus in the course of one week, the Kingston Presbytery has had to do with two dissolutions of the pastoral tie, and two inductions.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk