

Presbytery expressed its gratification at hearing the report and its appreciation of the great interest of the late Mr. Connors, shown not only by his generous assistance of our missionaries during his life, but by the liberal bequest of which the Presbytery has now heard. Agreed to certify Mr. Harold Clark a student to Dalhousie, belonging to St. Stephen, for employment in the mission field. Mr. Hawley's resignation was accepted and Mr. A. A. McKenzie was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant. Milltown applied to have Mr. Hawley appointed as ordained missionary to labour in their church. The Presbytery made the appointment. Mr. Whitehead was appointed moderator of the session of Richmond, and Mr. Hawley of St. James session. The Presbytery agreed to nominate Mr. R. A. Falconer for the professorship in the Presbyterian College, Halifax. A circular was read from the Presbytery of Glengarry, intimating that Mr. W. Russell had been suspended for contumacy and deprived of his license to preach the gospel. Mr. McNeil was granted two months leave of absence or more if necessary. Adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 7, at 10 a.m., in St. Andrew's church, St. John.

#### Presbytery of London.

This Presbytery met in First Presbyterian church, London, on the 12th ult., Rev. Alex. Miller, moderator, and was duly constituted. The attendance was large—nearly all the clerical members being present. On motion of D. Proudfoot, duly seconded, Mr. George Sutherland was appointed moderator for the next six months, and Mr. Cook was appointed clerk *pro tem*. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Messrs. D. Proudfoot, Hugh Brown, J. A. McDonald, J. H. Courtenay, John M. Munro, W. J. Clark, Alex. Henderson, and John Currie, ministers; Alex. Fraser, Adam Nicoll, James Shields, D. K. McKenzie, Alex. McPherson, J. Mitchell, Neil Love, John McIntyre, elders. Mr. Henderson, convener of Home Mission, asked and obtained permission to secure the services of Mr. Graham, student, for North Ekfrid station during the summer months. At Mr. Falling's own request his resignation of the pastoral charge of St. James church, was allowed to lie on the table indefinitely. Mr. Cook, as convener of the Committee on the State of Religion, submitted a programme for the May meeting Conference. It was agreed to consider the programme *seriatim*. It was also agreed that it be printed and be sent to Sessions and managers. Mr. Talling gave in the report of the Committee on Prison Reform. The report was adopted. A call from Thamesford, in favor of Mr. Wilson, of Dutton, was presented by Mr. Cook. On motion duly made and seconded the call was sustained; but in view of Mr. Wilson's intimation of declining to consider it, the Presbytery agreed that it be laid aside, and leave given to moderate again, when the congregation is prepared to do so. Mr. Henderson asked and obtained leave to give in the Home Mission report at the adjourned meeting on 4th April. Intimation having been received that the Presbytery of Toronto had granted the translation of Mr. James G. Stewart, it was agreed that Mr. Stewart's induction should take place in Knox church, London South, on Thursday the 4th April, at 7.30 p.m., the moderator of Presbytery to preside, Mr. Anderson to preach, Mr. J. Currie to address the minister, and Mr. Clark the congregation. Deputations to augmented charges reported their diligence in visiting those charges. The reports were received, and the Presbytery agreed to make application to the Augmentation Committee in accordance with the same. A paper was read containing questions in connection with the Probationer's Scheme. The Presbytery answered a number of questions, and gave authority to the moderator to answer others requiring an examination of the Presbytery roll, and return those answers to the Clerk of Assembly. A telegram having been received from the Lindsay Presbytery intimating that they had agreed to Mr. Johnstone's translation, the Presbytery appointed Mr. Johnstone's induction to take place in St. Andrew's church, on Friday, 12th

April, at 3 p.m. The Moderator of Presbytery to preside, Mr. J. O. Stewart to preach, Mr. Sawers to address the minister, and Mr. J. A. McDonald the congregation. The Presbytery appointed next regular meeting to take place in First Presbyterian church, London, on the second Monday of May, at 7.30 p.m., and adjourned to meet in the same church on 4th April, at 11 a.m. The Presbytery closed with the benediction.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Superior.

THE Presbytery of Superior met in St. Andrew's church, Port William, on the 12th ult., at 10 a.m. Members present were Messrs. R. Nairn, moderator, W. McK. Omand, S. C. Murray, R. Sturgeon and W. L. H. Rowand, ministers; and Mr. J. A. Stewart, elder. Mr. Nairn called on the court to appoint a new moderator, as his term of office had expired. On motion of Mr. Rowand, Mr. Omand was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. Murray reported for the committee appointed to purchase books and inaugurate the circulating library scheme, stating that they had selected and purchased a number of volumes, which would be in the hands of the members of the Presbytery in a few days. He also indicated the way in which these books would circulate. On motion of Mr. Rowand, the report was received and adopted. On motion of Mr. Nairn it was agreed that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held at Keewatin on the Tuesday immediately preceding the meeting of synodical home mission committee at Winnipeg. It was moved by Mr. Rowand, seconded by Mr. Nairn, and agreed to unanimously, that Rev. Dr. Robertson be nominated by this Presbytery for the position of Moderator of General Assembly. Rev. S. C. Murray, of Port Arthur, and Mr. W. A. Mather, of Keewatin, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. The remits from the General Assembly were taken up and considered. It was agreed that we do not approve of the first remit, having reference to the graduating students and ministers from other churches giving one year's service in the mission field. On motion of Mr. Murray it was agreed that we do not approve of the remit anent aged and infirm ministers' fund. The remit on amalgamation of certain committees was considered and on motion of Mr. Murray it was agreed that we do not approve of the remit as it stands; we desire that the General Assembly retain a separate committee on temperance. Mr. Murray reported for the home mission committee, giving estimated requirements for the ensuing six months, and recommendations in regard to supply of missionaries for the various missions within bounds. On motion of Mr. Rowand the report was received and adopted. Mr. Nairn reported for the committee appointed to examine the proposed Book of Praise, recommending that the Presbytery express approval of the resolutions passed by the General Assembly. On motion of Mr. Murray, duly seconded the report was received and adopted. It was agreed on motion of Mr. Nairn, that the sessions within bounds be instructed to send up their records at the March meeting for examination. Messrs. Omand and Nairn were appointed to examine the Fort William session record and Mr. Rowand was appointed to examine the record of Port Arthur session. These committees subsequently reported that the records of session at Port Arthur and Fort William had been neatly and carefully kept. Mr. Murray was appointed to dispense sacraments at Fort Francis and Mr. Omand at Ignace. Mr. Omand made a statement in regard to Manitoba College, and urged the claims of that institution on the members of the Presbytery. Mr. Murray also spoke on the subject of augmentation, advocating its claims. Mr. Nairn submitted the report on systematic beneficence, indicating the methods in use in the various congregations of the Presbytery for raising money, and making the following recommendations: (1) That suitable literature on this subject be procured and distributed amongst members and adherents of the churches; (2) That pastors

preach during the year on that subject; (3) That the Presbytery recommend the managing boards of individual congregations to meet once a month and consider finances of congregation; (4) In order that moneys raised for the Schemes of the Church may be increased and more equitably apportioned, a general missionary society be established in each congregation, and that session assume general oversight of the distribution of money. The report was received and the recommendations considered *seriatim* and adopted. Mr. J. A. Stewart submitted an excellent report on Sabbath Observance, indicating the more flagrant forms of Sabbath violation, and suggesting remedies. The report was received and adopted. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Keewatin in September.—W. L. H. ROWAND, Clerk.

In a recent issue of the Brantford Courier is this tribute to that admirable institution of learning, the Young Ladies' College at Brantford: "Yesterday Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, as visitor representing the Synod of Hamilton and London, and Rev. John Neil, of Toronto, representing the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, spent the day at the Ladies' College, examining the various classes in order to report to their respective Synods. The classes in history (taught by Mrs. Rolls, Lady Principal), in mathematics (Miss Oughtred), English literature (Miss Macdonald), French (Miss Balet), and Latin (Miss Oughtred), were heard and examined by the rev. gentlemen, after which the pupils met in the drawing-room, where pianoforte and vocal solos, quartettes and elocutionary readings were given by Misses Snider, McCulloch, Howe, Wisner, Wilkes, Crompton, Campbell and Jackson. Dr. Cochrane, at the close, referred to the standing of the college and the work and attendance of the year, after which Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Neil gave brief addresses, eulogizing the exceptionally high standard reached by the pupils in all the branches they had examined. They know by report the solid education of the Brantford Ladies College, and expected much, but what they had seen and heard far exceeded their expectations. Mrs. Rolls and her efficient staff received well merited praises at their hands, for the thorough grounding of their classes in the several departments under their charge."

THE following interesting facts regarding the new church recently opened at Acton, have been sent by a valued correspondent. The church has been opened in their jubilee year, the congregation having been organized in 1845. The church was opened free of debt, and with a surplus at the credit of the building fund, and with the old church and site as unencumbered assets. Since the pastor, Rev. J. W. Rae, was inducted to the charge, in 1857, a new manse costing about \$3,000 has been built, the old manse bringing \$1,900. The present value of the church property is estimated at about \$13,000. This is a record most creditable to the pastor and people. It is a most suggestive record indeed, and one which ought to be widely emulated. A brief description of the church is here given: The superstructure is veneered with pressed brick and rests upon a stone foundation. The exterior appearance is of a neat substantial character with semicircular arches, front and side gables, and ornamental turret and slated roofs. The height is about 60 feet above the sidewalk. The extreme length of the building is 92 feet and the extreme width 60 feet. The auditorium is 52x35 feet, with transepts adding 10 feet on each side, and a choir recess under an elliptical arch, 18 feet wide and 10 feet deep, behind the pulpit. The Sabbath school and lecture room 34x27 feet, is so placed as to be available as an annex to the auditorium on special occasions by opening four pairs of doors directly opposite the pulpit. Over the lecture room and extending across the auditorium is a deep gallery. The auditorium with gallery will comfortably seat over 600 persons, and with a little crowding and the use of the lecture room accommodation can be given to over 1,000 persons. The pews are arranged in the modern semicircular form.