

appointed in a measure. The town has grown so very slowly that the Church members have for some time been contemplating a reduction in the size of their church, which has now been accomplished by the sub-division of the interior into two parts, so as to form a church and school room. This work, together with other improvements has cost nearly \$1,000. It is not in reality, a retrograde movement, because the building was always too large for the needs of the congregation. The new arrangement is a decided improvement in every way, and reflects great credit upon the congregation and their pastor, Rev. James Bennett, to whose initiation and efforts the success of the undertaking is mainly due. The most creditable feature of all is that the whole cost of the work was raised within a few weeks by the citizens of the place by direct subscriptions. In the list of subscribers are found the names of several belonging to the other Protestant denominations and not a few Roman Catholics. Prof. Ross preached on Sabbath at the regular morning and evening services to large congregations and in the afternoon a special service for the children was participated in by Rev. Mr. McLeod and Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Vankleek Hill, besides Rev. Bennett. On Monday evening, Prof. Ross gave a lecture in the school room on "Scottish Life and Character." The reverent gentleman made a profound impression both in the pulpit and on the platform.

Rev. J. E. Duclou B. A. of Valley-field Que., is Moderator of Session of the Beauharnois Presbyterian Church, vocated by the death of the late Mr. Boyd B. D.

On 20th of Dec., Valley field Que., eighteen new communicants were admitted at the Lord's Supper. This is the largest number ever received at one time, by the Session.

Certification comes to the department of H. R. I. from Rev. W. A. Bradley B. A. that twenty two of the pupils of the Mitchell Sabbath School recently repeated the answers to all the questions in the shorter Catechism, two of them Agnes F. Dougherty and Maude I. Swan performing the astounding feat of repeating along with the answers all the Scripture proof.

At a meeting of Central Presbyterian Church congregation, Hamilton, Jan. 12th, the report of the managers recommended a reduction in the salaries of all the paid officials, from the minister, the Rev. Dr. Lyle, down to the caretaker. There was a long and earnest discussion of the recommendation, and Mr. J. M. Gibson and Mr. Adam Zimmerman, members of the Managing Board, explained fully how the church had been falling behind, and how the current account was at present overdrawn \$1,600. They also said that if the report was not adopted they would resign from the Board. After discussing the matter till 11 o'clock the recommendation was referred back to the managers by a vote of 70 to 15. Messrs. Adam Zimmerman, Joseph Wallace, and J. M. Gibson then resigned from the Board, and Messrs. J. W. Lamoreaux, A. Cruickshank, P. Balfour, jr., Geo. Ross, and J. M. Gibson (in his absence) were appointed to fill vacancies.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church, Hespeler, on Monday evening, Jan. 4th, presented their pastor, Rev. Mr. Strachan, with a magnificent fur coat as a token of their love and respect for their pastor, who although only in charge of the church for a comparatively short time, has endeared himself to the whole congregation. Mr. Panbaker read the address, and Mr. Purves presented the coat. Mr. Strachan thanked the congregation, who, he said, were far too kind to him. Mrs. Strachan was presented with a pair of fur gauntlets. Tea was served by the ladies and a most enjoyable time had by those in attendance.

NORTH WEST NOTES.

The Rev. J. L. Small, B. A., has been called to Keewatin and the call has been sustained by the Presbytery of Superior.

Very deep sympathy is felt with the Rev. J. W. Muirhead, of Whitewood, in the sudden and distressing death of his wife last week. The manse at Whitewood was the brightest and most hospitable of homes

and Mrs. Muirhead took a deep interest and a considerable share in many of her husband's pastoral duties. Especially had she worked with enthusiasm for the erection of the new church in Whitewood. Mr. Muirhead has gone to Kingston, Ont., for the funeral.

A fire which broke out in the rooms under which Mr. J. Hunt Jarvis, the missionary student at Yorkton had his apartments, left that gentleman without his wardrobe and his little library, which, however, contained a good and (for a student) a large collection of books. Sympathy in Winnipeg for Mr. Jarvis has taken tangible shape.

Miss L. M. Baker, the veteran and heroic Indian missionary, spent a night unexpectedly in the woods about three weeks ago. She had driven alone as she often does to Prince Albert, about eight miles distant, for the Sunday evening service. As she was returning after dark the horse left the proper road for the better beaten track made by men who had been hauling fire-wood to town. After trying in vain to extricate herself from her dilemma Miss Baker unhitched her horse and tied him to a tree, wrapped herself in robes with which she was well provided and "wished for the day." Fortunately the weather was not as severe as it often is in December, and she marched home safely at an early hour the next morning.

The new Presbyterian church, Deloraine, Man., will be opened on Sunday, the 17th inst. Rev. Peter Wright, of Portage la Prairie, will conduct the dedicatory services.

The Presbyterian congregation, Oak Lake, Man., held a meeting in the church on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, which was presided over by Rev. Mr. Henry of Brandon. A call was given Rev. Mr. McLean, who made so many friends here during his short visit last summer.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

This Presbytery held its first meeting for the year on Tuesday, January 5. The Moderator, Mr. Wm. Patterson presided. The forenoon was consumed by the consideration of a reference from the Port Credit Session and Assessors. The Session and Assessors had advised the resignation of one of the elders there. The advice was not followed, and as considerable friction had arisen, the matter was brought to the attention of the Presbytery. After very full hearing the Presbytery unanimously endorsed the action of the Session, and advised the resignation of the elder as he had not the sympathy of the congregation. As he declined to follow the advice, the Presbytery, at a subsequent sederunt, removed him from the Session of that congregation.

Mr. Hamilton Casels was heard in behalf of the Foreign Mission Fund, and he urged that immediate and vigorous steps be taken towards raising money to meet the deficit of over \$59,000. The Presbytery appointed a committee for the purpose of devising the most practical and effective means of meeting the deficit reported.

Five calls were disposed of during the day. Mr. Geo. R. Feskin accepted the call from St. Paul's congregation, Toronto, and Presbytery will meet on Tuesday, February 9th next at 8 o'clock in the evening, in St. Paul's Church for his ordination and induction. Mr. Patterson will preside; Prof. Ballantyne preach; Principal Caven address the minister, and Mr. James A. Brown the people. Mr. Thos. McLachlan, of Bolton and Vaughan declined the call addressed to him by Knox Church, Canington. Mr. Thos. N. Rogers also declined the call addressed to him by the congregations of Unionville and St. John's, Markham. The call from St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, was sustained by the Presbytery and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Belfast, Ireland, of which Presbytery Mr. W. J. McCaughan, who is named in the call, is a member. The call from Newmarket, to Mr. Alex. McNabb, minister at Meaford, was sustained by Presbytery and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Owen Sound.

Presbytery agreed to reconsider its decision asent representation in General Assembly; and after deliberation recom-

mended that the ratio be one in six. The following method of paying the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly was submitted and unanimously adopted.

The matter of a permanent site for the congregation now worshipping in the Cowan Avenue Methodist Church was brought forward by the report of a committee. It was recommended that permission be given to Cowan Avenue congregation to continue to occupy the Methodist Church on Cowan Avenue for a period not exceeding five years from 1st January, 1897; that prior to 1st January, 1901 a lot other than that on which the Cowan Avenue Methodist Church now stands be purchased by the Cowan Avenue congregation for a permanent site, and that a church or Sabbath school building be erected thereon, and ready for occupation prior to January 1st, 1902; and that a standing committee of Presbytery be now appointed to confer with Cowan Avenue congregation whenever desired, as to the securing of a permanent site, said sites to meet with the approval of Presbytery before being purchased. It was finally agreed to send down this recommendation to the Cowan Avenue and the Dunn Avenue congregations for their consideration, with the request that they report to Presbytery at its next meeting.

Mr. Mutch made a statement and appeal on behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in view of the meagre support this Fund receives from many Sessions and a more generous support on behalf of both pastor and people.

Mr. James H. White tendered his resignation of the charge of Deer Park, on account of continued ill-health. The resignation was tabled, and the Clerk instructed to cite the congregation to appear in its interests at the next regular meeting.

The following Standing Committee on Church Extension in the City of Toronto and its suburbs was reported and approved: Revs. J. A. Turnbull, (Convener), W. Frizzell, A. Gilray, L. H. Jordan, A. MacMillan, Dr. McTavish, J. Neil, Dr. Parsons, W. Patterson, and Dr. Warden; Messrs. J. Carlaw, S. C. Duncan-Clarke, Wm. Carlyle, J. Harris, A. Jardine, Geo. Keith, Robert Kilgour, J. Parkinson, J. A. Paterson, and J. Blackett Robinson.

On petition from the Morningside congregation it was agreed to unite that congregation and the Fern Avenue congregation under one pastoral charge, provided the latter congregation were willing for such union.

Presbytery agreed to meet on Tuesday the 9th day of February next, one week after the usual time, that its meeting might not conflict with the Conference to be held in Knox College during the first week in February. Presbytery also agreed to meet in February in Knox Church, Toronto, instead of in the usual place in St. Andrew's Church.—R. C. Tran, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.

This Presbytery met at Martintown on Thursday, December 31st, Rev. A. Graham acting as Moderator. Rev. Angus Macaitium preached an appropriate sermon from St. Mark xvi, 20. The usual questions having been answered, the Moderator engaged in prayer, and thereafter inducted Rev. P. F. Langill into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Martintown. Rev. John Matheson then addressed the minister in earnest words of wise counsel. Rev. A. Givan followed, and spoke to the congregation on their duties in relation to the new pastor and his work. The hearty handshaking of the large congregation at the church door, the floral decoration of the church, and the splendid dinner served in the hall at the close of the induction services, combined to constitute such a welcome to Mr. Langill as augurs well for the future.—D. McLAREN, Clerk.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Superior met in Port Arthur on Monday the 28th ult., to consider the call from Keewatin to Mr. J. L. Small. The call was presented and was found to be hearty and unanimous. It was accompanied by a guarantee of stipend of \$2,000 per annum. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Rowand, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the call be sustained and