

At the adjourned meeting of Orangeville Presbytery held on the 22nd Sept., it was agreed to secure the services of an ordained missionary for two years for Maple Valley and Singshampton. Application should be made to Rev. J. R. Bell, Laurel, P.O., Moderator of Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Waits, of Owen Sound, preached Sept. 20th, in St. Andrews church, Orangeville, to large and appreciative audiences. Dr. Waits is an attractive and capable public speaker and will always be able to gather about him a large body of hearers.

Rev. John S. Burnett, for twenty-eight years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Martintown, having resigned his charge with a view of going to Scotland, at a farewell meeting held on Sept. 23rd a large number of friends assembled with his congregation, and presented Rev. Mr. Burnett with a purse, and Mrs. Burnett and Miss Niess with valuable testimonials.

The opening of Calvin Church, Bathurst Township, took place on Sept. 13th. At all the services the church was packed to its utmost capacity. The Rev. Prof. J. Ross preached in the morning and afternoon. In the morning his text was Gen. xxviii. 17, "And Jacob was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other than the House of God, this is the gate of Heaven"; and in the afternoon he preached from the words of 1 Tim. i. 11, "The glorious gospel of the Blessed God, which was committed to my trust." The Rev. A. H. Scott preached in the evening from the very appropriate text in Psalm cxxvii. 1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Calvin church is a veneered brick building, with shapely tower in the south corner, and stands on a slight eminence; which is one of the prettiest sites in the country. It is finished with circular seats, the wall being arch, and the ceiling basswood. From the latter were pendant three chandeliers, presented by Knox church. The Ladies Aid have lately carpeted the platform, and furnished flowers in abundance to grace the dedication services. The lot is neatly fenced and a site reserved for a manse, to come sometime in the future. The cost of building was \$1,403, of which \$1,100 is subscribed in the settlement. The collection on Sabbath 13th amounted to \$82.45, and it is expected the remaining \$200 will soon be forthcoming.

#### Death of a Knox College Student.

A melancholy double fatality took place Friday last, when Rev. J. B. Torrance, Presbyterian student at Kilworth, and his wife were drowned in Sparrow Lake near Gravenhurst. The fatality has caused a general feeling of profound regret. About noon on Friday the unfortunate pair put out in a sailing canoe to visit friends across the lake. A squall suddenly sprang up, and capsized the canoe when about half way over. No assistance being at hand both were drowned. The canoe drifted in towards the shore, where it was found, and the body of Mr. Torrance was also found early on Saturday morning by a search party. The body of Mrs. Torrance was found at 10 o'clock on Sunday evening. The face wore a calm expression, the mouth and eyes closed, as if in sleep. Kind hands tenderly carried the remains to the house of Mr. John Franklin, where the body of her husband lay. He, too, wore the same quiet, peaceful expression. Rev. J. B. Torrance was a son of the late Prof. Torrance, Principal of Woodstock Baptist College, who died about fifteen years ago. Mr. Torrance entered Knox College as a divinity student six years ago, and would have graduated next March. He was exceedingly brilliant in his course, having secured a scholarship last spring. He was universally respected by the students and faculty alike. He was just 25 years old, and in the dawn of usefulness in the profession he had chosen for his life's work. Four years ago he married Miss Helen Douglas, a schoolteacher of Woodstock, and sister of ex-Mayor Douglas of that town. Mrs. Torrance was one of Woodstock's most respected young ladies, and much regret is experienced by her many friends at her untimely fate.

#### Presbytery of Hamilton.

Met in St. Catharines on the 16th of September. A call from St. Paul's Hamilton to Rev. H. S. Beavis D.D., was not sustained as it was not signed by one half of the communicants. Mr. Rogers' resignation of Pelham and Perth was accepted to take effect on November 1st. Mr. Rogers' petition to the General Assembly remitted for consideration of the Presbytery was laid over till next meeting. Reports were heard regarding the supplemented congregations and it was resolved to apply for grants for eight congregations. Messrs. Mason, Gaudin, J. O. Wilson, Bell and Sharp students were certified to their respective colleges. A certificate of transference to the care of the Presbytery of London England was granted to Hon. R. Moreton, formerly pastor of St. John's Church Hamilton.—JOHN LAING, Clerk.

#### Presbytery of Edmonton.

On the first, second and third of this month the new organized Presbytery of Edmonton held its first regular half-yearly meeting in the Presbyterian Church at Edmonton. The following members were present, Rev. D. G. McQueen, Moderator, Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, Rev. D. Spear, Innisfail, Rev. John Fernie, Lacombe, Rev. A. Forbes, Fort Saskatchewan, Clerk-Ministers. And Messrs. W. Johnstone Walker, Edmonton, J. J. Ferguson, South Edmonton and Geo. A. Reid, Lacombe, elders.

By the formation of this new Presbytery an important era is marked in the progress of missions in the North West. Since the formation of the Presbytery of Calgary on 17th July, 1887, there have been two divisions of that Presbytery by the process of fission, the new Presbytery being the first offshoot in an independent sense. In the first case, the stations of Donald, Revelstoke etc., were added to the Presbytery of Kamloops.

The Presbytery of Edmonton is divided on the south from the Presbytery of Calgary by a line running about three miles north of Didsbury riding on the Calgary and Edmonton Railway and stretching westward from the boundary of the Presbytery of Regina, to the eastern boundary of the Presbytery of Kamloops in British Columbia. Northwards, at present, it virtually extends to the north pole. The Presbytery, has one self-sustaining charge at Edmonton, of which Rev. D. G. McQueen is the energetic and highly esteemed pastor. There are five stations with ordained missionaries; Fort Saskatchewan; South Edmonton; Lacombe; Innisfail; and Alda. Also at the German settlement of Josephburg there is an ordained missionary. At Netaskin, Red Deer, Leduc, Belmont, Beaver Lake and Riveiro Qui Barre service is supplied by student missionaries. New fields, owing to the continued influx of settlers are being opened up, and much encouragement is given by the willingness of and invitations from new settlers to have regular service supplied to them.

The work of the session was full of interest; and thanks to the presence of Dr. Robertson, what might in some cases have proved difficult, was by his experienced guidance found to be delightful and easy.

The Reports submitted by the Conveners of the various committees showed the earnestness and care with which the work of the Presbytery is managed. The Rev. John Fernie of Lacombe, as Convener, gave in the Report of the committee on Church Life and Work, on the Recommendations sent out by the authority of the Presbytery of Calgary at its last regular half-yearly meeting in March. Rev. D. Spear, Innisfail reported on the supply of ordinances to those stations where there was no ordained missionary. Rev. D. G. McQueen on Home Missions.

This last report is of the utmost importance to the Presbytery as it embraces the opening up of new fields, appointment of missionaries, support of ordinances, and the general supervision of the executive work within the bounds of the Presbytery.

On the report of Rev. D. Spear, special attention was directed to the work of the congregation at Innisfail. He reported that the money advanced from the Mortov

Fund for building the church there had been paid till date. The Presbytery expressed its great gratification at Mr. Spear's report and instructed the clerk to convey its thanks to the congregation in general and to the Ladies Society in particular for their exertions in this matter.

The clerk having reported that the committee on the examination of Mr. Peter Naismith, catechist, Alda, for license and ordination, and Rev. N. J. Janssen of South Edmonton for ordination after examination in Hebrew, Greek, Church History, Philosophy and Theology and preaching a popular discourse before the court, found their qualifications satisfactory, and recommended that Mr. Naismith be licensed and he and Mr. Janssen be ordained.

A Committee was appointed to strike Standing Committees and on its recommendation at a later sederunt, the following gentlemen were appointed Conveners. The Presbytery being, as yet, small, was considered the Committee in each case. Rev. D. G. McQueen, Home Missions and Augmentation; Rev. John Fernie, Church Life and Work; Rev. A. Forbes, Statistics and Finance; Rev. A. Forbes, Examination of Students; Geo. A. Reid (elder) Sabbath Schools; W. Johnstone Walker (elder) Church Property; J. J. Ferguson, (elder) Colleges.

Near the close of the session the court warmly received Rev. G. Vetter from a sister church in the United States as a member of the Presbytery in full standing, and to act as ordained missionary at the German settlement of Josephburg.

At its last sederunt the Presbytery had under consideration the Remits from Assembly. Nos. 1 and 2 were approved, while committees were appointed to consider Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 and report to next regular meeting in March prox.

In order to keep a regular account of the progress of the work of Presbyterianism in this district, the Rev. John Fernie of Lacombe was appointed Historiographer to the Presbytery.

On the evening of Tuesday, 1st inst., a public meeting of the Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian Church at which the Moderator presided. At the commencement, Dr. Robertson baptized six children all boys, and one of them a son of the manse. Afterwards, the Moderator having put the usual questions to Messrs. Janssen and Naismith they were duly ordained to preach the Gospel as ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Christ in Canada. Dr. Robertson addressed some words of encouragement to the newly ordained men, after which the Presbytery met in private to dispose of some routine business.

On Wednesday 2nd inst., some members of Presbytery attended a meeting in South Edmonton at which addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Robertson; Rev. D. Spear; and Rev. Peter Naismith.

On Thursday 3rd, a public meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church Edmonton presided over by Rev. D. G. McQueen. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. John Fernie on the Bearing of Home Missions on Church Life and Work; and by the Rev. Dr. Robertson on the progress of Home Missions in the West.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Edmonton on Tuesday, March 2nd 1897.

#### Presbytery of Victoria.

Met in St. Andrews Church Victoria on Tuesday the 1st Sept. A letter was read from Mr. T. W. Rogers tendering the resignation of his pastoral charge of the congregation of Wellington. Messrs. Anderson and Munro appeared in the interests of the congregation the resignation was accepted to take effect the next Sabbath, Mr. Alex Young appointed to declare the pulpit vacant and to act as Moderator of session during the vacancy.

It was agreed to certify to their Senates of their respective colleges Messrs. J. Barkholder, W. G. Russell and J. S. Brundon student of the third.

Home Mission and Augmentation reports were carefully considered and the necessary recommendations to the Synod's Committees on these subjects, adopted.

The following are Conveners of standing