

At the adjourned annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Victoria, B.C., Rev. Mr. MacLach in the chair, the accounts for the past year, which showed very satisfactory results, were submitted, together with reports from the various auxiliary societies, all of which were received and unanimously adopted. The following were elected on the board of management viz: Joseph Hunter, A. Carmichael, A. G. MacLach, John Brown, J. R. Robertson and J. McCann, and the meeting resolved itself into a social, enjoying for an hour very pleasantly, songs, recitations, etc., with a copious supply of refreshments.

An exchange says: "Rev. Mr. Abraham, of Burlington, was the recipient of two calls lately. One from the leading church of the city of Brantford and the other from a couple of burglars. The burglars did not ask time for consideration, but they preyed on the matter at hand to the extent of \$90."

Presbytery of Victoria.

THE March meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria was held in St. Andrew's church. It was agreed to recommend to the General Assembly to admit Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Tacoma, to the Canadian Church. Sabbath work at the Esquimalt graving dock was condemned, and the attention of the Dominion Government drawn to it. Reports on mission work among the Chinese and Indians; on Temperance; on Sabbath schools, were presented. The opinion prevailed that the appointment of professors in Theological Colleges be in the hands of the General Assembly. From the statistical report on Sabbath-school work presented by Rev. Dr. Campbell, the following figures are gleaned:—The number of schools in the Presbytery is at present 11 (7 being in Victoria and its suburbs); the enrollment of scholars is 1,122, an increase of 2 during the year, with a total of 117 teachers, 5 more than 1892. The average attendance during the year just closed is recorded at 739, 910 being the return for 1892. The financial statement shows \$1,001 to have been collected by Sabbath school contributions as against \$1,346 in 1892, the expenditure on school maintenance being \$769, and \$15 being raised by the St. Paul's school, Victoria West, towards home missions and augmentation. The Sunday school contributions of St. Andrew's, Nanaimo, were devoted towards the church building fund. In general review of the school work it is stated that Rev. Mr. McDonald's successor (Mr. T. Morrison) having just arrived at Alberni, the school there will be re-opened in May. Only one school contributed towards missions during 1893, as against five during the previous year.

Presbytery of Rock Lake.

THE Presbytery of Rock Lake held its regular meeting on Monday and Tuesday, the 5th and 6th days of March, at Manitou. There was a pretty fair attendance of members. Mr. White, of Melita, acted as Moderator in the absence of Mr. Fisher. A request from the congregation of Doloreine to be separated from the outlying stations, and formed into a pastoral charge, was granted, with the understanding that the session of Doloreine undertake to supply the outlying stations in the meantime. Requests came from the mission field of Hilton, (1) to have a session formed; (2) to approve and to submit an application to the church and manse building board, for a loan to assist in erecting a manse; (3) that the Presbytery take action with regard to moderating in a call to a minister. These requests were granted, and Messrs. Gollan and Hodnett appointed to attend to the same. An application from Orr Station to have a preaching station opened at Tobacco Creek, in connection with the Ravenswood mission field. The application was referred to the sessions of Carman and Miami, to consider and report to Presbytery at its next meeting. A circular letter was read from the Presbytery of Pictou, stating its intention to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive the Rev. W. R. Anderson, a minister of the Baptist Church, as a minister of this Church.

Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions in Manitoba and the North-west, was nominated Moderator of the General Assembly. The following ministers and elders were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Messrs. Fisher, Hodnett, Fairquharson and Caven, ministers, and Messrs. Douglas, of Doloreine; Altheck, of Crystal City; Fraser, of Morden, and Galloway, of Ottawa, elders. The remit of the General Assembly, ancient the best method of appointing professors to chairs in our Theological Colleges, was considered, when it was agreed that in the opinion of this Presbytery, such appointments should be made by the General Assembly, on the nomination of the College Boards, but that should the charter of any College render it difficult for that College to work under this rule, any other method of appointment should be permitted, so long as the Assembly has the right to veto any appointment made by the College authorities. Reports of standing committees on the State of Religion, Temperance, Systematic Benevolence, Sabbath Observance, Sabbath Schools and Statistics, were read, considered and adopted. The mission station of Swan Lake requested Presbytery to change it from its present connection, and put it into the Musselboro field. This was granted, and the name of the field to be known as the Swan Lake mission field. The following is the finding of Presbytery on remit re draft Book of Praise. 1. The Presbytery express approval of the action of the Assembly's committee regarding a new hymnal. 2. That such new versions of Psalms as may be selected, be either added to the Psalter as second or third versions, or put among the Hymns. 3. That the selections of Paraphrases as proposed by the Assembly's Committee, be put among the Hymns with the exception that the whole of Par. 26 together with 41, and 42 have a place in the Hymnal. 4. That of the hymns now in the Hymnal the Assembly's Committee propose to omit, the following be retained 23, 43, 91, 96, 109, 138, 143, 171, 195, 206, 207. 5. That the following Hymns in the present Hymnal which the Assembly's Committee propose to retain, should be omitted 133, 146, 148, 166, 179, 217. 6. That while not objecting to the addition of a few children's hymns to the Church Hymnal, the Presbytery desire that a Children's Hymnal such as the present be prepared. 7. That of the Hymns proposed to be added to the Hymnal, the following be omitted 2, 3, 6, 11, 14, 28, 48, 79, 113. —WM. CAVEN, Clerk.

Presbytery of London.

THE Presbytery of London met in London the moderator, Rev. Alex. Henderson, presiding. The Rev. W. J. Clarke was appointed moderator for the next six months. The first business taken up was the appointment of commissioners to the General Assembly. Of ministers, Rev. Messrs. Ballantyne, Sawers, and R. Sutherland, G. Sutherland and J. Proudfoot, and of elders, Messrs. John Cameron, Neil McNeill, Charles H. Elliott, Malcolm Leitch, Jas. Watrman and Jas. Meek were appointed. Rev. J. M. Munro submitted a minute relating to the decease of the Rev. L. Cameron, of Thamesford. Rev. James Gordon gave in his annual financial statement, with estimates for the ensuing year, which was adopted. Rev. Mr. Henderson submitted the Home Mission report. The following claims for the past six months and applications for next year were passed: Asylum and Springfield, \$150, and \$75 for past six months; Hyde Park and Komoka, \$150, and \$75 for past six months; Alma street, St. Thomas, \$150, and \$75 for past six months; King street, London, \$300, and \$81 for time of vacancy; Delaware and Caradoc, \$100—\$75 for Delaware, and \$25 for Cooke's church, Caradoc, and \$75 for past six months; Port Stanley, \$200, and \$117 for past six months conditionally on all arrears for supply being fully paid up. Wardeville and Newbury, \$100, and \$104 for past six months conditionally on all arrears being first paid up. North street and St. Delaware, \$150, and \$32 for past six months on the same conditions.

North Ekfrid, \$3 per Sabbath was asked for ensuing year. The report on systematic benevolence was read by Rev. Mr. Sawers, showing considerable advancement in this direction. Rev. Mr. Dewar gave in a partial Sabbath school report. The full report was left over till next regular meeting of Presbytery. The committee was instructed to consider the questions submitted by the General Assembly's Sabbath school committee, and also the expense connected with the scheme of higher religious instruction, and report at next meeting. On the second day, the report on the State of Religion was received and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's convener. The revision of the Hymnal was taken up. It was agreed to recommend that selections of the prose version of the Psalm points for chanting, be incorporated in the new Hymnal under the head of Miscellaneous. Also that in view of the largeness and importance of the subject, and in order to give the Church ample time for mature consideration thereof, the General Assembly be requested to postpone final action for one year. It was recommended that a draft copy of the Hymnal with proposed classification of the hymns be sent down to Presbyteries before its final adoption.

Presbytery of Huron.

THIS Presbytery met in Seaforth on the 13th inst., elders' commissions were called for and the roll made up for the ensuing year. The report on aid receiving congregations was given, recommending that the following grants be applied for from the Assembly's Home Mission Committee: \$275 for Grand Bend and Corbett; \$200 for Leeburn and Union Church, Goderich Township; and \$250 for Bayfield and Bethany. The Presbytery resolved to ask for the aforesaid grants. A letter was read from the Board of French Evangelization, setting forth that, owing to the unsatisfactory state of the funds, the grant to Grand Bend was withdrawn. The Presbytery regretted the necessity for this action on the part of the Board, and in its reply expressed the hope that before the end of the financial year the contributions of congregations might be such that the withdrawal of the grant might be obviated. Reports on Sabbath schools, Sabbath observance, temperance, systematic benevolence, and the state of religion were submitted and action thereon taken. Messrs. J. S. Henderson and George Swallow were appointed members of the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. A call from the congregations of Bayfield and Bethany to Mr. J. R. McKay, probationer, was sustained. The following were appointed commissioners to Assembly: Dr. McDonald, Mr. McLean, Dr. Ure, Messrs. Anderson and Acheson, ministers; and J. Wilson, Dryden, Strang and the elders of Manchester and Grand Bend, elders. Dr. McDonald was nominated Moderator of next Assembly. It was agreed to ask leave of the Synod of Hamilton and London to license Mr. Guthrie, student, in the event of his passing his preliminary examination for license. The remits of Assembly were considered and disposed of. The next regular meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Clinton, on the 8th of May, at ten o'clock a.m.—A. McLEAN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Stratford.

THERE was a full attendance of the members of this Court at its regular meeting in Knox church, Stratford, on Tuesday, 13th inst., at 10.30 a.m. The moderator, Rev. A. F. Tully, of Mitchell, presided, and Rev. Andrew Henderson, M.A., of Atwood, acted as clerk. Session records of Millbank and Hampstead were submitted for examination, and at a subsequent stage certified and attested as carefully and correctly kept. Mr. Drumm reported the death of Mr. John Strathairn, an elder in his congregation. Rev. Mr. Bradley, of Dakota, was invited to correspond. Mr. Ray read a paper on baptism, which he had been asked to prepare at last meeting of Presbytery. After discussion of the views therein stated by members of the Court, Mr.