

Church News.

We are thankful to report that the Rev. S. J. Lyle, D.D., of the University of Toronto, has been elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for the year 1890.

A general meeting of the Christian Endeavour Society of Hamilton was held recently in the Methodist Church. Reports submitted showed nine societies with a membership of 332, made up of 51 active and 314 associate members. Addresses were delivered by Rev. S. J. Lyle, D.D., on "Christian Endeavour Work," by Rev. W. H. Lard on "Personal Work in the Church," and by Rev. Dr. Fraser.

Rev. James G. Potter was given a warm reception at the home of Mr. Smith, Fall, on his arrival home from Kingston with his bride. The newly-wedded couple were met at the C.P.R. station and conducted to the house, where they were received by the ladies of the congregation, who had a wedding supper in readiness. Miss Potter was presented with a china set, several easy chairs and other useful presents.

OBITUARY

JOHN WALKER

This deceased was born in the year 1821, near Londonderry, Ireland. In 1835, he, as a member of his father's family, emigrated to Canada and settled near St. Catharines, county of Peel. While a resident there and under the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Kintoul, he came under the influence of Divine truth, and publicly professed faith in Christ by becoming a member of the Church. In 1850 he, along with his brother Samuel, came as a pioneer settler to the township of Glanford, where he resided until his death on March 11, 1890. The deceased was ordained an elder in the Argyle Street congregation under the pastoral charge of the Rev. James Black. At the union of the Argyle and Sutherland Street churches he became an elder of the united congregation, and up to the time of his death he continued to hold the office. We know not why God should have called us so soon again to lament the death of one of our number, but we know that "He doeth all things well." We can trust Him where we cannot trace Him. He was warm-hearted, kind and candid and fervently pious. He felt that he was a great debtor to God's providence and grace. As he had lived the life of the righteous it was also given him to die the death of the righteous. Yet the only righteousness in which he trusted was not his own but that of Christ which is perfect. "He that believeth on Me," said Christ, "though He be dead, yet shall He live." The Session also desire herewith to record an expression of their sincere Christian sympathy with the bereaved widow and family in their affliction and would tenderly commend them to the consolations of the Gospel of Grace for sustaining strength and comforting peace. Their sorrow is not as "that of others who have no hope." "All the dead that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live," and so shall we be "ever with the Lord." The God of all Grace comfort their hearts and keep them by His power through faith unto salvation.—COM.

MRS. CHARLOTTE JANE NICHOLLS. The following biographical particulars respecting the late Mrs. Nicholls, by whose bequest our Church has been benefited to the extent of \$137,000, are from the "Peterboro' Review":—

Just as the clocks were chiming the midnight hour Thursday night, May 8, Mrs. Charlotte Jane Nicholls, relict of the late Robert Nicholls, and a lady whose charitable deeds and many acts of benevolence have made her name familiar to every man, woman and child almost in Peterborough, passed quietly through the gates of darkness from time into eternity. The sad messenger of death was not an unexpected visitor, as for some time past the deceased lady has just been lingering between life and death, with little hope of rallying. In fact since the opening of the new hospital a few months ago Mrs. Nicholls has only been outside of her residence once, but has been gradually growing more feeble each day. She had received the best medical attention and everything possible was done to alleviate, as far as professional skill could, her latter illness. Dr. Wildeman, of New York, her nephew, has resided with her during the last few months, and with Dr. Halliday, has been her medical adviser. When she passed away Dr. and Mrs. Wildeman, her niece, Mr. B. A. Jackson, a nephew, of Macrid, N.Y., and Miss Dugan, a cousin, were at the deceased lady's bedside. Next morning as the sad news of her death became known, many were the expressions of regret that were heard on every hand.

Mrs. Charlotte Jane Jackson was born in the County of Cavan, Ireland, in the year 1817, so that she had reached the ripe old age of 73 years at the time of her death, the same age at which her late husband was gathered to his fathers a little over six years ago. When only a child the deceased lady came to New York with her brother the father of Mr. B. A. Jackson, who was with her when she died. She resided in the American metropolis, living for a few years with the mother of her late husband until she was married, which event took place in 1847. Since that time she has lived in Peterborough. On November 9th, 1888, she was left a widow by the death of her husband.

Mrs. Nicholls was a wealthy lady, the estimates of the value of her estate going into the millions. She was a lady though who did not take selfish enjoyment out of her vast riches, but with a hand of benevolence and charity scattered her kindnesses here and there, and many a poor family will miss the loss of a kindly sympathetic heart and liberal hand, and will ever cherish the memory of their benefactor. All these little acts of kindness did not see the light of day or come to the public gaze, but they were prompted by the same spirit that inspired her to more magnificent deeds. These are familiar to all our citizens, and will serve to keep green the memory of the departed. The handsome Nicholls Hospital with its endowment of \$50,000, will be ever a monument to her charity, while the congregation of St. Andrew's church, of

which she was a member, will never forget the noble lady who on New Year's morning, 1889, laid a cheque for twelve thousand dollars on the collection plate, and wiped the debt off the church by so doing. St. Paul's also came under the hands of the benefactor to the extent of a three thousand dollar grant towards the church debt. These noble deeds have only to be mentioned as they are known to every one. It can indeed be said that in the person of Mrs. Nicholls, Peterborough loses a public benefactor who had over the sufferings and ills of others in her mind.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES

MONTREAL

Met at Wingham, May 13th, Rev. A. McKay, Moderator. A call from Dunbar and Port Albert in favour of Rev. Robert Fairbairn B.A. was sustained and accepted. It was arranged that the induction take place in Erskine church, Wingham, on Tuesday, 27th inst., at 4 p.m., the Moderator to preside. Mr. G. McKay to preach, Mr. D. Davidson to address the minister and Mr. F. A. MacLennan to address the congregation. The following elders were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Messrs. Thomas Strachan, Brussels; Wm. Dawson, Larchmont; Peter Fisher, Ripley; H. M. Duff, Wingham; and Rev. D. C. Davidson, Langside, was appointed commissioner in place of Rev. J. L. Murray, resigned. It was agreed that the March meeting of the Presbytery, shall be itinerating. A notice of motion to change the system of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly was given in. Circulars were received from several Presbyteries regarding their intention to ask leave of the General Assembly to receive as ministers of this Church, in all fourteen ministers.

Met in Erskine church, Wingham, on May 27th, and inducted the Rev. Robert Fairbairn B.A. into the pastoral charge of the united congregations of Wingham and Port Albert. Rev. A. McKay presided, Rev. K. McDonald preached, Rev. D. Davidson addressed the minister and Rev. F. A. MacLennan addressed the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Carry, Episcopal Church, and Rev. Messrs. Potter and Irwin, Methodist Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members. Mr. Fairbairn received a cordial welcome from the congregation as they were retiring from the church.—JOHN MACNAB, Clerk.

HAMILTON

Met May 20th, Rev. W. P. Walker, instead of Rev. J. Wells, resigned, and Messrs. J. A. Young, J. McKnight and John Ross in place of Messrs. Charlton, McCalla and McLellan were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. Special committees were appointed to visit Port Robinson and North Pelham and Wellandport. A congregation has been organized at Waterford with a roll of twenty-five members and a Board of Managers. Mr. Dey was appointed Moderator of Session and Messrs. McKnight and Heron constitute an Interim Session. Sites for churches at Delhi and Waterford were approved. Mr. Mordy resigned his charge at Niagara Falls. The resignation was accepted and Mr. Young was appointed Moderator of Session with power to moderate in a call. The congregation has under Mr. Mordy prospered in every respect. The Presbytery took steps to pay up the amounts withheld from supplemented congregations within the bounds, amounting to \$183. A call from St. John's, Hamilton, to Rev. and Mrs. R. Moreton was accepted and the induction is to take place on June 30th. A second call to Rev. J. A. Morrison from Cayuga and Mount Healy was sustained. A third from Nelson and Dundas Street to Mr. George Needham, licentiate, was sustained. A committee was appointed to see what can be done in the interests of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Messrs. R. M. Hamilton and W. J. Clarke were duly licensed. The remit on the constitution of the General Assembly was approved. That regarding a Sabbath-school secretary was disapproved; also that proposing to make connection with the A. and I. M. Fund obligatory. A committee was appointed to consider the formation of Young Men's Societies for the Home Mission work.—JOHN LALING, Clerk.

QUEBEC

Met in Sherbrooke, on May 13th and 14th, Dr. Lamont, Moderator. A Conference on "Higher Religious Instruction," opened by Rev. John MacLeod, was held on the evening of the 13th. Rev. Dr. Barnes was invited to act as a corresponding member. The clerk was instructed to prescribe exercises for students lab. within the bounds. Revs. Messrs. Tait, Sutherland, Ferguson and Dr. Lamont were appointed to teach missionary meetings held in their respective districts. A call from Danville in favour of Mr. Geo. H. Smith, B.A., was submitted, sustained and accepted. The ordination and induction were fixed for May 27th. The Rev. Jno. MacLeod to preside and address the ministry. Rev. J. R. MacLeod to preach and Rev. T. R. MacLeod to address the people. Rev. N. MacPhee was appointed to Marsboro' and Lake Megantic village until October. Circular letters, anent the reception of Rev. A. Moger, A. Dowley, B. C. Jones, T. W. Black, T. A. Herring, Jno. Sutherland and W. E. Florence, were read. Revs. D. L. Dewar, A. MacLeod and Dr. R. MacLeod were appointed a deputation to visit Lingwick in reference to the grant asked by that congregation, recommended by the Presbytery, but refused by the Home Mission Committee. Rev. C. A. Tanner made a statement anent a French school conducted by him in Quebec, (and for which it is supposed the late Mrs. Clark bequeathed \$4,000), and submitted a Constitution for the same. After discussion it was resolved to refer the matter to the executive of the Board of French Evangelization. The Mission of Sarnia, which has subscribed \$500 for the erection of a church, was commended to the liberality of the more favored portions of the Church for aid which is still needed. Rev. A. Lee resigned his commission to the General Assembly, and Rev. Jno. MacLeod was appointed in his stead. Rev. T. Z. Lefebvre was granted leave to withdraw his resignation. Dr. Lamont was appointed to visit Spider Lake locality to inquire as to the working of the French Mission there. The Pres-

bytery expressed their gratification with the successful efforts put forth by Rev. Dr. MacKay, of Crescent Street church, Montreal, in erecting a church at Cap d'Aigle for the benefit of the summer visitors.—J. R. MACLEOD, Clerk.

WHITBY

Held a meeting in Oshawa during the meeting of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, Rev. S. I. Eastman, Moderator. Mr. Leslie of Newtonville was appointed to go to the Assembly in place of Mr. Kennedy who declined going. A letter from Dr. McClelland was read intimating that because of continued bodily affliction he felt it necessary to resign his charge. The Presbytery expressed its sympathy with Dr. McClelland in his continued infirmity and agreed to cite the congregations of Ashburn and Uxton to appear for their interests at a meeting of Presbytery to be held at Whitby on June 24th. Conditional arrangements were made for the induction of Mr. Mills (provided he accept the call to Danbury) on the same day. The report of the committee appointed to prepare a draft minute in reference to Mr. Drummond's resignation was read and adopted and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes, namely: "In accepting the resignation of Mr. Drummond and consenting to the retirement from the active duties of the ministry, the Presbytery recall with gratitude the important service he has rendered the cause of Christ within the bounds of the Presbytery and in other parts of the Church. Arriving in Canada from Scotland in the spring of 1847, Mr. Drummond laboured for more than ten years in Whitby as pastor of the First church there, the three following years in North Easthope, Mornington and Milverton; then for nearly six years in North Easthope and Shakespeare until the year 1876; and since that time in Newcastle, in all a period of forty-two years. From this long and arduous life of characteristic vigor into the work, cheerfully undergoing the privations and trials of the pioneer ministry, and proving himself successful in organizing in the mission field as well as in the duties of the pastorate. His pulpit has always been one of power, and with increasing years there has come only increasing fervency and unction in the declaration of the great truths of the Gospel. In his pastoral relations he greatly endeared himself to the people. Not less worthy of recognition have been the services of Mr. Drummond as clerk of this Presbytery for the last thirty years. A diligent and accurate officer, his extensive knowledge of Church law and forms and his practical wisdom have been of constant advantage to the Presbytery, who are gratified to know that he is still to continue in the duties of clerkship. It is a source of satisfaction to the Presbytery, that the merits of our venerated brother have been freely recognized by the Church Courts, he having been for several years Clerk of the Presbytery of Brant in the U. P. Church, Moderator of the United Presbyterian Synod before the Union of 1861, afterwards of the Synod of London of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and still again, after the Union of 1875, of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. The Presbytery, devoutly thankful to the Great Head of the Church for his long and faithful service, may be still spared, his name and services as a laborer may yet be of service to the Church and the world. A final call shall come to the higher joys and labours of the upper sanctuary."—R. D. FRASER, Clerk, pro tem.

GUELPH

Met in Knox church, Guelph, May 20th. Mr. S. S. S. of Rockwood, Moderator. Dr. Smellie and Mr. Allan McDiarmid having tendered their resignation as commissioners to the General Assembly, Mr. S. S. S. was appointed in room of the former and Mr. Hugh Cockburn in place of the latter. At his own request an extension of time was allowed the Clerk to prepare his report founded on the statistical returns from congregations and stations for the year 1889. It was reported that the Home Mission Committee had agreed to make a grant to Hawkesville and Linwood of \$300 per annum, but that owing to the state of the Fund only \$68 had been remitted instead of \$300 for the half year which has closed, and only \$16 to Cumstock instead of \$25 for the same period. It was agreed that the Presbytery endeavour to make up the deficiency by appealing to those congregations in the first instance which had not contributed to the Augmentation Fund, and a committee consisting of Drs. Wardrop and Torrance, with Messrs. Charles Davidson and Peter Rennie, were appointed to meet with the elders and managers of each of these; set before them the importance of the Augmentation Fund as one of the Schemes of the Church, and urge that it have a place given it among those objects, to which the liberality of their congregations is directed. Mr. Rennie, convener. A letter was read from Mr. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., of Toronto, mentioning the amount apportioned to the Presbytery for Augmentation purposes, namely, \$1,500, and that up to date only \$600 had been received, and giving the names of congregations from which no contribution had been received. A report was submitted from the committee appointed to enquire into the proposed union between the congregations of Knox church, West Pelham, and Duff's church, East Pelham. The Committee recommended that the Presbytery sanction the union of the two congregations on the basis adopted, and the Presbytery adopted the recommendation and instructed the Clerk to have notice of the same published in each of the churches. The main features of the basis are that the minister who may be called and settled shall preach in Duff's church in the forenoon and in Knox church in the afternoon of each Lord's Day, the evening being left to his own disposal and that the salary shall be at the rate of \$600 to be paid by the former, with manse and glebe, and \$400 by the latter. The Clerk next reported that he had secured the services of Mr. D. S. Strachan for the supply of Dracoon and Mills during the summer months. Mr. Millican presented an application, accompanied with a medical certificate, to the Presbytery, to request the General Assembly to allow him to retire from the ministry on the ground of failing health, with an interest in the Fund for Aged and Infirm ministers. After lengthened deliberation, it was resolved to summon the

congregations forming his pastoral charge to appear for their interest at next ordinary meeting, that a committee composed of Dr. Torrance, convener, Dr. Middlemiss, Mr. McMillan, ministers, with Messrs. Rennie and Moffat, ruling elders, meet with the congregations and ascertain what amount they may be prepared to promise as a retiring allowance to Mr. Millican, and that his application be sent on to the General Assembly, with the request that it receive their favourable consideration, the Presbytery pledging itself to see to it that all the steps appointed to be taken in such cases be carried out. Dr. Torrance supported the application before the Assembly. A long time was spent discussing the subject of continuing the itinerant visitation of congregations in the bounds, when ultimately it was agreed to delay further consideration of it till next ordinary meeting, brethren being requested to give it careful thought in the meantime, and to come fully prepared to state their convictions regarding the propriety of going on with them as they have been conducted the past three years. A circular on Prison Reform with forms of petition on the subject was read and considered. The Presbytery agreed to express its approval of the reforms proposed, and the Moderator and Clerk were authorized to sign the petitions to the Local Governor.—R. TORRANCE, Clerk.

MINNEAPOLIS

Met at Binscarth April 30th. The remits from the General Assembly were handed to a committee for consideration. Their report became the finding of the Presbytery, and is as follows: (1) That the representative to the General Assembly be reduced from one-fourth to one-sixth of the ministers of the Church; (2) That the appointment of a Sunday-school secretary, in the judgment of this Presbytery, be premature; (3) That connection with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be not obligatory. Notices of application to the General Assembly for the reception of ministers were read. The Presbytery of St. John also gave notice that they would take on trial for license A. F. Johnston, Wm. Murche, M. J. McLeod, James T. McLean, Princeton; and M. G. Allison, New York. Anent the latter notice the following motion by Dr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. S.alker, was passed: "That the Presbytery respectfully call the attention of the Presbytery of St. John to the law of the Church anent the course to be followed in licensing students, and would inform the Presbytery of St. John that this Presbytery objects to the students named being taken on trial for license without the authority of Synod or General Assembly." An application for a grant from the Church and Mission Building Fund to aid in the erection of a church at Eskdale was recommended to the favourable consideration of the Board. Another application for a loan to assist in erecting a manse at Shanks, was informally presented by Dr. Robertson. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the H. M. Committee of the Presbytery with the recommendation that they advise with the congregation anent the site of manse and style of building. Mr. Stalker reported for the deputation formerly appointed to visit St. Catharines that the deputation had met with the people of the various stations, had secured more favorable relations between the field and the Church, and had expressed hopeful views on the future of the field. The report was received and adopted, and the Committee tendered the special thanks of the Presbytery for their diligence. The resignation of Mr. Hargrave of the charge of Rosedale was again taken up, and after consideration was accepted, to take effect after the 18th day of May, and it was agreed that Dr. Robertson visit the field, preaching on the 25th May and declaring the charge vacant. Mr. Salker was appointed to represent the Minnedosa Presbytery on the Synod's standing Committee on bills and overtures. Dr. Robertson reported in behalf of the deputation to Binscarth and Silver Creek. Delegates from the different stations affected by the re-arrangement of the fields were heard, and the whole matter referred to the Home Mission Committee. On Wednesday evening the congregation was largely represented. Dr. Robertson delivered an address on Home Missions, followed by Mr. Stalker on the same subject. Mr. McArthur spoke in the interests of Manitoba College. The addresses were interspersed with singing, and a profitable evening spent. The Home Mission Report was received and adopted, dealing principally with the re-arrangement of fields. The following were appointed to represent the Presbytery at the General Assembly: Messrs. Hodnett, Stalker and Colter, ministers; Colin McDougall, S. Thomas, Qst.; Dr. McDonald, of Hamilton, Ont.; and Wm. Boulton, of Demarestville, Ont., elders. The Clerk was instructed to cite Gladstone congregation to appear in their interests at Portage la Prairie on May 23rd, and state their objections, if they have any, to the translation of their pastor, Mr. Stalker, to the Presbytery of Brandon, a call having been presented by the congregation of Carberry. Thursday evening's sermon was taken up with the discussion of the Sabbath-school work, in which Messrs. Sutherland, Stalker, Murray, Hodnett, Robertson and McEwen took part. It was then agreed that Mr. Sutherland be appointed to work during the summer months in the interests of the Sabbath schools; that after he visits the districts within this Presbytery he be certified to any other Presbytery that may desire his services; that he receive \$25 per month as arranged by Dr. Robertson, and that congregations be requested to take up collections to further assist in Mr. Sutherland's support. A committee consisting of the Moderator, Clerk, Messrs. Stalker and Hodnett was appointed to draw up a Memorial to the Synod, urging that every effort be put forth to induce the Indian Department to purchase the school building at Birle for an industrial school for Indians. Mr. McArthur brought up the matter of prosecuting Mission work more vigorously on the Rosburn and Lizard Point reserve, and instructions were given to memorialize the Synod on this subject. The necessity of a manse at Beulah was referred to also, and Mr. McArthur was instructed to appear before the Synod's Finance Mission Committee, making application for a grant from its funds to aid in the erection of such manse, and that this Presbytery favour such application.—S. C. MURRAY, Clerk.

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