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## Ministers and Churches.

Rev. D. Perrie, of Wingham, has left on a three month's visit to Scotland for the benefit of his health. The Rev. R. S. J. Anderson, M.A., B.D., of Wroxeter will act as Moderator of the Sessions of Belgrain and Calvin Church, East Wawanor, in his absence.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Smyth, of Montreal, were recently honored by the present from Calvin Presbyterian Church, of which the Doctor has been pastor for over nine years, of a handsome cabinet of solid silver utensils, on reaching the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. The minister and his wife held an enjoyable "At Home" in the lecture room of the Church, and the officers, secretly to the worthy couple, arranged to add to the interest of the event by the presentation of this costly service of silver. An interesting address was read by the Clerk of Session, to which Dr. Smyth made suitable reply. Rev. Dr. Scrimger presided at the meeting and a number of ministers of the city gave addresses. The evening was enlivened by pleasing strains from a select orchestra, and the Ladies Aid Society attended the well loaded tables. Mr. John Osborne, financial secretary, introduced the guests.

## TO VISIT THEIR NATIVE LAND.

REV. P. MCF. MACLEOD.

The Rev. P. McF. Macleod, of Central Presbyterian Church, James Bay, Victoria, B.C., has passed through the city on his way to pay a visit to his friends in the mother country. Seventeen years ago Mr. Macleod was pastor of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, Liverpool, and is yet remembered by his old flock and looks forward to a very happy meeting with old friends. At their meeting the day before his leaving Victoria, the Ministerial Association, of that city, composed of all the evangelical pastors, unanimously passed the following resolution which shows the esteem in which Mr. Macleod is held by his brethren: "That the president and secretary be instructed to convey to Bro. Macleod our high appreciation of the fellowship we have had with each other in the past, and also of his readiness to place his excellent abilities at the disposal of the association on so many occasions. Our prayers go out on his behalf that he may have a prosperous journey, a pleasant time in renewing old acquaintances and in the forming of many new ties of lifelong friendship. May the kind Father watch over him in his absence, the Elder Brother use him in His services, the Holy Spirit be his constant guide, and may he return to his people and to us with renewed strength and grace to do the Master's work here."—T. Baldwin, President; P. H. McEwan, Secretary on behalf of the Association. Mr. Macleod hopes to attend the meetings of the English Synod and the Scotch Assemblies, and carries with him a letter from Dr. G. L. McKay, Moderator of our General Assembly introducing him to these bodies.

REV. JAMES GOURLAY, M.A.

At the late meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce the Rev. James Gourlay, M.A., tendered his resignation of the congregation of Port Elgin, after a pastorate of 20 years and over. The affairs of the Church were never more prosperous or harmonious than at present, but Mr. Gourlay desires a brief period of rest, after so long and active a pastorate, and he intends, accompanied by Mrs. Gourlay, to spend a year in Europe. Mr. Gourlay is held in the highest esteem and affection in Port Elgin, where he has always been regarded as a model preacher and pastor, and his removal will be a heavy loss to the congregation and to the cause of Christ in the Presbytery of Bruce of which he has for many years been the efficient clerk. He has also been ever most active in every department of Christian work and usefulness. Mr. Gourlay will not leave Port Elgin till the month of August.

## APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

The list of missionaries for the ensuing summer, and appointments given to Presbyteries at the late meeting of the Home Mission Committee was as follows:—Quebec: Messrs. L. J. O'Brien, J. C. Stewart and G. A. Woodside. Montreal: Messrs. P. D. Muir, W. E. Ashe, G. D. Ireland, N. D. Keith, and Hector Mackay. Glengarry: Mr. Geo. Weir. Ottawa: Messrs. Jas. Taylor, N. McLaren, T. A. Sadler, Wm. Bremner, C. D. Campbell, Thurolo Fraser, W. J. West and S. O. Nixon. Lanark and Renfrew: Messrs. M. H. Wilson, R. Herbison, C. A. Ferguson, Rev. J. A. McConnell, Rev. J. A. Macdonald (1 year). Rev. E. S. Logie, D. J. Scott and John B. Boyd. Brockville: Mr. W. M. Fee. Kingston: Messrs. W. T. B. Crombie, E. C. Currie, H. R. Grant, E. C. Gallup, G. E. Dyde, J. T. Miller, J. H. Turnbull, D. A. Volame, A. Walker, A. M. Currie, W. M. Kannawin, S. A. Woods, W. A. Alexander, and Rev. J. R. Lang (1 year). Peterborough: Messrs. R. F. Hall and Rev. D. M. Jamieson. Lindsay: Messrs. J. W. McIntosh, Rev. D. Millar, Rev. S. McDonald, and John D. Smith. Whitby: None. Toronto: Messrs. J. J. Brown and—Duncan. Barrie: Messrs. W. C. Bennett, F. E. Pitts, F. A. McRae, W. G. Smith, John Radford, W. M. Burton, J. B. Torrance, H. M. McCallach, T. Oswald, Thos. Eakin, G. B. Wilson, S. J. Duncan Clark, A. F. Smith, Rev. Jas. Paller, John H. Rodgers, Jas. T. Richardson, and H. W. Porter. Orangeville: Mr. W. T. Ellison. Owen Sound: Messrs. J. Gray Reid and Andrew

Little. Saugeen: Messrs. D. L. Campbell, Jas. J. Paterson, J. W. McNamara, and J. G. Inkster. Guelph: Mr. Crawford Tate. Hamilton: Rev. J. B. Hamilton. Paris: Mr. J. Buikholder. London: None. Chatham: Messrs. H. A. Hunter, E. W. Mackay, Robt. Greathead, and Alex. Maclean. Sarnia: Messrs. R. W. Dickie, Geo. G. Scarr, W. D. Bell, and Rev. John McRobbie. Stratford: None. Huron: None. Maitland: None. Bruce: Mr. C. M. Wyse. Algoma: Messrs. R. J. McPherson, T. A. Bell, Geo. Arnold, J. C. Wilson, A. Lee Harvey, M. McArthur, David Forbes, Jas. M. Dallas, R. W. Goodall, Dun. B. Smith, R. G. Austin, D. D. Johnston, Jas. Steele, Arch. Bell, and Thos. Henderson. Synod of Manitoba and North-West: Messrs. J. J. L. Gourlay, Wm. McCuaig, I. A. McGerrigle, D. N. Colburn, Major McIntosh, A. McGregor, Jas. Ervine, W. C. Sutherland, Stephen Young, W. Aklite, A. C. Bryan, A. J. McMullen, J. R. Fraser, J. C. Cameron, Alex. Stewart, G. M. James, Wm. Chestnut, J. A. Hall, E. G. Perry, Allan Lang, R. A. King, D. G. Ross, Jas. McIntosh, H. J. Stirling, Andrew Strachan, Samuel Lundie, A. D. Caskey, J. H. Wallace, Harry Walker, John Smith, I. Buzson, Andrew M. Skea, R. C. Warden, J. R. McAllister, Thos. McAfee, R. C. Pollock, Dan. Oliver, J. W. S. Lowery, R. M. Dickey, M. Mathieson, J. Hunt Jarvis, Allan Morrison, H. H. McLean, Rod Gillies, H. M. Irwin, Geo. Broadly, W. F. Gold, Jos. Johannsen, J. E. Hogg, Wm. Simons, Wm. Wilson, Walter Moffat, Rev. W. R. Ross, Rev. W. T. Moss, and Rev. P. Simpson Brown. Synod of British Columbia: Messrs. Arch. Macvicar, A. McCallum, H. T. Murray, W. M. Mackeracher, R. F. Hunter, A. D. Menzies, J. S. Shortt, W. B. Findlay, Thos. Merres, Geo. Menzies, W. G. Russell, H. J. Robertson, J. R. Robertson, R. C. McAde, A. G. Hutton, Rev. T. S. Glassford, P. Naismith, John Walker, and E. W. Pack.

In addition to the above there were ninety-four applicants for work to whom appointments were not given.

## KNOX COLLEGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The appointment of students by Knox College Missionary Society and the fields to which they were designated are as follows:—

BRITISH COLUMBIA:—Midway, J. T. Hall; Field, W. A. McLean.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES:—Gleichen, R. S. Scott; Longlaketon, J. R. Harcourt.

MANITOBA:—Brookdale, W. C. Dodds; Dongola, J. R. Elmhurst; Gilbert Plains, W. J. McBean; St. Eno, R. C. McDermid.

ONTARIO:—Collins Inlet, A. W. McIntosh; Bala, H. T. Kerr; Cook's Mills, F. D. Roxborough; Massey, J. H. Brown; Kilworth, W. Wallis; Black River, W. D. McPhail; Muskoka Falls and Buck Lake, D. Johnston; Bethune, D. M. McKay; French River, D. J. Ellison; Spring, J. L. Cameron; Warren, D. Buchanan; Wahnapitae, W. Beattie; Proton, W. H. Farrer; Berriedale, T. Dodds; Commanda, W. G. Richardson; Danchurch, J. Barber; Frankho, W. A. Campbell; Squaw Island, H. McLean; Iron Bridge, W. J. McDonald; Port Carling, P. Scott; White Fish, J. McCrea; South Bay, R. J. Ross; Temiscamingue, M. A. Shaw.

## THE HOME MISSION DEFICIT.

MR. EDITOR,—In answer to inquiries, let me say that the deficit in the Home Mission Fund is due to a falling off in revenue, chiefly in the contributions of congregations, and in donations; and to extension of work. From 1890 to 1894 the number of missions increased 23 per cent, while the revenue from congregations in the same time increased only 10 per cent, and the revenue for 1895 is considerably behind that of 1894 at this date. In a new country, church extension seems to be a matter of necessity. With emigrants constantly arriving, and settlements extending; with districts settled for years, and without service of any kind being explored, it would seem wrong to the people to the Church and the country to call a halt in extending. Besides, when foreigners of different nationalities are applying to us for help, and offering to become identified with us in Christian work, to refuse to listen to them would surely be most unwise. The Church confined herself too closely to her own children in the East, and today she is weaker because of it.

But, I am asked, "Did you go on, knowing that you would have a deficit?" to which I answer, No. The special contributions expected from Britain, through the efforts of the Rev. C. W. Gordon—about \$10,000 a year for three years years and a somewhat smaller amount for the two following years—were supposed to cover fully the work of extension. These contributions in the mother-land were solicited for a "forward movement," and to refuse to initiate and carry out that programme would look like getting money under false pretences. Our embarrassment has arisen through shrinkage where it was not expected. Another asks, "What about the future? Are you going to abandon fields occupied in the past?" No; every field previously occupied, is manned this spring, and will remain manned, if possible; no churches have been built that are now closed, nor have missions been abandoned or congregations disbanded. A halt had to be called but our lines are yet as far extended as ever. Let there be no mistake, however; the H. M. C. is determined to limit its expenditure to its income, add if we are to move on and take positions, as set-

tlement is effected, our revenue must increase. Since our congregations are giving, on an average, only 30 cents per communicant to Home Mission proper it would seem that with a great effort the revenue might be materially increased. The fullest information should be given to people about the work, and some organization should be effected in every congregation to procure funds. It is pleasing to report that wherever an appeal for help to remove the deficit has been made, the people promptly and kindly have taken the matter up.

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## PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

CALGARY: The regular half-yearly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Calgary, on March 5th. The Rev. David Spear, B.A., Minister, Moderator, presided. There was a very large representation of members present, and the work of the court occupied 3 days. Rev. James Robertson, D.D., Supt. of Missions, was nominated as Moderator of the ensuing General Assembly. The following commissioners to Assembly were appointed:—Ministers: D. G. McQueen, B.A., Chas. McKillop, B.A., John Fernie; John P. Grant, Elders: Hon. E. H. Bronson, Ottawa; Mr. John Charlton, Lyndoch; Major James Walker, Calgary; Mr. John D. Higinbotham, Lethbridge. The following were chosen to represent the Presbytery at the Synod of B. C. in Nanaimo in May: Revs. J. C. Herdman, B.D., E. G. Walker, B.A.; J. A. Matheson, B.D. Resignations: The Rev. Chas. Stephen and the Rev. J. A. Matheson tendered the resignation of their respective charges. A special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to consider questions arising in connection with the same. The report of the Committee became the finding of the Presbytery and was to this effect: The Committee unanimously recommend, after careful deliberation, that Mr. Stephen be asked to withdraw his resignation and resume his work at Medicine Hat, that Mr. Matheson be asked to lay his resignation meantime on the table until next meeting of Presbytery in September, in the hope that he may see his way clear to remain in the field at Dewdney. Reports were given in by the Conveners of the Presbytery's Committees, duly considered and adopted, and the Conveners thanked. Public meetings were held on the evenings of the 6th and 7th, the latter being under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. The Rev. Alex. Forbes, B.D., of Aberdeen, Scotland, was ordained on the 6th March, for Fort Saskatchewan field. Mr. G. S. Scott, missionary, was according to the deliverance of General Assembly, examined in second year's theological work, namely Systematic Theology, Hebrew, N. T. Greek, Church History and Introduction. The examination was in writing and was highly creditable in all subjects. Mr. Scott, Mr. J. S. Dobbin and J. S. Muldrew were duly certified to the Senate of Manitoba College. A recommendation to the Presbytery of Saugeen was granted in favour of Mr. George Scan, student in Theology. Mr. Peter Naismith, missionary at Olds, asked to be clothed with the powers of an ordained missionary and Presbytery will ask leave of the General Assembly to ordain him. The remits from General Assembly were considered at length, and answers preferred thereto. One of these remits has a direct bearing on our Western Mission work—namely—that all graduating students and ministers received from other churches be required to give at least one year's work in the mission field before being eligible for a call. The Presbytery most heartily approved.

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