

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery met in the lecture room of Chalmers Church, Kingston, on the 17th and 18th of March, Mr. M. McGillivray, M.A., Moderator. There was a good attendance of members. Mr. Porteous, Convener of the Committee on the Pine Street Mission in the city of Kingston, reported said Mission to be in a prosperous condition. A site had been obtained and a mission building suitable for the work had been erected thereon. The report was received and the committee re-appointed and constituted into an interim session with instruction to take such steps as may from time to time seem necessary, and report to the Presbytery. The remit on the marriage question was approved of simpliciter. Mr. H. Gracey gave in the report on Sabbath Schools from which it appeared that substantial progress had been made during the past year in this important department of the Church's work. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Craig, Convener of the Temperance Committee, Mr. McGillivray gave in the report on that subject, from which it appeared that there was an improvement in relation to temperance sentiment in the congregations under the Presbytery's charge. Through the illness of the Convener, the report on the State of Religion was not presented. The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Kingston was presented and read, from which it appeared that an increase of interest and liberality in the auxiliaries and mission bands have been shown; three new auxiliaries and one mission band have been organized, supplies of clothing have been sent to the Rev. A. Campbell, File Hills Reserve, and twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) have been contributed during the year. Reports of the dispensation of ordinances in the mission fields were given in and received. The following were appointed commissioners to the next General Assembly: Ministers by rotation, Messrs. S. Childerhose, J. Steele, J. McKinnon, J. Rattray and Dr. J. Williamson; ministers by ballot, Principal Grant, Messrs. A. Young, M. W. McLean and J. H. George. Elders by ballot, Messrs. W. Owens, J. Watt, W. J. Dick, J. Gordon, A. G. Northrup, W. Guthrie, Dr. Boulter, S. Russell and G. Gillies. Mr. Steele handed in his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Seymour, and Rylestone. The Session and congregation were cited to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on Tuesday, the 31st March, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Chambers resigned his position as ordained missionary at Wolfe Island as the state of Mrs. Chambers' health rendered it necessary that he should return to California as soon as practicable. It was agreed that his resignation be accepted, and in doing so, the Presbytery expresses its warm sense of Mr. Chambers' past services, and its regret that the cause of his removal from the bounds of the Presbytery should be the state of his wife's health. The Presbytery commend Mr. Chambers and his family to the care of the great Head of the Church. The Home Mission report was submitted giving a detailed statement of the work done during the past winter. There are nineteen mission fields under the care of the Home Mission Committee. Three of these are supplied by as many ordained missionaries. Of the sixteen remaining, twelve have been supplied by Queen's College Missionary Association. It was agreed to send an ordained missionary to Wolfe Island. Tweed was put on the list of mission stations. It was decided to ask the continuation of the grants in aid of supplemented congregations and mission stations within the bounds. The following motion, offered by Principal Grant and seconded by Mr. Wishart, was adopted, to the effect that in view of the very large amount asked for by this Presbytery from the Home Mission Committee, and the supplementary committee of the Church, a committee be appointed to draw up a statement on the subject, to be submitted to the meeting of Presbytery in July, with the object of having such a statement read as a pastoral letter to all our congregations and mission stations. The following were appointed a committee for the above purpose, viz.: Messrs. D. Wishart (Convener), H. Gracey and Principal Grant, ministers; and Messrs. A. F. Wood and G. Gillies, elders. Mr. J. Cumberland, Convener of the examining committee, reported that three students, applicants for license, had passed their examination, and he recommended that application be made to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston for leave to take them on public probationary trials for license. The report was received and adopted. The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Belleville and within John Street Church there on the first Tuesday of July next at half past seven o'clock in the evening.—A. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

J. A. Townsend, of Turner, Oregon, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery. Mr. McLeod from the committee appointed to consider the remits from the General Assembly reported recommending that the resolution of the General Assembly on the Marriage Question be approved and that the proposed change in Rule 3 of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be disapproved, but that alterations proposed in Rules 9, 15 and 16 be approved. These recommendations were adopted. Lengthened consideration was given to the report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee submitted by the Convener, Mr. D. Fraser. The work of the past year and grants to the different fields were carefully reviewed. It was decided to occupy the following new fields and to ask for the appointment of ordained missionaries with necessary grants: North Bend and Ashcroft, Kettle River and Rock Creek, Surry and Mud Bay and Northfield and Wellington. Rev. G. R. Maxwell and Mr. H. Pillar were requested to give such supply as they might be able at Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, and Englishman's River. Mr. T. G. McLeod, student of Morin College, at present in Oregon, was recommended for an appointment to Sooke, etc. An application for a loan of \$500 from Spillamcheen was recommended to the Board of the Church and Manse Building Fund. Mr. McLaren submitted the drift of a petition to the Legislative Assembly in favour of legislation for the better observance of the Lord's Day, which was adopted. It was on motion agreed that the travelling expenses of each ordinary meeting be equally divided amongst the ministers present. On the applications of the Rev. D. A. MacRae, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and R. S. Whidden, of the Congregational Church in the United States, it was agreed to apply to the next General Assembly for leave to receive these brethren into the ministry of the Church and the Clerk was instructed to issue the usual circular letters. Mr. McLeod submitted the report of the Presbytery's Foreign Mission Committee, when it was agreed that the Presbytery reaffirms its resolution adopted in September last which was forwarded to the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee and would again earnestly urge the committee to send out a missionary to take charge of the Chinese work in this Province, promising on their part to become responsible for all the local expenses of the Committee, provided they pay the missionary's salary; that the Presbytery further recommend to the Foreign Mission Committee to begin mission work among the Indians of the West coast of Vancouver Island, making Alberni the centre of operations. An application from Victoria West to the Board of the Church and manse Building Fund for a loan of \$700 towards Church erection was recommended. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed: Alexander Dunn, P. McF. McLeod, E. D. McLaren, D. Fraser and W. G. Mills, ministers; Hon. John Robson, Victoria; J. M. Browning, Vancouver; J. G. Brown, M.P.P., New Westminster; Rev. Dr. Williamson and Donald Fraser, Kingston, Ont. On motion of Mr. E. D. McLaren it was agreed to nominate the Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Halifax, for Moderator of next General Assembly. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, on the second Tuesday of September at three o'clock p.m.—D. MACRAE, Pres. Clerk.



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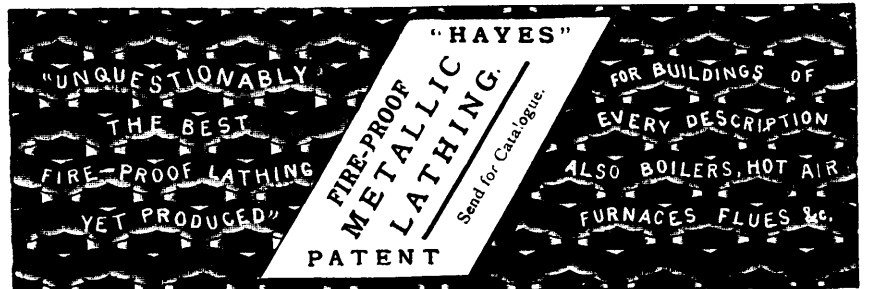
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