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## Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbytery of Maitland nominated Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., Halifax, N.S., Moderator of the next General Assembly.

THE Bristol congregation, Rev. T. Nelson, pastor, has just enjoyed a visit from Dr. Howie. His addresses drew large audiences on five consecutive evenings and doubtless will lead to an increased interest in Bible study.

THE annual meeting of the Brampton Auxiliary, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was held on the 2nd December. The report of the McLaren Mission Band was read by Miss E. Irvine, showing the Band to be in a flourishing state. The Scattered Helpers Scheme had been adopted at the beginning of the year and taken charge of by Mrs. Whitehead, who stated that the number of Helpers was twelve. The Secretary and Treasurer's Annual Reports were read, showing the number of members to be sixty; average attendance forty-seven. Sixty copies of the *Letter Leaflet* were subscribed for. The contributions, including those of the Mission Band, amounted to \$132, and bales of clothing valued at \$39 were sent to the North-West mission schools. All the officers were re-elected for next year.

A VERY pleasing entertainment under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was held in Knox Church, Embro, on Tuesday the 6th. The body of the church was comfortably filled, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and bad roads, etc. Rev. G. C. Patterson filled the chair in a very able and pleasing manner, and the following reverend gentlemen, viz., M. P. Talling, of London, Mr. Hutt, of Ingersoll, Mr. Cockburn, of Paris, and R. P. McKay, of Toronto, entertained the audience with missionary addresses which were both practical and to the point. This auxiliary is in a very prosperous condition, and we trust that it has received a stimulus that will not soon be forgotten. Between the speakers, and choir rendering some choice selections of music, the audience were both delighted and edified, resulting in a liberal response to the collection, which amounted to \$36.

THE Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of St. James' Presbyterian church, London, held their regular business meeting last week. The following officers and conveners of standing committees were elected for the first six months of 1893: Honorary president, Rev. M. P. Talling; president, Mr. Hugh A. Omond; vice president, Miss M. Craine; recording secretary, Mr. W. L. Innes; corresponding secretary, Mr. Robt. McCurdy; treasurer, Mr. Ed. Wyatt; organist, Miss A. Armstrong; convener look-out committee, Mr. W. L. Innes; convener prayer meeting committee, Miss J. Shillington; convener Sabbath school committee, Miss A. Prescott; convener social committee, Mr. Geo. Glass; convener sick visiting committee, Miss Maggie Grant; convener flower committee, Miss M. Prescott. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic.

THE anniversary services in the Presbyterian church, Cobourg, Sabbath week, were highly appreciated. The Rev. J. B. Mowat, D.D., of Queen's University, preached in the morning from the text, "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. xi: 28. In the evening he chose for his subject Revelation iii. 20, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with Me." Both sermons were clear and full expositions of Gospel truth, were delivered in a deeply earnest and sympathetic manner, and were couched in the most felicitous language. The attendance was good, especially at the evening service. The good impressions made by the earnest preacher must produce lasting benefits. The church choir rendered excellent service in the conduct of praise. The collections for the day amounted to the handsome sum of \$235, a proof of the heartiness with which the congregation responded to the request made by the pastor a few Sundays ago.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Harrison, on December 13. All the ministers were present and a large representation of the elders. A circular, agent Assembly Fund, from Dr. Reid was read, intimating the amount expected from the Presbytery. Each congregation had its share appointed. Mr. Stewart presented and laid on the table a unanimous call from Fordwich and Gorrie, in favour of Rev. James Cameron, B.D., with a promise of \$500 and a manse. The call was sustained and arrangements made for the induction, on condition of his acceptance. The Rev. Mr. Morrison expressed his most cordial thanks to the members of Presbytery for their sympathy and assistance in his recent affliction. A circular was read, intimating that the Presbytery of Toronto will apply to next General Assembly for leave to receive the Rev. A. L. McFadyen, B.A., of the Congregational Church in Canada. Messrs. McDougall, missionary from China, and McCollough, a minister without charge, being present, were asked to sit and correspond. Mr. Cameron intimated that he could not give a full report on Temperance, as he had not yet got in full returns to the questions issued. Mr. Ramsay gave in a very carefully-prepared report on the state of religion. The Presbytery spent an hour in conference on the best method of promoting family religion. Mr. Aull was appointed to correspond with the Rev. Mr. Gallacher, with a view to secure his services in Balaklava, Ayton and East Nornanby for three or four months. Mr. Aull asked for three more honour certificates for scholars in his Sabbath school who had repeated Shorter Catechism correctly. The Presbytery met in the evening in Guthrie church in connection with the P.W.F.M.S., when the fifth annual report was read, and addresses

delivered by the Rev. Mr. McDougall, returned missionary from China, and the Rev. Mr. Jansen, of Durham. The Presbytery congratulated the ladies of the Society on the success that had attended their efforts during the year. After the usual votes of thanks to the ladies of the two congregations of Harrison for their hospitality, to the choir for its services and to the two speakers of the evening, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Palmerston on Tuesday, March 14 next, at 10 a.m.—S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Presbytery met at Maxville on December 13, with a very large attendance of members. Rev. A. Given, B.A., was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months. Conveners of committees appointed at last regular meeting to arrange for and conduct missionary meetings within their respective bounds, reported having held missionary meetings as proposed. The following deputations were appointed to visit and receive congregations within the bounds in the interests of the Augmentation Fund and to report at next regular meeting: Rev. Mr. Burnet and his representative elder to visit Summerstown; Rev. John MacLeod, B.A., and his representative elder to visit Glensandfield and East Hawkesbury; Rev. James Cormack, B.A., and his representative elder to visit Apple Hill and Gravel Hill; and Rev. John Mackenzie and his representative elder to visit Avonmore. The records of the Sessions of Kenyon, Roxboro', Indian Lands and Glensandfield and East Hawkesbury were submitted for examination, and committees were appointed to examine the same and report at a later stage. At a later stage these were severally attested in terms of the reports of the respective committees. Elders' commissions were read and received in favour of the following elders: Mr. D. B. MacLennan, Q.C., representing St. Johns, Cornwall; William Brownell, that of Avonmore; James Cryderman, that of Lunenburg and Pleasant Valley; and William Young, that of St. Mathews, Osnaburck. Rev. A. K. MacLennan, B.A., reported an unsatisfactory state of matters in the Cote St. George portion of his congregation, recently received by this Presbytery into the Presbyterian Church in Canada, from which it appears that, by the action of certain malcontents, the church there was closed up, and denied the congregation of Mr. MacLennan for divine services. It was resolved, after due deliberation, to appoint a committee of Presbytery, consisting of Rev. John Matheson, B.A., Mr. D. B. MacLennan, Q.C., and P. D. MacCuaig, to confer with and advise the members of the congregation at Cote St. George, and, if they deem it advisable, to confer with the Presbytery of Montreal and Glengarry, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland on the matter. A communication from Lunenburg Session, craving the appointment of Rev. J. W. MacLeod vice Rev. J. J. Cameron, M.A., as Moderator *ad interim* was read. While craving this it stated that the sole ground for it was that Mr. MacLeod would be more convenient, and not any disrespect whatever towards Mr. Cameron, who had always been devoted to their interests. Mr. Cameron accordingly tendered his resignation of the Moderatorship of Lunenburg and, being accepted, the prayer of the communication was granted. Mr. Kenneth MacLennan, B.A., and Mr. James MacLean, students who laboured within the bounds during the summer months, having met with the requirements of Presbytery, were certified to their respective colleges. Mr. Andrew Russell not having yet responded to the call of the committee, was committed to the further oversight of the Committee on Students' Exercises. Rev. J. J. Cameron, M.A., asked a Presbyterial visitation to his congregation to investigate certain rumours and difficulties which are calculated to retard true progress there. A committee was appointed, with leave to retire at once, to confer with Mr. Cameron and others from Mr. Cameron's Session who were present, on whose report and recommendation it was resolved to hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Wales (with Woodlands as an alternative) on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 1 p.m. Rev. D. MacLaren, B.A., Convener of Committee on Systematic Benevolence, reported on behalf of that Committee that they had rated congregations for Home Mission and Augmentation Funds, and also for Presbytery and Synod funds, urging that the same be paid the present month, urging also that Sessions fill and return the schedules forwarded by the Committee on Systematic Benevolence. The report was received and its recommendations adopted. The annual report for 1891 of the Presbyterial W.F.M.S. was presented. It was resolved to receive the same and record gratification for the true progress and great usefulness of the Society. Report of Mr. A. Boy, Colporteur of the Board of French Evangelization, and who laboured within the bounds during the summer, was also submitted. The report shows a large amount of work accomplished and a large field open for such evangelical work within our bounds. The Presbytery resolved to receive the report, express satisfaction with the work done, thank the Colporteur for his full report. It was also resolved to request the Board to continue work in Glengarry, assuring them of the deep interest taken in this work by this Presbytery. The following committee was appointed to take charge of the interests of French evangelization within the bounds of this Presbytery: Rev. James Hastie, Convener; M. MacLennan, B.D., D. MacLaren, B.A., and Mr. Christopher MacRae. Appeals from the Session of Lancaster in the cases of James Fraser and D. F. MacLennan, elders, as also a reference from the same Session were laid on the table till the adjourned meeting to be held at Wales or Woodlands on the 28th inst. The Moderator formally cited all parties interested in these cases to appear in their interests at said meeting. In the evening a profitable conference was held on the subject "Revivals," in which more than the allotted time was occupied by the brethren taking part. Mr. William H. Davies, a student in "Queen's," applied through Rev. Mr. Hastie for a formal Presbyterial recommendation as a suitable candidate for the ministry of this Church. On the recommen-

dation of a committee appointed to take the case into consideration, it was unanimously resolved to grant the recommendation craved for. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet as above.—M. MACLENNAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the 2nd inst. There were present the Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, Moderator, eleven other ministers and four elders. Prof. Baird presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Statistics which contained the following clause: That in obedience to the instructions of the last meeting the committee has examined the financial returns sent in by congregations to discover those which had not contributed to all the Schemes of the Church. For the purposes of this enquiry the committee has divided the congregations and mission fields of the Presbytery into two classes. In the first class are included those congregations which have had continuous or almost continuous supply the year round by resident missionaries. In this class two congregations have given nothing to the Schemes of the Church, and two others have contributed to two schemes only. It was resolved that the Presbytery should correspond with these congregations, calling their attention to these figures, asking what measures are taken to raise money for the Schemes of the Church, etc. In the second class are those which were supplied by a resident missionary during the summer and supplied from the college or left vacant during the winter. Nine of these gave nothing to the Schemes. Contributions to one scheme were given by seven fields. Contributions were given to two schemes by two fields. None of these mission fields gave to all the Schemes of the Church. The report was adopted, and it was agreed to refer the matter of the mission fields which do not contribute to the Schemes of the Church to the Home Mission Committee, with instructions to have the attention of the missionaries called to the necessity of bringing the matter before the people. The petition asking for the organization of a new congregation in the city was taken up. The other congregations in the city offered no objection to the organization but asked that in fixing the location the interests of existing congregations and the probable direction of the future growth of the city be considered. Rev. Alex. Hamilton, of Stonewall, who had been appointed to meet with the petitioners and to obtain information, reported, and the reception of his report was followed by a lengthy discussion which was directed mainly to the question of the location of the new congregation. The understanding was finally reached that no attempt to settle the location should be made at present; but that, when the petitioners themselves are ready for the erection of a place of worship, they approach the Presbytery for approval of the site. It was moved by the Rev. Joseph Hogg, seconded by Dr. King, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that they be allowed to worship, temporarily, in Victoria Hall. On motion of Mr. John Hogg, it was agreed that Professor Baird be authorized to organize the congregation, and to act as moderator of the session. A request was presented from Rev. James Lawrence, of Emerson, asking for authority to moderate in a call in the congregation of Dominion City. The request was granted. Rev. Dr. Bryce presented a request from the people worshipping in the school house at Oak Bluff, south-west of the city of Winnipeg, for organization as a congregation. It was agreed to grant the request, and to authorize Dr. Bryce to organize the petitioners into a congregation. The Clerk reported that the Fort William session had abandoned its appeal against the action of the Presbytery in deciding that an unconditional certificate should be issued to Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie. Rev. Samuel Polson, ordained missionary, in charge of Greenwood, resigned his charge. After discussion, in which Mr. Neil MacLeod, an elder of the congregation, expressed appreciation of the work done by Mr. Polson, it was agreed, on motion of Mr. Hamilton,

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