

The Church in Canada.

(Continued.)

gr financial difficulties from which the church was suffering, as greatly due to Rev. Mr. McLeod's unpopularity, as evidenced by the fact of increased subscriptions after his resignation was tendered. Mr. Henderson, one of the managers of St. Andrew's, was the next to speak. He alluded to Rev. Mr. McLeod's preaching in the theatre, which he considered most improper. He also objected to his putting another man in his place, yet demanding payment of his salary as usual. Mr. Henderson said that Mr. McLeod had stated that he had asked no one to attend his meeting in the theatre, but he (Mr. Henderson) had been told by an estimable lady that Mr. McLeod had asked her to join his new church. Some other discussion followed, after which Mr. A. Shaw moved that Rev. Mr. McLeod's resignation be accepted, when his salary was paid in full on the basis of his reduced salary, without any counter reductions. Rev. A. Young seconded the motion. Before the question was put, another lengthy discussion arose as to the amount Mr. McLeod could legally claim.

Presbytery of Orangeville.

This Presbytery met at Orangeville on the 12th inst. Commissions were received on behalf of the following elders, viz Alex McLean, Priceville; James Aberdon, Rosemont; Joseph Young, Erin; Richard Allen, Mono Mills; Wm. Wright, Flesherton; P. McGregor, Dundalk; John Turner, Bethel church, East Garafraxa; Mr. Oliver, Primrose; Mr. Mitchell, Singhampton; J. McMeekin, Mt. Pleasant. Messrs. Bell, Orr and Campbell were appointed a committee to arrange for a Presbyterial conference. Mr. Fowle reported that he had moderated in a call at St. Andrew's church, Orangeville, in favor of Rev. D. McKenzie, B. of Tara, Presbytery of Bruce. The call was signed by 230 members and eighty-one adherents. Stipend, \$1,200 to be paid monthly, and four weeks holidays. Commissioners Clark and Dadds stated that the call was unanimous. The call was sustained and the clerk instructed to forward it to the Presbytery of Bruce. Mr. Fowle was appointed to support the call before the said Presbytery. It was agreed that, conditional on the translation being granted, an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held in Orangeville on the call of the Clerk, for the induction of Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Fowle to preside, Mr. Harrison to preach, Mr. Elliott to address the minister and Mr. Farquharson the people. The following students were ordered to be certified to their respective colleges—Crawford Tate, W. T. Ellison, A. E. Thompson, John Hannahson, R. F. Hall and L. S. Hall. Mr. James A. Felstead, of Grand Valley, was received as a student, studying for the Gospel ministry. Mr. Hudson was granted leave to moderate in a call at Maple Valley and Singhampton. At Mr. Well's request he was relieved of the Moderatorship of the session of Corbetton, etc., and Mr. Harrison appointed in his place. Mr. A. Steele, M.A., Convener on Finance, was requested to allocate amongst the congregations \$120, the amount required of this Presbytery for Assembly Fund. Messrs. McRobbie and Elliott were requested to allocate similarly, \$1,000 for Home Missions and \$400 for Augmentation, the amounts expected from this Presbytery. The division of the above amounts to be done on the basis of the amounts contributed by congregations for stipend. Next regular meeting at Orangeville, Nov. 14th, at 10.30 a.m.—H. CROZIER, Clerk.

REV. W. F. ALLAN, of Newcastle, left Canada last week for Colorado with Mrs. Allan, whose health requires removal to a drier climate. His departure has been the cause of deep regret to his late congregation and to the community generally. During his short pastorate of three years he has thoroughly won the affection and confidence of the people. He has been a faithful pastor, and his preaching is of a high order. Mrs. Allan has also been a diligent worker, up to and beyond her strength. At the close of

the weekly prayer meeting on the 23rd ult., Mr. J. K. Allan, banker, on behalf of the congregation, presented an address to Mr. and Mrs. Allan, expressive of esteem and affection, and accompanied by a cheque for \$174; and on the following Sabbath, a further presentation of \$16 was made by the members and friends of the Lake Shore Sabbath school, which had been organized chiefly through Mr. Allan's efforts. Sabbath, 3rd inst., was Communion Sabbath. Almost every communicant on the roll was present and the season was one of deep solemnity. Mr. Allan being visibly overcome with emotion. In the evening the congregation was large, many from other churches having come in to show their good will and to hear the farewell words. The sermon, which was from Rev. xxii., 20, "Even so come Lord Jesus!" was followed by a brief review of the work of his pastorate, and an expression of his gratitude for manifold kindnesses, and his regret at the severance of the pastoral tie. Mr. Allan leaves the Presbytery of Whitby with the sincere respect of all his brethren; and the Newcastle congregation which so recently lost the late honoured and lamented Rev. A. A. Drummond, has again the sympathy of the Presbytery in their present circumstances.

THE Rev. W. S. Ball, a former well known pastor of Knox church, Guelph, for a number of years, has gone to Toronto, to abide in future. Mr. Ball has been forty-six years in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. During the forty-six years of his ministry he never lost a day's service from ill health. Mr. Ball is now sixty-seven years of age, and although he has been put on the superannuated list, he is as able to preach a vigorous sermon as heretofore, or face the guns of a foe, as he did during the North-West rebellion. He was chaplain for the 30th Battalion for many years, and was ever at his post, administering to the spiritual wants of the soldiers.—Guelph Mercury.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's church, Orangeville, met for the purpose of choosing a pastor. Rev. Mr. Fowle, of Erin, acted as Moderator, and asked the members if they were ready to choose a minister. The feeling on this point was not unanimous, as some wanted further delay, but it was decided to proceed in the matter. Rev. Mr. McKenzie of Tara and Rev. Mr. Roe of Acton were nominated. The vote stood 56 to 36 in favor of the former and the call was made unanimous. The salary was fixed at \$1,200 per year, without a manse. He is receiving \$800 per annum at Tara. Rev. D. C. Hossack's salary in Orangeville was \$1,200 per annum with a manse. The call has been sustained by the Orangeville Presbytery.

The Congregation.

FOR the upholstering of the Keene church the young people intend to hold a number of socials this season.

THE different branches of the Christian Endeavour in Sunderland held a union meeting in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening of last week.

THE annual Sabbath School convention of Picton was a great success. The reports were satisfactory, and the papers read helpful to those engaged in Sabbath school work.

REV. ANDREW MACNAB, M.A., lately from Scotland, conducted the services during the past two Sabbaths in Tilbury Centre church. His discourses, which were listened to with great attention and appreciation, showed very decided ability.

THE Central Presbyterian is the name decided upon for Rev. P. McF. Macleod's new church in Victoria, B.C. It is stated that a petition to the Presbytery, in behalf of the new congregation, has received one hundred signatures.

RE: GEORGE LOCKHART, of Manitoba, preached in the Presbyterian church, Seaford, on Sabbath evening, to a large congregation. Mr. Lockhart is a one time McKillop boy, and is a universal favourite with the people of this vicinity, both as a preacher and personally. Himself and Mrs. Lockhart are at present visiting friends in this vicinity.

THE African Native Choir, conducted by Mr. Jas. H. Balmer gave a concert on Saturday, the 9th, in the town hall, Valley field, Que. On Sabbath evening, they sang before a crowded audience in the Presbyterian church. Many Roman Catholics were present. The choir chanted the Lord's prayer in a very effective manner. A hymn in the Kafir language and "Steal Away to Jesus" were sung with feeling and sweetness.

THE quarterly communion in connection with the Presbyterian church, Flesherton, was celebrated on Sabbath, the 10th inst. Preparatory services were held on the preceding Friday afternoon, when Rev. E. H. Harrison, B.A., of Dundalk, occupied the pulpit, and preached a thoughtful and appropriate Gospel sermon. On the Sabbath the pastor, Rev. J. Wells, M.A., preached an edifying and impressive sermon to a large congregation, and dispensed the sacrament to a full communion. Five new members were received into the communion of the church.

A CONGREGATIONAL meeting was held on the 7th inst., in Orwell Church, Prince Edward Island, when the people showed their warmest attachment to their pastor and their high appreciation of him as a minister, as a Christian and as a man. Having received a call from another church, offering him a higher position and a much larger salary, and having declined these offers for the welfare of the congregation, the people came together to express their gratitude to the great Head of the Church and their pastor for the successful work that has been done in the congregation during his pastorate of about seven years, and they earnestly hope that the pastoral tie which is becoming stronger and stronger, may not be dissolved for many years.

THE Harvest Home services in connection with the Presbyterian church at Cambray passed off most successfully. The church was beautifully decorated and the congregation was large. Mr. W. Mackay, the student in charge, preached in connection with the event. A Monday evening meeting was held, Mr. Southard presiding. Revs. Ross, of Cannington McAulay, of Woodville, and Ash, of Cambray, made the time pass all too quickly with entertaining addresses, which were interspersed with some fine musical selections from Miss M. Cowieson and Messrs. Ross and McKay. Miss A. Coates presided at the organ. Miss Maud Cowieson also gave a recitation. The proceeds amounted to about sixty-two dollars, and this sum with that already collected by Mr. McKay will enable the managers to have the church repaired in a manner that it may be a credit to the congregation.

THE Tenth Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Pacific Northwest was held in Vancouver on the 18th and 19th inst. Although there were delegates present from ten associations, distributed through three States on the other side and British Columbia, and an enthusiastic start was made with the work, there was a falling off in the attendance compared with last year, noted, financial necessities having in a way hampered and curtailed the work. However, what is lacking in that direction is made up in a general spirit to carry the work through every obstacle to success. There were probably forty delegates and one hundred visitors in the hall when proceedings opened with a prayer and song service led by Noel H. Jacks, secretary at Portland. J. A. Dummett, travelling secretary, called the meeting to order in the absence of H. Allen Sherry, of Portland, president of the last convention. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. M. Muir, of Vancouver; vice-presidents, A. C. Brydono-Jacks, of New Westminster, and A. Caldwell, of New Whatcom; secretaries, John Baikie, Portland, W. E. Wilcox, Tacoma, and Colvin W. Stewart, Whitworth College, Sumner, Washington. Short written reports were read from the ten associations. The principal feature of these reports was the scarcity of funds. However, there was a spirit to go ahead and encouragement to be found in future prospects. The papers read and the exercises engaged in were interesting and tending to practical result.