

The enlargement and alterations about to be made in St. Andrew's church, Renfrew, will cost about \$17,000 and the contract has been awarded at this figure. The pastor and congregation are to be congratulated upon the prospect of having a church in keeping with the importance and the growing needs of the congregation.

In Glengarry Presbytery the proposed unions between Burns church, Martintown, and Apple Hill, and Avonmore and Gravel Hill, were discussed carefully at considerable length, after hearing the reports from the committees appointed to visit these places. It was finally decided that in the best interest of the work in general, these unions should take place. This arrangement covers the work with one man less than in former years, and the Augmentation Fund will be asked for \$225 less than last year.

Referring to the recent visit of Principal Gordon to Hamilton, the Times says: Principal Gordon is proving himself to be a capable university leader. He is ably carrying on the splendid work commenced at Queen's University by the late Principal Grant. Like his predecessor, he is an enthusiastic Canadian. At the time of the Northwest Rebellion he was chaplain of the Winnipeg regiment, and accompanied them to the field of battle.

The Orillia Presbyterians do nothing by halves. A few evenings ago Mr. H. Cooke, for many years the faithful and efficient superintendent of the Sabbath School, was presented with an appreciative address, a ticket for a trip from Orillia to Jerusalem and return, along with a purse of gold. Mr. Cooke well deserved this handsome recognition of his devoted services. He will attend the Sabbath School convention to be held in a few weeks in Jerusalem; and we join Orillia friends in wishing him a good voyage and a safe return. In speaking after the presentation to Mr. H. Cooke, Rev. Dr. Grant, of the Orillia Presbyterian church, said: Few were in a position to realise, as he did, how much Mr. Cooke had done for the congregation. He was not a man who worried the pastor with all the petty troubles of the Sunday School; he settled the difficulties himself. The choir was generally supposed to be the storm centre of a congregation; but there had been any storms in the choir of the Orillia church, Mr. Cooke had dealt with them himself. He deeply appreciated the manner in which Mr. Cooke had laboured in the congregation, and wished him a pleasant holiday. It is most gratifying when a minister can bear such testimony to the manner in which a person occupying a dual position, each of them difficult enough to fill, has so discharged both as to merit nothing but words of hearty commendation. Mr. Cooke is a treasure to the congregation in which he is S. S. Superintendent and leader of the choir.

Kingston Presbytery, met on March 1st, and closed its business in three sittings that day. In consequence of the severe storm that morning, the attendance was not so large as usual at the March meetings, yet twenty members were present. Home Missions received a large measure of attention, an extensive work in this Presbytery. The reports were on the whole very satisfactory, and the outlook encouraging. The Report from the Committee on the examination of students is also important at this time, and received due consideration. Forty-five students from Queen's University applied for work in mission fields,—twelve for the first time. The report on Sabbath schools was carefully prepared, and showed progress in some directions. That on church life and work was full and complete. It presented a very satisfactory condition of congregations in most cases, justifying the conclusion to thank God and take courage. Other reports due, were omitted in the absence of conveners. The resignation of Rev. Mr. W. MacLean, of Belleville, was fully considered. The Presbytery agreed to accept the resignation, to apply to the General Assembly to have Mr. MacLean's name placed on the list of the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund, to ask the congregation of St. Andrew's to secure a suitable retiring allowance to Mr. MacLean, to give him leave of absence for a time, and to appoint Rev. Dr. MacTavish, moderator of Session, when the resignation takes effect. Rev. Dr. Milligan, Toronto, was nominated moderator of next General Assembly. Commissioners to the Assembly were appointed as follows: Revs. J. Leitch, G. S. Milligan, and E. Mackay by rotation and Principal Gordon, A. Laird, J. D. Boyd and W. T. Wilkins by ballot, and G. M. MacDonald K. C., and J. MacIntyre K. C., and Prof. Hyde S. Russell, M. P. P. and A. Sharpe, W. G. Craig, and Ashley (Foxboro), elders.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Geo. Chrystal, of Beeton, who has been ill is recovering.

Rev. S. M. Whaley, of St. Helen, is Interim Moderator of Lucknow Session.

The next meeting of London Presbytery will be held at St. Thomas, on 10th May next.

Rev. Walter Moffatt, of London, has been elected Moderator of London Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Jamieson, of Blenheim, has been elected clerk of Chatham Presbytery, and Rev. N. Lindsay of Dresden, was appointed treasurer.

Rev. A. Henderson, of Appin, clerk of London Presbytery, was given three months' leave of absence on account of ill-health; and Rev. James Rollins, was appointed clerk pro tem.

Chalmers' congregation, London, is to build a new church at a cost of from \$8 to \$10,000, and the Presbytery grants permission for a canvass to be made outside the church for the funds.

It is reported that Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Knox, Toronto, may be the choice of St. Andrews, London, in succession to Rev. Dr. Johnston, who recently removed to Montreal.

On leaving Grand Valley, to take the organ of the Cobourg Church, Mr. H. Holgate, M. D., was presented by his pupils and friends with an address, a gold watch, and a number of books.

At the last meeting of London Presbytery, Rev. W. M. Kay, of Dorchester station, withdrew his resignation several months ago, as his health had greatly improved, and his people desiring him to continue as their pastor.

The social held last week at the Whithy manse, by the Ladies' Aid Society, was a gratifying success. Rev. Mr. Abraham gave a brief address of welcome. Refreshments were served in the course of the evening. Proceeds \$30.00

Harrow has been raised to the status of an augmented charge; it was agreed by Chatham Presbytery to ask for a grant of \$250 for the year; and leave was given the moderator, Rev. McGregor, of Comber, to moderate in a call.

London Presbytery appoints the following Commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. Messrs. Barnett, Hosie, Reede, Little, Crows, Scott, and Messrs. J. H. Best, Fingal; Robert McMillan, Dutton; Duncan Black, Dutton; Atkinson Pool, Kintyre, elders.

At the meeting of Chatham Presbytery it was agreed that Morpeth mission will be supplied by Rev. Argo, of Duart. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Revs. Lindsay, Little and Dr. Buttsby and Munro; Elders—Messrs. Richardson, Anderson, Denholm and Law.

The Woodstock congregation of Knox Church a week ago last Sunday had the pleasure of hearing two thoughtful and instructive discourses from H. B. Ketchen, B.A., of Knox College, Toronto. Mr. Keichen, who is a final year student at Knox, created a most favorable impression, says the Sentinel-Review.

The resignation of Rev. Mr. Fleming, of Essex, has been accepted by Chatham Presbytery, to take effect on 9th May, and his resignation of the clerkship will take effect on 2nd May. Rev. Tolmie, of Windsor, was appointed interim moderator of session. It was agreed to recommend Mr. Fleming to the H. M. C. for work in the Northwest.

A tenor singer with the "Scots Concert Company" being announced to sing a solo in Knox church, Galt, without consulting the minister or session, Mr. Knowles cancelled the arrangement, saying that he considered it beneath the dignity of Knox Church to be used as an advertising medium. "I was not consulted in this matter, or such an announcement would never have been made." Quite right.

Winnipeg and West.

New Westminster, (B.C.) Presbytery has appointed the following commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. J. A. Logan, Eburne; Rev. R. J. Wilson, and Rev. J. M. MacLeod, Vancouver; Rev. Dr. McLaren, Toronto; Messrs. George McCuaig, and H. W. C. Boak, Vancouver; Mr. A. S. McGregor, London, Ont.; and Dr. Robert Murray, Halifax.

The next regular meeting of New Westminster Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's church, Vancouver, in June.

At the recent meeting of the Home Mission Committee for British Columbia, Alberta and the Yukon the following sums were asked for the coming year for the different presbyteries:

Victoria, \$2,376; Westminster, \$3,178; Kootenay, \$4,150; Edmonton, \$10,891; Kamloops, \$6,420; Calgary, \$8,610; Yukon, \$4,100. And the following claims will be made on the augmentation committee: Victoria, \$100; Kamloops, \$237.50; Westminster, \$430.50; Calgary, \$975; Edmonton, \$600; Kootenay, \$167. Nine new fields will be opened up in the Edmonton district, ten in Calgary, and one at Telegraph Creek, in the New Westminster Presbytery. Three fields in the New Westminster Presbytery have been removed from missionary fields to augmented congregations, and three have been raised from student to ordained missionary stations.

The annual meeting of the New Westminster W. F. M. Presbyterial last week was a decided success. Mrs. Thos. Scouler, was re-elected President for the eighth time. The vice-presidents are: Mrs. Johnstone, of Vancouver; Mrs. Logan of Eburne; Mrs. Drainie, of Vancouver; and Mrs. Miller, of Nanaimo; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Henderson; recording secretary, Mrs. Centre; Mission Band secretary, Miss Russell; leaflet secretary, Mrs. MacDonald; treasurer, Mrs. Galligher. Mrs. Alexander Lamb, who has acted as the secretary of the Presbyterial since its formation seven years ago, retired, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Algoma.

The Presbytery of Algoma held its regular half-yearly meeting at Blind River, on the third and fourth inst. There were twenty members present. After the sermon by the moderator the Rev. Robert Drinnan, the reports from the missionaries on the various fields were discussed, and the grants to be asked for were revised. Some changes were read in regard to certain fields by means of which a large amount of Home mission funds was saved. The Rev. W. A. Duncan, convener, read the report of the committee on Young People's Societies, which was received and adopted with its various recommendations. The Rev. H. S. Graham, convener, read the report of committee on Church Life and Work. The report was presented in an excellent form and was a carefully prepared summary of the various reports submitted by the different congregations and mission fields. Messrs. Duncan, Hay, McLellan and Currie, ministers, and Elliott, Carr, Campbell, and Green, elders, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly. The Rev. W. D. Armstrong, D.D., of St. Paul's church, Ottawa, was nominated to fill the vacant chair in Theology of Halifax College. The Presbytery favored the continuation of the present relation of Queen's University to the Presbyterial Church, and commends it to the said church for liberal support. In accordance with notice of motion given at the last regular meeting, the Rev. W. A. Duncan moved that the Presbytery be divided. The motion was lost. The mission fields of Bruce Mines and Richard's Landing petitioned Presbytery to be raised to the status of augmented charges. The requests were granted. The Rev. D. McEcheran, convener of the Presbytery's House Mission Committee presented the report of the said committee in a brief but clear statement of the work done during the winter months. A petition from the Tarbutt field was presented and after much discussion was laid on the table. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the people of Blind River for their cordial hospitality to the members of Presbytery. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Richard's Landing in Sept. at the call of the Moderator and Clerk.

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