

## SARNIA PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Sarnia held its regular meeting in St. Andrew's church there on the 8th inst., Mr. McPherson Moderator, in the chair. The minutes were read and sustained. Dr. G. G. H. Thompson, an ordained minister without charge, was asked to sit and correspond.

There was laid on the table and read a communication from the Secretary of the W. F. M. S., asking for increased liberality in support of the fund. Mr. Jordan addressed the Court in behalf of the Society.

Mr. Blaikie, in a practical and incisive speech, advocated the claims of the Church's fund on the conscientious gifts of his people to all the schemes of the Church.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at half-past one and was closed with the benediction.

At half past one the Presbytery again met and was constituted, Mr. McPherson, Moderator in the chair. Sederunt as before, with the addition of Mr. A. E. Hannaford, minister.

On motion of Mr. Nichol and duly seconded, it was agreed that a communication having been received from the Secretary of the W. F. M. S., urging a special appeal on behalf of said scheme, the Presbytery, having regard to the claims of all the schemes, decline to make any special application, but the Presbytery recommend that Sessions arrange to bring the claims of the church before the congregations at such times as are deemed wise and in such a manner that the interest of the congregations may be deepened in the cause of Christ at home and abroad, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to allocate to the respective congregations the amounts required in order to preserve the successful accomplishment of the Church's work.

There was laid on the table and read a communication from the Secretary of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund asking when it might be advisable to visit the Presbytery to prosecute the claims of the fund. After consideration it was agreed on motion of Dr. Thompson that a communication being received from Mr. Burns, secretary of the A. & I. M. F., agent visiting the Presbytery to present its claims, in the judgment of the Presbytery it would not be wise for anyone to canvass the field at the present time.

The following Kirk Session records were submitted for examination, and the following committees appointed to discharge that duty, namely: Alvinston Record, Mr. Budge, minister and Mr. John Ross, elder; Camlachie and Aberarder, Mr. McKinnon, minister, and Mr. McDougall, elder; Parkhill, Mr. Livingston, minister and Mr. McMillan, elder.

A communication was received from the Presbyterians W.F.M.S. intimating that they would hold their annual meeting in Sarnia in January next. The Presbytery agreed to appoint Messrs. Jordan and Eady to represent the Presbytery at that meeting and give addresses.

Mr. Fortune, the Presbytery's representative of Manitoba College, advocated ably the claims of that institution and pressed increased liberality toward its maintenance.

Mr. Daly reported in regard to Marthaville, Inwood and 10th line of Brooke, their readiness to receive the services of an ordained minister, if for one year \$100 augmentation could be secured. The Presbytery authorized Mr. Daly to make arrangements for the induction of a minister there on the second Tuesday in January next, Mr. Bell to preach, Mr. Daly to address the minister and Mr. Fortune to address the people.

Mr. Nichol asked and obtained leave to moderate in a call at Corunna and Mooretown, giving him assurance that aid to the amount of \$50 would be asked from the Augmentation Fund.

Next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on the 2nd Tuesday of March next, at 11 a.m.

Reports were received from the committees appointed to examine records and they were attested accordingly. Messrs. Pritelard, Drinnan and Currie with their elders were appointed to examine and draft resolutions upon Remits from the General Assembly and

submit the same in March next. Congregations were directed to make their own arrangements for holding Missionary meetings during the winter and report in March next.

Dr. Thompson moved and it was agreed that Messrs. Nichol and Daly be appointed associate members with the Executive of the Young Peoples Societies in framing a constitution and preparing a program for future public meetings.

Meeting closed with the benediction.  
GEO. CUTHBERTSON,  
Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

The Presbytery of Stratford held a pro rata meeting Dec 10th, in Knox church and sustained a call to Mr. E. F. M. Smith, B.A., licentiate from the United congregations of Granton and Lucan and Fraser churches. The salary guaranteed is \$300 per annum. The ordination and induction are expected to take place within the church at Granton on the 22nd inst.

In the afternoon and evening, according to previous arrangement, a convention of Y.P.S.O.E. was held under the auspices of the Presbytery. It is to be regretted that the attendance upon the convention was not as full as could have been desired. But other reasons than lack of interest are assigned. Rev. Mr. Cosgrove, as Convener of the Presbyterial committee on Y.P.S.C.E. opened the convention, but presently being called away left the chair to Rev. Mr. Leitch, the Moderator of Presbytery.

Excellent addresses were delivered as per programme published. Special interest centered in the fifth item on the programme which some expected to result in the organization of a Presbyterial Society of C. E. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has been approached with considerable urgency and persistence for a number of years to recognize the Y. P. S. C. E. in some way, that it might have an acknowledged place and a greater power in the scheme of the church's work. In its wisdom the Assembly adopted a certain course in response to the request and it fell to the various Presbyteries of the Church to bring the assembly's decision into practical contact with the Y.P.S.C.E. This Presbytery accordingly in Nov. 1895, appointed a committee on Young Peoples' societies and authorized the foundation of a Presbyterial Y.P.S.C.E.—a kind of union of Presbyterian Y.P.S. C.E., within the bounds. The hopes of such an organization were blighted, however, for to the surprise of some such an opposition to the proposal was developed that it was decided expedient to let it drop.

The evening session was pleasant and interesting—under the guidance of Rev. Mr. Penton, as chairman—W. N. McP.

## A Pedlar's Experience.

## Illness Brought Him Almost To The Verge Of The Grave.

Pale and Emaciated, Suffering From Excruciating Pains in the Back, Life Became a Burden and Death Was Thought To Be Not Far Off.

From the St. Catharines Journal.

It is a curious pathological fact that spinal complaint has sometimes actually been mistaken for Bright's disease, and there is no doubt many have been maltreated for Bright's disease when spinal trouble was the real malady. George T. Smith, pedlar, of St. Catharines, is one who thus suffered. His narrative is as follows:—"In the fall of 1874 I began to experience alarming symptoms of what I thought to be spinal trouble. I resorted to lotions, plasters and other remedies, but to no avail, as I continued to grow worse. At this point my friends advised the services of a physician, which I gladly submitted to. The professional man made a minute examination, and pronounced mine a case of Bright's disease, which quite naturally gave me a severe shock, as I deemed the death sentence had been passed upon me. The doctor said he could alleviate my sufferings, but remarked that it

would only be a matter of time with me. However, I accepted his medicine, and to my surprise it according to directions with no beneficial results. In the meantime a friend procured a remedy said to be a cure for Bright's disease. This medicine I took, but with no effect whatever. Ten months had passed away and I had become so haggard, emaciated, stooped and miserable that my friends had difficulty in recognizing me. In fact they, like myself, harbored the most painful apprehensions. At this juncture an aunt came to visit me, and strongly advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Like a drowning man reaching for a straw I did so. To my great surprise I soon noticed an improvement, the pain in my back began to leave, my appetite improved, my color returned, and by the time I had used eight boxes not an ache or pain remained, and I am as able to travel about today as previous to the attack. I know that I owe my restoration to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I urge those ill or suffering to give them a trial.

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