

## Presbytery of Bruce.

This Presbytery held its September meeting at Port Elgin. In the absence of the moderator, Rev. J. Anderson presided. A call from Knox church, Walkerton, to Rev. D. Guthrie, B.A., signed by 234 communicants and 36 adherents, and promising an annual stipend of \$1200 with four weeks' vacation was sustained and accepted. The Presbytery resolved to meet at Walkerton on the 26th inst., at 10 a.m., to hear Mr. Guthrie's trial discourses and examination, and at 2.30 p.m. for his ordination and induction. Rev. J. Johnston was authorized to have communion rolls made up at Dobbington and Gillies Hill. Messrs. N. D. McInnon, W. A. McLean and S. F. McLennan, theological students, read discourses on subjects previously prescribed, with which the Presbytery were highly satisfied. The clerk was instructed to certify them to the senate of Knox College. On the recommendation of Rev. A. Tolmie, Mr. John McNamara was certified to Knox College as a student entering on his literary course. The report of the Presbyterial W. F. M. S. was read. On motion of Rev. A. H. Kippan, the clerk was instructed to write to the secretary expressing the gratification of the Presbytery at the work done by the Society during the past year and the hope for their prosperity in the future. A minute anent Rev. J. Anderson's resignation and retirement from active duty was adopted. Rev. J. Gourlay submitted and read the financial and statistical report for the last year, which was received and adopted. Leave was granted to the congregation of West Arran to mortgage their manse up to 1200 dollars. Next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Paisley on December 11th, at 1.30 p.m.—JAMES GOURLAY, Clerk.

## Presbytery of Barrie.

This Presbytery met at Barrie on 25th September, at 10.30 a.m., and was attended largely by ministers, elders, and others. Mr. McLeod, moderator. Dr. Harper, of the Methodist church, and Mr. J. A. McDonald, formerly of Horning's Mills, were invited to sit with the Presbytery. A call from Hilla-dale and Craighurst was tabled, and report of the moderation given. It was set aside because of the small number of signatures affixed. Reports from moderators of session of vacant congregations were received stating that congregational meetings are appointed to be held in Eason and Willis Churches, Oro, on Thursday, 27th inst., to consider the question of a call to a minister; that Cookstown, Townline and Iry will not delay any longer than is possible to give a call; that Duntroon and Westchurch have been very acceptably supplied since April by Mr. J. G. Inkster, student. A committee, of which Dr. McCrae is convener, was appointed to provide supply for the pulpit of these last named congregations, and leave was given to moderate in a call when the people desire it. The request of the session of St. Yner and Sunnisdale that they be allowed to procure their own supply through their moderator, Mr. Leishman, was granted, with the counsel that they proceed to call a minister without unnecessary delay. Mr. J. E. Smith, student, was appointed to St. Andrew's church, Banks and Gibraltar, for the winter, and the committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had purchased a travelling outfit for his use. The following resolution relative to the jubilee of Knox College was unanimously adopted, viz.: "This Presbytery learns with pleasure of the proposed celebration of the jubilee of Knox College and records its appreciation of the valuable work done by this institution, and especially of the labor of its students and graduates in the mission fields of Northern Ontario and other parts of the Dominion. 2. The Presbytery cordially approves of the proposal to mark the jubilee of the College by raising \$25,000 to extinguish the mortgage debt now resting on the College, and earnestly commends this scheme to the liberality of congregations within the bounds." The Home Mission business, though involving many details, was soon disposed of as it was presented in report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Com-

mittee which sat for about six hours on 24th inst. The committee had carefully considered the reports of nearly forty missionaries who labored in the bounds during summer, and arranged the grants to be asked, the fields and missionaries to supply, during winter and other matters. On recommendation of this committee the Presbytery adopted a resolution relative to Mr. Henry Knox's removal to labor in the Presbytery of Guelph as follows: "In taking leave of Mr. Knox the Presbytery desires to express its sense of respect for him as regards his Christian character, and for the value of his services within the bounds as a missionary. Nearly fifteen years ago he was employed as a catechist, on the recommendation of the Presbytery of Guelph, and for some time after his appointment was supported wholly by one of its generous members. He has since served in many different mission fields, most of which required hard labor, and in all of them to the satisfaction of the Presbytery. Testimony to the confidence of the brethren was given in their ordaining him to the work of the ministry after leave had been given from the General Assembly in 1895. Mr. Knox is acceptable as a preacher of the Gospel, and has often been helpful to the brethren while holding special services in their churches. He has attended diligently the meetings of Presbytery, and was ready to take part in its proceedings. The brethren take leave of him with the regrets due to a respected fellow-worker, and hope that he may be spared to continue his service of the Lord with comfort and success in the bounds of the Presbytery which first discovered his aptitude for the work."—ROBERT MOONIE, Clerk.

## Presbytery of Huron.

The Presbytery of Huron met in Willis church, Clinton, on the 11th inst. The attendance of members was small. After routine business the Rev. W. Martin reported that the Home Mission Committee recommended that instead of a series of missionary meetings, the subject of Missions be brought before congregations by their respective pastors or by exchange, as deemed best by sessions. This was accepted. Mr. W. T. Hall, a student of the third year of Theology, at present supplying Bayfield, read a sermon on the text 2 Cor. 9, 15. The sermon was approved of, and Mr. Hall certified to Knox College. The supply of Bayfield and Bethany for the next six months was left with the Home Mission Committee. Mr. Acheson asked that the report of the Sabbath School Committee be deferred until next meeting of Presbytery. This was agreed to. Rev. J. S. Henderson called the attention of the Presbytery to the effort being made to remove the debt of Knox College at the approaching jubilee of that institution. After some discussion it was agreed that ministers bring this matter before the congregations in the way which seems best to them. Moderation in a call was granted to Union church, Brucefield. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Clinton on the 2nd Tuesday of November.

## Presbytery of Sarnia.

The Presbytery of Sarnia met in the basement of St. Andrew's church, Strathroy. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises in which Rev. Dr. Thompson and Mr. Bradley (Alvinston) took part. The minutes were then read by Rev. G. Cuthbertson, clerk, and confirmed. Rev. J. Elliott of Nairn, was appointed moderator for the ensuing five months. Rev. H. Currie, of Thedford, presented the report relating to Home Mission stations, which after some discussion was accepted. A call from Cam-lachie and Aberarder to Rev. Mr. Drinnan was considered and sustained. On Mr. Drinnan's acceptance of the same the induction was appointed for October 1st, Rev. J. Elliott to preside, Rev. Mr. Pritchard to address the people, and Rev. G. Cuthbertson the minister. It was resolved to grant a Presbyterial certificate to Mr. Harvey, jr., formerly of Arkona. Committees were appointed to examine the various session records and to give in their reports at the afternoon session. In the afternoon the session was opened with the usual devotional exer-

cises, and the minutes of the morning session were ready by the clerk. Rev. W. Burns, who attended as a deputation from Knox College, next addressed the Presbytery. He gave an outline of the forthcoming jubilee of Knox College, and urged the claims of that institution. On motion of Rev. W. G. Jordan, seconded by Rev. Dr. Thompson, it was resolved to thank Mr. Burns for his address and commit the claims of the Knox College debt extinction scheme to the favorable consideration of the congregations within the bounds. P. J. Walker, a student who is well known in Strathroy, gave a discourse on the words, "Ye must be born again," which was well received by the Presbytery. It was decided to certify him to the authorities of McGill College, Montreal. The next regular meeting was fixed for St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on the second Tuesday of December. After the transaction of other routine business the Presbytery adjourned. There was a large attendance of delegates, who were entertained in several homes of the St. Andrew's congregation, and who seemed to enjoy their visit to the town. Thos. Banks represented the session of St. Andrew's, Strathroy.

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