

Church News.

In Canada.

Meetings of Presbyteries.

ALBANY—Manitowaning, Tuesday, Sept. 26th, at 10 a.m.
 BARRIE—Barrie, Oct. 3rd, 10.30 a.m.
 BRUCE—Palsley, Sept. 12th, 9 a.m.
 CALGARY—Calgary, Sept. 5th, 8 p.m.
 CHATHAM—First church, Chatham, Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 10 a.m.
 GUELPH—St. Andrew's church, September 19th, 10.30 a.m.
 HAMILTON—St. Catharines, First Church, Sept. 19th, 10.30 a.m.
 HURON—Clinton, September 12th, 10.30 a.m.
 LINDSAY—Cannington, Oct. 17th, 11 a.m.
 MAITLAND—Wingham, Sept. 19th, 11.30 a.m.
 ORANGEVILLE—Orangeville, Sept. 12th, 10 a.m.
 OTTAWA—Ottawa, Sept. 26th, 2 p.m.
 OWEN SOUND—Knox Church, Owen Sound Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 10 a.m.
 PARIS—Knox church, Woodstock, Oct. 3rd, 11 a.m.
 PETERBOROUGH—First Church, Port Hope, Sept. 19th, 9 a.m.
 QUEBEC—St. Andrew's church, Sherbrooke, Aug. 29th, 8 p.m.
 REGINA—Broadview, Sept. 13th, 3 p.m.
 SARINIA—Strathroy, Sept. 3rd.
 SARGENT—Mount Forest, Sept. 10th, at 10 a.m.
 SYDNEY—Falmouth Street Church, Sydney, Sept. 6th, 10 a.m.
 VANCOUVER—Nanaimo, St. Andrew's church, September 6th.
 WHITBY—Oshawa, Oct. 17th, 10 a.m.

Presbytery of Minnedosa.

THE Presbytery of Minnedosa met for the induction of Mr. C. Moore at Hamiota on the 24th inst. Mr. McArthur being unavoidably delayed, Mr. Rowand proceeded to the pulpit and preached. Thereafter the usual questions were put to Mr. Moore and satisfactorily answered. Mr. Moore was then solemnly inducted into the pastoral charge of Hamiota and associate stations, Mr. Frew leading in prayer. Mr. Frew then addressed a few suitable remarks to the minister and afterwards Mr. Hosie exhorted the congregation in appropriate terms. The regular July meeting of Presbytery was held in Minnedosa on the 26th ult. Members present: Messrs. J. E. Munro (moderator), T. Beveridge, J. Patterson, John Hosie, A. Smith, Geo. Flett and W. L. H. Rowand. Minutes of recent Birtille, Rapid City and Hamiota meetings were read and approved. Messrs. Munro, Beveridge and Rowand were appointed a committee to strike standing committees. The conveners for the current year were as follows: Home missions, Mr. J. E. Munro; foreign missions, Mr. R. Frew; Sabbath schools, Mr. J. L. Logie; state of religion, Mr. A. Smith; Sabbath observance, Mr. Wm. Rogerson; examination of students, Mr. W. L. H. Rowand; Manitoba theological department, Mr. McArthur; finance and statistics, the clerk; systematic beneficence, Mr. Hosie; temperance, Mr. Beveridge. Mr. Beveridge submitted the treasurer's report for the past year, showing that the receipts had been \$49.25; expenses, \$18.65. The report was received and adopted. Mr. Beveridge was thanked for his diligence and re-appointed for the ensuing year. Mr. Lang stated that preparations were being made at Arden to build a new church, and that they would want to borrow \$500 from the Church and M. B. B. He stated further that the application blank had not been filled out, but that he expected it would be soon. After making full inquiries the Presbytery agreed to authorize the Moderator and Clerk to sign the application when properly filled out, recommending it favourably to the Board. A motion in favour of a grant to assist the erection of a church at the McConnell's Station was also agreed to. Texts were prescribed to the students labouring within bounds, on which to prepare discourses to be read at the September meeting. Mr. Flett made a statement of the need of mission work among the Rolling River Indians. The matter was submitted to the Foreign Mission

Committee to investigate and report. The Presbytery, having received leave of the General Assembly to take on trials for license and ordination Mr. James Lang, proceeded to examine him on the usual subjects. Afterwards it was agreed, on motion of Mr. Beveridge, that his trials be sustained. Thereupon the Moderator asked Mr. Lang the questions that are appointed to be put to candidates for license and ordination, which were satisfactorily answered. Presbytery did then, with the laying on of hands, Mr. Rowand leading in prayer, license and ordain the said Mr. Lang to the office of the Gospel ministry. Mr. Lang then signed the formula, and the Clerk was instructed to add his name to the roll. A letter from Mr. D. Morrice, of Montreal, Commissioner to the General Assembly for this Presbytery, was read, giving a brief review of the work of the Assembly. On motion of Mr. Hosie it was agreed to tender a vote of thanks to Mr. Morrice for his service in representing this Presbytery. An extract minute of Assembly was read, stating that Mr. A. T. Colter had been granted leave to retire and to have his name placed on the list of annuitants for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund. Mr. Beveridge submitted the auditors' report, stating that they had gone over the books of the Home Mission Committee, and had found them neatly and correctly kept. This report was received and adopted. Arrangements were made for the dispensation of ordinances in the various mission fields within bounds. Presbytery then adjourned to meet on the first Monday of September next, at 7 p.m., in Minnedosa.—W. L. H. ROWAND, Clerk.

Presbytery of Brockville.

A SPECIAL meeting of the above Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian Church, Winchester, on Tuesday, August 22nd, 1893, at 1 p.m., for the ordination and induction of Mr. D. G. S. Connery, late graduate of Queen's College, Kingston, to the pastoral charge of the above church. After duly examining the candidate as to his qualifications and character, the committee reported results as highly satisfactory. At 3 p.m. a public meeting was held in the church when a large number of people were present to witness the ordination of the new pastor. The Rev. Mr. McCulloch, of Hallville, preached the usual sermon; Mr. McDiarmid, of Kemptville, presided and addressed the new pastor; Mr. Cameron delivered the charge to the new pastor, and Mr. McArthur, of Cardinal, addressed the people. The call of the congregation to Mr. Connery was most hearty and unanimous, and, from all that can be learned, there is every evidence that the pastorate will be a happy and successful one. The stipend promised is \$1,000, being an increase of \$200 over that paid by the congregation before, showing they are progressing in numbers and strength as well as in financial ability. At the close of the services the new pastor was introduced to such of the congregation as were present at the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Brockville Presbytery will be held at South Mountain on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 1893. The Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention will be held at the same place on the following two days, Sept. 13th and 14th, when delegates from the various Sunday schools within the bounds of the Presbytery are expected to be present and report the standing of their respective schools on all requisite points.

Presbytery of Halifax.

THE Presbytery of Halifax met at Chalmers' Hall, Halifax, on the 15th inst., Rev. John Murray, Moderator, presiding. Rev. Isaac Patterson, of the Presbyterian Church of the United States North, and Rev. Alex. Laird, of the Presbytery of Picton, being present, were invited to correspond. Rev. F. S. Coffin accepted the call from the congregation of Lower Stewiacke. The Presbytery acquiesced in his decision, and agreed that his translation take place on October 2nd, on which day at four o'clock in the afternoon, he will be inducted into the pastorate of the Lower Stewiacke. In going to Stewiacke Mr. Coffin leaves a deeply attached people at Waterville and Lakeville, who part with him reluctantly. It is hoped this comparatively small but spirited congregation will soon obtain another

pastor. Presbyterianism in the "west" cannot afford lengthened vacancies. It was left for the clerk to arrange the time and place of Mr. D. J. Fraser's ordination. Rev. F. W. Thompson was appointed to supply Carleton and Chebogue for six weeks beginning with September. The Presbytery was glad to hear, through the Moderator, that Mr. Grant, of Middle Musquodoboit, is considerably improved in health. The following arrangements were made for the induction of Mr. Coffin at Lower Stewiacke, Oct. 2nd: The Moderator to preside, Mr. Rattee to preach, Mr. James Rosborough to address the minister, and Mr. McPherson the congregation. Sessions will oblige by sending in to me as soon as possible the names of the elders elected to represent them in the Presbytery and Synod for the current year. Rev. A. Simpson was nominated for the Moderatorship of the approaching Synod to be held at Truro.—ALEX. SIMPSON, Clerk.

Ordination and Induction.

On the 21st ult., the Presbytery of Guelph met in the church at Preston, in the forenoon, to hear Mr. H. T. Thomas, M.A., undergo his trial for ordination to the holy ministry and induction into the pastoral charge of the congregations of Doon and Preston. Mr. Thomas delivered a popular sermon and lecture, and read portions of a Greek critical exercise, which were sustained. He was next examined in the subjects of Hebrew, Greek, Theology and Church History, in each of which he acquitted himself in a highly satisfactory manner, and the Presbytery agreed to proceed to his ordination and induction at two o'clock in the afternoon, according to their previous arrangements, notice of which had been duly served upon the congregation at the two immediately preceding Sabbaths. At the afternoon service there was a good meeting. Mr. Horne, who had been settled two weeks previously over the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Elora, preached according to appointment, taking for his text 3rd John, 2nd verse—"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." Dr. Dickson, of Galt, who has been Moderator of the Session and who presided on the occasion, and acted as Moderator *pro tem* of the Presbytery, gave a narrative of the steps to the call to Mr. Thomas, put to him the questions usual at such times, and satisfactory answers having been given to these by him, he was by solemn prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the ministry and inducted into the pastoral oversight of the congregations. Dr. Torrance then addressed him, and Mr. Smith the people on their respective duties. On the close of the services, Mr. Thomas was introduced to the people at the door of the church as they retired, and to the session after the rising of the Presbytery. Among other business transacted the following may be mentioned: A committee on the State of Religion was appointed, with Dr. Dickson as Convener. The names of Mr. Reid was reported from the session of St. Andrew's church, Berlin, and that of Mr. James Ross, from Chalmers' church, Guelph, as representative elders, and they were added to the roll. An application by Mr. William Stables Smith, for remuneration for a Sabbath on which he had been thrown out of employment, was submitted and referred to the sessions of Doon and Preston. Notice was read from the Presbytery of Orangeville that they had suspended, for cause shown, Mr. Stinson, from the exercises of the Christian ministry for one year, and from that of Regina that the name of Dr. Jardine had been removed from the roll of ministers in consequence of divergence of views from the doctrines of the Confession of Faith. A certificate of transference from the Presbytery of London, in favour of the Rev. Alex. MacKay, D.D., was received, and the name was ordered to be placed on the appendix to the roll as a minister residing in the bounds. The clerk reported names of congregations still in arrears to the Presbytery Fund. The minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of the adjourned one in Elora having been read