

Presbytery of Brandon

The Presbytery of Brandon met in Brandon, Sept. 1st, at 10 a.m. Mr. E. A. Henry was appointed moderator for six months. The resignation of the Breadalbane session was considered and after explanation, accepted, the Presbytery commending the keen spirit manifested by the members of session in seeking to promote the harmony of the congregation. The committee on Church Law and Property was instructed to enquire into the validity of titles by which church property is held and see that deeds are properly registered, also to enquire regarding the insurance of church property within bounds. Messrs. A. Little, H. Young, G. H. Turnbull and J. S. Watson, students laboring in the Presbytery during the summer were certified to college. The Home Mission Committee reported regarding proposed re-adjustment of fields in vicinity of Brandon, but after careful consideration, it was agreed to work all the fields as at present. Mr. A. N. McQuarrie, licentiate, of Pipestone field, was after examination ordained as missionary within our bounds. Mr. Jas. Hood was appointed missionary for six months, to Elkhorn. Mr. W. T. McKenzie to Alexander, Mr. W. R. McCullough to Gresswold, Mr. J. Ferry to Chater Zion, etc. Next regular meeting first Tuesday, March, 1897.—T. R. SHEARER, Clerk.

Presbytery of Guelph

According to adjournment the Presbytery of Guelph met in St. Andrew's church, Guelph, on Tuesday, 11th August, the Rev. Wm. Robertson, M.A., Moderator.

Mr. Donald Strachan reported that he had met with the congregation of Knox church Acton, on the 3rd inst., and after religious services had moderated in a call which had come unanimously and cordially in behalf of Mr. Hugh A. Macpherson, a licentiate of this church. His conduct in moderating was approved, and, after hearing commissions from the session and congregation, was sustained as a regular gospel call. A letter was now read from Mr. Macpherson stating that if the call were unanimous and sustained by the Presbytery, he would accept it. Arrangements were then made as follows: The Presbytery agreed to meet at Knox church, Acton, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the 1st September, to hear him undergo his trials for ordination and induction, and, in the event of these proving satisfactory, to meet in the same place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of ordaining him to the holy ministry and induction to the pastoral charge of the congregation. The Moderator of Presbytery to preside, Mr. MacVicar to preach, Dr. Jackson to address the minister and Mr. Strachan, who has been acting as Moderator of Session during the vacancy, to address the people.

Dr. Torrance reported that the Presbytery of Toronto had very kindly agreed to hold a special meeting for the purpose of dealing with the call from Knox church, Guelph, to the Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of St. Paul's church, Toronto, that the meeting had been held yesterday and all parties interested had been heard by the commissioners. Mr. Martin appearing for himself, and that, after full consideration, he had accepted the call and the Presbytery had agreed to his translation. At his own request it was resolved that his present pastoral station, should continue till the 13th of September, but that after that date he should hold himself at the disposal of the Presbytery of Guelph as to the time of his admission to his new charge. Extracts minute from the Presbytery of Toronto were forthcoming bearing out this decision. Thereafter it was arranged that his installation at Guelph should take place in Knox church on Tuesday, the 15th September, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Moderator to preside, Mr. Smith to preach, Dr. Warhorne to address the minister, and Dr. Torrance to address the people.

The resolution of last meeting appointing the next regular meeting in St. Andrew's church. It was, on motion, reconsidered, and changed so as to make the place of meeting, Knox church, and the hour from 10 to 9 o'clock in the forenoon. The conference of Young People's Societies in the bounds will be held in Knox church

beginning on Monday evening, and resumed at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the following day.

Presbytery of Paris.

The regularly quarterly meeting was held in Paris, Sept. 8th, Rev. E. R. Hutt moderator. Mr. Leslie reported standing committees for the year as follows, which was adopted:—Colleges, Mr. G. A. Cramston, Dr. McKay and elders; Home Missions, Dr. McMullen, Dr. Cochran and elders; Foreign M., Messrs. Patterson and Leslie; French Evan., Messrs. Shearer and Anderson; Church Life, Messrs. Hardie and Thomson; Sabbath schools, Messrs. Straith and Johnston; Widows Fund Mr. Ross and elder; Aged and Inf. M. Fund, Mr. Leslie and elder; Young People's Soc., Messrs. Millar, McGregor and Hardie; Statistics Mr. Hamilton Mr. Hardie was appointed President of the Presbyterian C. E. Society. A call from Windham and Delhi to Mr. J. A. Mathieson was sustained. The committee on Waterford was continued. Mr. Pettigrew was appointed to look after the interests of Manitoba Col., within the bounds. Managements were made for the designation of Miss Weir to the foreign field Sept. 22nd at 2.30 p.m. in E. Oxford Church, Dr. McKay to address the missionary and Mr. Hamilton the people. Messrs. Hall and Patterson, students, were examined and certified to the college authorities. Leave was granted Baden to apply for transference to Guelph Presbytery. Next meeting is to be held in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, Dec. 8th, 11 a.m.—W. T. McMullen, Clerk.

Presbytery of Glengarry.

This Presbytery met at Alexandria on 14th July. Rev. A. E. McLennan was elected Moderator for the next six months. It was arranged that the statistical report in the Blue Book of 1896 should be discussed in Lancaster on 8th Sept. it being made the first order of the afternoon. A very encouraging report was given with regard to the French mission in Cornwall under the care of Rev. J. E. Charles. The communion roll of this mission has 24 names upon it now, and upwards of 40 adherents and children, a wonderful result to show within the space of two years. Dr. Aguirre has donated a central lot on which to erect a French church, and over \$1,500 have already been subscribed for the building, which is expected to be finished this autumn. It was agreed that the resignation of Rev. J. S. Burnet, accepted on 27th May last, take effect on 1st Sept. A committee with Dr. Macintosh as convener, was requested to bring in a minute regarding Mr. Burnet's retirement to Presbytery at its next meeting. Rev. A. Givan was appointed to declare vacant the pulpit of St. Andrew's, Martintown, on the first Sabbath of September, and to act as interim moderator of their session. The following Standing Committees were appointed: 1. Church Life and Work, convener, J. Matheson. 2. Home Missions and Augmentation, A. Givan. 3. Statistics, T. A. Mitchell. 4. Sabbath Schools, A. E. McLennan. 5. Systematic Benevolence, D. MacLaren. 6. French Evangelization, Jas. Hastie. 7. Young People's Societies, J. Cormack. 8. Conferences, the Moderator and Clerk.

A brief report was given by Rev. J. Cormack, in regard to Y.P.S.C.E. in

Glengarry Presbytery. Eleven societies exist with 336 active and 292 associate members. These raised \$482.00 last year, of which amount \$216.00 was given to missions. It was determined to form a Presbyterial Y.P.S.C.E. Union in the near future. The next regular meeting will be held at Lancaster on Tuesday, 8th Sept next.—David McLaron, Clerk.

Presbytery of Maitland.

The Presbytery of Maitland at a special meeting in the Presbyterian Church, at Kinlough on September 1st, inducted the Rev. John Maxwell, lately ordained missionary at Lion's Head, Presbytery of Owen Sound, into the pastoral charge of the united congregations of North Kinloss, Riversdale and Enniskillin. There was a fair congregation present. Rev. R. MacLeod preached an excellent and comprehensive sermon on Jeremiah 3.15: "I will give you pastors according to mine heart who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." The preacher spoke of God's interest in the church in providing such pastors, their special functions and what God expects of the people. The Rev. A. MacKay presided and put to Mr. Maxwell the questions of the formula, which he answered satisfactorily. Rev. D. MacDonald, of Glamis, sat with the Presbytery. Rev. J. Malcolm delivered the charge to the newly inducted pastor, dwelling on the duty of always setting forth the great central truth of the gospel, "Christ and Him Crucified," to preach with simplicity, directness and tenderness. He dwelt on the importance of pastoral visitation—the necessity of diligent study and voice culture—to have the heart filled with the spirit and lead a holy life. Rev. A. McKay addressed the congregation and spoke of some characteristics of good hearers. They are regular and punctual in attendance, they fear God, are reverent and prayerful. They are attentive and obedient to the message and will support the Gospel at home and abroad. They will respect and encourage their minister—such hearers will have a Godly minister, will enjoy faithful preaching, will confidently look for the outpouring of the spirit, the conversion and sanctification of souls. A cordial welcome was extended to Mr. Maxwell by the congregation by a hearty handshake as they were returning from the church. Mr. Maxwell enters upon the duties of the pastorate in these united congregations under most favorable auspices and this happy and harmonious settlement, it is confidently hoped, will be crowned with abundant blessing. The church here is a neat and commodious building suitably furnished and has an excellent basement for Sabbath School, &c. The service of praise is led by an efficient choir, with organ accompaniment. After the close of the public service the members of Presbytery, elders and their wives were invited to lunch, in the basement, prepared by the ladies of the congregation. The rich repast so kindly and hospitably provided, was much enjoyed and a sociable time spent which shall long linger in memory. We congratulate these congregations on the kind and friendly spirit manifested among them which augurs well for hearty co-operation in promoting the highest interests of each congregation and the cause of God generally.—John MacNabb, Clerk.

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