

## Ecclesiastical.

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Chalmers Church, Kingston, on the 8th and 9th days of October. Most of the ministers were present. Rev. Patrick Gray was appointed corresponding member of the Foreign Mission Committee. The deputation appointed to visit Amburst Island, Melrose and Lonsdale, in the matter of increased ministerial support, save in reports, which were received. Mr. Wilson presented the overture, of which he had given notice, anent increased aid to aged and infirm ministers, and the widows of deceased ministers. It was agreed to transmit it to the Synod of Montreal, with the request that it be sent up to the General Assembly for consideration. Messrs. Wilson and Northrup were appointed to support it before the Synod. An overture respecting a change in the Formula, after being submitted, was withdrawn. Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. Jno. Crombie, Rev. Jas. Weir, and Mr. McLennan, Elder, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The Records of the Kirk Sessions of Brock street Church, Kingston, Storrington, Picton, Amburst Island, Chalmers Church, Kingston, and Glenvale were handed in for examination. Committees were appointed for this purpose, and in terms of their reports, subsequently presented, the Records were attended. The Sessions that failed to present their Records were joined to do so at next meeting. The congregations of Camden, Lansdowne, and Demosterville, were placed on the list of vacancies. Mr. Burton, Treasurer of the Presbytery, made a statement regarding the finances, and furnished an estimate of the amount needed to meet liabilities for the past and current years. Dr. Burns and Mr. McLennan were heard on behalf of the Montreal College. They strongly urged that the Presbytery of Kingston should be united with the other Presbyteries, constituting the Synod of Montreal, for the support of this College. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to them for their interesting addresses. Subsequently the following motion, presented by Mr. Burton, was adopted:—1st. That the Presbytery direct the congregations within its bounds to forward their contributions for College purposes during the current ecclesiastical year to the College at Montreal. 2nd. That this Presbytery would respectfully press upon the consideration of the General Assembly, in view of permanent arrangement, the propriety of placing both Colleges upon a footing of equality in the relation they bear to the entire Church. When the Presbytery were about to enter on the examination of Mr. A. Thomson, they were informed that, owing to failing health, he would be under the necessity of declining to undertake the work in North Hastings, as contemplated; and, further, that, as he purposed removing to the United States, to prosecute his studies there, he desired to have a Presbyterial certificate. A committee was appointed to confer with him, and, on their report being presented, it was decided to comply with his request. A petition from the congregation of St. Columba, and St. Paul's, Madoc, asking for the continuance of Mr. Thomson's services, was received, but, owing to his intended removal, no action could be taken thereon. Mr. Chambers was authorized to moderate in a call at Gananoque when officially requested so to do. Mr. Burton, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, presented a report of the state of matters in the several mission fields within the bounds. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Belleville, on the second Tuesday of January, 1873, at 10 o'clock, a.m., Mr. Gray to preach in the evening, and after sermon a conference to be held in the state of religion.—THOMAS CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.

This Presbytery held a meeting, pro se, at Kildonan, and within the church there, on the 14th day Aug. A petition from Kildonan congregation, was presented and received, praying for moderation in a call to a minister. After hearing commissioners, it was agreed to grant the prayer of the petition. Mr. Frazer was appointed to moderate in said call, on the 16th of September. It was agreed that a special meeting of Presbytery be held, at Kildonan, on the 18th day of September, to take up the matter of the Kildonan call, consider the application of the Rev. Neil McDougall to be received as a minister of this church, and any college business that may arise. At Kildonan and within the church there, the 18th day of September, the Presbytery met, in home affection. Mr. Black introduced the Rev. Thomas Hart, M.A., of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, who has been appointed by that church to co-operate with us, in the work of collegiate instruction, and ministerial labour in this Province. An extract minute of the Synod of said church, designating Mr. Hart to this field, was read. It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Frazer, and cordially agreed to, that the Rev. Thomas Hart, M.A., of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, be received as corresponding member of this Presbytery. This resolution being intimated to Mr. Hart by the moderator, Mr. Hart responded, thanking the Presbytery for the hearty reception. Mr. Frazer reported, that, according to appointment, he had preached at Kildonan, and moderated in a call, on the 16th inst. That the meeting of the congregation was large and most unanimous, and that the call was in favour of the Rev. John Black. The call was laid on the table, signed by 84 members and 62 adherents. A resolution of the congregation, was read, promising as annual stipend, eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850), with a free manse, and appointing the Hon. John Sutherland and Mr. Neil Henderson, commissioners to the Presbytery. These commissioners being heard, the call was sustained, and put into the hands of Mr. Black. Mr. Black, in signifying his acceptance of the call, noted the interesting fact, that "his call was put into his hands, on the 16th day of the

21st year of his labours in the congregation. It was agreed that the induction should take place at Kildonan, and within the church there, on the first day of October. Mr. Fletcher, moderator, Prof. Hart to preach, Mr. Frazer to address the minister, and Mr. McNabb to address the people. The edict was ordered to be issued in common form. Consideration of Mr. McDougall's application was deferred till the October meeting. Mr. Black stated that the Rev. Samuel Donaldson, B.A. appointed, by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, to labour in this Province, had arrived, and had been stationed in the meantime, at Headingley and Silverlights. Mr. Donaldson not being present, his reception was deferred till the October meeting. The moderator, Mr. Fletcher, stated, that, owing to his failing health, he will be compelled to tender his resignation at next meeting, and requested the Presbytery to make arrangements for the supply of the field now occupied by him. The clerk pro tem was instructed to write to the convener of the Home Mission Committee, stating the fact of Mr. Fletcher's resignation, and the necessity for more labourers being sent, to supply the shortage, and the new fields of Springfield and Lockwood. This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting, at Kildonan on the first day of October. The Rev. Samuel Donaldson, B.A., having presented his credentials of ordination by the Presbytery of Ballybeg, and a special designation to this Province by the Mission Board of the General assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Ireland, was received as a minister of this Church, and his name added to the Presbytery roll. Arrangements having been completed, for the induction of the Rev. John Black, in accordance with the usual forms of our Church, the Presbytery adjourned from the manse to the church; There after a sermon by Prof. Hart, the moderator, Mr. Fletcher, having given a brief narrative, of the proceedings in the call, and having put to Mr. Black and the people the prescribed questions, by solemn prayer inducted Mr. Black into the pastoral charge, of Kildonan congregation, giving him the right hand of fellowship. Mr. Frazer addressed the minister and Mr. McNabb the people, as to their relative duties and privileges. The newly inducted minister having been warmly greeted by the people, at the door of the church, and formally recognized as moderator of session, the Presbytery again adjourned to the manse. The term of Mr. Fletcher's appointment as moderator, having expired, Mr. McNabb, was appointed moderator for the ensuing year. A commission was read and sustained, from Kildonan session, appointing Mr. James Harper representative elder for the ensuing year. An application by the Rev. Neil McDougall, minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, without charge, and the reading of his Presbyterial certificate, it was resolved to make application to the General Assembly at its next meeting, for leave to receive Mr. McDougall, as a minister of this Church, and to issue the usual circular letters to the different Presbyteries. It was also agreed to employ Mr. McDougall, in the meantime, as a probationer of this church. Mr. Fletcher, in accordance with a notice previously given, tendered his resignation, as missionary, on account of failing health. After conference Mr. Fletcher's resignation was accepted, and the following minute recorded. The Rev. William Fletcher, having tendered his resignation, on account of failing health, and the Presbytery having fully considered the object, and having found itself constrained to accept the same, in doing so cannot but express regret, that it should have become necessary, that a brother, so well beloved, and who has laboured so long and so efficiently, should be compelled to leave the field; and they earnestly trust and pray, that it may please the Great Head of the Church, to restore him to health again; and that, in the meantime, the Divine blessing may rest upon him, both in body and soul. Mr. Donaldson's appointment to Headingley was confirmed, and arrangements made for the supply of the Portage field for a time. Mr. Frazer was appointed Presbyterial clerk. Mr. McNabb, and two of the Headingley elders, Messrs. Sutherland and Morrison, appointed a session, ad interim, for the Portage congregation. After conference on financial matters, an estimate of the probable amount required, up to the close of the financial year, was made out, for the Convener of the Home Mission Committee. It was resolved, that, after the first of January the missionaries draw their salaries through the Treasurer of the Presbytery, and that these be drawn quarterly. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held, at Kildonan and within the manse there, on the second Wednesday of January, at 11 o'clock a.m.

ALEX. FRAZER, Presbyterial Clerk.  
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## PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.

An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held in Wellington Street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday the 16th inst. The attendance of members was good. The Presbytery took up consideration of the Call addressed to Mr. R. H. Warden from the Petrolia congregation. The following representatives appeared and addressed the Court:—Rev. J. W. Cheesnut for the Presbytery of London, Messrs. Barclay and McKenzie for the congregation of Petrolia, and Messrs. Pennycook, McCraney, Ferguson, McKeown, and Walker, for the congregation of Bothwell. Mr. Warden having expressed his mind as favorable to remaining in his present sphere of labor, the Presbytery declined to translate him, and agreed to retain him in his present charge. A petition was laid on the table from the Maidstone Station, praying for the services of the Rev. W. King on each alternate Sabbath. After parties were heard the Presbytery granted the prayer of the petition, and appointed Mr. King to supply Maidstone on each alternate Sabbath for one year.—the congregation there to contribute \$180 towards his support. Mr. King reported that in accordance with the appointment of Presbytery he had organized three congregations in the Township of Somers, where Mr. Peter Nisbet, one of the pastors of Knox College

had labored during the past summer with the most marked success. About sixty persons were received into fellowship with the church. The report was received and arrangements made for the future supply of the field, as also for the election of Elders in the congregations thus organized. A letter was read from Mr. James Stewart declining the call from Tilbury West, and Messrs. The Presbytery took into consideration the remit from the General Assembly on the "Status of Retired Ministers," and agreed to approve simpliciter of said remit, and to recommend accordingly. The Presbytery next proceeded with the consideration of the Assembly's Remit anent a "Home Mission Agent." After discussion it was unanimously agreed to express approval of the appointment of such an agent and also to approve simpliciter of the remit as to the duties of said agent. Mr. Gray, of Windsor, gave notice that at next regular meeting of Presbytery he would move that the Presbytery nominate Mr. Warden, of Bothwell, for the office of Mission Agent. On the report of a committee appointed for the purpose, steps were taken to at once augment the stipends of all of the ministers within the bounds to at least \$600 per annum, where they are at present under that sum. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Adelaide Street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 7th January next, at 11 a.m., and was closed with the benediction.

## INDUCTION AT COBOURG.

The vacancy in our congregation at Cobourg, caused by the resignation of the charge by the Rev. John Laing last winter, was happily filled by the induction on 8th inst. of Rev. James Douglas, late of Uxbridge. Mr. Laing was well known as one of our most able and laborious ministers; and Mr. Douglas has a field before him of considerable extent and importance.

The proceedings at the Induction as detailed by the local papers, seems to have been characterized by much cordiality. The Rev. Mr. Clark, of Lakefield, preached; Rev. Mr. Donald presided at the Induction service; Rev. Mr. Paterson, and Rev. Mr. Mitchell, addressing respectively the pastor and people.

In the evening a "Social Welcome Meeting" was held in the Victoria Hall, one of the largest and handsomest public halls in the province, and proved a complete success. The handsome hall, its tasteful decorations, and the overflowing company conspired to render the occasion one of much interest; all denominations had their representatives present. Short speeches were made by Mr. Donald, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Clarke, and the remarks of Mr. Douglas on this introduction to the community of Cobourg and its vicinity were heard with much interest.

The ladies of the congregation had prepared bountifully for the "inner man," and the musical services were on a scale of unusual excellence. Mrs. Bradley, of Port Hope, Miss Shanton, and Miss Roper of Cobourg, and Mr. T. Murray Scot, of Toronto, contributed most effectively to the enjoyment of the evening. Cobourg has also a juvenile pianist, a Miss Clara Boyd, apparently about 12 years of age, who, on this occasion, played some most elaborate music and gives promise of future renown. On the whole Mr. Douglas may well be encouraged by the heartiness of the welcome extended to him at his entrance on this new sphere. We understand that on Sabbath, 18th inst. he was formally introduced by the Rev. Professor Cavan, of Knox's College.—Com.

## PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The regular meeting of the Brockville Presbytery was held in Prescott on Oct. 8th, and the following are the chief items of business transacted. Mr. Bennet resigned the office of Presbyterial clerk, and Mr. Hastie was appointed thereto. Being appointed clerk, Mr. Hastie asked to be relieved of the Moderatorship, which was granted, and Mr. Matheson was appointed to the close of the current year. The following minute was adopted anent the death of Dr. Boyd, and a copy ordered to be sent to Mrs. Boyd:—"The committee appointed at the last regular meeting of the Presbytery, to draw up a statement in reference to the death of the Rev. Dr. Boyd, beg leave to submit the following:—"On the 28th day of Feb. last, the rev. father of this Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. Boyd, was called to his reward in the 81st year of his age. For more than 40 years he had been the laborious, honored, and beloved, pastor of Prescott. During the earlier years of his ministry he contended with difficulties, abounded in labors, and suffered privations to an extent utterly unknown to ministers of the present day. With Apostolic courage, zeal, and perseverance, he extended his labors over six townships, establishing and confirming infant churches, many of which have since become self-sustaining charges. In reviewing the memory of the life and labors of their late Father and Brother in the Gospel ministry the sorrowing members of the Presbytery feel called upon to record their appreciation of his worth, and their sense of their own loss. As a member of the Presbytery he was most conscientious in attendance upon its meetings, and as an assistant in the conducting of its business, his accurate knowledge of the rules, and forms of procedure in Church Courts, his love of truth and righteousness, his uniform exhibition of true generosity and Christian charity secured for him the highest place in the esteem and affection of all his co-religionists with gratitude to God for the gifts and graces with which he was enriched, with earnest supplication for a double portion of his spirit to descend upon each one of his brethren, the members of this Presbytery would

rejoice that he now rests from his labors and that his works do follow him. The Presbytery do at the same time desire to record their deep and cordial sympathy with Mrs. Boyd in her bereavement, and do heartily commend her to the care and protection of Him who has promised to be the "husband and shield of the widow." A petition from Lynn and Yonge praying for a separation from Fairfield was granted; and the following are the arrangements made:—Lynn and Yonge to form one charge, Fairfield Station; Merrickville to be supplied alone as a Mission Station. Permission was granted to Mr. Traver to moderate in a call at Lynn forthwith. A unanimous call to the Rev. David Taylor, Probationer, from Sperrville and Edwardsburg was sustained. Stipend \$600. Rev. James Douglas, a minister of the Congregational body in Canada, and also was laboring in Lunenburg for upwards of seven years, appeared in person, and applied to be received as a minister of the C. P. Church. After mature conference with him his application was cordially entertained, and the Presbytery resolved to make applications to the next General Assembly for leave to receive Mr. Douglas. In the meantime he labors within the bounds of the Presbytery. Mr. Bennet's resignation of his charge was accepted, and a committee appointed to draw up a minute respecting him. This resignation was occasioned by the necessity of re-arranging the fields contiguous to Kemptville. Because of the demands of one station, the division could not be made unless the whole field were vacated, and Mr. Bennet at no small sacrifice to himself, resigned to facilitate it. The present arrangement is, Kemptville and Oxford Mills to form one pastorate, South Gower and Mountain another. Mr. Rowat was appointed Moderator of the session of South Gower and Mountain, and Mr. Leckie to that of Kemptville, &c. Mr. Boyd, a minister of the American Presbyterian Church, applied to be received into the C. P. Church, and the Presbytery agreed to make the usual application to the next General Assembly to receive him. His labors as a missionary in the Presbytery. Missionary Associations were ordered to be formed in all congregations where they do not exist. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery is to be held in Prescott on the first Tuesday of February, at 8 p.m.

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

On Sabbath, the 18th October, the new church recently erected in Nottawa, a station in connection with the Canada Presbyterian congregation in Collingwood, was duly opened for public worship. The dedication service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. R. Rodgers. The Rev. A. Drummond, of Shakespere, delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon from Zech. 6:12, which was listened to with intense interest. A service in Gaelic was conducted by Mr. Dunn, of Knox College, at 8 o'clock, p.m., which was well attended, and in the evening the Rev. W. McCallum, W. Methodist, gave a very able and instructive sermon on the doings of God in the sanctuary. The weather was very unpropitious, but the attendance during the day was excellent, and in the morning the house was crowded to its utmost capacity. The collections at the several services amounted to about seventy dollars. A social was held on Monday evening, and although the storm continued, the house was again respectably filled. The tea provided by the ladies did ample credit to their skill and good taste, and was partaken of with a real appreciation by those who had come, through rain and storm, to enjoy it. After tea the chair was taken by the Rev. R. Rodgers, who gave a brief history of the work, whose completion they had met together to celebrate. Earnest and telling addresses were delivered by Messrs. Smith and Drummond. The Collingwood choir discoursed sweet music at intervals, which charmed every ear, and added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. The building is a frame one, 50ft. by 80ft., erected at a cost of \$1500, and will comfortably accommodate 280 persons. The debt remaining on the building after the opening services, will not be more than \$200. Great credit is due to the good people in Nottawa for their zeal and liberality, and especially to the ladies, who, almost unaided, have carried forward this work to a successful issue. May they receive a rich reward in future days, in seeing many living temples built up among them, adorned with the beauty of holiness and crowned with every Christian grace.—Com.

From the minutes of a late meeting of the Presbytery of Chatham, to be found in another column, it will be seen that a notice of motion was tabled to the effect that the Rev. E. H. Warden, of Bothwell, be nominated by that Presbytery to the office of Mission Agent or Secretary.

The Orilla *Expositor* of last week contains a lengthy notice of a "Welcome Home" extended to the Rev. John Gray, on his return after three months' absence in Britain. The Hall was crowded. Suitable speeches were delivered by the Rev. J. G. Sanderson, Rev. M. Fraser, of Barrie, Rev. Dr. Fowler, Rev. J. Ferguson, and the guest of the evening. The celebration—completely successful in every respect—was ably presided over by Mr. Thomas Dallas. Mr. Gray, we were glad to learn, returns to his work with renewed health.

An unanimous call has been extended to the Rev. A. Carrie, by the congregation of Pine River; the stipend promised is \$600 and a manse.

At an adjourned meeting of the Surgeon

Presbytery held at Kincardine, on the 10th inst., the Rev. Wm. Anderson was inducted to the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Rev. Donald Fraser, B.A., of Freeville, moderator presiding and leading the opening exercises. Rev. Duncan Morrison of Owen Sound, preached an able sermon well adapted for the occasion, after which according to the usages of the church, the ceremony of induction was proceeded with. When this was concluded by the moderator, the Rev. Wm. Morrison addressed the minister in most happy and appropriate terms, at the close of which the moderator effectively addressed the people with reference to their duty towards their new pastor and the necessity for their strengthening his hands in the discharge of his high calling. (When these solemn services were concluded a cordial welcome was given by the congregation to their new minister.

It is stated that the Trustees of the C. P. Church, St. Catharines, have decided to heat the church with a new and improved patent furnace. An improvement in the old method.

The St. John's N.B. Presbyterian Advocate says:—Since the return home of Rev. Mr. Caie and his bride, the ladies of new St. Stephens Church have presented Mrs. Caie with very handsome and valuable breakfast and tea set of silver and china. Mrs. Caie appears to have found the way to the hearts of his congregation and his last token of their esteem is one of the most gratifying of the many he has received.

At Meaford, the Rev. Mr. Gault, late minister of the Presbyterian church, is about to pay a somewhat extensive visit to the Maritime Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with a view to a possible settlement there.

A correspondent of the Brantford *Expositor* writes:—The Presbyterian Church has resolved to take up Burford as a new station, and for a temporary home have secured Wooden's Hall where service is held every Sabbath at 8 p.m. At present, the Rev. Mr. Alexander of Mt. Pleasant fills the pulpit, and judging from a brief experience it is my conviction that no more efficient and earnest worker could be found.

## KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The first meeting of this Society, for the present Session, was held in the College on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst. This meeting was more than usually interesting on account of the reports which were given in by the various Missionaries, employed by the Society during the past Summer, and the interest of the Students in the work of the Society was plainly manifested by the large number present. The operations of the Society have been gradually extended, year by year, and during the past summer twelve Missionaries were sent out under its auspices. Their labors were distributed over various outlying districts of Ontario, extending from the Ottawa to the St. Clair. The object of the Society has ever been to take up fields that were more or less beyond the reach of the various Presbyteries, so that there might be no interference with the operations of the Home Mission Committee of our church, and it has been found in many cases that the fields thus occupied had also been beyond the reach of other Protestant denominations, and were entirely destitute of the means of grace. The following list of the fields occupied during the present year, will give some idea of the work attempted by the Society:—Upper Ottawa and Lake Nipissing, North Hastings, (two Missionaries), Wabawashene and Port Severn, Tay and Medout, Pontanguishene, &c. Muskoka (free grant district), Parry Sound, Manitoulin Island, Sault Ste Marie, Sombra. The reports that were given by the Missionaries to these stations were of the most encouraging nature, testifying to the cordial reception tendered to them everywhere by the people, to the earnest attention given to the preaching of the gospel, and to their belief that their labors had been blessed by the great Head of the Church. In every instance the people contributed of their means for the support of the Missionary,—in some instances so liberally as to defray all expenses, and leave a balance in favor of the Society. The deficiency in the other fields will be made up by the voluntary contributions throughout the country, which will be acknowledged in due time by the Treasurer. On the whole, the Society has much reason for gratitude, both on account of the success of its missionaries, and the cordial support which it has received wherever its claims have been presented. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, A. Gilray; Vice-Presidents, D. C. Johnson, H. McKellar; Recording Secretary, J. Scrimger, M. A.; Corresponding Secretary, W. Frizzell; Treasurer, D. McKerscher; committees, H. H. McPherson, M. A., P. Nicol, J. H. Batelli, C. Fletcher, F. B. Beattie.

A special meeting is to be held on Tuesday evening, to consider the question of City Mission work to be undertaken during the