

The regular March meeting of the Orangeville Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, on the 12th inst., the Moderator, R. W. Dickie, presiding. J. R. Bell reported having visited Corbetton and Riverview congregations, and the united congregations had agreed to increase their contributions by \$40 to bring the stipend up to the minimum for Ordained Missionary. Mr. McKinnon, clerk, reported appeal from Century Fund Committee for \$100.00 for Common Fund, and action was taken to the end that one dollar per family be raised. J. W. Orr, convener, gave his report of augmented charges after which grants from the Augmentation Fund for the year were recommended as follows:—Ballinafad \$100 asked for by R. Fowlie, who stated that the pastor, George Milne, was doing excellent work and deserved to be encouraged; Maxwell, etc., visited by Jas. Buchanan, \$100; Caledon and Caledon East reported by Hugh Mathewson, \$200; Tarbert and Keldon, reported by R. T. Cockburn, \$150; J. R. Bell reported by Home Missions and asked \$500 per Sabbath for Corbetton and Riverview granted. Mr. Kilburn, representative elder, Tarbert, asked leave to build church, estimated cost \$2,000, amount already subscribed \$1200; leave was granted. A. E. Neiley's report of Young Peoples Societies presented some encouraging features, but on the whole was discouraging and depressing. J. A. Matheson's report on Church Life and Work was excellent and highly appreciated by Presbytery.

Ottawa and Vicinity.

The next meeting of Ottawa Presbytery will be held on Tuesday, 7th May.

Mr. Thurlow Fraser, B. A., who has been elected assistant minister of Bank street Church, has been preaching in John Street Church, Belleville.

Rev. Dr. Moore, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, presided at a meeting of the Committee last week. A summary of the business transacted is given in another column.

Rev. Joseph White and Rev. Evan Macaulay of Ottawa, retired ministers, make application to be placed on the aged and infirm member's fund; and their request will be forwarded to the Assembly's Committee.

Miss Masson, who for several years had done excellent work as organist of the Glebe church, was made the recipient of an address and presentation on her resigning. Miss McElroy has been appointed in her stead.

The Rev. D. M. Ramsay presented the report of the Augmentation Committee, which was adopted. The congregations deriving aid from this fund are Aylmer, Hintonburg, East Gloucester, Chelsea, Hull, Portage du Fort, L'Orignal, Eardley and Bryson.

The call to the Rev. J. A. Redden, extended by the congregation at Fort Coulonge, was sustained by Presbytery and Mr. Redden will be inducted on March 26th, if the call is accepted. The Rev. Mr. Gamble will address the people and the Rev. Robert Williams the pastor.

Rev. W. Patterson, of Buckingham, submitted the report on evangelization at last meeting of Ottawa Presbytery. It recommended the usual grant for the French missions and schools, and was discussed by Rev. Sinclenners, of Angers, Rev. Seylaz, of Ottawa, Rev. St. Germain of Masham and Rev. Mr. McLaren of Desert.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne presided at the last meeting of Ottawa Presbytery. A resolution of sympathy was passed to Rev. James Bennett, L'Orignal, who is seriously ill; it was arranged that while necessary his pulpit should be supplied by Rev. D. Millar of Hawkesbury; and the resignation of Rev. E. J. Shaw, missionary of Bearbrooke, and Navan was accepted.

The Rev. Robt. Eadie, of Hintonburg, presented to the Presbytery the report on Sunday School Work. The report was complete and interesting and contained a suggestion to have the schools kept in active operation during the summer; and the present system of a lengthy vacation, abolished. The report in its entirety was adopted.

Rev. J. A. MacFarlane, M.A., of the Canadian Bible Institute, will hold services in West End Methodist church during the week, each day at four and eight o'clock in the afternoon. The services will be specially for West End, Erskine, Bell street and the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Hintonburg. There should be a large attendance, especially of Sabbath School teachers, and those looking forward to this important work.

At the last meeting of Presbytery Rev. J. McNichol, Convener, presented an interesting report from Committee on Young People's Societies. There has been a large increase in the number of Societies formed during the year. At the next meeting of Presbytery a scheme to bring about more unity among the different societies of the church will be submitted. At present there is some difficulty experienced in operating more than one society in a church, and amalgamation might be of benefit.

At a recent meeting of the W. F. M. Auxiliary of Bethany, church, Hintonburg a paper was read by Miss Jamieson of Ottawa, on "The first mission to the Chippewa Indians on Walpole Island, Lake St. Clair." Mr. Andrew Jamieson was the first missionary appointed to the field and took charge of the work in 1815, remaining for forty years among the Indians of this island, and succeeding in converting the entire nation to Christianity. Miss Jamieson also gave a brief outline of the missionary work of the Presbyterian church in the Northwest.

The members of Stewarton Church are looking forward with much pleasure to having with them, at Easter, their first minister—Rev. R. E. Knowles, B. A., of Knox Church, Galt. Mr. Knowles will meet with his old people at the Communion Service on the forenoon of Easter Sunday, and also preach in the evening. He has likewise kindly consented to deliver on the evening of Easter Monday and under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Stewarton Church, his popular lecture "Secrets of Scotch Success." Mr. Knowles' reputation for pulpit oratory and platform eloquence insures that the seating capacity of Stewarton Church will be taxed to its utmost to accommodate those desirous of meeting and hearing him.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Meikle has brought the special services in St. Andrew's church, Guelph, to a close.

Chatham Presbytery nominates Rev. J. D. Dey, M. A., as moderator of Synod Hamilton and London.

Much sympathy is felt for Rev. R. Drinnan, of Camlachie, on the sudden death of his wife on the 14th inst.

Rev. Neil Keith, B. A., of Leanington, has been called to Watford with the offer of \$500 salary and a free manse.

Stratford Presbytery nominates Rev. Dr. Johnston, of St. Andrew's, London, for the chair of Apologetics in Knox College.

Rev. J. C. Talmie, B. A., and Mr. Alex. Bartlett were appointed on the Bills and Overtures Committee Synod Hamilton and London.

The Presbyterians of Cranbrook purpose remodelling and renovating the manse. They will add another story and will make other improvements.

Rev. Dr. Battersby has been elected moderator to Chatham Presbytery; and Rev. Prof. Beattie, D. D., at present of Louisville, Ky., was nominated for the chair of Apologetics in Knox College.

At the last meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, of St. Paul's church, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Clegg; vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Petty; secretary, Miss Emma Johnston; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. McKay.

Chatham Presbytery approved the remit re the enlargement of the powers of Synods. It also approved the little hand book "Social Worship," but was not in favor of the proposed appointment of Field Secretaries for the several Synods.

Drs. Jamieson and Battersby, and Messrs. McInnis, Talmie, Brown, and Keith, Ministers; and Messrs. McLaren, Laird Bartlett and McMillan, and Drs. Stewart and McRitchie, Elders, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly by Chatham Presbytery.

Stratford Presbytery nominates Rev. E. Pantton for the moderatorship of Synod of Hamilton and London. This Presbytery also approves of the appointment of a S. S. Field Secretary for Ontario; and that the children's day collection be placed at the disposal of the Assembly committee, to meet expenses.

At the last meeting of Paris Presbytery the resignation of First church, Brantford, by R. Hamilton, was accepted with a view towards a new congregation being formed in the east of ward, and high testimony was borne to the faithfulness and energy of Mr. Hamilton and the spirit he had shown.

Montreal.

Rev. Mr. King tenders his resignation of St. Mark's, Montreal.

Rev. J. T. Mitchell, Cote des Neiges, Montreal, has been called to St. John's Almonte.

Montreal Presbytery nominates Rev. Prof. Scrimger, D. D., for Moderatorship of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

It is arranged that the Lachine Church will be declared vacant by Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, St. Andrew's, on the first Sabbath in May.

The report on Church Life and Work to Montreal Presbytery, presented by Rev. H. J. McDiarmid, was in the main encouraging.

Rev. S. Rondeau having accepted a call from St. Hyacinthe, the following arrangements were made for his induction. The date is May 2, in the evening, the Rev. R. E. Duclos to preside, and to address the pastor, the Rev. C. A. Doudiet to preach, and the Rev. A. Brandt to address the people.

The report of the Sabbath School Committee, Montreal Presbytery, indicated that during the past few years the number attending the Sabbath Schools within its bounds had been gradually and seriously decreasing. The Remit of the General Assembly re the appointment of a Synodical Sabbath School field secretary was approved.

In the Montreal Presbytery Rev. Dr. Ross reported for the Home Mission Committee. The fields in the Presbytery are fully manned and the conditions of the field are most satisfactory. Grants were asked accordingly for the several wants. The convener stated that the condition of the Home Mission Fund was \$20,000 short of the requirements of the year and appeals are made to the members and congregations to do all they can to prevent the serious shortage.

The Presbytery of Montreal has made choice of the following Commissioners to the General Assembly. Ministers, by rotation:—Revs. P. H. Hutchinson (Moderator), W. T. Morison, Jas. Patterson, John Mackie, Dr. D. Patterson, Principal MacVicar, Dr. R. Campbell, S. F. McCusker, S. J. Taylor. By election—Rev. Dr. Scrimger, Prof. Ross, Jas. Fleck, F. M. Dewey, A. J. Mowat, D. W. Morison, M. F. Roudreau, and Dr. Amaron. Elders:—Messrs. W. Anderson, P. MacArthur, Geo. M. Loy, M. P. Geo. H. Muir, James Ross, Dr. Christie, M. P. Jas. Rodger, A. McFee, John Herdt, Walter Paul, D. F. Fraser, C. T. Vales, W. D. MacLaren, D. Morrice, Jas. Croil, James Tasker, A. C. Hutchison.

In the Montreal Presbytery on motion of Rev. E. Scott, seconded by Rev. James Fleck, a kindly worded resolution to the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Montreal, was unanimously adopted. In part the resolution said: In the work of your own congregation and in the larger effort for Canada and the regions beyond may pulpit and pew go from strength to strength in age-long succession. We remember with thankfulness that we have been in some measure fellow-workers in that ministry which presses upon us all, as patriots and as Christians, of keeping our own country, fast filling from every land, in touch with truth and righteousness, and we beg to give assurance of sincerest welcome to whatever co-operation may seem to you best fitted to serve the interests of that kingdom, for whose coming we in common work.

From the report presented at last meeting Montreal Presbytery, by Rev. F. M. Dewey, it is ascertained that the Chinese work in the city continues to be encouraging. There are 17 schools in the city for the Chinese. The collections made in these schools during the year amounted to over \$500. They have a Christian Endeavour Society with a membership of over 30. The committee did all they could to get a reduction of the laundry tax, and a deputation visited Ottawa anent the proposal to increase the capitation tax to \$500. They received a sympathetic answer and while the tax was increased to \$100 a commission was appointed to investigate this whole matter. These recommendations were moved and agreed to. 1. That His Worship the Mayor and the members of the City Council be again petitioned with a view to having the laundry tax reduced to a more reasonable sum. 2. That in view of the thousands of Chinese now in this country, and who are so accessible to Christian influences, our people be urged to seek more earnestly to reach them with the Gospel of Christ; also, that the General Committee be again urged to seek a definite connection between our increasingly important work in several hundred centres across Canada and the native villages of our scholars in China,