

Presbytery of Barrie

This Presbytery met at Orillia, 25th Sept. at 2 p.m.; present, fifteen ministers and three elders. The meeting was held in the fine lecture room recently added to the church, and was, as the Pastor informed the court, the first held in Orillia since 1851. Among the items of business were the following: A call was laid on the table from the congregation of Malone Bay, Nova Scotia, to Mr. W. McCone, of Lunenburg. Further time for consideration was desired by him, and the Presbytery agreed to meet on 23rd Oct. to receive his final answer. A status of old standing for missionary services in the Vandebrugg group of stations was ordered to be paid from the Presbytery funds, as it has been found possible to get payment from the people. The matter of Commissions' expenses in attendance at the General Assembly, left over from last meeting was taken up, and immediately discussed on motion of Mr. Gray, one of the Commissioners, that no further action be taken in the matter. The collection taken to defray these expenses admitted of reimbursement only to the extent of \$15 for each Commissioner. The consideration of Home Mission matters occupied a good deal of time. Mr. Findlay of Bracebridge, presented an admirable report of his labours in Muskoka during the second year of his engagement. It is hoped that the report will be printed. Mr. Barnett, of Alliston, was appointed Moderator of the Session of Mulmur and Rosemount. The Presbytery was informed by extract minute that the General Assembly had dismissed its dissent and complaint in the Marples case, on objection taken that reasons for dissent had not been sent up within the time required by the laws of the Church. It was unanimously agreed to apply to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston for a new trial of the case. It was agreed to call for Session Records of congregations north of Barrie at the first meeting of Presbytery next year; also that ministers arrange for holding Missionary meetings in their congregations, and report the meetings at first meeting after Feb 1st. A vote of thanks was cordially passed to the Knox College Students' Missionary Society for the valuable services rendered in the Mission Field of this Presbytery. Next general meeting at Barrie on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 11 a.m.

GOD says it—I believe it. Reason! I want it not; all my reason wants is to know what is the mind of God in His Word.

In George Muller's orphanages last year the income was \$207,000. In this income was added to that of the previous years it would be found that altogether, in answer to prayer and the exercise of faith, they had received \$3,750,000.

GARIBOLDI objects to the proposed increased fortifications of Rome on the ground that the trenches and ramparts already existing are fever-promoters and preservers, and quotes the saying of Medoro Savini that "the country does not live behind fortified castles; it lives in the breasts of the citizens."

THOMAS CARLYLE writes: "The older I grow, and I now stand upon the brink of eternity, the more comes back to me the sentence in the catechism which I learned when a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes: 'What is the chief end of man?' 'To glorify God and enjoy Him for ever.'"

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIED. At Napanea, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 27th ult., by the Rev. A. Young, Angus McLeod, Esq., to Margaret Maria, daughter of Charles Paisley, Esq., all of Napanea. At Cumberland, 18th Sept., by the Rev. H. McPhadyen, Maximus Sorazon, Esq., to Miss Adil Fildon, both of Clarence. At the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. H. McPhadyen, Mr. Thomas Moore, of Barbrook, to Miss Elizabeth McAdams, of Cumberland. DIED. At St. Andrew's Manse, Thorah, on the 25th ult., of scarlet fever, at the age of 6 years and 5 months, Helen C., beloved daughter of the Rev. David Watson, M.A., and his wife Jane.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES. Whitby.—In St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on 3rd Tuesday of December, at 11 a.m. Sarnia.—At Mount Forest on the third Tuesday of December, at 2 o'clock p.m. Barrie.—Special meeting at Barrie on 23rd Oct., at 11 o'clock. Regular meeting at Barrie, on Tuesday, 4th December, at 11 o'clock. London.—Adjourned meeting on last Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock p.m. Huron.—At Clinton, on the second Tuesday of October, at 11 a.m. Kingston.—In St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on the 9th October, at 7.30 p.m. London.—Adjourned meeting in First Presbyterian Church on 30th Oct., at 2 p.m.

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