

perly. Mr. Neil reported that in the judgment of the committee it was unwise to disturb existing relations in the congregation of St. Paul's, Toronto; Fairbanks and Fisherville; Eglinton and Bethesda; and Zion Church, Scarborough.—R. C. TINS, Clerk. (The Clerk will mail copies of the Draft Book of Praise to any member of Presbytery who has not yet received a copy, on application being made for the same.)

Presbytery of Orangeville met on the 9th inst., at Orangeville. The Moderator's term of office having expired, Rev. R. Hughes, of Rosemont, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. The Presbytery of Lindsay having granted the translation of Rev. A. E. Nelly to Horning's Mills and Primrose, arrangement was made for his induction at Horning's Mills on Feb. 1st, at 2 p.m. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions in the North-west, being present, was asked to correspond. Deputations were appointed to visit supplemented congregations and report at next meeting. Mr. Harrison was granted leave to moderate in a call at Corbetton, Riverview and Gandler. Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Crozier, delegates from the W. F. M. Presbyterial Society, then in session, were received, and reported that the work of said society had progressed favorably during the past year, that they had collected the sum of \$724.46, being a considerable increase on any previous year. The Presbytery expressed their gratification at the continued success of the society and appointed Messrs. Harris and Orr to convey to the society the congratulations of the Presbytery. Messrs. McKenzie and Crozier were appointed a committee to examine the Draft Book for the Psalter and report at next meeting. Messrs. Farquharson and Campbell to examine the Draft Book for the Hymnal. Messrs. Fowle and Elliott to consider the Assembly's remit as to appointing Theological Professors. Messrs. Wells and McLeod to consider the balance of the Assembly's remits and report.—H. CROZIER, Presb. Clerk.

The Presbytery of Stratford met in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 16th inst., Rev. John Kay, Moderator. Dr. McKay and Mr. Koa Kau, of Formosa, and Rev. D. Munro, of Harrison, being present, were invited to correspond with the Presbytery. At the request of the Presbytery, Dr. McKay gave a brief statement of his work in Formosa, regarding the places in which it is carried on, the difficulties attending it and the methods followed. The Presbytery expressed its great joy at seeing the Dr. once more and thanked him for his address. Mr. Koa Kau, one of Dr. McKay's students, also spoke, stating his satisfaction at what he saw in this country and that he would report to his fellow-countrymen. Rev. Mr. Tully was appointed moderator for the next six months, and Rev. Mr. Henderson was requested to act as clerk *pro tem*. Mr. Pyke presented the report of the Hymnal Committee. The report was received, but in view of the fact that the Pan-Presbyterian Council proposed getting out a Hymnal for the Presbyterian Churches in the British Empire, it was felt that the present Hymnal might stand as it is until we see what the outcome of that proposal is, and Messrs. Pantou, Pyke and Tully were appointed to draft an overture to Assembly, and report at next meeting. The remit ancient enlargement of powers of Synods was approved. The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported in favor of monthly collections by envelopes for the schemes of the church. The report was adopted. The annual report of the Stratford Presbyterial W. F. M. Society was presented. It showed an increase in membership and contributions amounting to \$1,421.38.

The Presbytery of Barrie met at Barrie on Tuesday, 9th. Rev. Dr. Gray, Moderator, in the chair. A call from the congregation of Gravenhurst to the Rev. L. Perin, B.A., of Pickering, was sustained, and the clerk was directed to transmit it to the Presbytery of Whitby with the request that it be issued at the earliest date practicable. A call to the Rev. A. B. Dobson, of Essex and Willis churches, Oro, from Fordwich and Gorrie in the Saugeen Presbytery, was taken up. The Rev. A. C. Stewart appeared to support the call and was heard, as were also commissioners from the Oro congregations in their interest. Mr. Dobson intimated

his acceptance of the call, when it was agreed to loose him from his charge and to declare the pulpits of Essex and Willis churches vacant on 28th January. Mr. Gray was appointed Moderator of the Session during the vacancy. In taking leave of Mr. Dobson the Presbytery adopted a resolution expressing their sense of Mr. Dobson's work as a minister of the gospel and as a co Presbyter. The remit of the colleges was considered. It was moved by Dr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Burnett, "that professors be nominated by the Boards and Senates of their respective colleges, and the names submitted to the General Assembly." Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Findlay, moved in amendment that a clause be added to the motion, namely, "and the names submitted to Presbyteries for information prior to the meeting of the General Assembly." The motion was carried by vote of eleven to nine. On the remit of Assembly whether Mission Stations should be represented in the superior courts by their elders it was agreed that they should be. The afternoon and evening sittings were devoted to prayer and conference on spiritual topics. At two o'clock Dr. Grant took the chair and devotional exercises were continued for an hour. Until 5.30 p.m. the conference was conducted on the question, How may we promote the spiritual life of congregations? The subject was introduced by Mr. Carswell, and the discussion touched on "the difficulties in the way," "methods of work," and "testimonies on special methods or services." In the evening the subject, "Influence of the pew on the pulpit" was introduced by Mr. Leishman. Under this head the conference dealt with the question "How may the pulpit be made more effective?" and on the "Responsibilities of Elders and managers for the prosperous working of congregations." There were not many brethren left for this discussion, but there was a considerable number of office-bearers and members of the congregation present, and these were invited to assist by a free expression of their opinions. The conference was evidently enjoyed by the brethren and felt to be stimulating and helpful. The ladies of the congregation, with their accustomed generosity, provided dinner and tea for all in attendance and received hearty expressions of thanks from the brethren.—Rob. Moodie, Presbytery Clerk.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Montreal Presbytery on the 9th inst. The Presbytery were sorry to hear of the death of the Rev. Mr. Robertson, for the last nine years minister of Hemmingford. He died on the 4th and was buried at Hemmingford, on the 8th of the month. Dr. J. B. Muir, who conducted the funeral service, was appointed convener of a committee to draw up a suitable minute. At the request of the congregation, the Rev. Jas. Patterson, their former pastor, was appointed moderator of session during the vacancy to declare the pulpits vacant and administer the communion on Sabbath the 21st. The Rev. Mr. Boudreau, of St. Hyacinthe was chosen moderator for the next six months. The Students' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, who had done good work in connection with the St. Jean Baptist Mission, expressed their desire that the mission should henceforth be under the care of the French Evangelization Board. Considering, however, the extent of the Board's work now and the very trying times financially this year, the society expressed their willingness to continue the mission as hitherto. The call to the Rev. Mr. McLeod, South Finch, from Russelltown and Coveyhill came before the Presbytery of Glengarry on the 27th of December. After parties were heard and the call put into his hands, Mr. McLeod expressed his willingness to remain in his present charge, and the Presbytery declined to grant the translation. The Presbytery appointed the Rev. John McDougall, of Buchbridge, as Moderator *pro tem* of the Russelltown Session in place of the late Rev. Mr. Robertson. After many items of less public interest had been disposed of, the Presbytery heard and considered the reports of the committees on French work within the bounds, on work among the Jews in Montreal and the report of the City Mission Committee. The desirability of uniting the two congregations in the village of Huntingdon was brought afresh before the Presbytery and it was resolved to hold meetings with the office-bearers and congregations of both churches on the 22nd and 23rd inst., with a conference on the subject of "Christian Endeavor," at 7.30 in the evening of the 23rd. A committee was appointed to arrange for missionary meetings in the city, and to secure the services of the Rev. Dr. MacKay, of Formosa, and the Rev. Mr. MacVicar, from China, to address meetings both in Montreal and the rural districts. Committees were appointed further to consider the remit of the Hymnal and other remits sent down to Presbyteries to report on the 13th of March. Leave was granted to the session of Knox Church, Montreal, to moderate in a call for a minister in the Cote St. Louis Mission, now under their care. A committee was appointed to examine and report on all congregational constitutions and deeds to church property within the bounds.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

CHILTERNHAM.

The annual meeting was held on the evening of the 5th January and was well attended. All the reports were very cheering. 16 names were added to the roll. \$576 were raised for all purposes, \$140 for missionary schemes. The W. F. M. S. contributed \$50, the Mission Band \$17, and the Sabbath School \$20.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

The annual meeting of this congregation was held on Jan. 3rd, in the evening. The meeting was large and all the reports of a most encouraging character. During 1893 there were 13 names added to the roll. \$870 were raised for all purposes, \$235 for missionary purposes; of which sum the W. F. M. S. raised \$92, the Mission Band \$10, and the Sabbath School \$11. Refreshments were served by the ladies at the close of the meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, KNOX CHURCH, MORDEN.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Morden, was held Jan. 8th. After being opened by the pastor, Rev. M. C. Rumball, Mr. By, a Fraser was called to the chair. The report of the session showed advancement in all parts of the church's work. Early in the year Messrs. Sinclair and Elliott were elected to the eldership. A little later the congregations were found too large for the church, when it was resolved to enlarge the auditorium at a cost of \$2,600. The Ladies' Aid Society put in the pews at a cost of \$525. The Sabbath School has also made rapid strides under the superintendence, Mr. Neil Fox. The managers' report showed the financial affairs of the congregation to be in a satisfactory condition, there being a nice balance in the treasurer's hands. The amount raised for the schemes of the church was \$330. The total amount raised for all purposes during the year was \$3,175. The Building Committee, which undertook and so successfully carried through the improvements on the church, were thanked for their services. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

CHALMERS CHURCH, GUELPH.

The annual meeting of Chalmers Church, Guelph, was held on Tuesday evening, 16th inst. The year has been signally successful. The number of communicants is 522. The sum of \$1,107 was contributed to the schemes of the church. From the Guelph Mercury we copy a portion of the managers' report: "The Board of Managers heartily unite with the session and the members of the congregation in expressing their gratitude to Almighty God for the auspicious settlement in their church of a pastor so able and so devoted as Mr. Glassford, and for the peace and harmony which, as in all former years, continue to prevail in our midst. The unanimity with which our present pastor was chosen by the people, the great acceptance with which he has ministered amongst us, the evidence of life and vigor which are shown in every portion of the church's work furnished cause for deep thankfulness, and for bright hope for the future. Nor can we omit to record our satisfaction that we have our late venerated pastor, Dr. Wardrope, still with us, and by his example, his counsel and his loving sympathy contributing not a little to the peace and prosperity of the congregation."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PERTH.

An unusually large number of members and adherents were present on Monday afternoon, the 8th inst., at one of the most important annual meetings ever held in St. Andrew's Church, Perth. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, after which came the regular routine of business. The several reports of the congregation were presented, showing a most encouraging state of affairs in every department of church work. The pastor, Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., made a statement in behalf of the session, dwelling upon the unusually inspiring tone of the various reports. Mr. William Meighan, convener of the committee, appointed a year before to look out for sites in the town in view of church building, read the report of the committee. They had done the work for which they had been appointed, and mentioned five sites with cost of each. The question of building was discussed at length in a kindly spirit. It was decided unanimously that the congregation should enlarge the present church, and improve and beautify the building and grounds. A committee, consisting of the Session and Managing Board was appointed to proceed with the work at once. Members were then elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Management, after which refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid Association, and the meeting was brought to a close.

KNOX CHURCH, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

The annual meeting of Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, was held Thursday evening, Jan. 10. The report of session was of a very encouraging character and referred with gratitude to all the departments of the church work. The number of members on the roll after careful scrutiny is 470. The report of the managing board and statement of the treasurer were exceedingly satisfactory, and referred with "pleasure and pride" to the financial prosperity of the congregation during a year of unprecedented stringency. The total revenue for ordinary purposes was \$3,645.80; the expenditure for the year was \$3,075.60, leaving a balance of \$570 in the treasurer's hands on Dec. 31, with all accounts paid. The treasurer further stated that since Jan. 1, after paying the usual advance salaries, he had by borrowing \$300 from the Sabbath school fund, lifted the

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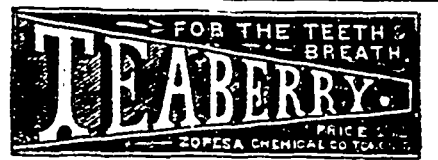
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mortgage of \$767 from the manse. The only other indebtedness of the congregation is a sum of \$550 against the church. The Sabbath school report was read showing an average attendance of 328 for the year, with an average weekly collection of \$10.57. The revenue from all sources was \$703. The expenditure, with \$300 for home and foreign missions was \$375, leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of \$328. Reports of a cheering nature were given regarding the work of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Christian Endeavor Society. The mission funds of the church, though not allocated until March, will, it is expected, be considerably over \$1,000. The total receipts for all purposes will therefore be not less than \$5,600.

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