

motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Abraham, Messrs. McKow and Arnistan were appointed to the executive of the Y.P.S.'s, to represent the Presbytery along with the moderator and the convenor of the Presbytery committee on Y.P.S.'s. The remit from General Assembly re reduction of representation of Presbyteries to one-eighth was adopted *simpliciter*. The Rev. Mr. McMillan, of St. Andrew's, Lindsay, having entered the house, was, on motion, invited by the moderator to sit and deliberate. After some discussion Presbytery postponed making nominations for the vacant chairs in Knox College, waiting the action of K. C. Alumni. Messrs. Abraham, Fraser and Eastman were appointed to defend before the General Assembly the action of the Presbytery in electing a ruling elder to be its moderator. A resolution of sympathy was submitted and adopted to the widow and family of the late Mr. Francis Blackley, and in appreciation of the Christian character he bore, and the good offices he discharged as a ruling elder for many years, and at different times representative in Presbytery of the session of St. Paul's church, Bowmanville. Professor Gordon, of Halifax, was nominated unanimously to the moderator's office next General Assembly. Some minor matters were transacted and the moderator closed the diet with the benediction, and the Presbytery stands adjourned to meet in Oshawa on Tuesday, April 21st, at 10 o'clock a.m.—J. McMECHAN, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Toronto.

THE Presbytery of Toronto held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 4th inst., the moderator, Rev. John Neil, in the chair. It was agreed to hold a conference on Temperance, and the State of Religion, at Brampton, toward the close of this month. It was agreed that all reports of those appointed to visit congregations receiving aid from the home mission or augmentation funds, should be first submitted to the Presbytery's committees on these two schemes, and afterwards submitted to Presbytery. The treasurer submitted his report, which showed arrears from congregations within the Presbytery to the amount of \$210. The assessment for Synod and Presbytery fund for year 1896 was fixed at 4c. per member for the first 500 communicants in a congregation, and 2c. per member for all above that number. The congregation at Mimico extended a call to Rev. Joseph Hamilton, a minister without charge, residing within the bounds of the Presbytery. Mr. Hamilton asked time for consideration, and will give his answer to Presbytery at its next meeting. The motion to reconsider the action of Presbytery at its last meeting in granting permission to the Church of the Covenant to purchase a new site having carried, committee was appointed to visit and confer with the congregations of Deer Park and the Church of the Covenant, and report to Presbytery at its next meeting. The Presbytery nominated Rev. C. L. Robinson, Ph. D., for the chair of Old Testament Literature and kindred subjects in Knox College, and Rev. Hope W. Hogg, M.A., B.D., for the chair of Apologetics and Church History in the same college. Dovercourt congregation was reported prepared to pass from the status of a mission station to that of pastoral charge, and leave was given to the congregation to moderate in a call to a minister when prepared to do so. Dr. Robertson was present and delivered an earnest appeal on behalf of the missions in the Northwest under his care. A committee was appointed to confer with a committee from the Presbytery of Orangethorpe, and with the congregations concerned with respect to a proposed rearrangement of the congregations of Cheltenham, Mount Pleasant, Norval and Union.—R. C. TILLY, Clerk.

### Annual Conference, Y.P.U. of the Presbytery of Toronto.

DELEGATES from every section of Toronto Presbytery gathered in Bloor street church last Monday morning to attend the first annual conference of the Young People's Union. The conference began at 10 a.m., when the president, Rev. W. G. Wallace, after devotional exercises delivered his annual address, in which he outlined the fields of effort open to the Union. The Rev. C. A. Campbell, of Maple, then addressed the conference on "Fellowship with Christ in Life and Service." His words were earnest and inspiring; every sentence

ringing with loyalty to Jesus Christ. Mr. Goo. Logie followed with a paper on "The important place of the Young People in the work of the congregation," which was helpful and suggestive. The line of thought pursued by the next speaker, the Rev. S. S. Craig, of Oakville, was new to a large number of the delegates. He dealt with the claims of Christ upon the missionary work of the young people from the material, ethical, and spiritual standpoints, and opened a large field for study and discussion. The morning session closed with a half hour conference on junior work led by Mr. S. John Duncan-Clark, in which many of the delegates took part. The afternoon session was more largely attended. The reports of the executive and nominating committees were first taken up and adopted. By the latter Mr. George Tower Ferguson becomes the Union's president in the place of the Rev. W. G. Wallace, who retires after much faithful service in that office. The roll call of societies was well responded to and elicited many interesting facts concerning the work of the young people. Three five minute papers were then read, one on the prayer meeting committee by Miss L. Russell, Stouffville; another on the Lookout Committee, by Mr. J. McKenry, Streetsville, and the third on the Missionary Committee by Miss Jessie McLean, Toronto. This last was perhaps the most practical paper of the whole conference. A question box on these subjects was then conducted ably by the Rev. J. C. Tibb, Streetsville. Three papers were then read on the best methods of informing the young people as to the missions, history, doctrines and government of the Presbyterian Church. The readers were Miss E. de Beaugrand, Toronto; Mr. J. C. Kirkwood, Brampton; Rev. Dr. Somerville, Owen Sound. The report of the Business Committee then introduced, recommended in its most important clause that the executive committee devise some scheme for missionary education. After an excellent supper provided by the Young People's Christian Association of Bloor Street Church, the delegates assembled again in the church auditorium and listened to an address on missionary opportunities by the Rev. R. P. Mackay, and on full surrender by the Rev. Dr. Wardrope. This most successful conference was then brought to an end by a solemn consecration service lead by the Rev. J. McP Scott, Toronto.

### North-West Notes.

On the 20th of January the Rev. Peter Wright, D.D., of Portage la Prairie, lectured to a very appreciative audience in Birtle on "Glimpses of the Old Land."

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church in Regina, reports of a satisfactory character were presented. The congregation resolved to have the church lighted by electricity.

The Montgomery section of the Rev. Walter Beattie's congregation has shown its appreciation of his services by giving him a purse of money.

THE Presbytery of Brandon met at Virden on the 21st January and ordained Rev. Wm. Dewar, B.A., who has been for some time missionary in charge of the Broadbent field. The Rev. Messrs. Walter Beattie, of Virden, T. R. Shearer, of Rounthwaite, and T. Beveridge, of Grissold, took part in the services. The Rev. Dr. Beattie, of Louisville, Ky., was nominated as a professor for Knox College in the department of Apologetics, and the Rev. Hope W. Hogg, of Edinburgh, in the department of Old Testament literature. A committee consisting of Messrs. Henry Carwell and Court was appointed to enquire into the amount of arrears for salary due by congregations and mission fields and to report at a meeting to be held in Brandon on the 3rd March.

THE annual congregational meeting of Knox church, Selkirk, was held on Tuesday, 21st January, and was well attended. The board of managers reported receipts to the amount of \$1,010, and expenditures \$1,021. The Sabbath school report showed an increase in the receipts and average attendance over the previous year. Heartly votes of thanks were tendered to the Ladies' Aid Society for the great assistance given during the year, and to Mr. Simpson and the choir for their services. The officers of the church were all re-elected. Refreshments were afterwards served by the ladies. The congregation is

still vacant but is temporarily supplied by the Rev. John Perry.

POINT Douglas church reports a communion roll with 119 names. The Sabbath school has an enrolment of 176, and an average attendance of 130. The Sabbath school income amounts to \$246. The receipts for congregational purposes for the year amount to \$1,097. The Young Ladies' Mission Band has gathered \$139 for missionary purposes. Messrs. Horn, Whyte, Duncan, Stuart and Murray were elected managers. Regret was expressed at the recent loss of the pastor, Mr. Richmond, and there is a desire to have the pastorate speedily filled.

THE annual congregational meeting of Knox church, Winnipeg, was held on the 21st ult. The Rev. Dr. DuVal conducted devotional exercises and the chair was occupied by Mr. John Russell. The report of the session showed that there had been seventy-six additions to the communion roll, and seventy-seven removals, leaving the number at present 737. Twenty-five infants have been baptized and seven adults. To the schemes of church the following sums are given: Home Missions, \$385; Manitoba College \$285; Augmentation, \$180; foreign missions, \$297; French evangelization, \$50; aged and infirm ministers' fund, \$30; widows' and orphans' fund, \$20; assembly fund, \$10; total, \$1,247. This sum is \$179 in advance of last year. In addition to the payment of running expenses the managers have been able to pay on interest and principal of the old debt and on church improvement debt the sum of \$4 613. The present indebtedness amounts to \$23,500. The number of Sabbath school pupils is 334, which with Bible class and teachers reaches a total amount of 450. The collections in the Sabbath school amounted to \$562. Mr. D. Philip was re-elected secretary, and Mr. A. N. McPherson was elected treasurer. The managers elected are Messrs. C. H. Aillon, John Leslie, A. N. McPherson and J. McLeod Holliday.

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