

tee to frame a suitable resolution anent his demise. Rev. A. Stevenson gave notice that at the next meeting he will move that the present mode of appointing Commissioners to the General Assembly be reconsidered. The Session of Lingwick was granted leave to close their present Record although not completed, and to secure and use a new book. Rev. W. Shearer gave notice that he will at the next meeting move that the Presbytery be divided. The following arrangements were made for the visitation of augmented congregations, viz., Lewis, Messrs. Lovo and Tait; Three Rivers, Dr. Kellock, St. Sylvester and Leeds Village, Rev. J. M. Whitelaw; Winslow and Hampden, Dr. Kellock, Danville and Windsor Mills, Rev. W. Shearer. Messrs. MacLeod, Whitelaw, MacClung, Shearer and MacLennan were put in charge of holding missionary meetings.

N.B.—The next meeting was appointed to be held in Richmond, on the 11th Sept. next, at 5 p.m.—J. R. MacLennan, Clerk.

STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met in Knox church 10.30 Tuesday morning, July 13th.

After the usual routine business Mr. Cooper was appointed Moderator for the ensuing term.

Mr. Minson called attention to the method of notifying representative elders regarding meetings of Presbytery and suggested that representative elders be notified of every special or pro re nata meeting of Presbytery. A motion was passed to this effect.

The commissioners to the General Assembly held at Winnipeg in June last reported. Revs. P. Scott, W. W. Crow, T. A. Cosgrove, J. H. Graham, J. W. Cameron, Messrs. A. Grant, Mundell and Taylor made brief remarks regarding the way in which they had been impressed with the Assembly.

Rev. J. H. Graham made reference to a number of points as being of special importance, first, with regard to the distribution of representation. The Synod of the Maritime Provinces was represented by a very small number of ministers and few elders. The Synods of Ontario and the North-West were in the great majority in the Assembly. Again the matter of the deficit in the funds of the Sabbath school committee to the amount of \$5,000 had appeared to him to be of grave importance.

Mr. Cooper reported his attendance on the Presbytery of Lindsay at Cannington to prosecute the call at Atwood and Monkton to Rev. P. D. McLeod.

An extract minute of Lindsay Presbytery was read intimating the action of the Presbytery agreeing to the translation of Mr. McLeod to Atwood and Monkton, and that he be placed under the care of this Presbytery from July 13th forward.

The Presbytery decided to appoint the induction of Mr. McLeod for Aug. 19th, at 2 p.m., Mr. Smith to preach, Mr. Scott to address the minister, and Mr. Graham the people.

Attention was called to the practice of Presbyteries sending notices regarding applications for the reception of ministers at a time too late for any practical benefit.

The report of the committee anent the request of Tavistock congregation for a separate organization was next submitted by Rev. R. W. Pantou. The report on being heard was duly received.

The following appeared as commissioners from the parts of the charge interested, viz.: St. Andrew's—Messrs. Joseph McMillan, Wm. Lang and Donald Robertson; Shakespeare—Messrs. James Riddell and Armstrong; Tavistock—Dr. Steele, Messrs. Jas. Field, Robt. Murray, D. W. McKay, A. T. Bell.

The commissioners were then heard, taking those from Tavistock first.

Dr. Steele first addressed the court claiming the absolute unanimity of the people of Tavistock congregation in making this request for separate organization. He said the committee from Tavistock were authorized to offer \$550 per annum for the minister's salary. At one o'clock the court adjourned for luncheon.

The Presbytery met at 2.15 and resumed business in connection with the matter of Tavistock's request for independence. Mr. Field, Mr. R. Murray and Mr. A. T. Bell were heard in further support of Tavistock congregation.

The representatives of St. Andrew's were then heard, first Mr. Joseph McMillan, followed by Mr. William Lang and Mr. Donald Robertson. All expressed a wish to remain as they are and manifested satisfaction with all as they now exist.

Mr. Riddell for Shakespeare stated that they wished to remain as at present.

At length it was moved by Rev. Dr. Hamilton and seconded by Rev. E. W. Pantou that, "Having heard the representatives from these congregations, the Presbytery is persuaded that the request made by Tavistock is very reasonable and likely to result in the greater prosperity of that congregation, but we feel that these congregations are not in a condition now for separation and we do not think it expedient to grant the request of Tavistock at present. We, therefore, ask the commissioners here from St. Andrew's and Shakespeare to visit their congregations and to have them canvassed with a view to their raising a sufficient amount to sustain a minister for themselves and report at the next meeting of Presbytery. To introduce the matter to the congregations Rev. Mr. Pantou is desired to exchange pulpits with Rev. Mr. Pike and after the sermon to acquaint the people with the Presbytery's wish in the premises."

A special meeting was arranged to be held at Atwood on Aug. 19th at 2 o'clock p.m., for the induction of Rev. Mr. McLeod.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet again on Tuesday Sept. 14th, at 10.30 o'clock at Knox church, Stratford.—Wm. McKilbin, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held in St. Paul's, Ingersoll, July 13th. The Rev. W. R. Shearer was appointed Moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

The deputation to E. Oxford and Blenheim gave a satisfactory report, were thanked for their diligence and continued.

Commissioners to Assembly reported, giving in response to numerous questions much interesting information, regarding supplementary defective reports in the press.

The Standing Committee of last year were re-appointed with these alterations—Mr. Cockburn Convener, and Mr. Millar on Augmentation—Mr. Currie Convener and Messrs. McGregor and Hardie on Young Peoples' Societies,—Foreign Missions Messrs. Patterson and Hutt, Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund Mr. Leslie and his Elder.

A proposal for a Presbytery fund to pay expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly was remitted to sessions and Boards of Trustees for consideration to be reported on at next meeting. The Rev. P. A. Tankham was by permission of the General Assembly received as a minister of this church.

Continuation of grant of \$200. for Windham and Delhi and \$100. for Mt. Pleasant and Burford was agreed on to be asked from Augmentation Fund.

Charge of Waterford was committed to Mr. Currie and his Session.

Next meeting is to be held in New Knox Church, Woodstock Sept. 21st 11 a.m.—W. T. McMillan, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.

This Presbytery met at Barrie the 6th day of July, at 10.30 a.m., Rev. W. R. McIntosh, Moderator.

The Rev. Messrs. A. W. Craw and N. Morrison being present were invited to sit with the court.

Intimation was received that Rev. John Burton, pastor of Gravenhurst, had been ill for some weeks, and that his recovery was doubtful. Arrangements were at once made for supply of the pulpit at Gravenhurst for the next two months. Very shortly after these arrangements were made telegrams were received from Dr. Clark and Miss Burton informing Presbytery that Mr. Burton died in the morning, and the funeral would be tomorrow at 11 a.m. It was then agreed that the Presbytery meet next morning within the church at Gravenhurst at 9.30 to make arrangements for conducting the funeral services.

The term of the Moderatorship having expired, Rev. Thomas Macadam was elected Moderator for the next six months.

There was read a letter of date June 28th from Rev. S. H. Eastman, of Ottawa,

intimating the death of Mr. W. K. McCulloch, late minister at Elmvale on the 13th June, and desiring the assistance of this Presbytery in securing aid from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund for Mr. McCulloch's widow and family of seven children, all under the age of eighteen. There was read also a letter from Dr. Warden, showing that Mr. McCulloch paid \$38 to the fund in the years 1890 and 1891, also \$8.00 in April last. The letters were received and on motion of Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. James, it was agreed that the mover, together with the Moderator and the Clerk be a Committee to make application to the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund on behalf of the family of the late Mr. McCulloch; and that Mr. Eastman be informed of this movement on their behalf.

There was read an extract minute of a Congregational meeting held at Huntville on June 29th applying for the sanction of Presbytery to mortgage the church property to obtain funds for building a new church and appointing Mr. McVicar their pastor, to support the application. Mr. McVicar was heard, the application was granted.

The report on life and work, left over from last meeting was taken up and read by Dr. Grant. On motion of Mr. McLeod the report was received and considered. The recommendations of the report were adopted namely: "That at least one sermon a year be preached in all pulpits within our bounds on Parental duty and responsibility and one on the Sabbath."

It was further agreed on motion of Mr. McLeod, that it be remitted to a Committee to prepare a pastoral letter on the topics discussed.

The Committee appointed on 25th May to visit Windermere reported that they had carried out their instructions, and a full enquiry agreed to instruct the congregation to remove as soon as possible the Dea Bank church to the new site in Windermere offered by Mr. Paton. The report was received.

The Committee appointed to visit Hawkestone, with regard to the petition for services to be held there, reported that the following had been adopted. That until the next meeting of Presbytery, the fortnightly services be continued, and be conducted by Messrs. Webster and Campbell as they may arrange between themselves.

It was moved by Mr. McLeod, seconded and agreed, that the supply of the station be left in the hands of the existing Committee in association with Messrs. Webster and Campbell till next meeting of Presbytery.

The Clerk intimated that he received from the Treasurer of the West Church, \$17.50 arrears to be transmitted to Mr. McDonald the former minister.

The Convener of the Augmentation Committee was instructed to arrange for visiting congregations receiving aid from the fund.

Mr. Wyllie tendered his resignation of the charge as ordained missionary of Waubesaene, Fosserton and Coldwater, the resignation to take effect on August 1st next. The Presbytery agreed to accept the

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