

The Commission of Presbytery appointed to re-arrange the Bothwell &c. vacant charge, met on Sept. 15th as arranged and agreed to drop Grove Mills from the mission station of Florence and Grove Mills and to re-unite Florence to Bothwell and Sutherland Corners.

Owing to the illness of a member of his family Rev. J. S. Conning, of Walkerton, has asked leave of absence from 1st of October till end of December, for the purpose of trying a milder climate. Leave was granted by the Presbytery; and it is probable the Rev. gentleman and family may go to North Carolina or Florida. Knox congregation feel keenly the approaching departure of their beloved pastor; and liberal provision is being made for pulpit supply during the ensuing three months.

The Presbytery of Maitland met in Brussels on the 16th inst., and was constituted by Rev. S. M. Whaley, moderator pro tem. A committee with Presbyterial power was appointed to meet in St. Helens on the 18th inst., for the formal reception of Rev. C. Rutherford, whose appointment as ordained missionary at Dungannon was confirmed. Walton congregation made application for a grant from the Augmentation Fund, and, on motion, it was agreed to ask the commissioners for a grant at the rate of \$100 a year. All the standing committees were re-elected excepting the committee on the Young Peoples' Society, Rev. J. J. Hastie being appointed convener, vice F. J. Maxwell resigned. Mr. McCrae and Mr. McNabb were elected auditors, and Messrs. Dunn and Maxwell representatives on the Young Peoples' Presbyterial executive. Rev. John Ross, of Brussels, was granted four months' leave of absence on account of ill health. Reference was made to the death of Rev. Mr. Hartley, late of Bluevale, and Revs. McLennan and McKay were requested to prepare a suitable minute ament. Mr. McLeod, who is at present supplying in Brussels, was certified to Knox college. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Wingham on the third Tuesday in December at 10 a. m.

Chatham Presbytery met in St. Andrew's church, Chatham, on the 9th inst. Mr. McGregor was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. Tolmie reported that Blytheswood &c., would require only \$50 from the Augmentation Fund this year, and that after that it would be self-sustaining. A commission was appointed to visit Bothwell, Sutherland's Corners, Florence and Grove Mills, with Presbyterial powers to re-arrange the whole field as seemed best; said visit to be made on the 15th. Mr. Millar requested to be relieved from his engagement as ordained missionary at Morpeth. It was agreed that the request be left to be dealt with by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee and that if they grant the request that another ordained missionary be appointed to the field. The following Conveners of Standing Committees were appointed: Statistics, the Clerk; Home Missions, Dr. Battisby; Ch. L. and W., Dr. Jamieson; Sabbath Schools, Mr. McGregor; Young Peoples' Societies, Mr. Radford; Foreign Missions, Dr. Johnston; Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund, Mr. McInnes. The Moderator was appointed to represent Presbytery at the meeting of the Presbyterial branch of the W. F. M. S. Mr. Knowles was appointed to represent Presbytery at the coming celebration of the semi-jubilee of the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Battisby of St. Andrew's church, Chatham. The students, resident within the bounds, having presented satisfactory exercises, it was agreed that they be certified to their Colleges. Messrs. McInnes and Munro were appointed a committee to examine remits and to report.

Northern.

The choir of St. Paul's church, Warton, rendered highly appreciated music at the anniversary of Hephworth church on the evening of the 22nd ult.

Mr. M. Campbell, student in charge of Adamsville, Mar and Red Bay for the summer, preached his farewell sermon on Sabbath last. Mr. Campbell is much beloved and has done excellent work on that field. His departure is much regretted.

On the return of Rev. G. McKay of Caledon from his recent trip to Scotland his people tendered him a very hearty reception presenting him with an appropriate address and a well filled purse. A few evenings later Rev. Findlay Matheson who very acceptably supplied Rev. Mr. McKay's pulpit in his absence, was taken by surprise and presented with a beautiful Morris

chair accompanied by an address which expressed the congregations' appreciation of his services.

Rev. A. E. Duncan, who has resigned the pastorate of Lion's Head, etc., delivered his farewell to his people on Sabbath last. Two new elders have been elected in the Lion's Head congregation in the persons of John J. Greig and John J. Brown.

Communion service was held in Chalmer's church, Flesherston, on the 14th ult., at which there was a large attendance and the congregation listened with rapt attention to an inspiring and uplifting Gospel message from Evangelist Rodge, who also preached at the preparatory service on Friday.

At the recent meeting of Orangeville Presbytery a re-arrangement of part of the field was again before the court and a committee was appointed to visit the effected congregations. The proposition now is to disjoin Alton from Charleston, make the former self-sustaining and join the latter to Caledon under a new pastorate. The maples would then be closed, Waldeman and Bate's Corners would become a mission station and Price's Corners would remain with Hillsburg.

On Friday evening last Rev. L. W. Thom concluded four weeks of special services at Eugenia, in which he had been ably assisted by Mr. T. A. Rodger, of Hamilton. Though in the midst of harvest, the meetings were well attended and the people manifested a deep interest in the faithful, earnest preaching of Mr. Rodger, who is a consecrated worker for God, and is greatly blessed of Him in winning souls. A goodly number proffered acceptance of Christ and believers added their testimony to great blessing received during the meetings. All will join in the observance of the Lord's Supper on Sabbath next.

On the evening of the 22nd ult., the young people of St. Andrew's church, Orangeville, held a very pleasing reception in the basement of the church, which says the Advertiser "was brilliant with a large attendance of the youth and beauty of the congregation, of the high and public schools and of the model school. Rev. R. W. Dickie presided and Mrs. Dickie charmingly and assiduously assisted in greeting the strangers," a short programme was rendered after which refreshments were served and a delightful evening was spent by all. Sabbath last was childrens day in St. Andrew's church and the services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Mullen of Fergus. Rev. Mr. Dickie conducted anniversary services for Mr. Mullen.

At a temperance Convention, recently held at Flesherston, the Centre Gray Prohibition Alliance was formed to push forward the Referendum campaign. The following energetic staff of officers was elected: President, Rev. J. S. I. Wilson, Flesherston; Vice Presidents, Rev. L. W. Thom, Flesherston, Rev. J. Hunter and Mr. C. W. Rutledge, Markelash; Secretary, Rev. T. R. White, Eugenia; Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Thurston, Flesherston. A Vice President was also elected in each township of the Riding. A mass meeting was held in the evening when inspiring addresses were given, among the speakers being Mr. A. D. Weeks, of Toronto, and our own ministers, Revs. Hunter and Fleming. Mr. Hunter reviewed the whole question in a clear, logical address and was prepared to give the measure his hearty support. Mr. Fleming thought this the chance of a lifetime to secure what was wanted and believed if all threw themselves heartily into the work, the measure could be carried.

Algoma Presbytery,

One of the most largely attended meetings in the history of Algoma Presbytery was recently held in Blind River.

The beautiful new church there was greatly admired by all members of the Presbytery. The building is large and neat, one of the largest churches in the Presbytery, and beautifully lighted with electricity. The light of day is admitted through beautiful stained glass windows. The Rev. Mr. Pelletier is to be congratulated upon the erection of so beautiful a house to the worship of God.

A deputation from Tasbutt congregation was there asking for a new pastor, but the Presbytery wisely strove to with a divided congregation, and Rev. Mr. Drennon, leaves this field so that the two congregations may be united.

For several years Rev. Mr. Hartley ministered to a congregation called Torbutt. The church being at MacLennan, this congregation received aid from augmentation scheme.

While another congregation was worshipping across the street, and was ministered to by a minister receiving aid from the Home Mission Fund, this was not considered a wise course to continue, and now a man is appointed, around whom both sections will it is hoped rally, and a good sum may be saved in this way.

Work is progressing all along the line. New fields are being opened up and old stations are becoming stronger.

Several stations are opened along the A. C. R. requiring more men and it is hoped that young men will be available for this growing work.

The Rev. Mr. Pelletier is released from work at Blind River, and is appointed to visit the lumber camps along the line of railway from Massey station to the Soo, which will do much to provide for a people neglected in the past.

Mr. Burns is doing good work at Gore Bay, while Mr. Pocock is getting things under way at Little Current.

The Sudbury congregation have a good man in Rev. Mr. Graham.

Rev. Mr. White of Coppercliff was appointed moderator in succession to Rev. Mr. MacEachran of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Presbytery opened at Blind River on Thursday morning at 9:30 and the sessions were busy ones as much work has to be done in a missionary Presbytery such as this.

The Presbytery suggested to the senate of Knox college the name of Prof. Beattie for the chair of apologetics etc.

The Rev. James Severight M.A., is sent to Manitowaning for the winter and Rev. Mr. Rennie is to supply Blind River, for that time. Rev. Mr. Drennon is going to Murray Station for a year.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Copper Cliff in March.

The Presbytery passed a resolution expressing sympathy with the family of the late A. J. Hartley, of Torbutt, and expressing their own sense of loss.

A motion was passed and carried, drawing the attention of the Home Mission Committee to the fact that the Superintendents in the West are receiving a greater salary than the Superintendent for Northern Ontario, and expressing the hope that this will be remedied. Would it not be well to consider the advisability of doing without a Superintendent for this section? Ordained men are now fairly well scattered throughout the Presbyteries of North Bay, Barrie and Algoma and they could act as moderators of mission stations, and see to the needs of such fields. The money thus saved would place four ordained men in this region, by supplementing the amount now given to students. This is a question that is open for the serious consideration of the Home Mission Committee.

Another change that would prove beneficial to the work, would be to have the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, composed from the ministers of Presbytery, than one in self-sustaining charges and augmented ones, rather than to be composed of ordained missionaries, receiving their appointment from the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, as at present. As now, the members of Committee appoint themselves. The Augmentation Committee should also be composed of others than those receiving aid from that fund.

By having such a change in the personnel of the committee, the work would not necessarily be better attended to, but things would look differently to all familiar with the work in New Ontario.

Doctrine is the nail, and the life is the hammer that drives the nail home.

I think sometimes we waste time in grieving over wasted time.

I have known Christian folks that behave about their sins like a dog with a bone that keeps digging it up again.

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