

the present year and for the year beginning with January next, and a rate of six cents per family in the congregations at the amount required from them for the different schemes of the church, as soon as it can prepare the same. Reports were presented by Mr. Knowles and Mr. Ross of their diligence in attending the meetings of the General Assembly in St. John, N. B., to which they had been appointed as delegates.

A vote of congratulations was unanimously passed to Dr. Torrance in view of his having reached the fiftieth year of married life, and very kind wishes were expressed for the more comfort and prosperity of Mrs. Torrance and himself.

The office-bearers and congregation of Knox church were congratulated on the occasion and commodious church edifices which they had been able to complete in a comparatively short time after the destruction caused by the recent fire.

Dr. Gordon Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, was heard in explanation in advocacy of the proposal to raise an endowment of half a million of dollars in connection with that institution. At the close of his address, which was deeply interesting and instructive throughout, the following resolution was adopted on motion of Dr. Torrance, seconded by Dr. Dickson:

"The Presbytery has heard with interest the address of Principal Gordon, regarding the interest of Queen's University, Kingston, and thanks him for the information he has given. The Presbytery recognizes the important place which the university holds among the high educational institutions of the land; the success and usefulness with which its work has been crowned, as these have been shown from year to year in its history; the equipment with which it has been furnished, the accommodation for students with which it has been provided (whose number have been increasing each session); the facilities and conveniences which it now possesses for effectually carrying on all departments of a modern university course and the high efficiency of its staff. The Presbytery, in view of the decision of the General Assembly at its meeting in Vancouver, B. C., and in 1903, not to make any change in the constitution of the university, nor interfere with the relation it sustained to the church from its beginning and the decision of the General Assembly that met in St. John, N. B., in 1904, that an effort be made to secure such an endowment as will yield an additional annual income of not less than twenty thousand dollars, for the prosecution of its work and the appointment of a large committee, composed of members from every Presbytery in the Dominion to co-operate with the Trustees of the university in giving effect to this decision, wishes all success to the undertaking and engages to do what it can to bring it to a successful issue, and for this purpose, and at the request of the General Assembly, appointed a committee to co-operate with other committees in charge of the movement." The names of the committee exclusive to those in the Presbytery appointed by the Assembly are Messrs. Eakin, Glassford, Dickson, Horne, Mullan, Hamilton, Torrance, Bradley, and Gilchrist, ministers; and Messrs. Hood, Gray, Scrimgeour, Simmons, Elliott, and Dr. Wallace, ruling elders.

Mr. Ross reported that the committee on augmentation according to an appointment had looked into the matter of congregations that pay their minister less than eight hundred dollars of yearly stipend, and they found only one such in the bounds. Mr. Horne was requested to attend to this case, because of his connection with the charge during its vacancy during the present session.

Mr. Bradley, convener, reported the following proposed arrangements for an annual missionary sermon as agreed upon by his committee, and the report was adopted. Pulpits to be exchanged as follows, the date to be the 16th of October: Mr. Gilchrist with Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Monds with Mr. Johnston, Mr. W. R. McIntosh with Mr. Blair, Mr. Bradley with Mr. Mullan, Mr. Hamilton with Mr. Robertson, Mr. Mann with Mr. Hall, Mr. Knowles with Mr. Glassford, Mr. Horne with Mr. Dickson, Mr. Ross with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Eakin with Mr. MacVicar, Mr. Cox with Mr. A. W. McIntosh, and Mr. Morrow with Mr. Scott, leaves Hawkesbury and Linwood without supply.

The clerk reported that he had assigned subjects of written exercises to the students in the bounds whose names were given him at last meeting. On inquiry it was ascertained that only two students were present, and only one of these prepared. He was heard read his exercise, which was approved, and he was encour-

aged to prosecute his studies for the ministry. The clerk was instructed to certify him to the senate of Knox College. The other students were directed to appear before the committee on his superintendence, and if their exercises prove satisfactory the clerk was authorized to certify them.

Next meeting was appointed to be held in Knox church, Guelph, on Tuesday, the 15th November at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Called to Indianapolis.

Rev. Neil McPherson, St. Paul's church, Hamilton, has received a call from Tabernacle church, Indianapolis, of which the late Rev. Dr. J. Cumming Smith was pastor. In accordance with the practice of the Presbyterian church, Mr. McPherson called a special meeting of his kirk session at the close of Sunday night's service and stated the fact to the members. He explained that on Aug. 28 last a deputation of two members of the Tabernacle church were present at the service in St. Paul's church unknown to him. They interviewed him on Monday, but Mr. McPherson did not encourage the call, saying that he felt his own work to be within the Presbyterian church in the Canadian border.

On the following Sunday, quite unexpectedly, another deputation of four from Indianapolis were present in St. Paul's church. They had no interview with Mr. McPherson. On their return to Indianapolis it seems that the deputation united heartily and enthusiastically in recommending to the joint boards, consisting of the elders, managers and trustees of the church, that a call be extended to Mr. McPherson. At a congregational meeting on Thursday last the recommendation of the joint board was heard with great pleasure and enthusiastically adopted.

Mr. McPherson stated to his session that while he was indifferent to the call at first, he was in duty bound to seriously and prayerfully consider the solicitation that had come from such a body of very representative and earnest men, endorsed by the Tabernacle congregation, and he asked for several days to ponder the question.

Lindsay Notes.

Lindsay Presbytery holds its ordinary meetings a year. If the volume of business continues to increase, we shall require to have more frequent meetings, or give up trying to conclude the business of each meeting in one day. It was only over somewhat heroic efforts at the meeting in Sunderland last week, that the docket was finally cleared. It is said that many members of Parliament commit the sin of wasting time and talk altogether too much. We shall have to invite some of them to one of our busy meetings, that they may learn how to begin at the beginning and work hard to the very end.

The matter of sick calls received needed consideration and it was resolved to take steps to ensure that the annual reports shall be more complete and accurate. We have not been sinners above all others in the matter of defective returns, and we commend the subject to other presbyteries for faithful consideration.

Many of your readers will be glad to learn that Rev. J. M. Cameron, Minister of Wick, and formerly of Toronto, has in a large measure recovered from the effects of his severe illness of last spring. We regret to add, however, that, being advised by his physician that it would be unsafe for him to continue the work of a charge which makes such large demands on his strength, he has placed his resignation in hands of Presbytery and urged that it be accepted. Many representatives from his congregation were present, and gave sincere expression of their attachment to their minister, whose counsel they had learned to trust, and whose leading was in the true path. Under the circumstances there was nothing to do but accept the resignation, and Mr. Cameron will be released on the first Sabbath in October. Our loss is distinct. We know that we are losing 'the Father of the Presbytery'—not that he is old—not even in years, while in spirit he is youthful, but in our relations as co-presbyters he has been worthy of the name which all of us in our hearts have given him.

The proposal that an additional endowment of \$500,000 should be provided for Queen's University, met with the hearty approval of presbytery, and a strong committee was appointed to carry out our share of the work with vigour.

Presbytery is showing signs that the import-

ance of the S.S. work within the bounds is to have fuller recognition. All the schools, and sessions within the bounds are to be visited within the ensuing six months, and a conference is to be held at the December meeting.

In nearly all the charges within the bounds the stipend is up to or above the proposed minimum, two or three are a little below the minimum, and a committee has been appointed to confer with these, with a view to a step forward.

We are to try the experiment of having the minutes of our meetings printed for one year. If we find the advance sufficient to justify the expense, the practice will be continued.

The complaint of scarcity of students for the ministry does not come from us. Our committee on examination of students reported five students of Theology, and after satisfactory report of examination these were ordered to be certified to their respective colleges.

The next ordinary meeting will be held in Knox Church Cannington on Tuesday 20th Dec., 1904.

The Presbytery of Kingston

Met at Kingston on the 20th inst. at 2 p.m., Rev. Jno. Moore, moderator, twenty-five ministers and five elders were present. The last meeting (special) was held at Belleville, for the ordination and induction of Rev. R. S. Laidlaw into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's congregation there. Sympathy was expressed for Dr. McGilivray in his severe domestic affliction causing his absence. His report on augmentation was received, and needed action taken. Mr. Binnie's report on Home Missions showed the benefit of visiting the fields, and that they generally are in a prosperous condition. Some time was spent on hearing the reports on the schemes of the church, and with a few honorable exceptions, congregations are recommended to increase their contributions. A large committee was appointed to co-operate with the Assembly's Committee in connection with the effort to secure increased endowment for Queen's University. The committee met and reported the following resolution, viz., that the Presbytery of Kingston undertake the endowment of a chair in Queen's University; and that these be a committee to act in concert with the Assembly's Committee in soliciting subscriptions viz., Rev. H. Gracey, Convener, Profs. Goodwin and Dyde, J. Dixon, J. McIntosh, Rev. J. D. Boyd and A. Laird. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Western Ontario.

The Locke Street Church, Hamilton, was established as a mission by the Macaulay Street Presbyterian Church 20 years ago. It became a church with a congregation in 1890. Rev. Mr. Thompson, the first minister remaining for ten years. It became a mission again and was in charge of a missionary until 1903. The mortgage amounted to over \$800, including interest, and this has all been paid. There was a large attendance of members and their friends at last night's social, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent. The pastor, Rev. Robert McDerment, addressed those present, referring to the progress of the church and giving a short history of it. Rev. Mr. McPherson spoke encouraging words, and his address was listened to with much interest. He was loudly applauded. Plans have already been prepared for a modern brick structure to cost \$6,000, and with a seating capacity of about 370.

The Rev. Dr. R. N. Grant preached at Uptergrove on Sunday morning.

Applications for a hearing in the vacant pulpit in Harrow, Essex County, may be made to the Moderator, Rev. Thomas Nattress, Amherstburg.

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