

himself, thanking the congregation for the hearty welcome it had extended to them, and for its sympathy and co-operation during the short time he had been amongst them. Before the programme was closed the ladies of the church put the audience in a still happier mood by a hearty service of fruit. Rev. J. McP. Scott, of St. John's church, and Rev. A. Gandier, of Fort Massey church, Halifax, delivered addresses. The room was nicely decorated.

A VERY successful tea-meeting was held in St. Andrew's church, Endorby, B.C., on Tuesday, September 11th, in honor of the visit of Kamloops Presbytery. Tables were spread in the town-hall, the programme was rendered in the church. Addresses were given by Revs. Dr. Robertson, W. R. Ross, A. Lee, G. A. Wilson, and Paul F. Langill of our own Church, and W. D. Wismer of the Methodist Church. Music was furnished by Mrs. J. K. Wright, Miss Caldwell and Dr. Offerhaus.

Presbytery of London.

THE Presbytery of London met in the First Presbyterian church, London, on the 11th ult., at 1 p.m. Rev. W. J. Clark, Moderator. After reading of minutes and receiving elders' commissions, Rev. Alex. Miller was elected moderator for next six months. Mr. Cook reported that a call had been moderated in at Thamesford, in favor of Mr. Robertson, of Puslinch, but that subsequently he had received intimation from Mr. Robertson, stating that he intended to decline the call. The Presbytery received the report and laid the call aside, and authorized Mr. Cook to moderate again when the congregation is ready to do so. Mr. Little presented a call from English Settlement and Ilderton, in favor of Mr. T. Lawrence, probationer. The call was signed by 140 members and forty-nine adherents promising \$775 and manse. The call was quite unanimous. Messrs. Robson, Charlton and Ironside, commissioners from the congregations, supported the call. The conduct of Mr. Little as moderator was duly approved, the call sustained as a regular Gospel call, and a telegram meantime transmitted to Mr. Lawrence advising him of the fact, and requesting him to indicate his mind if possible in the matter. Mr. Miller reported that a call had been also moderated at Wardsville, in favor of Mr. Lawrence; but that word had been received, declining the call. Mr. Miller's report was received, and the call was ordered to be laid aside, and Mr. Miller was empowered to moderate again when congregation is ready to do so. Mr. Murray reported that he had held a congregational meeting at London South, but the congregation decided to postpone any action in the way of moderation. The report was received and leave given Mr. Murray to moderate when congregation prepared. Messrs. Wilson, Cook and J. A. Young, elder, were appointed a committee to strike the Standing Committees for the year and report. Committees were also appointed to examine the session records of Wardsville, Glencoe, Belmont and Dorchester. Mr. Henderson submitted the applications of the Home Mission Committee on behalf of the augmented charges. These were considered and agreed to as follows: Hyde Park, \$75; Alma Street, \$50; London East, \$125; North Delaware and Cardoc, \$50; Port Stanley, \$100; Tempo and South Delaware, \$75; Wardsville and Newbury, \$81; North Ekfrid Mission \$2 per Sabbath, and one dollar additional for board. Mr. Henderson reported that he had received only \$32 since last meeting of Presbytery—being \$132 total—for making up the deficit to brethren in the augmented charges. Mr. John Currie read the draft of his motion for reconsideration of the scheme in operation in the Presbytery for sending commissioners to the General Assembly. After discussion at length, it was agreed that the scheme proposed together with the scheme in operation be printed, and considered by sessions and ministers and discussed at next regular meeting. Messrs. Mitchell, Murray and Dr. Loar appeared as a deputation from Aylmer and Springfield, requesting permission to call a

minister, and promising \$750 from the combined charge and requesting a grant \$150 from the Augmentation Fund. After hearing the deputation the Presbytery granted permission. Messrs. Graham, J. Clark, W. McKay and H. Leitch, students, were duly examined, and certified to their respective colleges. The clerk asked, and obtained authority, to give Rev. Mr. Boyle, who is about to be inducted into a congregation at Colorado Springs, a certificate of ministerial standing. A telegram was received from Mr. Lawrence intimating his acceptance of the call to English Settlement. It was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting in the First Presbyterian church, London, on the 9th October, at 11 a.m., to hear Mr. Lawrence trials for ordination, and transact other business. The committee on Standing Committees reported. The report was received and adopted. The following are the conveners. 1. State of Religion, W. A. Cook; 2. Sabbath School, J. Courtney; 3. Sabbath Observance, J. A. Macdonald; 4. Statistics, W. J. Clark; 5. Temperance, T. Wilson; 6. Home Missions, A. Henderson; 7. Remits, John Currie; 8. Systematic Benevolence, E. H. Sawers; 9. Examination of Students, Dr. Proudfoot. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in this church on 9th October, at 11 a.m., and hold next regular meeting in the same place at 1 p.m., on the second Tuesday of Nov. and closed with the benediction.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

THE Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Division St. Hall on the 18th Sept. There was a full attendance of members. The first hour was spent in devotional exercise led by Dr. Fraser. Messrs. Acheson, A. McNabb and Little were appointed to prepare a programme for the conference. Commissioners appeared from Hepworth and Cruckshank regarding Mr. Jamieson's resignation. The resignation was accepted and Rev. Mr. Acheson appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the 30th inst., and to act as interim moderator of session. The resignation of Mr. Hamilton was considered, and Rev. J. F. McLaren was appointed to cite Keady, Deaboro, and Peabody, to appear at a meeting of Presbytery to be held in Division Street Hall, Owen Sound, October 30th, at 10 a.m. Mr. Somerville reported for the committee appointed to consider the question of rearrangement of congregations and Presbytery agreed that Berkley be joined to Markdale, the union to take effect from October 1st, and Mr. Forrest was appointed to preach on the first Sabbath of October, and announce this decision, and Mr. McLaren was appointed interim moderator of session. On motion made by Dr. Fraser the Presbytery unanimously and strongly recommended Chatsworth to give what aid it can in supplying Holland Centre congregation, and Latona and Burns church to give what supply it can to Williamsford. Messrs. Somerville, Waits, McLaren, McNabb, Acheson, McLennan and Little were appointed to continue the work of rearrangement for the whole Presbytery with the view of strengthening congregations and saving Mission Funds. Presbytery favored the proposed withdrawal from Melvora and Purple Valley in Indian Peninsula provided the Methodist church withdraw from Adamville, Mar, and Red Bay and Mr. Acheson was appointed to visit the field along with the Methodist minister and lay the proposal before the people with the view of united and harmonious action, and to report at the December meeting of Presbytery. Leave was granted to the congregation of Adamville, to build a new church on the site proposed in their memorial. Leave was granted to the congregation of Holland to mortgage their new church for \$1600. The Presbytery extended its congratulations to the people for their enterprise in completing such a beautiful building for the service of God. Mr. McLean was requested to continue the supply of Lake Charles till the adjourned meeting on Oct. 30th. Mr. Wesley Akitt was certified as a student to Montreal College, and Messrs. Menzies and A. Little were certified to Knox College. The allocation of the amounts to be

raised for stipend in the several congregations of Mr. Smith's charge was left in the hands of the Home Mission Committee, and it was agreed to ask for a special grant of \$2.50 per week to aid Caven for the winter. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Division Street Hall on the 30th day of October at 10 a.m., and the meeting was closed with the benediction.—J. SOMERVILLE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Guelph.

THE stated bi-monthly meeting was held on the 18th instant, in Chalmers Church, Guelph, Mr. A. Blair, B.A., of Nassagaweya, moderator. There was a large attendance of ministers and ruling elders. After the reading of the minutes of last regular meeting, Mr. Taylor was introduced by Dr. Jackson, as a new candidate for ministry, and was referred to the Committee on Superintendence of Students, to be dealt with as to his character and motives and fitness for the work. Mr. Charles Davidson reported from the Finance Committee, and recommended that a rate of ten cents per family be levied to meet liabilities. The report was received and the recommendation adopted. A report was submitted from the committee appointed to consider whether an annual missionary sermon should be preached in congregations, and an annual missionary meeting held in each. The recommendation that the Presbytery enjoin the preaching of a special sermon—all being required to report at the meeting in November. The second recommendation that week day meetings be held in each congregation at which the work of the church should be presented, explained and their wants and claims enforced, was modified by the omission of "week day," thus leaving it optional with kirk sessions whether this be done on a week day or on the Sabbath. Mr. J. C. Smith, as convener, reported from the Committee on Superintendence of Students. The report was received and the clerk instructed to give effect to the recommendation by issuing the requisite certificate. The Presbytery took up the application of Hawkesville and Linwood for the services of Mr. Henry Knox for one year as an ordained missionary, submitted at the meeting in Eramosa in the beginning of August, which was again produced. After deliberation it was agreed that the application from Hawkesville and Linwood for the services of Mr. Knox be granted, he to enter upon his duties there on the first Sabbath of October. Dr. Jackson, convener, presented a report from the Committee on Evangelistic Services, containing recommendations as to holding such services. These were considered *seriatim* and adopted—reports as to such services to be made at the March meeting. The clerk reported the amounts required from congregations in the bounds for the schemes of the church. Copies of the proposed new hymn book were circulated so far as received, and a committee was appointed to report at a future meeting. The committee consists of Dr. Wardrop, Messrs. Smith, Beattie, Glassford, Mullen, and Atkinson, ministers, with Messrs. C. Davidson, W. Watson, and James McCrea, ruling elders, with Dr. Torrance, convener. A joint committee of the conveners of the Committee on Temperance, the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Sabbath Observance and Systematic Benevolence was appointed, with Dr. Torrance, convener, to arrange for the usual conferences on those subjects at the meeting in March. Mr. Rao's request that the conference be held in Action was granted. The clerk reported the supply sent the bounds by the General Assembly's Committee on the distribution of probationers, with the allotment of the same he proposed, and this was approved. Two extracts of the General Assembly were read, the one stating what that court had done with the overtures respecting Mr. Donaldson and the composition of the Standing Committees of the Church. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Chalmers' church on the third Tuesday of November, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon. The proceedings were closed with the benediction by the moderator.