

cussion for some time the matter was referred to a Committee, himself Convener, with instructions to report at next meeting, and to consider the mode of appointing to the Moderatorship of the Presbytery. The Clerk reported that he had received and paid over the grants coming from the Home Mission Committee to stations and augmented congregations in the bounds. Dr. Mackay having applied for a certificate of ministerial standing, the Clerk was authorized to furnish the same. Notice was received from the Presbytery of Brockville that they had deposed Mr. J. M. McIntyre from the office of the ministry and the membership of the Church. A resolution was adopted calling the attention of that Presbytery to what may be regarded as an excessive exercise of power in excluding Mr. McIntyre from the membership of the Church for all time to come. Notice was received from the Presbytery of Orangeville that they had suspended Mr. Hamblay, student catechist, for what they judged sufficient reason. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Caven, Principal of Knox College, Toronto, be nominated for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly at its next meeting. On application by the congregation at Campbellville leave was granted to mortgage their church for a sum not exceeding \$5,500. Attention having been called to the tenure of the property in Berlin known as St. Andrews Church manse, the trustees, Messrs. McDougall and Moffatt, were authorized to offer the land and premises for sale at such time as they may judge best. According to appointment in the forenoon Dr. Smith briefly addressed the Court on some of his journeyings and labours since he left this neighbourhood, after which it was agreed that the Presbytery welcome him back to this side of the Atlantic, express its gratification that the Church here is likely again to enjoy the benefit of his services, and its gratitude to God for His tokens that He had been with him in the fields in which he has been labouring. Mr. John Davidson tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Alma and Zion Church, Nichol. Several members expressed their sorrow at the step Mr. Davidson had felt himself constrained to take, then estimate of his character and ability as a member of the Presbytery, and their appreciation of the services he had rendered by his cool, calm and clear judgment, but agreed to cite the Session and congregation to appear by representatives, regularly appointed, at next regular meeting, and state whatever objections they may have to urge against the acceptance of his resignation. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of January, 1892, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, November 22, and was attended by seventeen ministers and four elders. Dr. Campbell, Moderator *pro tem*. A number of resolutions of sympathy were adopted, with Mr. Dobson, Moderator, on account of his illness; with Rev. G. L. Robertson, Burk's Falls, on the death of his wife; with the widows of the late W. B. Hamilton, of Collingwood, and Alexander Canning, of the Townline (Essa) Church, both of whom were respected members of Presbytery at the time of their decease. After lengthened consideration of Dr. Gray's report on the application of Knox Church, Oro, congregation for leave to sell the glebe, it was agreed: That they be allowed to sell the property on condition that a portion of the proceeds, not exceeding \$400, be reserved for payment of arrears of stipend, that the remainder of proceeds be retained for building a new manse or for other congregational purposes, and that Presbytery shall determine the amount of arrears should any difficulty arise on this point. Dr. Gray presented another report on the regulations to be followed in management of the bequest of the late Robert Hay for the benefit of the congregation at New Lowell. The report was adopted with slight amendment, and Dr. Campbell, Mr. James, Presbytery treasurer, Messrs. J. J. Brown, of Barrie, and J. A. Mather, New Lowell, elders, were appointed a committee for managing the fund, which is to be designated "The R. Hay Endowment Fund for New Lowell." On recommendation of Mr. James, the treasurer, it was agreed to ask contributions of 10 cents per member for Presbytery, Synod and Assembly expenses from the congregations in the bounds. The treasurer intimated that several congregations had not paid the contributions expected last year when the 11 cents were asked, and were it not for these arrears it would not be necessary to ask for more than 8 cents this year. Under Home Mission business a number of items were transacted. Mr. J. M. Watson, formerly assistant librarian in the House of the Legislature, Toronto, was received as a catechist with a view to the ministry, and appointed meanwhile to labour at Cache Bay. Arrangements for winter supply of several mission fields were made. Deputies to visit congregations receiving supplement from the Augmentation Fund were made as follows: Mr. Carswell to Penetanguishene, Mr. McNeill to Knox Church, Oro, Messrs. D. D. McLeod and R. N. Grant to Huntsville; Mr. Leishman to Guthrie Church, Oro. Mr. J. J. Jackson, assistant at Woodstock, was given leave to appeal to congregations in the bounds for assistance in building a church there. Leave was given to Mr. Leishman to moderate in a call from the united congregations of Aulic. Blackbank and Banda, after having secured the payment of arrears of stipend due to their late missionary. Dr. Campbell reported the means taken to secure an equitable arrangement whereby the Methodist residents of Nottawa may continue to use the Presbyterian church for their services, and the difficulties in the way of a settlement. The Presbytery appointed Dr. Campbell and Mr. McDonald, of West Nottawa, to lay the facts of the case before the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church. The letter of Mr. Hamilton Cassels respecting the appointment of a secretary of the General Assembly's Committee on Foreign Missions was read. A committee was appointed to consider the letter and the Assembly's remit on

the subject. A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Caswell, Toronto, respecting a lot of ground said to be leased in 1876 for ninety-nine years by trustees of Willis Church, Oro, to a division of the Sons of Temperance, which lot Mr. Caswell states becomes vested in the Grand Division of that Order by dissolution of the local body, and he desires to have the Presbytery confirm the lease. Owing to the absence of Mr. Dobson consideration of the matter was delayed. The Presbytery, with all persons in attendance, was provided with dinner by the ladies of the congregation of Barrie. For their kindness on this and on former occasions due acknowledgment was made. Next meeting at Barrie on last Tuesday of January, at eleven o'clock.—**ROBERT MOONIE, Pres. Clerk.**

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in Hensall on the 10th November. Messrs. McDonald and J. S. Henderson were appointed to address the meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in January at their annual assembly. The Remit on Summer Session was taken up, and after deliberation it was agreed as follows: Approve of holding a Summer Session; Said Session to be held in Winnipeg; That the theological classes in Manitoba College be not held in winter as formerly but in the summer months; If deemed necessary or advisable the arts course be carried on during the winter; Recommend if necessary, should the theological classes be held in summer instead of winter, that the staff of teachers be increased both in the arts and theological courses in order to meet the present emergency of the Church; That theological students from the other colleges of the Church who spend the winter in the mission field be allowed to attend the Summer Session at Winnipeg, their standing in the colleges previously attested being acknowledged. The Remit on Catechists was remitted to a committee who was appointed to consider the whole question of Summer Session still further, more especially the details of the scheme above recommended and to report at next meeting. The appointment of a Foreign Mission secretary was approved of, in terms of Remit, and a Committee was appointed to nominate a suitable person for the office. A call to Rev. J. A. McDonald from Bayfield Road and Berne was sustained, and provisional arrangements made for his induction in the event of his accepting the call which is unanimous. Authority was given to moderate in a call at Manchester and Smith's Hill when the people are prepared for it. The following deliverance was adopted respecting the resignation of Mr. McMillan: "The Presbytery in parting with the Rev. Alexander McMillan, late of Manchester and Smith's Hill, desire to record their deep sense of the loss they sustain by his removal, their high appreciation of his diligent attention to his duties as a member of Presbytery and his earnest, faithful, and successful work as a minister and pastor. They express sympathy with him in the impaired state of his health, and trust that through the Divine blessing his health and strength may be restored, and that a field of usefulness may be opened up to him where he shall be abundantly blessed." The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Seaforth on the third Tuesday of January at 10.30 a.m.—**A. McLEAN, Pres. Clerk.**

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.—This Presbytery met in Brandon the other week by leave of the Synod. Mr. Shearer reported that he had moderated in a call at Wawanesa, which had resulted unanimously in favour of Rev. A. Currie. The call was received and laid on the table until the committee appointed to consider what stations should be associated with Wawanesa should report. Dr. Robertson reported for this committee at a later seditur, recommending that the Presbytery erect the Wawanesa and Treestank stations into a congregation, and connect Stockton therewith for supply during the coming winter, without making Stockton a part of the congregation. On motion, duly seconded, this report was received and adopted. The call was then sustained and placed in Mr. Currie's hands, who intimated his acceptance of the same. It was agreed that the induction take place on Nov. 23rd, at three o'clock in the afternoon, that Mr. Shearer preside, Mr. D. Campbell preach, Mr. A. McD. Haig address the minister and Mr. Shearer the people. Mr. Rumball reported for the auditors appointed to examine the Home Mission books that they had found the accounts correctly and excellently kept. On motion the report was received and adopted. Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Wawanesa, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.—**W. L. H. ROWAND, Pres. Clerk.**

EXECUTIVE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE—WESTERN DISTRICT.

There have been held recently three meetings of the Executive Foreign Mission Committee, namely, on October 27, November 14 and November 26. **BRITISH COLUMBIA.**—So far as the mission to the Chinese in that Province is concerned the Committee has been in correspondence for some time past in reference to the securing of a missionary for that field. Some delay has been occasioned by the desire of the Committee to secure a person of exceptional character. All that has come as to the progress of the work is cheering. As the Church has been informed, two lady missionaries sailed from Montreal on the 10th of November and sailed from London December 4 for Bombay. These are Miss O'Hara, M.D., and Miss McWilliams. These ladies will be a welcome reinforcement to those in the field. Miss Harris has been compelled to lay aside her work for six months and leave India owing to the state of her health. The Committee granted her this leave of absence. So far as we know there is a good prospect that at the end of that period she may be able to resume her labours, if not in teaching, then in zenana work.

Miss Rodger, who is one of the first of the lady missionaries sent out by the Church, does not return again to India.

HONAN.—The proposed visit of Rev. D. McGilvray to Formosa is not likely to be carried out. The Presbytery of Honan does not favour it nor does it appear that the interests of our mission would be promoted by it. A special meeting of the executive was held on November 14 on account of the disturbing news in the public press as to the disorders in the Province of Honan and the attacks which had been made on foreigners and especially on missionaries. A telegram was sent by the Committee to the agent through whom our correspondence is carried on, requesting him to warn our missionaries and urge them to retire to the coast if they thought it necessary. To this communication no answer has as yet been received.

An additional medical missionary for Honan will soon be required. Formosa will also require another missionary. The Church may deem it wise to send more than one agent to begin her mission in Palestine. Additional labourers will continue to be required in India. The Convener therefore is in communication with candidates who are anxious to enter on Foreign Mission work and who have the requisite qualifications for that work.

NORTH-WEST.—There has been little business from this part of the field before the Committee. Mrs. Leckie, a lady highly commended, was designated for work in this field on the evening of the 26th. She goes to the Birtle school.

MISCELLANEOUS.—The Convener was requested to attend to, on behalf of the Committee, and protect the Committee's interests, in the questions arising from the wills of Richard Senior, Ayr; William Cream, Quebec, and J. McKee, township of Kinghorn, Glengarry, as these affect the Foreign Mission Fund.

The Committee hopes soon to have delivered maps of some of our mission fields, which will be available at a very moderate cost for our Sabbath schools and congregations.

A number of other items of business not of public interest were attended to, and, though there is nothing striking to report, the work seems to be going on steadily and prosperously in all our fields under the labour of the Church's missionaries.

OBITUARY.

MRS DANIEL ALLAN.

Mrs. Daniel Allan died on Tuesday week, after a long and painful illness, at the ripe old age of eighty-one years. She was one of the early settlers of the Province, having come from Ross-shire, Scotland, with her parents, brothers and sisters to this country in 1833. The family settled in Guelph, which was then a struggling hamlet enshrouded by the virgin forest. The house in which they first took up their abode stood about where the Wellington Hotel now stands, on Wyndham Street, now the principal business thoroughfare of the Royal City. Soon afterwards the father, Hugh McDonald, took up land about a mile to the south of the city, where the family grew up to man and womanhood. The subject of this sketch was married to the Rev. Daniel Allan, of North Easthope, where with her

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husband she continued to reside and labour until the graving infirmities of age caused Mr. Allan to retire from pastoral work. He died about seven years ago, since which time Mrs. Allan has resided for the most part in Toronto. She leaves behind her to mourn her death her sister, Miss McDonald, three sons and one daughter, viz., the late colonel of the Queen's Own, D. H. Allan, A. McD. Allan, formerly of Goderich and now of Toronto; and Spence Allan and Mrs. Alfred Hopkins, of Omaha, Nebraska. The news of her death will be read with sorrow by many who felt her influence through out a long and useful life.

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