

Wednesday, Sept. 30th.—10 a.m., Old Testament—Rev. Prof. McFadyen; 11 a.m., The Revelation that is Final for Religion.—Rev. Prof. Robertson; 2.30 p.m., The Annual Business Meeting of the Alumni Association.

Thursday, Oct. 1st.—10 a.m., Old Testament, Rev. Prof. McFadyen; 11 a.m., The Inspiration that gives us a World's Bible, Rev. Prof. Robertson; 2.30 p.m., The Exile and its Influences, Rev. J. W. MacNamara; 3.30 p.m., Recent Modifications of Evolution, Rev. Hugh Munro; 8.00 p.m., Sir Philip Sidney, Rev. Prof. Wallace, D.D.

Friday, Oct. 2nd.—10 a.m., Old Testament, Rev. Prof. McFadyen; 11 a.m., The Social Ideal which Perfects Civilization, Rev. Prof. Robertson.

#### QUEBEC PRESBYTERY NOTES.

Rev. P. D. Muir, Leeds village, has been appointed Moderator.

Rev. Wm. T. Mackenzie has been called to the congregation of Scotstown, which has been vacant for more than two years. The call, to the great satisfaction of Presbytery and congregation, has been accepted, and the induction fixed for the 15th Sept.

Revs. Wm. Hay, M.D., and J. M. Callan have resigned their appointments at Metis and Lake Mezanic, respectively.

The Presbytery has for some time been anxiously and seriously considering the matter of constant supply for vacancies and the frequent visitation of outlying families, scattered in various parts far removed from ministers and churches. One of the proposed ways of meeting these needs is the appointment of "a pastor at large," who, under direction of Presbytery, would supply needy fields for short intervals, and minister from time to time to families and individuals who have gone far hence up the rivers, into the wilds, their stay there resulting often in mixed marriages, and forgetfulness of the simplicity of the gospel—possibly of its need. A committee has been appointed, consisting of Revs. J. R. MacLeod, J. A. MacFarlane and M. MacLeod, to consider this question more fully and report.

The pinch is really felt in Quebec. It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure suitable supply for vacancies and mission fields, and during the past year or two congregations suffered considerably for want of supply. The G. T. R. now in course of construction passes through the entire length of the Presbytery—from La Tronche on the St. Maurice in the west to the N. R. boundary in the east. For two years portions of this section have been in the hands of contractors, and very considerable progress has been made. Twice the Presbytery applied for a missionary for this line, but to this date no man has been found.

The Presbytery is handicapped for want of means, too. At various points buildings are needed—churches; and mansees need repairs to make them habitable; but some of the communities are not able to furnish the money needed. A few thousand dollars at the disposal of the Presbytery would help the work greatly.

Dr. Paterson, immigration chaplain at Quebec, has done excellent work in meeting, guiding, encouraging Presbyterian immigrants at the gateway of the land, and, on learning their destination, notifying the minister of place of the coming of the stranger to his locality. Already he has put himself in touch with 3,000 such immigrants since opening of navigation.

The hundredth anniversary of the birth of Tennison, born August 6, 1809, is to be celebrated at Haslemere next July by reproductions of scenes from "Tidylls of the King."

In India the editor of the "Harikishore," a Marathi weekly journal published at Yeotmal, in the Central Provinces, was sentenced to five years' hard labor for sedition.

#### LANARK AND RENFREW.

This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on 8th inst., Mr. A. Johnston, Moderator, in the chair. Rev. R. Young was elected Moderator for the next six months. He being absent Mr. Johnston continued to preside.

A motion, presented by Mr. Hay, to the effect that the expenses of the conveners of all committees on presentation to presbytery and securing its sanction should be paid, was agreed to.

The report of the committee appointed at the last meeting of presbytery, to deal with the proposed division of the Presbytery, was presented, recommending that no division be made, but that two meetings be held in Lanark county and two in Renfrew county during the year, was adopted.

The Home Mission report was presented by the convener. Deputations were appointed to visit the mission fields and report not later than January, 1909. The convener was empowered to make application for the grants for the present quarter. The active support of the Home Mission Fund was urged strongly, and all charges within the bounds were asked to co-operate practically in the work. The Augmentation report was presented by the convener, deputations were appointed to visit each charge and report not later than Feb. 1st, 1909. This most important scheme of our church was presented to the earnest consideration of our people, and increased financial support asked for.

A committee was appointed to strike the standing committees, with Mr. D. Currie as convener, and to report at the February meeting, 1909. A committee was appointed to strike the presbytery rates, with Mr. Hay as convener, and report at the November meeting.

The report on systematic giving was presented by the convener, and after discussion its recommendations to the effect that sessions and managing boards should endeavor to secure regular and systematic action on the part of all congregations, was adopted.

The Clerk gave a report of the presbytery fund, showing that all the congregations had paid their rates, and, that after paying all bills, a considerable balance will remain in the treasury.

The report of the committee on Social and Moral Reform was presented by Mr. Currie, dealing with the questions of Temperance, Family Life, Election Purity, and the destitute and feeble-minded, and after much discussion its various recommendations, after some amendment, were adopted. One point, which was urged strongly, and is to be given publicity through the *Pulpit*, Press, and educational institutions, is that of purity in the electorate in every respect.

Rev. Mr. Miller, of Blakeney, tendered his resignation of his charge. All parties were heard, and after consideration owing to the state of Mr. Miller's health, his resignation was accepted, to take effect on and after Oct. 11th, 1908. Pulpit to be declared vacant on the 18th. Mr. Dalry, the interim moderator, and Messrs. Bennett and A. A. Scott to be associated with him as a supply committee.

The sympathy of the Presbytery was expressed with Rev. Mr. McLean and his congregation at Watson's Corners, owing to their serious loss by fire.

It was decided to hold Sunday School Institutes at Lanark, Smith's Falls, Almonte, Glasgow Station, and Cobden, under the direction of the Sunday School committee.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held in Arnprior, on Tuesday, November 24th, 1908, at 10.30 o'clock a.m. The Presbytery was closed with the benediction.

#### NEED FOR RECRUITING.

At the last meeting of our General Assembly the following recommendation, submitted by the Committee on Young People's Societies, was unanimously adopted: "That when pastors discover young men and women of ability and consecrated talent, they encourage them to enter upon a ministerial or missionary career." That recommendation was not submitted too soon. Any one who makes a survey of the Church will speedily discover that, were it not for the unusually large number of ministers received from other denominations, there would soon be a scarcity of preachers in our congregations. Last year 17 of our ministers passed away. A large number of mission fields reached that status where, as mission stations, or as augmented congregations, they require a minister of their own. But how many graduated from the colleges in 1908? Only 49.

According to the General Assembly returns there were 1561 ministers connected with our Church in 1906, but in 1907 there were only 1507. This shrinkage in the face of an increasing number of congregations, is really serious. Not only so, but the number of candidates offering themselves for the foreign field is pitifully small. If the Laymen's Missionary Movement yields even one-half of the revenue expected, the number of candidates should be greatly increased. The call for men for the home Church is loud, but the call for the foreign field is even louder.

The Committee on Young People's Societies is well aware that the blame for this conditions of affairs does not lie entirely with the ministers, nevertheless they can do something to remedy it. It may be safely assumed that a large number of ministers attend the meetings of their Guilds or C. R. Societies. While there they have an excellent opportunity of observing the capabilities and estimating the talents of the young men and women connected with their congregations. When they discover, as they probably will, some young men who are earnest and devout, and who possess those qualifications which go to make a minister, they might find direct the attention of these young men to the nobility of all callings.

If the pastor should observe a young lady in the Guild or Society who seems to have a special attitude for mission work, why not call her attention to the needs of the mission field, and the possibilities of usefulness there? As a matter of fact the mission field today furnishes scope for the exercise of talents of almost every description. China now offers almost unlimited opportunities for young ladies whether they are teachers, writers, physicians, nurses or Y. M. C. A. secretaries. Possibly they do not know this, and pastors might do the cause of missions a good service by calling their attention to it.

And what splendid opportunities are there in the foreign field for young men who may not feel called upon to enter the ministry. Consecrated men may render noble service as doctors, dentists, teachers, translators, publishers and Y. M. C. A. secretaries.

On Young People's Day the pastor might well remind young men and women that they have reached that stage where they must determine what their life's work is to be; that they should invest their talents to the best advantage, and that they will be held accountable for the investment. Such a message earnestly and sympathetically delivered would scarcely fall upon unheeding ears or unresponsive hearts. — W. S. MacTavish.