

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on July 15. Arrangements were made for meeting the Augmentation deficit of \$153. The commissioners to the General Assembly reported diligence. Mr. Peachell tendered his resignation of North Pelham and Wellandport; it will be considered on August 4. A call for Rev. W. Robertson, M.A., from Cayuga, etc., was sustained; he was granted time to consider. A call to Dr. Campbell, of Collingwood, was sustained and transmitted. Mr. O. T. Mather, of Simcoe, was recognized as a student intending the ministry. Mr. E. R. Hunt obtained time to consider the call from Ingersoll. JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met in Stratford on the 5th inst., Rev. A. Grant, Moderator. Mr. Grant's term of office having expired, Rev. J. W. Cameron, of North Mornington, was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Reports from commissioners to Assembly were received. Rev. Mr. Gracey, of Gananoque, and Rev. Mr. Chrystal being present were invited to correspond with the Presbytery. The committees appointed to prepare minutes and the removal of Messrs. Chrystal and Gordon reported as follows: "The Presbytery in parting with the Rev. George Chrystal desire to express their regret in losing one who has been with us these six years and during which we have found him a genial and warm-hearted brother, ever ready to oblige, and prompt in the discharge of all Presbyterial duties, also regular in his attendance upon all the church courts, taking a deep interest in matters pertaining to the prosperity of the cause of Christ. The Presbytery pray that God in His good Providence may soon open up for him a field of usefulness, where he may long be spared to serve the Church faithfully. In parting with our venerable and much respected brother, Rev. D. Gordon, of Harrington, the Presbytery of Stratford wishes to put on record its deep regret that owing to ill health and advancing years he has been under the necessity of resigning his charge. His many years of devoted and zealous labour in the Master's cause have been honoured of God in bringing forth important fruit. His ingeniousness and kindness of heart have bound him very closely to his brethren of the Presbytery, and their prayer is that the truth preached by him, and which has been so much blessed to others, will be to him in his declining years a source of unceasing comfort and joy, as he looks forward to that home to which loving friends have been called. Mr. Turnbull introduced Mr. W. A. McLean, of St. Mary's, who desires to enter upon a course of study with a view of entering the ministry. It was agreed to receive the application and certify Mr. McLean to the Senate of Knox College. Leave was given to Mr. Hamilton to moderate in a call at Avonorton and Carletonplace. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at 2.30 p.m. on the 5th September next, at Millbank, when a public conference will be held in the evening at which a paper on "Systematic Giving" will be read.—A. F. TULLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE. This Presbytery met at Orangeville on July 8. Mr. Craig's term as Moderator having expired, Mr. Orr was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Rev. R. M. Croil, of the Hamilton Presbytery, being present, was asked to sit with the Presbytery. Mr. McClelland submitted the report of the committee appointed to prepare a minute and Mr. Smith's resignation as follows: "The Presbytery desire to express their regret at the resignation of Rev. R. B. Smith of the pastoral charge of Rosemont and Mansfield, and also to record their appreciation of the arduous and self-denying labour which Mr. Smith has given to the Church in this field, and cordially pray that he may be guided by the Great Head of the Church to a suitable field of usefulness. The report was received and adopted. The Presbytery considered Mr. McNeil's resignation of the pastoral charge of Osprey congregation. Mr. Sinclair appeared on behalf of the congregation and stated that the people were sorry that Mr. McNeil had tendered his resignation, and would be very glad if he could be induced to remain. Mr. McNeil pressed his resignation, which the Presbytery very reluctantly accepted, to take effect on the 27th inst. The following are the Conveners of the Standing Committees appointed for the ensuing year: Home Missions—Rev. T. J. McClelland; Foreign Missions—Rev. S. Fowle; Augmentation Fund—Rev. D. C. Hossack, M.A., LL.B.; Finance—Mr. A. Steele, M.A., Orangeville; Temperance—Rev. S. S. Craig; Colleges—Rev. J. W. Orr; Widows and Orphans' Fund—Rev. D. McColl; Aged and Infant Ministers' Fund—Rev. G. Ballantyne; French Evangelization—Rev. D. McLeod, B.A.; Sabbath Schools—Rev. W. A. Stewart, M.A.; Sabbath Observance—Rev. A. Hudson; State of Religion—Rev. J. L. Campbell, B.A.; to Superintend and Examine Students—Rev. D. C. Hossack. The Presbytery agreed to certify Mr. Crawford Tate to Knox College, and recommended that he receive the status of a second year's student in the preparatory course. Rev. L. C. Limes was appointed interim Moderator of the Osprey session, and to declare the pulpit vacant. Messrs. Craig, Conner, and Emsie and Stewart were appointed a committee to consider the propriety of a re-arrangement of the fields of Osprey, Maple Valley and Singhampton. Next meeting of Presbytery at Orangeville, September 9, at half-past ten a.m. H. CROZIER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met within Knox Church, Fara, on the 8th of July. Rev. James Little was appointed Moderator for the ensuing half year and presided. The following minute and the late Rev. J. Ferguson was submitted by Mr. Linton and adopted: "Whereas it has pleased God in His providence to remove from us the Rev. John Ferguson, M.A., B.D., by death, the Presbytery of Bruce desires to place on record its appreciation of him as a man, as a scholar and as a minister of Jesus Christ. Mr. Ferguson was reserved and retiring in his manner. The better he was known the more he was appreciated. Those who knew him best loved him most. He was gentle yet firm in dealing with others. He was not afraid to advocate an unpopular cause if he believed it were his duty to do so. He never sought publicity for his own sake, yet was always willing to let his light shine before men, if thereby he could glorify his Father in heaven. His scholarship was accurate as well as extensive. In his college course he took the foremost place; and in arts and divinity gained many scholarships and prizes. The habit of close systematic study which he formed early in life, he kept up to the last. Few men have thought out more carefully the truths of Christianity and fewer still could present them so clearly to others. He was conservative in his religious views, thoroughly Calvinistic in doctrine and evangelistic in his style of preaching. The best monument of his ministry is the flourishing church which has grown up under his pastoral care. From being ten years ago a weak and disorganized congregation, Geneva Church, Chesley, has become one of the largest and most prosperous in the Presbytery. Of him it may be written, 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them.' As a Presbytery we feel our loss; and we extend to Mrs. Ferguson our heartfelt sympathy in this sad bereavement, and commend her to Him who has promised to be a Husband to the widow and a Refuge to the afflicted. We also desire to express our sympathy for Geneva Church, Chesley, in their sad loss, and hope that God, in His providence, will soon send them another shepherd, who may be equally blessed in his labours amongst them. The Rev. D. H. McLennan, Thessalon, was appointed Moderator of the Session of St. Andrew's, Sault Ste. Marie, and leave to moderate in a call was granted. Standing committees for the year were appointed, with the following Conveners: Home Mission, Rev. A. Tolmie; Finance, Rev. J. Moore; State of Religion, Rev. Dr. James; Sabbath Schools, Mr. J. C. Eckford; Temperance, Rev. J. Johnston; Statistics, Rev. A. R. Linton; Superintendence of Students, Rev. D. McKenrie; Schemes of the Church, Rev. J. Mal-

colm; Sabbath Observance, Rev. J. Gilles. Leave was granted to moderate in a call to Geneva Church, Chesley. Rev. A. Findlay was authorized to examine and hear the discourses of the students labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery with a view to certification to college. On application the congregation of Thessalon were granted leave to borrow on mortgage on their church building \$175 to consolidate the debt. The Presbytery resolved to meet at Port Elgin on September 16, at 7.30 p.m., for conference on the State of Religion, and at nine a.m. on the 17th, for ordinary business.—JAMES GOURLEY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met on the 1st and 2nd of July in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia. There was laid on the table and read a communication from the Presbytery of London, intimating that with the view of re-arranging the field in and around Alisa Craig and Carlisle that Presbytery invited a deputation from the Sarnia Presbytery to co-operate with them in the matter. On motion of Rev. Dr. Thompson, it was agreed to intimate to the Presbytery of London, that this court will be ready to meet by deputation that of the Presbytery of London in re the arrangement of the field indicated in their communication, and will do all in their power to arrive at any verdict satisfactory to all parties concerned leaving the times and places of meeting to the London Presbytery, said deputation to consist of Revs. Dr. Thompson, Cuthbertson, Currie, Pritchard and Mr. Gordon, elder. The Presbytery then proceeded to take up Rev. J. R. Johnston's resignation of his charge at Alvinston and Napier, tabled at a former meeting. Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson intimated that he had duly cited parties to appear. Compared, and Messrs. McDiarmid, of the Alvinston congregation, Messrs. Hutton and Calvert, Napier, and Mr. Bowlby. Rev. Mr. Johnston appeared for himself. These were heard in the above order. It appeared that the utmost harmony existed between Rev. Mr. Johnston and his congregation, but that the wideness of the field and state of the roads compelled Mr. Johnston to desire a change. After consideration it was agreed, on motion of Rev. Mr. Currie, that the resignation lie on the table, and in the meantime appoint a deputation, consisting of Revs. Messrs. Graham, Cuthbertson, Beamer and Currie, and Mr. Gordon to take into consideration the re-arrangement of the field around Alvinston and Napier, and report at next regular meeting. The Presbytery then took up the consideration of Rev. J. A. McDonald's resignation of his charge of Bruden and Bear Creek. There was laid on the table and read, from Bear Creek, a communication intimating their appreciation of Mr. McDonald's services and their highest respect for him personally. Mr. McDonald, elder, was heard in support of the paper, and Rev. Mr. McDonald addressed the court adhering to his resignation. After consideration it was agreed, on motion of Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, that the Presbytery accept with deep sympathy and regret Rev. Mr. McDonald's resignation, the same to take effect on the 4th of August next; that the Rev. Mr. Beamer preach on the tenth and declare the church vacant, and act as interim Moderator of Session thereafter. Rev. Mr. Tibb was appointed with Mr. Beamer to take over-sight of the pulpit supply. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the third Tuesday in September, at two p.m., in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy. Standing committees were appointed for the year as follows: Home Missions—Revs. Currie and Anderson with their elders. Colleges—Revs. Dr. Thompson, Hume and Graham, with Mr. Ross, elder. Statistics—Revs. Pritchard, Anderson and Mr. McPherson. Temperance—Revs. Leitch, McKilbin and Graham with their elders. Finance—Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, Messrs. George Leys and F. Blaikie. State of Religion—Revs. J. S. Lochard and McLennan, and Mr. Laughlin, elder. Sabbath schools—Revs. Tibb, Jordan and Beamer. Examination of Students—Revs. Dr. Thompson, Anderson and Tibb, and Messrs. Gordon, Lewis and McLean. Rev. Dr. Thompson, on behalf of the committee appointed to visit Corunna, Mooretown, etc., reported progress there, indicating that in both places churches were likely to be erected during the summer. The Presbytery recommended the further oversight of these places to the same committee to report from time to time. Leave was granted to the congregation of Mandamun to have a call moderated in if necessary, before next ordinary meeting. Delegates to the General Assembly reported in reference to the proceedings at that court. The reports were received. The meeting was closed with the benediction.—G. CUTHBERTSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

By appointment of the General Assembly, Sabbath, July 27, is the day for the annual collection on behalf of the French Evangelization Scheme of the Church in all our congregations and mission stations.

A copy of the annual report has been mailed to every minister and missionary and to every Sabbath school superintendent addressed to the minister's care. The sum of \$70,000 is this year required for the several departments of the work, or about forty per cent. in excess of the total receipts of last year. It is hoped that an increased amount will be got from every congregation in the Church, and that ministers and student missionaries will personally see that the claims of the Scheme are presented to their people, and the collection taken either on the 27th inst. or the Sabbath following. The enlargement of the girls' school at Pointe-aux-Trembles is being pushed forward so as to be ready for the opening of next session in October.

All contributions should be forwarded to Rev. Dr. Warden, 198 St. James Street, Montreal, from whom copies of the annual report can be had, as also circulars of Coligny College, Ottawa, for the education of young ladies.

OBITUARY.

JOHN ALEXANDER CAMERON.

On the 24th of June the Presbyterian congregation of Chelsea, Quebec, lost one of its brightest and most useful young men by the sudden and unexpected removal of John Alexander Cameron, one of the managing committee of the Church. Mr. Cameron had been drawing stones all Monday and Tuesday from the edge of Mr. Church's bush near the manse, to underpin one of his outbuildings. After tea on Tuesday he took his youngest boy Colin with him to draw the last load, and as he came near the manse, thinking that a storm was approaching, he stopped and left the child in the care of Rev. Robert Hughes, the pastor, until his return. He reached the bush, loaded on the stones, and was within about fifty yards of the manse on his return journey, when he and his horses were struck by lightning and instantly killed. His funeral took place on Friday, the 27th, to the new cemetery, followed by a procession of more than a mile in length. Many floral tributes were sent in, including a beautiful floral pillow from his fellow-members of the managing committee. On the following Sabbath evening a largely-attended memorial service was conducted by the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Dempster, who was minister of Chelsea for five years. The whole community felt that they have lost a true Christian, a friend of the poor and needy, a zealous temperance worker and indeed a genuine philanthropist. His sorrowing father, mother, young wife and three children have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community, whose prayers are that they may be kept and supported under their severe trial by Him who has promised never to put more on His people than they are able to bear, and that grace may be given them to say, "Even so, Father, for so it hath seemed good in Thy sight."

British and Foreign.

DR. MACLAREN'S church at Manchester has 542 members.

MR. SPURGEON'S fifty-sixth birthday celebration at his orphanage brought \$9,000 to its funds.

SEVEN dissenters have been banished or imprisoned in Russia for denouncing the worship of pictures.

THE English Presbyterian congregation at Ruthin, worshipping in the town hall, are about to build a church.

THE Rev. R. H. Shaw, of Second Island-Magee, has resigned his charge owing to advancing years and failing health.

AT North Dulwich an early morning service was held in connection with the cutting of the first sod for a new church there.

DR. A. C. MURPHY'S new "Musical Hymnal" was announced to be issued during the sittings of the Irish General Assembly.

A new church is about to be erected at Thornliebank, of which Rev. John Charleson, missionary, will be ordained first minister.

PROFESSOR WATTS, of Belfast, is to occupy Mr. Finlay Graham's pulpit at Olan during August, and perhaps also on the two last Sabbaths of July.

MR. McLENNAN, of the Gaelic Church, Govan, is regaining strength in Australia, and hopes to resume his work at home before the end of the year.

THE Marquis of Normanby, who is a clergyman, goes to San Remo in November and will take the chaplaincy of the church there for six months.

PROFESSOR LINDSAY, of Glasgow, was one of the preachers at the opening of the school church at Disbury, erected by the Withington congregation.

DR. McKENZIE, of Ferintosh, where he has been parish minister for nearly half a century, has resigned his charge; he is an ex-Moderator of Assembly.

IN Haddington Free Church Presbytery Mr. Matthew submitted a report from a committee upon a proposal to revive a scheme of Presbyterial visitation.

A DAUGHTER of Archbishop Tait besides, it is said, in a very humble way in one of the slums of Lambeth, acting as a nurse of the sick and attending the infirm.

MRS. MOORHOUSE, wife of the Bishop of Manchester, gave an impressive address at the opening of a sale of work in aid of the zenana mission of the Anglican Church.

DR. NORMAN L. WALKER, of Dysart, who has almost quite recovered from his illness, intends to leave for America at the end of August; he has been granted a four months' holiday.

AN analysis of the communicants in Banffshire, submitted in For-dyce Presbytery, gives a total for the Church of Scotland of 11,110. Free Church, 4,518; and United Presbyterian, 1,077.

THE Rev. Walter Tait, of Perth, wishes to have a column in the census paper which would give every household the opportunity of saying whether he is for or against disestablishment.

DUNLOCHER United Presbyterian congregation, disappointed by Mr. McMillan's acceptance of the call to Naun, has given a unanimous call to Rev. Alex. Whyte, assistant to Dr. Wallace, of Glasgow.

THE authors of "Lux Mundi" assembled last week in conclave at the house of Rev. J. R. Illingworth near Alington. Their book has reached an eighth edition and they are contemplating a popular issue.

THE Rev. K. Juley's new volume "The Indian Mission of the Presbyterian Church," is inscribed to the memory of Dr. Wm. Fleming Stevenson, and contains excellent portraits of the founders of the mission.

THE Rev. J. Smith Moffat, assistant commissioner for the Bechuanaland protectorate, the son and biographer of Dr. Moffat, has been made a companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

THE Rev. E. Topping Doane died on May 15 at Honolulu. He was formerly a missionary in the Carolina Islands, and in 1887 was carried off by the Spanish Government to the Philippine Islands and imprisoned.

THE Secular Hall in Ingram street, Glasgow, the meeting-place of the freethinkers of that city, has been acquired by the working-men's evangelistic association and was opened last week by Sir Michael Connal.

THE forenoon services on a recent Sunday in St. Michael's parish church, Cripps, were conducted by Rev. Peter Cameron, a native of the town, who is a curate in the Anglican Church. He observed the usual Presbyterian form.

A COLLECTION of the works of the King of Sweden in four volumes is about to be issued at Stockholm. Eighteen of the public speeches of King Oscar are in Swedish, one in French, one in English and four in Norwegian.

THE Rev. Andrew Irving, at the celebration of the centenary of Gartmore Church and of his own ministerial semi-jubilee, has been presented with a purse containing 225 sovereigns, and pulpit robes, as well as a silver salver for his wife.

PROFESSOR LINDSAY presided at the ordination in St. Matthew's, Glasgow, of Rev. R. M. Gray to the pastorate of the Bombay congregation. A letter from Dr. Stalker bore emphatic testimony to the abilities and the energy of Mr. Gray while his assistant.

DR. GRIMM, a German Protestant clergyman at Riga, has been sentenced to ten years' exile in Siberia for insulting the Greek Church in his sermons. The German witnesses in his behalf were not permitted to testify on the ground that they were prejudiced.

MR. JAMES LOVE, organist and choirmaster in Falkirk parish church, is engaged on a volume on the composers and sources of Scottish Church music. It will include an account of the principal collections of psalmody published in Scotland from 1700 to the present time.

DR. GEORGE ROBINSON, of Inverness, has been presented by his fellow citizens with an illuminated address and silver bowl in honour of the decree of D.D. conferred upon him by Glasgow senatus, and in grateful appreciation of his labours among the blind in the north-east counties.

DR. LAWS, of Livingstonia, has been suffering from a severe attack of fever. Dr. Kimble, who, along with his wife and daughter, was coming home on furlough at the close of five years' service, says he may find it to be his duty to remain in Africa while Dr. Laws comes home to recruit.

OF Mr. Blair, of Cambuslang, it is said that when pastor of St. Columba Church his house in Glasgow went by the name of the Argyll Clerical Hotel, owing to his warm-hearted hospitality to Highland ministers. Mr. Blair has edited several volumes of Gaelic poems, and is himself the composer of various fugitive pieces.

THE Rev. R. Urquhart, of the Free Church, Oldmeldrum, boasts that more prizes in the Biblical section of the welfare of youth competition have come to his congregation than to all the congregations in Edinburgh Presbytery put together. Old Meldrum has carried off exactly the same number as fell to the whole of the congregations in the great Presbytery of Glasgow, from which 230 competitors went forward.