

was glad they were able to welcome their pastor, and he hoped he would long be spared to them. He suggested the advisability of relieving Mr. Campbell as much as possible during the coming months, until his health was fully restored. Addresses of welcome were read from the Y.P.S.C.E. and S.S. After this part of the programme had been completed, Mr. Campbell replied in a few words, thanking the congregation for the way in which they had shown their interest in him, and for their appreciation of his work. He expressed his pleasure at being able to be with his people again in the enjoyment of a fair measure of health, and he hoped that in accordance with the opinions of his physicians he would be completely restored and able to resume his pastoral duties in a few months. After a bountiful lunch had been served the company disbanded, well pleased with their pleasant evening.

#### Presbytery of Lindsay.

THIS Presbytery met at Cannington, Oct. 16th. Rev. D. Y. Ross, M.A., moderator, constituted the court and presided. Rev. Mr. Duncan, lately of Parry Sound, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Messrs. Louden and Douglass appeared as commissioners from Cambray and Oakwood, and reported that an effort is being put forth to call a minister at an early date if assurance is given of support from the Augmentation Fund. The congregation has been canvassed with the result that Cambray promises to pay \$400, and Oakwood \$200 in support of a settled pastor. Moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Hanna, and agreed that Presbytery make application to the Augmentation Committee for a grant of \$200 for this congregation in the event of speedy settlement. Nominations to Knox College vacancies were deferred to a future meeting. The Home Mission convener was instructed to apportion the sum of \$1,400 expected for that scheme from this Presbytery to the congregation within the bounds. The committee on Young People's Societies was reconstructed as follows:—Rev. W. G. Hanna, convener; D. Y. Ross, G. McKay, secretary; J. C. Gilchrist and Mr. Lowe of Lindsay. Leave was granted Kirkfield to dispose of the manse property and invest proceeds in the new church, but the congregation is strongly urged to procure another manse in place of the one thus disposed of at as early a date as convenient. Rev. D. Millar gave an account of his work at Cobocok and Kinmount. Messrs. McKinnon and D. D. McDonald were appointed to inquire into the working of the stations and report to next meeting. The proposal to change the interval between meetings from two to three months was laid over for future consideration. The scheme for payment of travelling expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly was again remitted to sessions for an early report. The records of Cannington, Greenbank and Sunderland sessions were examined and duly attested. Rev. M. N. Bethune, of Beaverton, stated that owing to poor health, he will not be able to preach for six months. The congregation, however, desire him to continue in his present relations with them, to which he agreed. Thereupon it was moved by W. G. Hanna, duly seconded and cordially agreed that the Presbytery express its deep sympathy with our brother, the Rev. Mr. Bethune, in his feeble health, and pray that our Heavenly Father will, if it be His will, restore him to full health. The Presbytery feel gratified to know the generous proposal of the sessions of Beaverton and Gamebridge to allow Rev. Mr. Bethune to rest for six months and provide pulpit supply in any way he may deem best, and approve the same. The Presbytery recognize the kind and generous action of this congregation in this case and that of Rev. D. C. Johnson, and heartily commend them.—P. A. MacLennan, Clerk.

#### Augmentation Committee of the Synod of Hamilton and London.

THE Augmentation Committee of the Synod of Hamilton and London met in lecture room, St. Andrew's church, London, on Monday, Oct. 14th, at 7 p.m. There were present the representatives of the different Presbyteries of the Synod; also Dr. Warden, the clerk of the Assembly's Committee on Augmentation. Dr. Lyle was

appointed chairman, and J. O. Tolmie secretary of the meeting.

After a statement by Dr. Warden as to the origin of the Committee and the purposes for which it was established, the Committee went carefully over all the requests for grants from the Fund, enquiring into the position of each field; the possibility of re-arrangement so as to make them self-supporting; and whether these congregations, which have been on the Fund for some years, are growing more independent, and if not, wherein the weakness consists. They then made recommendations to the Assembly's Committee on Augmentation, and to the different Presbyteries in accordance with their findings. The committee then examined the extent to which the Fund was supported by the different congregations, when it was resolved to call attention of Presbyteries to the small amount contributed to this Fund, in many cases, in proportion to the amount required from it, and to recommend that some arrangement be made by each Presbytery by which the interests of the Fund might be brought before its several congregations.

Regarding the continued illness of the Rev. Mr. Macdonnell, it was moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Fletcher, that this Committee deeply regret the continued illness of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and earnestly hope that if it be the Divine will he may be speedily restored to health and strength that he may continue to serve the Master, not only in the congregation to which he has so efficiently ministered for so many years, but also in other departments of the work of the Church which have in the past been so highly benefited by his wise counsel and energetic aid.

The Committee then adjourned to meet at the date and place of meeting of the next Synod, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

J. C. TOLMIE,  
Secretary.

#### Young People's Union.

THE quarterly meeting of the Young People's Union, in connection with the Presbyterian church, was held in the St. James Square church, Toronto. The Rev. Mr. Wallace, of the Bloor street church, was in the chair. The meeting was a representative one, and embraced members of all the various societies in affiliation with the Union. The object of the gathering was to enlarge the Union, and to make it a thoroughly Presbyterian organization, as general in construction as the Church itself. At present its membership is confined to the city. A special meeting to further the consolidation of the city and outside societies of the Dominion will take place in the Bloor street church on Nov. 14th. The Rev. Dr. Cavanagh was the first speaker to address the meeting. His remarks were replete with sound advice, and were listened to with much attention. There were two advantages, he said, resulting from Presbyterianism. The first was strong government. He explained by saying that "Presbyterian church government was so simple that it could do any work without applying to any special committee to look after it. The second advantage, in his opinion, was that Presbyterianism secured the liberty of Christian people to a larger degree than that of any other denomination. No person with a grievance, but could get justice, he said. The Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, M.A., Convener of the General Assembly's Standing Committee on Young People's Societies, was the next speaker. He said that the Committee was still in its infancy, having being appointed only last June. It was an outcome of the general movement for organization among the young people, and was welcomed equally by them and by the Church at large. It was a representative committee, embracing members of all Presbyteries and Synods. In reply to a salutatory circular about 600 societies had reported, of which all but ninety were Societies of Christian Endeavor. There were no less than thirty-three different kinds of organizations embraced in the remaining societies. The committee had decided to work through the Presbyteries, and proposed to send out in December to all societies questionnaires for detailed information as to their condition and work. The formation of Presbyterian Societies, with a simple and comprehensive constitution, was recommended, close connection to be maintained with the Presbyteries, and some definite mission work to be undertaken. Some Presbyteries had already moved in the direction

indicated, and the plan had been heartily endorsed by the Presbyterian "rally" at the recent Y.P.S.C.E. Provincial convention. The committee further strongly urged upon all Young People's Societies to adopt some systematic and voluntary method of raising funds, and to give a foremost place to work in connection with their own congregation, and to the support of the great missionary, educational and benevolent Schemes of the Church. The speaker looked for a bright future for young people's organizations as training schools for the youth of the Church, and as aids in her great enterprises. The Church was safe in the hands of her young people, he said, in conclusion, if only those who were older were wise in encouraging and directing them in their endeavors. The Rev. Mr. McTavish spoke in the same strain and pointed out the manifold advantages that Presbyterianism afforded.

#### In Memoriam—Mrs. Alex. Gilray.

DEATH has been busy of late in the homes of the Presbyterian ministers of Toronto. On the 1st day of October there passed away one who will leave a large gap in College street congregation, and the home in Bellevue Avenue desolate indeed.

Mrs. Alex. Gilray was the daughter of Mr. Joseph Gibson, of Deer Park, one of the elders who has been honored with a large share of the public work of our Church. By loving parent, "lent to the Lord" in infancy, and trained for the Master's use all through her early years, she was especially fitted to be the helpmeet of a minister in the Lord's work. In the various departments of the work of the congregation she took her place from the very first. Those which claimed her attention especially were the missionary and benevolent schemes. When the Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary was organized she was chosen as its President, and year after year to the close of her life, the hearts of her sisters in work turned to her to be their leader. That work was ever upon her heart, and it was ever with large-hearted wisdom that she directed the operations of the Society. She ever loved to tell her friends of the many earnest helpers she had in its work. In the general work of benevolence, in the city's relief movement, she bore her share as strength and time allowed, but in the district of which College Street church is a centre there was abundant benevolent work to tax the strength and energy of any one. Her presence will be missed in many a home of sickness and need, and the remembrance of her kindly sympathy and help will be long cherished, and many will rise up to call her memory blessed.

But there is a more sacred centre still than all where her work and influence will be missed. Those privileged to meet Mrs. Gilray in her home, share her cheerful welcome and hospitality, know how large a place she filled in making that home. The world never knows how much the mistress of the manse has to do with her husband's success in his work. Her thoughtful care of little details that would waste his time and fritter away his energies are borne by her, and thus he is left free for his work. In these respects she was a helper indeed. Only those intimate in that home know how the brave spirit bore up under its burden of weakness, and sought to take her share of work when there was no strength of body to do it. How uncomplaining and cheerful she was through it all, thinking even more of the burdens of others, and how she might lift them, than of her own. Such a spirit and such a disposition drew its inspiration and strength from the heavenly fountain, and her last thoughts on earth, when she lifted her eyes to the hills whence came help, and declared that "her help was in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth," was the natural ending on earth to a life of close communion with the Saviour she loved. The sympathies of a very large circle go out to the sorrowing, heart-stricken parents and family, husband and children, and they are commended to "God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."