

The Presbytery adjourned to meet on the first Monday of March, 1897, in the Presbyterian Church, Bridgewater, at 10.30 a.m.  
J. Wm. Crawford,  
Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.**

Met Tuesday, the 8th inst. at Brockville. Mr. Aston was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. The translation of Mr. S. S. Burns of Westport, craved by the Presbytery of Kingston, was granted, the same to take effect on the second Sabbath in January next. Mr. J. J. Wright, of Lyn, was appointed Moderator pro tem. The session records for Athens and Westport were examined and ordered to be attested as well kept. The financial statement of the Clerk showed congregations to be in arrears to the Presbytery Fund to the extent of \$131.49. Messrs. A. D. MacIntyre and S. A. Woods, students of Queen's College were ordered to be certified to the Theological College. Mr. Stuart presented the Home Mission report showing thereby that good work had been done at Morton and associated stations. Mr. McDiarmid reported on augmentation. The following grants were made: Merrickville, \$200; Westport, \$150; Du har, \$175, North Augusta, \$200, Athens, \$200. The Presbytery's convener was instructed to correspond with the Assembly's Convener, with a view to their not reducing the grant to Athens, \$50 from April next as proposed.

Mr. McDiarmid proposed a plan by which congregations might be visited by returned missionaries. The matter was entrusted to the care of Mr. Higgins. No action was taken in regard to a letter received from the Prisoners' Aid Association. Mr. McKnight asked and obtained leave to mortgage the new church at Westport to the extent of \$2,000. A minute regarding the translation of Rev. Chas. J. Cameron was presented by the Clerk and approved by the Presbytery as follows. The Presbytery in parting with the Rev. Chas. J. Cameron, M.A., would place on record a minute expressive of their high appreciation of him as a preacher of the gospel. As a brother he endeared himself to the members of the Presbytery by his kindly and genial disposition. As an eloquent, faithful and fearless preacher, ever ready to raise his voice in advocacy of any measure calculated to advance the Master's work, his removal from the bounds will be felt not only by his co-presbyters and the members and adherents of St. John's Church but by the community in general. The Presbytery parts with him with much regret, but hopes and prays that their loss may, by the blessing of God, be a great gain to the wider field to which he has been called. Mr. Wright and Mr. Cameron, were appointed to prepare a suitable minute, re the translation of Mr. Burns. The holding of missionary meetings was strongly urged and the clerk was instructed to bring the matter before congregations by circular letter. The meeting then adjourned to meet again at Cardinal, on the last Monday in February next at 2 p.m.

George McArthur, B.A.  
Pres. Clerk.

**Correspondence.**

**PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.**

The following circular letter has been sent out by the Chairman of the Board  
Montreal, 15th Dec., 1896.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

As the season is now approaching when many congregations allocate their missionary and benevolent contributions, we will feel greatly obliged if you will kindly present to your people the claims of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, with a view to securing for it a liberal contribution consistent with the claims of other schemes of the Church.

The attendance of Students in the Theological classes in this session the largest in the history of the College.

The sum of \$5 000 is this year required, over and above the interest accruing from the Endowment Fund and the guaranteed salary of two of the Professors. Last year only 160 congregations sent contributions. Were all the congregations of the Church

in Ontario and Quebec to contribute, as the Assembly enjoins, there would be no difficulty in securing the revenue needed. The large debt of \$26,200 on the College building, the interest of which must be met from year to year, is a serious burden on our finances.

Will you kindly give us your valued aid in the matter of interesting your people so as to secure a liberal contribution on behalf of the College, and oblige

Yours faithfully,  
D. Monnick,

Chairman of the Board of Management.

MR. EDITOR.—About the beginning of October I was asked by our Board of French evangelization to leave my missionary work in Montreal, pressing and interesting as it was, to go across the Atlantic to Great Britain and Ireland to collect funds for the building of our new French Presbyterian Church in Montreal. I did my utmost to prevent this break in so important a mission church as St. John's, where the opportunities for soul saving are so great.

It seemed to me wrong to abandon my pulpit and missionary field to walk for weeks and months the streets of London, Glasgow, and other cities in quest of the paltry sum of \$5000, which the trustees of St. John's church require to pay their contractors.

Never in the history of Quebec have the opportunities been so numerous and so grand for soul saving by the proclamation of the simple gospel of salvation through the blood of Christ, than at the present day. A work of disintegration has set in among the French Canadians, fraught with most serious results, not only for individual souls, but for the whole country, and at the strategic point the missionary worker is taken away. He must leave one of the most important citadels of truth, and cross the ocean to secure the arms and ammunition which the Christians of Canada have not yet furnished. I cannot believe that if the Christian people of Canada had known the facts, they would have allowed us to be taken away from the work of preaching the Gospel of Salvation to perishing souls, to make of us financial agents. Our missionary force is small enough, and the peril to lost souls and to the country is too great, to allow of such a waste of time and energy.

I leave London to-morrow for Glasgow. If the responses to our appeals in Scotland and Ireland are not greater than they have been here, it will be months before we can return to our much beloved work.

Christians of Canada, will you remain deaf to the appeals of missionary hearts that are yearning for the needy souls they have left behind them? I cannot believe it.

You will send to Rev. T. J. Taylor, Secretary of the Board of French evangelization, Y. M. C. A. Montreal, the \$5000 we need, that we may be called back speedily to the field of labor from which we have been taken. Calvin E. Amaron, Pastor of St. John's Church, Montreal. London, Eng., Nov. 12th 1896.

**Editor Presbyterian Review:**

Dear Sir.—My friend Mr. Farquharson of the Orangeville Presbytery, with a jealousy for the honor of his Presbytery, which I admire, has written the Church papers complaining, that in the averages given of the contributions of Presbyteries, that Presbytery is misrepresented. The table of averages was carefully prepared by Mr. Henderson of Appin, for the quarterly leaflet, issued by the Home Mission Committee, and has been before the Church for months unchallenged as to its accuracy. I am satisfied that it was correct. Were it not that the letter of Mr. Farquharson, may leave the impression on some minds, that the Orangeville Presbytery has been misrepresented, or that the Treasurer of the Church, has not given credit to them for all their contributions to Home Missions, I should not have troubled you with this communication.

I was under the impression that every minister of our church knows, that neither the Home or Foreign Mission Committees, can report monies not sent direct to these funds. If the Orangeville Presbytery gave \$682, for

Home Missions last year, only \$374, came into the Home Mission funds. I shall be exceedingly glad in next report to give the fullest details, if they are sent me, of the expenditure of the amount, allocated, apart from the regular contributions to the funds. Whether it is wise for small Presbyteries to adopt such a plan, and give such a large amount to Missions, apart from the regular schemes of the church, it is not for me to discuss.

When the Committee of the church make estimates of the sums required for any given year, and enter into engagements with Missionaries, they must depend upon the Presbyteries sending their contributions to the general funds. The appendix from which Mr. Farquharson quotes, gives no correct idea of what the congregations sent direct, to the Home Mission Fund. I am not calling in question the fact, that \$682, as stated, was given for Home Missions, but only \$374, was sent Dr. Warden, which makes the contribution to the Home Mission fund, at the rate of nine cents per member.

Many of the Presbyteries of the church, in addition to large contributions from congregations, report to me every year special Missions in towns and cities, wholly supported by individual congregations, and to this extent relieving the Home Mission Committee. The amounts thus given are reported annually, so far as I can get them, either in detail or in the total amount. Montreal, Toronto, London, Hamilton, and Paris, and other Presbyteries have done so. But these Presbyteries never complain, that the amount thus expended by themselves, are not recognized in the Treasurer's Annual statement. It is impossible they can be, as the monies do not pass through his hands.

We all feel that many of our congregations and Presbyteries, do not give what they might, to the schemes of the church, and that in some cases monies are given to outside objects, that ought to be sent to the denominational funds. If the church has confidence in the men appointed by the General Assembly to administer the funds of its several Committees, it is to them that Mission funds should be sent.

Yours very truly,  
W. M. COCHRANE.

Brantford, December 10th, 1896.

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