

do hereby take this opportunity of expressing our sincere regret at losing a most worthy pastor and teacher, who has laboured amongst us for the past six years, during which time he has faithfully instructed us in the truths of the Holy Scriptures, and has been instrumental in leading many "to see the error of their ways, and to seek the only living and true God." Whilst deeply regretting his loss from amongst us, we sincerely sympathize with him in the cause of his removal from our midst, and do hope and pray that God may bless him in his new home with renewed health and strength, and that he may long be spared to exercise his excellent talents and gifts in the service of the Master in some wider sphere of usefulness, and while we desire every blessing and prosperity for Mr. MacWilliam, we would not forget his estimable wife and family; but would at the same time convey to them kind assurances of the esteem and regard of the people of Mill street church. After the usual weekly prayer meeting last Thursday night, the Rev. A. McNaughton, on behalf of the congregation, in a few appropriate remarks, presented the retiring pastor with a well filled purse. Mr. MacWilliam was completely taken by surprise, but replied in most feeling and kindly terms to this token of esteem and regard on the part of the people with whom he has laboured so harmoniously for the past six years.

In the death of the Rev. John Fraser, M.A., which occurred at his residence, 44 Cathcart street, Montreal, lately the Presbyterian Church in Canada has lost one of her most eloquent and saintly ministers. He was born at Farin, tosh, and was baptized by the famous Doctor McDonald, 'the Apostle of the North,' for whose memory he had great veneration. Mr. Fraser studied in Aberdeen, where he won high repute as a classical scholar, and graduated from King's College there. His tastes were scholarly, and he had a wide acquaintance with English and classical literature. His special subject of study, however, was the Word of God, and it was a rare treat to hear him discourse in private regarding the contents of one of the books of the Bible, especially Paul's epistles. Mr. Fraser came to this country in 1845 as one of the pioneer missionaries of the Free Church. His first charge was Melbourne, Que., from there he passed successively to Cornwall, Ont., and then further west to St. Thomas, Thamesford, Kincardine, and Indian Lands, Glengarry. He was to the last keenly interested in all that appertained to the welfare of the Church in Canada, but all his life long he was especially interested in foreign missions. On the occasion of the recent visit of Dr. J. G. Paton to Montreal, he went to church, feeble as he was and knowing that he could not hear the speaker's voice 'only,' he said, 'to look on the face of that great servant of Christ.' His daughter, Dr. M. Fraser, is a medical missionary of the Presbyterian Church in India. After his retirement from the active duties of the ministry about seven years ago, the reverend gentleman travelled extensively east and west, preaching in vacant charges, and describing the state of spiritual life in different sections of the country. The spiritual life of Mr. Fraser was of a rare and exalted type. His personal love for the Lord Jesus Christ was its distinctive characteristic. It could be truthfully said of him that he 'walked with God.' He was of a retiring, gentle disposition, and his whole life was far removed from the reproach of self-seeking. During the long period of his ministry his lot was not an easy one. He bore the burden and heat of the day, and contributed in no small way to the present prosperity of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. During the past year Mr. Fraser had been in feeble health, and was seized with paralysis in the spring. Hopes were entertained of his recovery until about a week ago, when he departed this life on the early morning of Sabbath, Sept. 24th.—Montreal Witness.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Maitland met at Wingham, Sept. 19th, Moderator Rev. G. McKay in the chair. Mr. McLennan, in terms of petition from Langside congregation, was appointed to supply that congregation with Gospel ordinances. A call to Rev. A. McKay from the congregations of Union Centre and Lochaber, in the Presbytery of Pictou, N. S., was declined by Mr. McKay. The application to the Home Mission Committee for grants to aid-receiving congregations, made last March, were renewed. The Clerk was instructed to certify Mr. E. A. McKenzie, student, to the Senate of Montreal College. The amount required from

this Presbytery for the Assembly Fund is \$100, for Home Missions \$1,200, and for Augmentation Fund \$500. Arrangements for holding missionary meetings in the congregations were left in the hands of Kirk Sessions. The Committee on Conference was instructed to arrange for holding a conference on Christian Life and Work at next meeting, according to standing orders.—John MacNabb, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Knox church, Owen Sound, Sept. 19th, Mr. McAlpine, Moderator. Dr. Fraser reported that he had moderated in a call to a minister in Keady, S.C., and laid on the table the following papers: 1. Call to Mr. James Hamilton; 2. Guarantee of stipend for \$750 and manse; 3. Commissions for representatives to prosecute the call. Dr. Fraser's action was approved, commissioners heard, call sustained and ordered to be put into Mr. Hamilton's hands. The Presbytery agreed to meet October 17th to issue the matter. Committees appointed to visit mission fields reported as follows: 1. Mr. McLean for Lion's Head; 2. Mr. P. McNabb for Indian Peninsula; 3. Mr. McAlpine for Berkeley, etc. The reports were adopted and the Convener instructed to apply for grants due augmented congregations and mission fields. It was agreed to apply for grant of \$2.50 to Caven Station. A committee was appointed to allocate the amounts required for Assembly Fund, Augmentation and Home Mission Funds to congregations. Mr. McLean was appointed for a month to supply Lake Charles. Dr. Waits, as Convener, with the ministers of the town, were appointed to prepare a programme for Monday afternoon and evening preceding the December meeting. Several important items of business were left over for consideration at the adjourned meeting.—John Somerville, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Glengarry met at Lancaster on the 12th Sept. A goodly number of members of Presbytery were present. A notice from the Presbytery of Toronto was read, stating its intention to receive as a minister of the Presbyterian Church, in Canada, the Rev. Edward Aston, of the English Congregational Church, according to the permission of last General Assembly. Communications were read from Dr. Torrance, bearing on supply of vacancies; and from Dr. Reid, stating that the sum of \$85 was allotted to this Presbytery for the Assembly Fund, and urging that the same be duly rated among the congregations of the bounds. The sum of \$16.50 was allotted to this Presbytery for Home Missions, and \$625 for augmentation. It was resolved to put this motion into the hands of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, with instructions to rate them on the same basis with the Presbytery and Synod Fund. Rev. D. McLaren, Convener of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, reported as to rating of the above fund. The report was received and adopted, and the Convener instructed to prepare a tabulated statement of the various sums rated, and to send a copy of same to each minister within the bounds. Rev. J. Hastie, convener of committee appointed at last regular meeting to arrange for missionary meetings to be held within the bounds next autumn, reported having made certain arrangements with Rev. J. H. MacVicar, returned missionary from Honan, subject to approval of the Presbytery, to conduct a series of meetings throughout the Presbytery. The report was received, and the conduct of the Convener approved, and the committee instructed to complete arrangements and notify congregations of details. Rev. A. Givan, Convener of H.M.C., was instructed to secure supply for East Lancaster during the winter through the missionary society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. Mr. Givan also reported, as treasurer authorized to receive funds to make up the deficit in the augmentation grants, that a large part of the amount needed had been received, but that several congregations were still in arrears. Mr. Givan also instructed to correspond with these, and urge them to pay the small amount solicited. Mrs. Fraser, President of the Presbyterial W.F.M.S., appeared and presented the annual report of that society. It was full of encouragement and gratitude. The Presbytery received the report, expressed satisfaction and joy in the comprehensive and very valuable work accomplished by the society, and commended them in their arduous work to God for further usefulness. The deficit in the augmentation grant, past and present, was then taken up. After considerable discussion, it was finally resolved that the Presbytery do not pay the deficit in the augmentation further back than the

current year. One hour in the evening was spent profitably in conference on "the eldership." The Committee on Temperance was instructed to watch with care the interests of temperance within the bounds, in view of the present state of the question.—M. MacLennan, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Winnipeg met, Sept. 12th, at 3 p.m., in Manitoba college. In the absence of the Rev. R. G. MacBeth, the Moderator, the Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland was chosen Moderator pro tempore. A circular was read from Rev. Dr. Reid, of Toronto, calling attention to the needs of the Assembly Fund. On motion, it was agreed to recommend this fund heartily to the liberality of congregations. A petition from certain Presbyterian residents of Point Douglas was read, asking for organization as a congregation. The Rev. Joseph Hogg and Messrs. D. Sinclair, James Stewart and George Lister appeared in support of the application. The petition for organization is signed by 58 members and 63 adherents. It was agreed that the prayer of the petition be granted, the Rev. Joseph Hogg to organize the congregation and act as moderator of session, being assisted in the meantime, until elders can be appointed, by Messrs. Matheson and Dunbar, of the St. Andrew's Church session. Mr. Richmond was appointed to take charge of the mission for six months. Dr. Bryce presented the report of the Home Mission Committee, which included the following items: 1. That the attention of the Presbytery be called to the amount asked for Home Missions and Augmentation. In this connection a discussion arose in regard to the best way of arousing interest in aid of these funds, and after discussion it was agreed that the Presbytery declare in favour of holding presbyterial mission meetings in the congregations within its bounds during the coming winter; and that the question of making arrangements for such meetings be left to the Home Mission Committee. 2. That certain students, named in an appendix to the report, be the supply for the coming six months. 3. That the supply of vacant augmented charges be left to the Home Mission Committee. Mr. A. Dawson presented a petition from people living in the western part of the city, asking for organization as a congregation in connection with the West End mission of Knox Church. The petition was signed by some 37 members, and was supported by Dr. Bryce and Mr. Dawson. Knox Church session has cordially expressed its willingness that the mission should be organized as an independent congregation and have all the privileges pertaining to such. It was agreed that the organization be granted in terms of the petition, and that the Rev. C. W. Gordon, M.A., be appointed as ordained missionary for the year with authority to organize the congregation and to act as moderator of an interim session. Arrangements were made for the induction of the Rev. W. L. H. Rowland, B.A., in Fort William, on the 22nd Sept. The following resolution was presented by Dr. Bryce and unanimously carried: That the Presbytery, having heard of the appointment by the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, on condition of approval by the medical examiner, of Mr. F. H. Russell, B.A., to the mission field of Central India, congratulates the Foreign Mission on the agent chosen; and the Presbytery is of opinion that on account of Mr. Russell having received both his arts and theological education at Manitoba College, and on account of his having been a useful member of Knox Church, the Foreign Mission Committee be earnestly requested to arrange for Mr. Russell's license, ordination and designation in Winnipeg at such time as convenient; and that in case of the request being granted, the clerk be authorized to make all arrangements necessary; Messrs. John Maxwell, T. G. McLeod and F. H. Russell, B.A., asked to have application made on their behalf to the Synod for leave to take them on trials for license. In view of the fact that it is necessary, in one of the cases at least, that action should be taken almost immediately, it was agreed to take these three students on trials for license without waiting for the meeting of the Synod, and to ask the Synod under the circumstances to approve such action. It was agreed further to overture the Synod to give the presbyteries within its bounds leave to make application directly to the General Assembly for permission to take students on trials for license, so that the difficulty may be obviated which has arisen in regard to the licensing of students since the Synod has begun to hold its meetings in the Autumn. Prof. Baird and Dr. Bryce were appointed to support this overture before the Synod. The instruction given at the last meeting to the Committee on Theological Education, in regard to means for increasing interest in the financial necessities of the College, was re-

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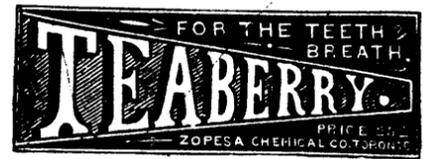
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newed. A letter from the Rev. Dr. DuVal was read withdrawing for reasons given his appeal from the action of the Presbytery at its last meeting. Rev. Dr. Bryce, who had joined with Dr. DuVal in the dissent and appeal also joined with him in withdrawing action.

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