

upon mission work among the Chinese, and on the removal of Mr. John Davidson, through the resignation of his pastoral charge, gave in their reports, and these were received, and the minutes proposed were approved. Mr. J. C. Smith reported that he had formed the persons at Preston, who had applied to be organized, into a station, and handed in a copy of their names, with the sums they promised to pay monthly for supply of preaching. His conduct was approved, the station at Preston was placed among others on the Presbytery's roll, and a provisional session, consisting of Dr. Dickson, Moderator, Messrs. Robert Amos, William Slater and Robert Gibson, was appointed to watch over it in the meantime. Mr. McKim reported that he had preached at Alma and Cummock on the 21st Feb., and declared them vacant in the usual way. A motion was adopted expressive of the Presbytery's deep sense of the loss sustained by the Church below in the death of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, and Dr. Donald Fraser, both of London, Eng., and of Dr. J. Cairns, Principal of the United Presbyterian Theological Hall, Edinburgh. After due consideration it was resolved that an adjourned meeting be held in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, on the 28th inst., at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, for the designation of Mr. Winchester to mission work among the Chinese in British Columbia, Dr. Jackson to preside and preach, Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Q.C., to address the missionary, and, according to the usual practice, to present him with a copy of God's Word, and Mr. Smith to address the congregation. Arrangements were reported as made for the supply of the mission station and vacancy in the bounds. St. Andrews Church, Berlin, is to be declared vacant by Dr. Jackson on the first Sabbath of April, and he has also been appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. Alma and Cummock, Dracon and Metz, Drayton and Preston are to be supplied by students during the summer. A report was read from the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, giving the names of the officers for the current year, a statement of the progress made during the year past, and the contributions received towards the work carried. The Presbytery expressed its gratification at the evidence of progress which the report afforded, and its hope and prayer that even increased measures of success may attend the efforts of the society and kindred organizations. Dr. Dickson and Mr. Chas. Davidson were appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Synod's Committee on Bills and Ordinances. A resolution was read from the congregation of Knox Church, Guelph, stating that at a public meeting held, after due notice, it had been unanimously resolved to increase the minister's salary by \$200 on and after the first day of March of the current year. The Presbytery expressed its gratification at the step taken by the congregation, as the proof of prosperity which it afforded, and at the interest which the members took in the comfortable maintenance of their pastor. Notices were read from the Presbyteries of Montreal, Barrie and Columbia, that they intended to apply to the General Assembly to receive certain ministers, whose names were given, as ministers of this Church. The Clerk, as Convener of a committee consisting of the Conveners of the Committees on Sabbath Schools, State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Observance, reported a programme for conferences on these subjects, and the same was approved and the conferences were held accordingly. That on Sabbath Schools on the afternoon of Tuesday, embracing the report of the Presbytery's committee, read and commented on by Professor Panton, Convener, followed by a discussion for some minutes, and an address by the Rev. Mr. McInnes on "How can the Home help the Sabbath School?" That on the State of Religion in the evening, in the body of the church, in which a pretty large congregation assembled, at which the report of the committee was presented and read by Dr. Dickson, followed by discussion and an address by Mr. Blair on the "Intimate Connection between Family and Social Religion," and by Mr. Winchester on the "Bearing of Religious Family Training on Missions, both Home and Foreign," and those on Temperance and Sabbath Observance, on Wednesday forenoon, the report on the former was read by Mr. Craig, Convener of Committee on the subject, followed by an address by Mr. Norris, on "The Duty of the Church to Foster and Exemplify True Temperance," and the report on the latter by Rev. Mr. Beattie, of Knox Church, Guelph. While the report on Sabbath Observance was under consideration, information was communicated that in October last the Postmaster-General had issued an order that the post-office in Lethbridge should be open for the distribution of mail matter a certain portion of each Lord's Day, and that in the face of the opposition of a large number of the inhabitants, it was resolved that the Moderator and Clerk prepare and sign in the name and behalf of the Presbytery a remonstrance to the Postmaster-General on the subject, and that the co-operation of the Synod and of the General Assembly be sought to get the obnoxious order recalled. The Committee on Resolutions, appointed by the Conferences, submitted resolutions on each of the subjects discussed which were adopted by the Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to forward the reports and a copy of these resolutions to the proper committees of Synod. Next regular meeting was appointed to be held in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of May, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon, and intimation of this having been made, and, likewise of the adjourned meeting in Berlin, on the 28th inst., the Presbytery closed its proceedings with praise and the benediction.

absence for four weeks. Rev. N. Macphie was granted leave to collect funds for repairing and completing the manse at Marsboro. Mr. Robert Brodie was appointed commissioner to the General Assembly in room of Mr. W. F. Bowman, resigned. It was resolved to forward Rev. Alex. Barclay's name to the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers. Mr. Antoine Boy made application to be recommended to the Board of French Evangelization for employment as a teacher, catechist or colporteur. His application, after conference with him, was entertained.—J. R. McLeod, Pres. Clerk

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—This Presbytery met at Qu'Appelle Station on Monday, 21st ult. The following members were present: Mr. A. Robson, Moderator, Messrs. Ferry, Welsh, Campbell and Hamilton, ministers, D. Lamont, missionary, and Harvey and Bersea, elders. Mr. Dayman, elder from Kenlis, was heard in reference to the Kenlis field; it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Home Mission Committee. The resignation of Mr. Ferry was then considered. It was on motion agreed that the resignation be accepted to take effect at the close of this month, that Mr. Mathieson be appointed to preach at Qu'Appelle and Edgeley on the first Sabbath of April and declare the charge vacant, Mr. Robson to act as Moderator of Session during the vacancy. It was agreed that the supply of Qu'Appelle Station be left in the hands of the Home Mission Committee with the request that an ordained missionary, if possible, be appointed as soon as possible for a definite time; it was also agreed that the Clerk be empowered to certify Mr. Ferry whenever the papers may be required. Application was made on behalf of Mr. J. N. Guthrie, who has laboured within the bounds as catechist, that he be allowed to proceed in his course of study for the ministry, with that course shortened by one year, provided the authorities of Manitoba College certify the work so far done in the preparatory classes as satisfactory. It was further agreed on motion, duly seconded, that the Presbytery appoint a committee consisting of the Clerk and the Convener of the Home Mission Committee to draw up an application to the General Assembly on behalf of Mr. Guthrie, provided the College authorities give certification of a satisfactory character in regard to the work of the present session, making request of the Assembly that he be allowed, after taking another session's study in the Art's classes, to proceed to the study of theology. An application on behalf of Huron Presbyterian Church, within the Buffalo Lake field, for aid from the Church and Manse Board was presented. It was unanimously agreed to forward the application to the Board with the favourable recommendation of the Presbytery that a grant of \$175 be bestowed to aid in the erection of a church. Mr. Campbell was appointed Moderator of Grenfell Session in room of Mr. Ferry, resigned. Reports were made of visits to augmented charges. At the evening session numbers of the people of Qu'Appelle were present, and several of the leading reports were presented. Rev. Mr. Fozeland, Methodist Church, was requested to sit with the Presbytery. The reports on Statistics and Finance, Systematic Benevolence and Sabbath Observance were considered and ordered to be transmitted to the proper quarter with the endorsement of Presbytery. Considerable discussion arose in reference to the various phases of the Temperance question, the report being read by Mr. Robson, Convener. The recommendation of the committee was approved, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Campbell, Carmichael and Welsh was appointed to seek the co-operation of all temperance societies and representatives of every religious denomination with the view of beginning a campaign in the license district between Indian Head and Moose-jaw and thereafter have a vote taken to secure prohibition in this district, and that the committee act at once. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Round Lake on the second Wednesday of July next, at 11 a.m.—A. HAMILTON, Pres. Clerk.

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