

Leaflet and Teachers' Preparation Leaflet be used. 3. Special prominence given to bringing children to a decision for Christ and the church. 4. Increased contribution to the work of General Assembly's committee. The report on temperance recommended: 1. That the educational authorities be urged to make scientific instruction on temperance obligatory in all public schools. 2. That attention be called to the reported beneficial results of the gold cure of alcoholism. Mr. Munhead was appointed treasurer vice Mr. Robson. Dr. G. L. McKay, Formosa, was nominated moderator of General Assembly and the commissioners were appointed. Messrs. Whitshire and Graham were received as students for the ministry under the care of the Presbytery, and recommended for work. Remits from Assembly were considered and approved. Mr. Skene, of Fife Hills school, addressed the Presbytery on his work among the Indians. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Regina on the second Wednesday of July.—W. L. CLAY, Clerk.

Presbytery of Peterborough.

Met on the 20th ult., and J. K. Smith was chosen moderator for six months. Presbytery declined to allow the vacant congregation of Mount Pleasant, Onemee and Lakevale to employ a student for the summer months. Mr. Brown, of Havelock, was translated to Tempo and South Delaware, Presbytery of London. The resignation of Mr. Burnett was accepted to allow of a reconstruction of stations. Mr. Bloodworth tendered the resignation of Millbrook and Garden Hill, resignation to be considered at an adjourned meeting to be held in Port Hope, Mill St., on 17th April, at 9 o'clock. Reports were read and considered on the state of religion, Sabbath schools, temperance, systematic beneficence and statistics. Next ordinary meeting to be held in St. Andrew's church, Peterborough, on first Tuesday in July at 9 o'clock. Dr. McKay, Formosa, was nominated as Moderator of Assembly. The following were appointed as delegates to the Assembly:—Messrs. Duncan, Sutherland, White, Ross, Carmichael, Hay, McEwen, ministers, and Messrs. MacNaughtan, Cobourg; MacLam, Brighton; Clark, Campbellford; Tulley, Peterboro; Martin, Garden Hill; Matheson, Havelock; Benson, Ballyduff, elders. The clerk was authorized to fill vacancies as they may occur. The Rev. D. A. Thompson obtained leave of absence for three months. The clerk was instructed to correspond with congregations in arrears to the Assembly Fund.

Presbytery of Toronto.

THE Presbytery of Toronto held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the Rev. D. B. Macdonald, moderator, presiding. The following students were recommended for work in the Home Mission Field during the coming summer: Messrs. Marlow Shaw, Frank S. Wrinch, James Barber and W. J. Macdonald. Mr. Macmahon was advised by the committee not to enter the field this year. The following resolution of sympathy was endorsed by a standing vote of the Presbytery: "We desire to express our sympathy with our co-presbyter, Mr. J. G. Stuart, in his sore bereavement. God, who is infinite in power, wisdom and love, has removed from among us and taken to Himself, our dear brother's partner in life, who shared with him his labours, joys and sorrows. She has left behind her in the home, in the congregation, and among friends the sweet aroma of a pure, humble, self-denying, consecrated life. May God minister unto him and their children the comforts of His grace, enabling them to rejoice even in tribulation." In presenting a report of the conference of a committee appointed by Presbytery with the congregation at Fisherville, after detailing the work done, the report concluded: "Your committee believe that, while failing to have all the trouble removed, good will result from this visit, and we have reason to believe the work will now go on in peace and harmony." The following deliverance on the remit on the enlargement of Synodical powers was

adopted by the Presbytery: "That this Presbytery approve of the enlargement of the powers of Synod to the extent of issuing all complaints and appeals not involving doctrine or polity." In this connection Mr. Frizzell gave notice that he would, at the next meeting, ask Presbytery to overture the General Assembly in the direction indicated by this deliverance. The discussion on the overture went the distribution of the augmentation funds was deferred till next meeting of Presbytery. It was agreed to express approval of the following recommendation sent down from the General Assembly to Presbyteries in reference to the representation of mission stations: "That a change be made in the law of the Church by allowing representation to mission stations in which are organized sessions, whether the station be a single one or consist of a group." The following nominations were received from sessions entitled to elect commissioners to General Assembly: Alex. Low, Archibald Cameron, Archibald Heron, Joseph Barber, Joseph Gibson and John Aitken. The nominations were confirmed. Messrs. A. B. Davidson, Wm. Carlyle, Rev. J. Fraser and Rev. W. Amos wrote stating their inability to fill their commissions, and Messrs. James Turnbull, Joseph Stephens, Rev. Wm. Burns and Rev. J. C. Tibb were chosen to fill their places. Mr. Henry Graham was appointed on behalf of the session of Fairbanks and Fisherville. Mr. Turnbull presented a report on behalf of the committee appointed at last meeting of Presbytery to frame an answer to a request that Presbytery would interpret certain sections in the Book of Forms. The sections referred are 25, 30, 35 and 39. It was agreed to make application on behalf of Rev. G. E. Freeman that he be put on the list of Aged and Infirm Ministers and receive aid from the fund. Over the report on temperance, presented by Rev. J. R. Johnston, considerable discussion arose. One session reported that the Roman Catholic Church and Episcopalian Church in its neighbourhood were not active in the cause of temperance. The Presbytery declined to commit itself to a statement that might seem invidious, and the clause, although only the opinion of one session, was deleted. On the unanimous request of the Eglinton session, Mr. Ball was continued in charge of that field for the remainder of this year. The call to Mr. McKay, of Queensville, to Sunderland and Vromanton, in the Presbytery of Lindsay, was considered, and on Mr. McKay's statement that he desired to accept the call, he was released from his present charge, to take effect on and after the 16th of April. Mr. Bell was appointed moderator during the vacancy. It was agreed to take up the discussion of the overture on augmentation at the next meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery expressed its approval of the act now in force as an interim act in reference to the representation of mission stations, in which there is an organized session, in the courts of the Church. The following gentlemen have finished the prescribed course of study in Knox College and were examined by a committee and recommended as satisfactory, and application will be made by this Presbytery for leave to take them on public probationary trials for license: Messrs. C. T. Tough, G. F. Craw, Wm. Cooper, R. Driunan, J. A. Mustard, A. J. Mann, C. H. Lowry, A. F. Webster, E. O. Eshoo, G. A. Wilson, R. G. Murison, S. Lawrence, J. A. McConnell, Wm. Johnston, T. A. Watson. The following resolution of sympathy was adopted by a standing vote of Presbytery: "The Presbytery desires to put on record its deep sympathy with our co-presbyter, the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, in the loss sustained by the death of his wife. Mrs. Macdonnell was well known throughout the Church as a woman possessing, in a remarkable degree, those qualities requisite to discharge with efficiency the duties devolving upon a minister's wife. Her loss will be most deeply felt by those who knew her best. We commend the bereaved husband and family to the God of all grace, who alone can soothe them in their very great sorrow and dry their tears in the light of His own everlasting love."—R. C. Tinn, Clerk.

Presbytery of St. John.

THE Presbytery of St. John, N.B., met on March 20th. The congregations of Hampton, Rothsay, etc. have called Rev. Donald Fraser of Kennetcook, Hunt Co. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, was nominated for moderator of the General Assembly. Rev. James Ross was relieved from the charge of Woodstock in order to devote himself to the missions of the Presbytery. His new work began April 1st. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed. The ministers and elders in St. John were appointed to make provision for the Assembly. Kinross and Kinross congregation have called Rev. P. C. Pringle, now at Pisano. Reports were received for the General Assembly, on the state of religion, Sabbath Schools, etc. Some of these were quite fresh and lively.

Presbytery of Inverness

Met at Whycomagh on the 20th March. All the members were present. After devotional service, the Presbytery proceeded to the visitation of the congregation. Matters were found to be in as healthy a condition perhaps as could be expected so long as they are without a pastor. They are still in arrears to their late pastor over \$200. They gave for the S-homes of the Church about \$133; and for the new church about \$2000 were paid; total paid in 1893, for all purposes, \$2755. A call from Strathlone to Rev. D. McDonald, late of Hastings, was sustained. Mr. McDonald being present, the call was placed in his hands, and after making a few appropriate remarks, signified his acceptance of it. His induction was fixed for the 4th April at 11 a.m., Mr. Grant to preach and to preside. Mr. Bayne to address the minister; and Mr. Grant to address the people. The Presbytery agreed to transmit *simpliciter* a paper on hymnology to the Hymnal Committee by H. Percy Blanchard, Esq., Baldeck. Revs. E. S. Bayne and A. McMillan, ministers; Wm. Morrison and Hon. D. McCurdy, elders, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, Lewis McKeen, elder, alternate.—D. McDougall, Clerk.

Presbytery of Truro.

THE Presbytery of Truro met on Tuesday, the 20th ult., in Truro. There was a large attendance of ministers and ruling elders. Revs. James Sinclair and Scott Whittier being present were invited to sit on as corresponding members. It was agreed to ask the Augmentation Committee to grant the congregation of Maccan and River Herbert the sum of \$250 for the current year. The greater part of the day was devoted to the consideration of the call from Summerside, P. E. Island, to Rev. E. M. Dill, of Parrsboro. Rev. James Sinclair represented the congregation of Summerside, and the writer the Presbytery of P. E. Island. Messrs. Fullerton and Cameron, commissioners from Parrsboro, expressed the warm attachment of the congregation to Mr. Dill, and their earnest desire that he should remain with them as their pastor. Mr. Dill spoke with much feeling of the six happy years which he spent with the congregation, and finally came to the conclusion that it was his duty to accept the call from Summerside. Arrangements were accordingly made to declare the congregation of Parrsboro vacant on the first Sabbath of April. Rev. James McLean was appointed interim moderator of session. Rev. W. McNicol was appointed moderator *pro tem.* of the congregation of Onslow during the absence of Mr. Chase. A committee consisting of Messrs. Cumming, McGillivray and Fraser was appointed to consider the remit of Assembly in regard to the relation of colleges to the Church. A similar committee, consisting of Messrs. Robbins and Geggie, ministers, and Messrs. Miller, Ervin and McLeod, ruling elders, was appointed to consider the remit on enlarged powers of Synods. Dr. McKay, of the Formosa Mission, was nominated for Moderator of Assembly. Mr. Geggie was appointed to preside at a meeting to be held at Harmony for the election of elders. At the next meeting of Presbytery which is appointed to be held on Tuesday, the 5th of May, at Acadia Mines, there will be a conference in the evening on Sabbath Observance.