

INDUCTION.—The Presbytery of Owen Sound met on the 20th March at Annan, for the induction of the Rev. William Forrest, late of East Tilbury, to be pastor of the united congregations of Annan and Leith. The Rev. R. Dewar, late pastor, was appointed to preside. Mr. A. McKenzie, Kilsyth, preached an excellent sermon from Romans xv. 3. Mr. Somerville, Owen Sound, related the steps taken in connection with the call extended to Mr. Forrest. After the questions of the formula were put by Mr. Dewar to Mr. Forrest and answered satisfactorily, the right hand of fellowship was given to the newly inducted minister, then Mr. McDiarmid addressed the minister in suitable terms bearing upon his own personal and pastoral duties. Mr. Stevenson addressed the congregation relative to their duties towards their pastor. Mr. Dewar accompanied Mr. Forrest to the door to afford an opportunity to the public as they were retiring to give a hearty shake-hands to their pastor. The congregation adjourned to the Drill Shed where there was a sumptuous repast provided for the members of Presbytery and congregation to give a cordial welcome to Mr. Forrest. Mr. Dewar occupied the chair, and addressed a large and interesting meeting, taking for his subject "Ministerial Culture." Mr. J. Telford conducted the singing with efficiency. Mr. McDiarmid, in his address, recommended most cordially the pastor, being acquainted with him intimately for twenty-seven years, and assured them of the many excellent qualities which he possessed as a Christian man, preacher, and pastor. Messrs. Stevenson, Wilson, and Somerville, each of them gave excellent addresses appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Forrest was called on last, and gave a most excellent address setting forth the solemn responsibility connected with the sacred office of the ministry, and requesting their earnest prayers that his labors might be blessed among them. Before the meeting was brought to a close, it was decided that a similar social gathering with the youth of the congregation be held the following evening. Accordingly, a large and intensely interesting meeting met, presided over by Mr. Dewar. Mr. Forrest addressed the young people, taking for his subject "Habit," urging them to avoid and to beware of contracting bad habits, and the necessity of forming correct and good habits, which was ably handled. Messrs. Armstrong and Harkness, senior elders of both sections of the congregation, now happily united, by the remarks made indicated a most hearty welcome to their pastor, to which there was a hearty response by the whole congregation. Mr. M. Sutherland made a few chosen remarks which added greatly to the enjoyment of the people. Mr. McDiarmid closed with a short speech in which he referred in complimentary terms to both Mrs. Dewar, the wife of the retired pastor, and Mrs. Forrest, wife of the pastor-elect, ladies who deserved to be held in high respect by the congregation. It was the general feeling that both the induction services and the socials of the old and young people were regarded as the most agreeable of the kind that the Lake shore people ever enjoyed. Long may their minister be spared to them, and long may the people enjoy his ministrations; and may the fruit of all be unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.—COM.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—The Presbytery of Chatham met on the 19th March. The Rev. John Gray, Windsor, was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months. A numerous signed petition was presented by the congregation of Wallaceburgh, praying that Mr. W. P. H. Fishburn might be appointed to supply their pulpit for the next six months. The prayer of the petition was granted. The people of Leamington asked and received leave to borrow money to aid them to pay for the erection of their church. The Rev. William Forrest declined the Call to Dover and Oliver section. Rev. J. R. Battisby reported that elders and deacons had been elected and ordained, in Knox Church, Chatham Township, and that the ordinance of the Lord's Supper had been dispensed there. It was agreed to petition the General Assembly for leave to superintend the studies of Mr. J. Cairns, Catechist, with a view to license him. An application from the Rev. Mr. Breeze, Congregationalist minister, Wisconsin, U. S., to be received into the church, was declined. The following were appointed to represent the Presbytery at the General Assembly. Revs. Messrs. Waddell, McCall (by rotation), Battisby and King (by Ballot); and Messrs. Bartlett, Coltart, Webster, and McVicar. Mr. Walker

was appointed Moderator of the Session of Dover and Oliver section, in the room of Mr. Currie, who resigned. The Presbytery declared itself favourable to retaining the names of retired ministers on Presbytery Rolls. Liberty was given to Mr. Cairns to open a preaching station on the Townline of Chatham and Camden.—W. WALKER, *Presbytery Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Court met in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 9th inst. Seventeen ministers and ten elders, together with a large number of corresponding members, were present. A petition from persons in and about St. Mary's, supported by Messrs. M. Laughton and Alex. Smith, was read. It was agreed to cite them and the congregation of St. Mary's to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting, to take place at St. Mary's on the 7th prox. at 10.30 a.m. The committee appointed to visit North Mornington and Milverton reported that these congregations preferred in the meantime to remain united. Presbytery agreed to record their regret at this action and let the matter drop at present. The evangelistic work committee presented a report which was received and adopted. Circulars are to be issued inviting co-operation, and offering aid when desired. The Committee consists of Messrs. Boyd, Hamilton, Mitchell, James Thorn, and Mr. P. M. McLeod, Convener. The report of the Sabbath School Committee was also received and adopted. Circulars are to be issued with a view to getting information and preparing the way for the visitation of the Schools by suitable persons presbyterially appointed. Mr. Mitchell represented that he had been appointed by Knox College Board to endeavour to secure the prosecution of the canvass for the indebtedness of the ordinary fund of the College, and a Committee was appointed for this end. On motion of Mr. Hall, it was agreed to record the opinion of Presbytery that the time had fully come for taking steps to bring the expenditure within the income, and with a view to this end to recommend to the Board to propose some plan of retrenchment, by the abolition of lectureships, or in any other way that may seem to them fit. Mr. Cameron withdrew his protest against Presbytery's decision anent his services at New Hamburg, and Mr. McLeod gave notice that at next ordinary meeting he would move the re-consideration of the matters of his services at both New Hamburg and Shakespeare. It was agreed to nominate Dr. Cochrane Moderator of next General Assembly. An interesting report on the state of religion was read by Mr. Boyd, and it was agreed to hold a conference on the state of religion at next July meeting, making the report a basis of discussion. Mr. Gordon of Harrington obtained leave of absence from his charge for five or six months, on account of his health. It was stated that by a mistake a minister and an elder too many had been appointed Commissioners to General Assembly. Mr. Scott desired to withdraw from his appointment, and was permitted to do so; and it was agreed to ascertain before next meeting whether all the elders appointed desired to attend Assembly, and thereafter take necessary action. The Assembly's remit on the questions for office-bearers was agreed to with the following addition:—Are you persuaded that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, has therein appointed a government distinct from, and not subordinate to, the government of the civil magistrate; and that the civil magistrate does not possess jurisdiction or authoritative control over the regulation of the affairs of Christ's Church? Presbytery adjourned to meet for ordinary business in Widder-street Church, St. Mary's, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., on the 7th May next.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Court met in Knox Church, Paisley, on the 26th ult. Mr. Cameron, Moderator. The committee appointed to wait on the congregation of Pine River anent Mr. Graham's retirement, reported that the congregation owing to the fewness of its members and the fact that it is receiving aid from the Home Mission Fund, would not promise a retiring allowance to Mr. Graham, but it would not offer any objection to his resignation being accepted (owing to his age and the feeble state of his health). On motion of Mr. Anderson the report was received, the committee thanked, and Mr. Graham's application for retirement from the active duties of the ministry recommended to the General Assembly. The Rev. A. Dawson being present was asked to sit and correspond. There was read a letter from Rev. H. McKay, missionary on Manitoulin, asking that two other mission-

aries be sent to labor in that field, and expressing a wish that Mr. Builder be one of them inasmuch as his labors were very much appreciated in that section of the island where he labored last summer. The Presbytery instructed the clerk to correspond with the convener of the Home Mission Committee, and to state that they are desirous to employ Mr. Builder to labor in Manitoulin, providing the Home Mission Committee will make provision for the payment of his salary. The report of the committee on the State of Religion was read and received, and Dr. Bell and the Moderator were appointed to prepare a digest of it for the Synod. In accordance with the requirements of the General Assembly the members of Court were interrogated as to whether their congregations had contributed to the Home Mission Fund, and all present answered in the affirmative. The Remits of General Assembly were considered. The remit anent the proposed regulations of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund was adopted with the following amendment: (section 4) "That this arrangement so far as it bears upon those ministers of the Church not at present connected with the fund be limited to two years, after which the rates should be raised." The remit anent a mission agent was considered, when it was decided that we do not approve of the appointment of a mission agent in the meantime. The Presbytery agreed to recommend that there be but one fund for the colleges. It was resolved to recommend that the names of aged and retired ministers be not retained on the roll, but that the names of ordained missionaries should be placed on the roll. The questions and formula were approved of as they stand. The matter of appointing missionary associations in the several congregations of the bounds was considered, when on motion of Dr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Jno. Anderson, it was resolved; "That in order to promote a systematic manner of contributing to the support of the missionary and benevolent work of the Church, and in accordance with the injunctions of the General Assembly, the Presbytery enjoin all Sessions within their bounds to take such steps as in the circumstances of each congregation may be effectual by employing existing organizations of the Sessions, Deacons' Courts, Board of Managers, Ladies' Associations or otherwise, or by the formation of Congregational Missionary Associations to call forth the liberality of the people. And further, the Presbytery recommend all ministers to instruct their congregations on the duty of systematically devoting a just portion of their income to the Lord, and carefully distributing such portion among the several departments of work in proportion to the relative requirements of each." It was agreed to send the foregoing resolution, accompanied by a short letter from the Moderator, down to all the congregations of the Presbytery. The remit on Ecclesiastical Procedure was considered and amendments noted. Owing to the absence of Mr. Tolmie and representatives from the congregation of Southampton and West Arran, the matter of his resignation was postponed until the next ordinary meeting. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, on the last Tuesday of June next, at two o'clock, p.m.—A. G. FORBES, *Pres. Clerk*.

RESPECTING the Sabbath School Normal class recently conducted at Newmarket by Mr. Crozier of this city, the Aurora "Banner" says: "It was a splendid success, although not so many were present as was expected. The thoroughness of the drill, the patience of the leader, and the enthusiasm he infused into the class caused the facts, statements, and figures of those splendid lessons to be impressed on the memory of each member of the class to a degree that surpassed the most sanguine hopes of any. The height of appreciation of the abilities of Mr. Crozier in the work could not be told, and as this is his first attempt, the extent of his usefulness in this direction is unlimited. The lessons are such as must elevate the mind, and the Bible sections, particularly, should be known by all."

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