

Home Missions, J. Stuart; Sabbath Observance, D. G. S. Connery; Examination of Students, W. A. Mackenzie; Remits, J. J. Wright, State of Religion, John F. Macfarland; Sabbath Schools, H. Cameron; Statistics, G. MacArthur, Systematic Benevolence, Robt. Toye; Temperance John McCulloch. Messrs. W. A. Mackenzie and Andrew Carmichael will represent the the Presbytery on Synod's Committee on bills and overtures. Mention was made of the loss sustained by the church in the death of Mr. James Thompson of Cardinal, and deep sympathy was expressed for the bereaved family. The report on the State of Religion and Sabbath schools were received and its recommendation adopted. Mr. Fleck was on motion of the clerk nominated moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and Prof. D. M. Gordon of the General Assembly. The following are the commissioners to the General Assembly: G. MacArthur, D. G. S. Connery, Donald Stewart, S. S. Burns and H. McDiarmid, ministers; John McCaughey, John M. Gill, Andrew Carmichael, Hugh Montgomery and Wm. Reid, elders. Mr. Astons manse scheme, subscription list was examined and found to represent a total sum of \$785. He was instructed to hand the money on hand over to a building committee. A committee was appointed to arrange for a conference at the next regular meeting at Spencerville on the 2nd Tuesday in July.—G. MACARTHUR, CLERK

Presbytery of Chatham.

CHATHAM Presbytery met in Zion church, Ridgetown, on the 11th of March. The evening was spent in a conference on the State of Religion, and adjournment was made till 10 a.m. on the following morning. When Mr. Davidson was elected moderator for the ensuing six months. Dr. Battisby presented the report of the Home Mission Committee, and it was agreed to continue Mr. Greathead as supply for Dawn, etc. Mr. Larkin reported from Buxton, and it was agreed that the supply of the field be left in the hands of Dr. Battisby and Mr. Larkin. Messrs. Becket, Dr. Battisby, A. Currie and R. McDonald were appointed to prepare a minute regarding the late Mr. King, of which the following is a copy: "Resolved, that this Presbytery, at this its first meeting after the death of Rev. Wm. King, one of its oldest members, would hereby express the sense of loss that we, the members of the Presbytery, feel we have sustained in the demise of our late brother and father. We feel that in our departed co-presbyter we have lost a person of more than ordinary ability, and one who both as a man and a minister of the Gospel consecrated his gifts for the glory of God in advocating the cause of the oppressed in the dark days of American slavery. He has left behind him a name worthy of an honored place on the world's roll of heroes. His was a life of sacrifice having given of his means and energies in no stinted measure for the temporal and spiritual welfare of those whose cause he had espoused, with almost unbounded enthusiasm. While we miss the sight of his venerable form, the sound of his eloquent voice, and the benefit of his counsels in our church courts, we are cheered by the thought that our loss is his gain and that having finished the work given him to do, he is now entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God." Committees were appointed to examine the session records of Windsor, Amherstburg and Tilbury Centre, and at a later stage reported that they had found the minutes carefully and correctly kept and they were ordered to be attested accordingly. Mr. Nattress offered, in view of the financial straits of Colchester mission and of the needs of the Home Mission Committee to undertake the supply of the field for the summer months, which offer was thankfully received, and the field handed over to his care. It was agreed to hand over the proceeds of the sale of the Belle River church to the care of Messrs. Tolmie and Bartlet, to be expended for the erection of

a manse at Price. It was agreed to certify Mr. G. Kendal to the Senate of Knox College, and to recommend Mr. S. C. Greathead to the Assembly through the same for a modified course in Knox College. Messrs. McKerral and Gimmel were re-appointed auditors of the treasurer's books. Messrs. Tolmie and Sutherland were elected members of the Synod's committee on bills and overtures. The annual report of the Presbyterial branch of the W.F.M.S. was read, and the thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the ladies for their generous aid. Mr. Gilchrist reported moderating in a call at Leamington, which resulted in favor of Mr. J. Hodges, B.A., of Tilbury Centre. The call was unanimous, and a stipend of \$900 per annum was promised. After hearing the commissioners the call was sustained and it was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the 26th inst., to dispose of the same. The following were appointed commissioners to General Assembly: Drs. Jamieson and Battisby, and Messrs. Colter, Larkin, McLaren and Nattress, ministers, and Messrs. R. McDonald, J. McDonald, Haggart, Gladstone, Stewart and McLean, elders. Reports of standing committees were read, received and accepted as follows: Sabbath Schools, Mr. McKay; Systematic Benevolence, Mr. Nattress; Sabbath Observance, Mr. Hodges; Hymnal, Mr. Larkin. State of Religion, Mr. Hunter. It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor. It was also agreed to ask \$250 per annum from the Augmentation Committee for Blytheswood, etc. The Assembly's remits were then considered, with findings as follows: 1st, re one year's probation in the mission field for graduating students and ministers received from other Churches, proposal endorsed; 2nd, Jewish committee, proposal not endorsed; 3rd, Aged and infirm ministers' fund, proposal endorsed; 4th, Amalgamation of certain committees, proposal endorsed. Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's church, Chatham, on Tuesday 26th inst., at 1.30 p.m.—W. M. FLEMING, Clerk.

Obituary.

Mr. Adam Spears, an elder in the congregation at Toronto Junction, died on March 11th in his 80th year. Mr. Spears was born in Edinburgh and came to this country when a lad of nineteen. His parents settled on a farm in the Township of Whitby, where the Rev. Dr. Thornton was their minister. For several years Mr. Spears, though a young man, was an elder and precentor in the congregation. After a time he removed with his family to Caistorville in the county of Wentworth, where he resided until his removal to Toronto Junction three years ago. For over forty years he was an elder in the congregation at Abingdon, in the Hamilton Presbytery, where his services were so highly appreciated that the people presented him with a valuable watch. He was for many years president of the Bible Society in that district, and was ever interested in the promotion of any good cause in the community. Soon after his connection with Toronto Junction congregation he was elected an elder, and during this year he represented the session in Toronto Presbytery, which he attended at its last meeting on Feb. 26th. For over fifty years he was an active and devoted elder in the Church. He realized the sacredness and responsibility of the office, and faithfully discharged its duties. He loved the Church of his fathers, gave liberally of his means to support it, was most regular in his attendance and ever ready to assist at the services. He was an affectionate husband, a kind parent, an excellent neighbor and a most faithful friend. The congregation and community will miss him, for he was a good man. He leaves a widow and a grown up family of four sons and two daughters to mourn his departure. But they sorrow not even as others which have no hope, for "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Cox.

On Friday, March 8th, the Rev. D. I. Mackenzie, of Mattawa, district of Nipissing, passed away to his rest, after a short illness of only one week. Mr. Mackenzie was born at Cheltenham, Ont., on May 31st, 1842, and educated at Brampton grammar school and Knox College. He was ordained to the ministry in the year 1875, and had just about completed his twentieth year of faithful service as a preacher of the Gospel. The first seven years of this time were spent at Bothwell. Then he removed to Mattawa in 1882 where he labored until his death. There he attended to three stations, Mattawa, Eau Claire, and Klock's Mills, conducting service three times each Sabbath, besides visiting frequently the lumber camps in the vicinity. The work was heavy and no doubt told upon him so that he had not the strength to withstand a severe chill while visiting among his people in the country. Everywhere and by everybody this servant of Christ was welcomed and beloved. He will be long remembered for his unassuming ways and many kindly words and deeds. The people among whom he labored for thirteen years, will cherish his memory as a faithful pastor and minister of the Gospel, a devoted husband and father, and a true friend of his fellow-men. The universal esteem in which he was held was attested by the presence at the funeral of representatives of all churches. The funeral took place on Monday, the 11th inst. Revs. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew; Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, and Logie, of Chalk River, represented the Presbytery of Renfrew. There were present also Revs. Jourdan, Methodist; Archdeacon Daykin, Episcopalian, and Father Gendreau, Roman Catholic, from the town, and Rev. J. McMillan, from North Bay. Services were conducted at the manse and in the church, which were participated in by all the Protestant ministers present. An able and timely discourse was preached by Rev. Dr. Bayne from Heb. ix. 9. The utmost sympathy is felt for the bereaved family, especially for Mrs. Mackenzie, who within six months has been called upon to suffer the loss of a dear child and husband. When he was stricken with illness Mr. Mackenzie was engaged upon a discourse upon the text John ix. 4—"I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work," and the fact that he left this discourse half finished forms a striking commentary on the latter clause of the text. The night came upon him while at work. His earthly labours are done. But he has passed to the realms where there is no night, for his God is the Light thereof.—Cox.

Presbytery of Picton.

THERE was a large attendance at the meeting of the Picton Presbytery. Dr. Grant, Trinidad J. P. MacPhie, and J. M. Fisher were present as corresponding members. Attention having been called to the death of Rev. Mr. McCunn, a resolution of condolence was on motion by Mr. Bowman, duly seconded, unanimously carried. Rev. Mr. Bowman was appointed interim moderator of the session of St. George's, River John. A call from West River and Green Hill, in favor of Mr. J. R. Coffin was sustained. In view of the fact that July 11th next will be the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Presbytery of Picton, it was agreed to appoint a committee to consider what steps should be taken for the due celebration of the event, and to report at next meeting, the committee to consist of Dr. Patterson, convener, Messrs. A. Macleod and A. Falconer, ministers; and J. D. Macgregor and Daniel Macdonald, elders. The following were appointed commissioners to General Assembly:—ministers, Messrs. G. S. Carson, A. Campbell, H. R. Grant, A. Falconer, D. Henderson, and A. Morash; elders, J. D. Macgregor, J. Stewart, Thomas Cantley, John Forbes, John Weir and William McKenzie. Professor Gordon was nominated for Moderator of General Assembly. The report of the Hymnal Committee was presented by Mr. Robertson. This report was received and its recommendations adopted. Mr. Carruthers made a statement of the necessities of the burying fund and Presbytery