

derly interest in and affection for his people. At the same time he was led to the conclusion that the line of duty for him was to accept the call, subject to the approval of Presbytery. The Presbytery on motion agreed to the translation of Mr. Rose from his present charge of Ashfield to that of Malagawatch and River Dennis, Cape Breton, and placed on record its high appreciation of the character of Mr. Rose as a Christian and minister. The pulpit of Ashfield church will be declared vacant whenever Mr. Rose is inducted into the pastorate of Malagawatch, etc. He is instructed to wait the orders of the Presbytery of Inverness. Leave was given to Mr. A. MacKay to moderate in a call to North Kinross, Riversdale and Fanniskillen.—John MacNabb, Clerk.

Presbytery of Stratford.

Stratford Presbytery, held its regular meeting in Knox Church, Stratford, on July 14th. Mr. McLachlin, of Harrington, moderator, presiding. After some routine business Mr. M. L. Leitch, of Knox church, Stratford, was elected moderator for the next six months. Mr. Henderson's resignation of the pastoral charge of Atwood, and Monkton was accepted, the pastoral tie to be dissolved on Aug. 16th prox., and the charge declared vacant by Mr. W. Cooper, of Listowel, on the following Sabbath, Mr. Cooper to be moderator of the vacancy. The following resolution was unanimously adopted anent Mr. Henderson's removal from the Presbytery:—This Presbytery in accepting Mr. Henderson's resignation cannot do so without placing on record its very high estimate of him as a man and a minister of the gospel. We desire to take special notice of the grand work accomplished by him in Atwood and Monkton in building up one of the largest congregations in the Presbytery, and also that he has been very successful in his work among the young. We have found him in the Presbytery a most efficient member, and always ready to do whatever the Presbytery might require of him. Our best wishes go with him into whatever field of usefulness God may open up for him, and we trust in God's good Providence that his special gifts may soon find a proper sphere for their exercise. Commissioners to Assembly reported their diligence. Mr. A. Stewart, student, delivered a sermon on Rom. 1:16, and was duly certified to college. Mr. T. A. Bell, B.A., was examined for licensure in all the prescribed subjects. His examination was sustained as satisfactory, and he was licensed to preach the gospel. Presbytery will hold its next regular meeting in Knox Church, Stratford, on Tuesday, Sept. 8th, at 10.30 a.m.—Andrew Henderson, Clerk, pro tem.

Presbytery of Chatham.

Chatham Presbytery met in First Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, July 14th, at 10 a. m. The minutes were read and sustained. Mr. W. Galloway, lately minister at Hillsdale, presented his certificate of ministerial standing from Barrie Presbytery. On motion the certificate was received and it was ordered that his name be added to the appendix of the Roll of Presbytery. It was moved by Dr. Battisby, seconded by Mr. Fleming, and agreed that Presbytery deeply regrets that, in advertising for an ordained missionary for Price field, the sanction of the Assembly's H. M. Com. was not first obtained, and would assure the committee that the action of Presbytery in the above matter was purely an oversight "that will not be repeated." And further, that Presbytery asks that the grant of \$100 be given to Price for the next six months, ending March 31st, 1897. Dr. Battisby reported that he had organized the new mission at Morpeth dispensing the sacraments and making up a communion roll. Mr. McLaren was appointed moderator of the field with Mr. McLean, Mr. D. Haggart and Rev. Mr. Stevenson as assessors. A minute re the late Mr. Waddell was presented, received and adopted. The Clerk was appointed a committee on students' exercises. A motion congratulating Dr. McColl on his receiving the degree of D.D. from Queen's College was adopted. Dr. Bat-

tisky and Mr. Mustard, Commissioners to General Assembly, reported re their diligence there. It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting of Presbytery in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the 8th of Sept., at 10 a.m. Closed with the Benediction.—W. M. Fleming, Clerk.

Presbytery of Brandon.

The Presbytery of Brandon, met in Brandon on Tuesday, July 14th, at 10 a.m. Members present.—Messrs. Carswell, Beattie, Moore, Chesnut, McDiarmid, and Shearer, ministers; Todd, Elder, Ives, Richards, elders. A unanimous call was presented by Mr. McDiarmid for Oak Lake congregation in favor of Rev. J. M. Gray, of Stirling, Ont. It was sustained and ordered to be forwarded, and arrangements were made for prosecuting call before Kingston Presbytery. The stipend promised is \$900, with free use of manse. Mr. Wm. Tennant was enrolled as Presbytery elder for Carberry. Standing Committees were appointed with conveners as follows:—Home Mission and Augmentation, W. Beattie; Sabbath School, W. H. Irwin; Statistics and Finance, T. R. Shearer; Young Peoples Societies, E. A. Henry; Church Life and Work, D. Carswell; Examination of Students, A. Moore; Maintenance of Manitoba College, T. C. Court; Foreign Missions, W. Beattie. Mr. John Gray was taken under care of Presbytery as student with ministry in view. Allocations were made for schemes of the church. The accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery and of Home Mission Committee were audited, and several other items of business transacted.—T. R. Shearer, clerk.

Presbytery of Quebec.

The Presbytery of Quebec met in Morrin College, Quebec, on the 7th of July. The Rev. David Pugh was appointed moderator for the ensuing twelve months. The Revs. E. MacLellan, I. R. MacLeod, A. L. Love and D. McColl, commissioners to the General Assembly, reported their attendance and diligence, and received the approval of the court. The clerks submitted, revised standing orders, which were adopted and ordered to be printed. A call from the congregation of Scotstown, in favor of the Rev. Alexander King, was submitted. The call was sustained, and Mr. King having intimated his acceptance by telegram, the induction was appointed to take place on the 4th of August. The moderator of the Session of Melbourne was granted leave to moderate in a call when circumstances warrant. The following were appointed to visit augmented congregations, viz:—Revs. Dr. Kellock, W. Shearer, A. T. Love and I. M. Whitelaw. Standing committees were appointed of which the following are conveners, viz:—Home Missions, Rev. A. I. Love; French Missions, Rev. D. Tait; Augmentation, Rev. Dr. Kellock; Sabbath Schools, Rev. A. Stevenson; Examinations of Students, Rev. C. A. Tanner; Statistics, Rev. I. R. MacLeod; Church Life and Work, Rev. I. M. Whitelaw; and Young Peoples Societies, Rev. W. Shearer. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Sherbrooke, on the 8th of September.

I. R. MACLEOD,
Pres. Clerk.

The Infant's Home and Infirmary.

This institution, situated on St. Mary's street, in this city, is worthy of more than a passing mention. A visit to the Home, which is reached by the Yonge street cars, going north, will amply repay those interested in the care of infant life. We are sure our readers will peruse the following short sketch with pleasure and much sympathy:

The Infants' Home and Infirmary was established nearly twenty-one years ago. Before that time there was no single refuge in the city for a destitute or deserted infant. During this period the managers of the Home have sheltered nearly 2,000 mothers and admitted over 3,000 infants and children under three years of age. The primary object of the Home as set forth in its constitution is to "receive and tenderly care for des-

titute children under two years of age." Early in the history of the Home, it was found that if infant life was to be properly cared for a rule must be adopted, and strictly adhered to, that when possible the mother must enter with her infant. It will, therefore, be seen that although called an Infants' Home a large proportion of the work of the managers lies among the mother nurses, each woman when pronounced fit to do so by the physician, taking charge of two infants. The care of the infants of wet nurses forms a portion of the Home work. Before the Home was opened there was much suffering and mortality among this class of children. Infants deprived by death of a mother's care admitted; but to make this Home in any sense a Foundling Institution would be a decided injury to the community, therefore to guard against this possibility the managers do not admit deserted children except on an order from the Mayor. Were these deserted children thus placed together in one home, the separate cost to the city would be very great, beside the impossibility of exercising proper supervision over each child. A woman who wishes to desert her infant will pay one month's board to some woman, and then does not reappear. Did the Infants' Home take in such children without question, the managers feel they would be aiding a great wrong. Experience has shown that given the opportunity of remaining a few months in charge of her infant, free to love and care for it herself, there is very little chance of the mother deserting her child after she leaves the Home. The managers have found the adoption of the children a most satisfactory portion of their work, deserted or orphan children, being the class adopted. Out of the 181 adoptions only one child has had to be removed.—Rule No. 5 regarding the admission of mother nurses says, "No unmarried woman admitted, except with her first born," and the good accomplished by adherence to the rule, and the care and religious influences exercised upon such inmates has produced in many instances most blessed results. Of some infants a quotation taken from the secretary's report of a recent year, will be applicable, "I took a little forsaken baby in my arms the other day, and I looked into the beautiful blue eyes. Its father had left it and its mother had given it up, so it was only 'God's child,' and there was to me a meaning in the words I had never seen before. 'The Father of the Fatherless.' What a difference it would make to the managers of the Infants' Home if the public generally would more distinctly realize the gracious words of the Saviour, 'Ye do it unto Me.'"

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