

### Presbytery of Ottawa.

THE Presbytery met in Bank street church on March 10th, at 2 p.m. Rev. R. E. Knowles, moderator. Rev. W. T. Herridge reported about the mission in St. Andrew's church globe, and Rev. T. W. Winfield was appointed to take charge of the work there as an ordained missionary for two years. Rev. R. Gamble, of Wakefield, Que., accepted the clerkship of the Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Armstrong presented the report of the Home Mission Committee, and Rev. J. Ballantyne that on Augmentation. The grants necessary for furthering the work in the different fields were applied for. Rev. A. E. Suckling resigned Chelsea and Cantley, owing to ill health. On accepting the resignation the Presbytery expressed high appreciation of Mr. Suckling's labors in the field, and sympathy with him in his affliction. The Rev. Jas. Ballantyne, B.A., of Knox church, Ottawa, was nominated to the chair of Old Testament Literature in Knox College. Rev. R. Gamble presented the report of the French Evangelization committee, and the grants needed for the French mission fields were arranged. Mr. Gamble resigned the convener'ship of the French work, and Rev. J. A. Macfarlane was appointed in his place. Rev. M. H. Scott was appointed moderator of Chelsea and Cantley. Presbytery adjourned to meet in same place on the first Tuesday in May, at 10 a.m. —R. GAMBLE, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Sydney.

THE Presbytery of Sydney met in St. Matthew's church, North Sydney, on the 10th ult. Partial supply for Louisburg was made until a catechist would be sent to that field. Mr. Gunn to remain in Cape North until further notice. The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund received more than usual attention. It was found that nearly all members of Presbytery were connected with it, and it was agreed that larger contributions than formerly be made, in aid of this important scheme. On report that Gabarus congregation were doing all that could fairly be expected in support of their pastor, it was agreed to recommend the usual grant from Augmentation to it. Commissioners appointed to Little Bras d'Or and Leitch's Creek with a view of securing the union of these two weak charges in one, reported that Little Bras d'Or was unwilling to unite, but that Leitch's Creek was well disposed to do so. The opposition of the former to do this was so strong that Presbytery allowed the matter meantime to drop, and agreed to ask for a catechist for each during the approaching summer. Catechists were appointed Mr. McDermott to assist Mr. Calder, in Mira; Mr. McIntosh to Louisburg; Mr. Melville Grant to Little Bras d'Or; Mr. Beaton, at Auburn, U. S., to Little Lake, Mr. M. A. McNeill to Pleasant Bay, Mr. W. A. Fraser to Leitch's Creek. Presbytery directed all statistical reports to be sent to Mr. McKenzie by April 1st. Any sent later could not appear in the minutes of General Assembly for 1898. Rev. M. A. McKenzie, of Grand River, asked leave of absence for three months. Mr. McKenzie has provided so fully for his pulpit in his absence as to require only two Sabbaths from Presbytery. Mr. McLeod and Mr. Greenlees, his neighbors, were appointed to take charge of his pulpit for these days, and Mr. McKenzie's modest request was noted. Presbytery was much pleased to learn that St. Peter's promises soon to raise \$500 for salary, reducing the present grant to that congregation by one-half. The Forks section of Sydney congregation contemplate building a place of worship for itself. The site was sanctioned and other arrangements made satisfactory to pastor and commissioners. Dr. Murray had informed the Presbytery on November 6th, and on January 10th that he intended to lay his resignation of St. Matthew's congregation before Presbytery in March, and accordingly did so. His age and the infirmity caused by the injury received in New Glasgow on October 2nd, 1894, demanding this course. The resignation was allowed to lie on the table of Presbytery until its next meeting, and St. Matthew's congregation was cited to appear for their interests at that date. Dr. Gordon was nominated moderator to the General Assembly. The representation of members of Presbytery to General Assembly was reduced from one in four to one in six. Commissioners to General Assembly are: John A. McGlashan, E. B. Rankin, J. F. Forbes, and W. R. Calder, ministers; A. Matheson, Norman McDonald, A. McIsaac and Senator McKoen, elders. It was agreed to ask each family under the care of Sydney Presbytery to contribute in addition to what was given all other schemes, the sum

of 25 cents each to support a missionary or missionaries in the North-West. This action was taken in view of a request by Dr. Robertson to this effect when visiting Sydney Presbytery, last fall. It is hoped that without difficulty the suggestion will be easily realized. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Matthew's church, North Sydney, April 14th, at 10.30 a.m. —ISAAC MURRAY, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Victoria.

HELD a special meeting on the 19th Feb., in St. George's church, Union Mines, for the induction of Mr. Logan, late of Cooke's church, Chilliwack, to the pastoral charge of that congregation. Mr. Alex. Tait, of Comox, presided, preached, and addressed the minister, and Mr. J. H. Rogers, of Wellington, the people. The ordinary March meeting of the Presbytery was held in the First Presbyterian church, Victoria, on the 3rd of March. Mr. Clay, acting convener, presented reports on augmented charges and Home Missions for the past six months. These were carefully considered and necessary recommendations to the General Assembly and Synod's committees on these subjects adopted. Mr. Alexander Young presented a very full and carefully prepared report on Church Life and Work—indicating gratifying progress during the past year. The Rev. Prof. D. M. Gordon, D.D., was nominated for moderator of next General Assembly, and Mr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, for the Chair of Church History and Apologetics in Knox College. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed—Dr. Campbell, D. MacRae, A. B. Winchester, and in the event of inability to attend, Messrs. J. G. Logan and Alex. Young, with Messrs. Thornton, Tell, Victoria; Jas. Henderson and John Winchester, Toronto. The remit on reduced representation to the General Assembly was approved. —D. MACRAE, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Minnedosa.

THE Presbytery of Minnedosa held its March meeting at Birtle on March 3rd. There were eleven ministers in attendance and one elder. Mr. McLeod of Saltcoats was elected moderator for six months. The Presbytery approval of the proposal to reduce the representation of Presbyteries at Assembly from one in four to one in six. Commissioners to the Assembly were appointed, Revs. Jas. Lang, J. W. Cameron and A. Chisholm, ministers and Messrs. A. G. P. Smellie of Binscarth, V. Schwalm of Birtle, and D. Morrice of Montreal, elders. Dr. Stalker of Glasgow received the nomination to the chair of Introduction and Biblical Theology in Knox College, and Rev. Jas. Denny of Broughty Ferry to the chair of Apologetics and Church History. Rev. P. Wright, B.D., of Rortage la Prairie was nominated for the moderatorship of the coming Assembly. The report on finance showed an advance of \$200 in contributions to the schemes of the Church over last year. There was an increase of 235 in the membership of the Church, 169 by profession. The report on Church Life and Work showed that in integrity and public morality our people stand well; that the spiritual life of our Churches is in a fairly healthy state, gospel ordinances are well attended, Sabbath schools well maintained, family worship in some congregations sadly neglected, but in others widely observed; the Sabbath is revered by most of the people and a strong sentiment exists in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. The Home Mission report showed that all the Mission Fields within the bounds of the Presbytery were occupied last winter. Recommendations were made and passed giving grants to fields and placing men for summer months as far as possible. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Shoal Lake on the 1st Monday of July next at 7.30 p.m. —J. H. CAMERON, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Kamloops.

THE Presbytery of Kamloops met in Kamloops on Wednesday March 4th. It was agreed that commissioners to the General Assembly hereafter be appointed by election. An overture to the Synod and General Assembly recommending that the salaries of missionaries be \$1,000 in every case, was presented by Rev. Mr. Wilson. After careful consideration it was agreed unanimously to adopt the overture. Intimation was given to the Presbytery of a call to Rev. Mr. Lee from Prince Albert,

and a telegram was received from Regina Presbytery stating that the call had been sustained by that Presbytery. It was agreed to cite the Kamloops congregation to appear for its interest and that the call be disposed of in the evening. At the evening meeting a report on Church Life and Work was submitted by Rev. Mr. Wilson, and considered. Arising out of the report, the Presbytery resolved to petition the Provincial government to make every Sunday of the year part of the close season for game. The call of Rev. A. Lee was next taken up. The Presbytery requested the congregation to hold a meeting and appoint commissioners. The delegates from the congregation declared the loving, earnest wish and prayer of the people of Kamloops that God's mercy might follow Mr. Lee in his new sphere of labor. Mr. Lee was heard and declared his acceptance of the call. On motion, duly seconded it was resolved to grant the translation of Mr. Lee from Kamloops to Prince Albert. It was agreed that the Kamloops pulpit be declared vacant on the first Sabbath of April, and that Mr. Murray, of Nicola Lake, be interim moderator. The Presbytery met again on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, when claims for grants from the Home Mission fund for the past half year, were considered and granted. Rev. A. Lee as treasurer presented his report for the financial schemes of the church. Auditors were appointed and reported the statement correct. The report was adopted. Mr. Wilson was appointed convener of H. M. C. and treasurer of Presbytery. Rev. J. Knox Wright and Rev. G. A. Wilson were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly and also to support the overture of the Presbytery regarding missionaries. In connection with the translation of Rev. A. Lee, it was moved by Rev. G. Murray, seconded by Rev. J. K. Wright, and resolved, that the Presbytery, in consenting to the translation of Rev. A. Lee, B.A., from Kamloops congregation to St. Paul's, Prince Albert, desire to express the high appreciation in which his services as a member of this council have been held. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Enderby on the 1st Tuesday of September.

### North West Notes.

THE Presbyterians of Emerson are planning to build a new church. The subscriptions have already reached \$2700 and as soon as they reach \$3000 the congregation is to go on with the work. The pulpit has been vacant for some time but there has been good student and other supply, and with the support of vigorous local effort the cause has not suffered.

On the 25th inst., the Rev. Joseph Hogg of Winnipeg lectured at Springfield to an interested audience on the subject of Jerusalem.

THE Rev. Wm. Meikle, the evangelist, has completed a series of special services at Fort William and Port Arthur, and is now spending a few days in Winnipeg with his family before taking charge of services at Manitou.

THE summer session of Manitoba College is to begin on the 31st inst. The opening lecture will be delivered by the Rev. Professor Baird. The subject: Dr. Franz Delitzsch of Leipzig, professor and commentator. During the early part of the session the Winnipeg professors are to be assisted by the Rev. Dr. McLaren of Toronto, President Patton of Princeton, and Dr. Beattie of Louisville come later in the summer.

### St. Andrew's Church Toronto.

THE following letter was sent for publication to the Presbyterian Witness, Halifax, and to the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW by Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Toronto:—

In a recent issue of your paper, in referring to the action taken by St. Andrew's church relative to the family of the beloved pastor who has been removed from us, you unwittingly—by wrongly reporting what was determined upon by the congregation—do Mr. Macdonnell an injustice. Mr. Macdonnell made what he considered, and his family consider, ample provision for those dependent upon him. His congregation, however, are desirous of being permitted to supplement this provision to some extent. We have felt it to be a private matter, in no way concerning the public.—But as the comfort of privacy has been denied by you to those most concerned, one might have expected that at least any statement regarding the matter would have been made with care in