

every congregation and mission station within the bounds. Rev. J. Gordon gave a statement of the state of the Presbytery Fund, and requested the appointment of auditors. Messrs. W. J. Clark and Dr. Anot were appointed auditors, and Mr. Gordon was authorized to meet all indebtedness from the funds in hand, and give in the report at next meeting of Presbytery. The best methods of raising money for the Schemes of the Church were discussed. On motion, duly seconded, it was agreed that it be an instruction to Moderators of Sessions to bring the matter of contributing to the Schemes of the Church before their several congregations, that the clerk of the Presbytery correspond with Moderators, requesting them to report their action to him, and report at January meeting. Dr. Thompson asked and obtained the Presbytery's sanction to carrying on the Session's work at Aylmer by the aid of two elders from Springfield until elders were elected. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Dutton, on Monday, 9th January, 1893, at 4 p.m. and closed with the benediction.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Pres. Clerk.

THE PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie 29th November, attended by eighteen ministers and twelve elders, Mr. Leishman in the chair. A call from the congregation of Collingwood to Rev. D. L. McCrae, M.A., Ph.D. was sustained, and arrangements made for his induction to the pastoral charge on January 17 should he accept. A call from the congregations of Penetanguishene and Wybridge was also sustained to Rev. J. R. Craigie, and like arrangements made for his induction on January 3 in the event of his accepting the charge. A petition signed by forty-five persons residing in Everett asking that a mission station be organized there was received, and supported by Messrs. Thomas Tate and W. Foster. It was agreed that the sessions of Burns Church, Essa, and Alliston be consulted in this matter, and a committee was appointed for that purpose. The members of this committee are Mr. Leishman, Moderator; Messrs. Findlay, McLeod, ministers, and Mr. W. V. Brown, elder. A communication from the Board of Managers of North Bay congregation was read and supported by Mr. W. McKenzie, Secretary of the Board. The paper set forth the difficulties experienced in getting a settled pastor. The managers propose to raise their contributions from \$550 per annum to \$800, and desire a supplementary grant from the Augmentation Fund of \$300, so as to give a stipend of \$1,100. This grant is \$50 less than they formerly received from the fund. The Presbytery expressed sympathy with the congregation as well as pleasure on account of their liberality, and agreed to ask the grant named from the Augmentation Committee. It was agreed to meet at Waukegan on December 13 for the trials of Rev. W. A. Wylie, and should these be sustained, for his ordination and induction as missionary; Mr. James to preside, Mr. Bethune to preach, Mr. Grant to address the missionary and Dr. Gray the congregation. A resolution of sympathy with the widow and family of the late Wm. Smart, elder of Beeton Church, and at the time of his death a member of Presbytery, and with the Beeton congregation was adopted. Mr. Findlay was appointed to organize a Mission Station at Edenville, a petition from twenty persons in that locality having been received for organization. Mr. Carswell, convener of the Statistical Committee reported on the statistical and financial returns of 1891 as compared with the previous year, and was instructed to have 300 copies of his report printed for circulation. The Presbytery's convener on Home Missions was instructed to allocate to the congregations in the bounds their proportion of \$2,000 and \$600 asked from them for the Home Mission and Augmentation funds. Messrs. Carswell and Burnett were appointed to wait upon the Rev. Dr. Fraser during the session to bear the respects of the brethren and to enquire as to his health, and brought back a pleasing report. Sundry other matters not calling for special mention were attended

to. Next meeting to be held at Barrie last Tuesday of January. ROBT. MOORE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—The Presbytery of Winnipeg met on the 17th November. There were present: Rev J. A. Sutherland (moderator), fourteen ministers and seven elders. Members in succession reported that they had as previously appointed dispensed the communion in seventeen mission stations. Comments accompanying the reports indicated that decisive progress had been made in the various departments of Christian work in these fields, although in most cases the missionaries were young men with little experience, but with unbounded enthusiasm and interest. It was agreed that Rev. Mr. MacFarlane be authorized to organize formally the congregation at Clearwater, and if it appears advisable to him and his session, he was authorized to appoint elders and establish a session. The Rev. James Douglas tendered his resignation of his charge of Blythfield, Starbuck and Headingley. A deputation was present consisting of Messrs. F. H. Francis and H. Hilton of Headingley, G. and A. Parker of Blythfield, R. and A. Houston of Starbuck. The Rev. Mr. Douglas stated his resignation was due chiefly to the fact that he finds it too heavy a tax upon his strength to overtake his work in so widely scattered a district, especially in winter time, when the roads between Headingley and the southern part of his district are practically impassable. He is also discouraged by the fact that several families, numbering in all twenty-eight persons, have left the neighborhood of Starbuck for the Souris coal fields and other families are about to leave. The commissioners each spoke briefly and bore testimony to the high esteem in which Mr. Douglas is held, and to the regret of the congregation at a possible severance of the pastoral tie, but agreeing that the considerations alleged by Mr. Douglas were serious hindrances to success in carrying on services in the field. It was agreed after lengthy discussion that Mr. Douglas' resignation be laid on the table for the present and that the matter of rearrangement of the district be referred to the Home Mission Committee with a view of retaining the services of Mr. Douglas, the matter to be brought up at a meeting of the Presbytery to be held the next Monday evening. A petition, asking for the organization of a new Presbyterian congregation in the west central part of the city of Winnipeg was laid before the Presbytery, with some fifty signatures. Messrs. C. H. Campbell, H. Crow, W. D. Russell and R. H. Shanks, who had been appointed to appear on behalf of petitioners, each made a short statement, asking that the petition be granted, on the ground that the increase of church accommodation has not kept pace with the recent growth of population, and that there is a prospect of establishing a self-supporting congregation in the neighbourhood indicated, without detriment to existing churches. It was agreed on motion of Chief Justice Taylor, seconded by Dr. Bryce, that the petition be received and sent to the sessions of other congregations of the city so that they may appear for their interest at the next session of the Presbytery to be held in Knox Church on Friday, December 2nd, at 3:30 p.m., an evening meeting on the same day to be held in Kildonan for the induction of Rev. Wm. McKinley, of Minnedota, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of that congregation. Rev. A. Hamilton, of Stonewall, was appointed to meet the petitioners for the establishment of a new congregation in the city and to obtain information and report. Discussion on the overture for the division of the Presbytery, postponed from last meeting, was resumed by the Rev. John Pringle, of Port Arthur, who urged that a new Presbytery be formed in that part of the Presbytery now included in Ontario and including the congregations of Keewatin, Rat Portage, Fort William, Port Arthur, Schreiber, and associated mission fields. After a discussion, in which Mr. Pringle was supported by Mr. Nairn and several members of the western part of the Presbytery, the matter was postponed until Monday next to discover whether the congregation of Keewatin, which has not yet been

directly heard from, is in favour of the proposed division or not. Prof. Hart presented the request of the Rev. A. W. Lewis, of Schreiber, who asked to be allowed to give up his appointment at that place to accept an appointment as Indian Missionary at Mistawasis, near Prince Albert, as successor to Rev. F. O. Nichol. Mr. Pringle, Mr. Lewis' neighbour, bore testimony to the value of his services at Schreiber, after which the resignation was accepted. A meeting was held as indicated during the session of Synod. The Rev. Jas. Douglas' resignation was regretfully accepted, conference with representatives of the district discussing no possibility of change in arranging the field such as would make it possible to retain Mr. Douglas' services. The overture for a division of the Presbytery was approved and transmitted to the Synod. The arrangements for the induction of Mr. McKinley at Kildonan were made as follows: Rev. Alex. Hamilton to preach, Dr. Bryce to address the minister and Chief Justice Taylor the people. The following students were received as candidates for the ministry: J. R. Robertson, H. J. Stirling, James Arthur, Robt. Pollock, Wm. Bell, A. D. Caskey, Samuel Lundy and Wm. Williamson.

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