

The Presbytery of Halifax met Sept. 8th. The call from the First Presbyterian Church, Truro, to Rev. James Falconer, of Newport, was accepted by that gentleman and sustained by the Presbytery. The translation will take place early in October.

The Rev. Dr. Grant, Oillia, conducted the prayer meeting in the Presbyterian lecture room on Sept. 2nd, having returned home the previous day. At the close of the regular service the Rev. Dr. Gray and Mr. H. Cooke made brief addresses of welcome. They expressed the great pleasure it gave the session and congregation to have their pastor restored to them in renewed vigour. In replying, Dr. Grant said that after visiting as many as possible of the best known churches in Scotland, he came home more than ever satisfied with the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbytery of Bruce was held in Knox Church, Walkerton, on Thursday, Sept. 3rd. Mrs. Johnston presided and an address of welcome to the delegates was delivered by Mrs. N. Robertson, to which Mrs. Drumm responded. Reports were read from the auxiliaries throughout the Presbytery showing that steady work was being accomplished by each. About \$350 had been raised for foreign mission, clothing value of \$200 sent to the Indians. Mrs. McVicar, of Fergus, delivered a most interesting address. It was agreed that the next meeting be held in Port Elgin. In the evening a public meeting was held.

An inquest was held Sept. 4 into the death of Rev. D. G. Hyland, who died suddenly the previous day. The verdict was one of death by heart disease. Dr. Mark, of Ottawa, was the coroner. The deceased minister was born in the County of Frontenac, near Kingston, about 42 years ago. He was educated at Queen's College, Kingston, and ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of Brockville. On the 29th of May, 1888, he was appointed pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Bishop's Mills and East Oxford. He was transferred on the 14th of April, 1891, to the Presbytery of Ottawa, and appointed pastor of the churches at Fitzroy Harbor and Torbolton. He leaves a wife and four children, two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

The ordination and designation of Rev. J. B. Cropper as missionary to Demerara took place in Fort Massey Church, Tuesday, 8th. Rev. Mr. Thorne, of Windsor, conducted the opening services. Rev. Dr. Black preached from Cor. 1. 21. Rev. Dr. Morrison then narrated the steps that had resulted in Mr. Cropper's appointment as missionary to Demerara. At the close of his address, Mr. Falconer in the name of the foreign board presented Mr. Cropper with a Bible. Dr. Gordon then addressed the people, sketching the character of those to whom Mr. Cropper is commissioned to labor. A great work has been done among the Coolies in Trinidad and Mr. Cropper goes forth with every prospect of success. Let our churches then continue to go forward. The services were then closed by prayer and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Currie.

St Paul's Church, Waterford, N. Y., was dedicated Aug. 30th. The day was fine and over five hundred people were present. Many came from a distance. The dedicatory service in the morning was conducted by the Rev. A. B. Dickie, of Milford, N. S., while the dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. Geo. C. Pidgeon, B. D., of Montreal, from the text II. Chronicles, vii., 16. The afternoon sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Dickie, and in the evening Mr. Pidgeon again occupied the pulpit. In the afternoon, the Rev. J. S. Sutherland of Sussex, acting as moderator, first received twenty-two persons into the church, and afterward holy communion was partaken of by one hundred and forty church members. The collection amounted to \$103. The choir was the three choirs of Waterford, Mechanic and Sussex united, with E. W. Oliver as organist.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.

The regular meeting of the Regina Presbytery was held at Grouse, Sept. 9th. There were present: 12 ministers, 4 elders, 8 students and catechists. The Home Mission Committee gave the half-yearly report, and submitted the following recommendations which were agreed to:—

- 1—That all fields having unordained supply be placed by Presbytery under ordained men in adjacent fields, where practicable. The duties to be as follows:—
- 2—To visit the fields at least twice a year for the purpose of dispensing ordinances.
- 3—To see that Communion and Baptismal Rolls are properly kept.
- 4—To see that an annual meeting in each station is arranged for, and that a record of all such meetings is kept.
- 5—That managers be appointed in accordance with the spirit of the Blue Book, and that a record of all their meetings be kept.
- 6—To look into the financial standing of the fields, and give such advice to managers regarding methods of raising money as may be thought necessary.
- 7—To assist the student in the arrangement of his work, so that as many services as possible may be given to each station.
- 8—Report to Presbytery at September and March meetings.

II. That arrangement for supervision be as follows:—Buffalo Lake, J. C. Cameron; Colleton, A. Lee; Abernethy, W. Burton; Lansdowne, J. W. Muirhead; Longlaketon, T. H. Boyd; Saakatoon, H. McLellan; Welwyn, J. Reddon; Rose Plain, J. A. Carmichael; Sintaluta, A. Robson; Fairlight, Messrs. Reddon and Dobbin; Elkhurst, J. G. McKeechie; Duck Lake, C. W. Brydon; Wapella, Messrs. Muirhead and Reddon.

III. The Committee recommend Presbytery to appoint a committee to visit Lansdowne, and if it be found for the good of the field and stations interested, be empowered to make the transfer of Lansdowne to Broadview field and confer with the Montgomery people about their appointment. The committee to consist of Messrs. McKeechie, Muirhead and Murray.

IV. That a detailed annual financial statement of every congregation and station in the Presbytery be printed and circulated in all the congregations and mission fields. That the following be a committee to take the matter in hand: Messrs. Muirhead, McKeechie, Robson and Crawford.

The following motions, etc., were also agreed to: 1—That a sermon be preached at the opening of each regular meeting of Presbytery, by some member to be appointed at previous regular meeting. 2—The Presbytery of Regina desires to put on record its feeling of deep sympathy with its moderator, Rev. A. J. McLeod of the Industrial School, in his recent bereavement, and earnestly prays that the Spirit of comfort may be poured out abundantly upon himself and Mrs. McLeod, so that they may have good hope in the midst of their affliction.

The Presbytery would also most earnestly commend to the Divine sympathy our dear brother Mr. Matheson, who has recently passed through the deep valley of sorrow in the taking away of the youngest son under specially trying circumstances. May the God of consolation put the arms of His love around him and sustain him and his family, so that they shall be able to realize that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

The Presbytery also desires to express their sympathy with their dear brother Mr. Kemlo, in his severe illness; and their earnest prayer that he may be soon restored to health and to the work in which he has been so earnestly engaged, and that he may through his own affliction be qualified the more fully for sympathizing with others in their affliction, and that his widowed mother may be able soon to rejoice in his complete recovery.

3—That the clerk call the attention of those who do not attend meetings of Presbytery that they are failing in the performance of their ordinance vow "to give diligent attendance upon the meetings of the courts of this church." And that if absent two suc-

cessive meetings of Presbytery that an explanation will be required, and they are liable to the censure of this court. Also, that the convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee be instructed when writing each student or missionary that reports must be given by March 1st, and Sept. 1st, in order to furnish data by which grants can be made.

4—That we have 4 regular meetings of Presbytery during the year: 5—To license and ordain Mr. I. H. Boyd on the Lumsden field. Moderator to preside and address the people, Mr. Cameron to preach, and Mr. Carmichael to address the ministers. Place and date to be decided later. 6—To ask the next General Assembly to accept H. Matheson's law course as an equivalent for the Literary course prescribed by our Church, and that he be allowed to enter upon his first year in theology. 7—That permission be given to C. W. Brydon, H. McKay and A. Rennie to erect sessions in their own respective fields. 8—The Presbytery instruct that certificates of baptism be issued to all receiving the ordinance, and that a committee be appointed to decide on form of certificate to be used and report at December meeting. The committee to consist of Messrs. Robson, Muirhead and Crawford. Presbytery adjourned to meet again at Regina on second Wednesday of December at 9 o'clock.

J. W. Muirhead,
Clark.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

Presbytery met in Paisley on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Rev. E. A. McKenzie, moderator. Elders' commission was received from Tiverton session appointing Mr. George Ord to represent that congregation in Presbytery and Synod. He being present took his seat. Mr. McQuarrie reported that the committee appointed to consider the advisability of changing the Presbytery's method of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly agreed to recommend the following schemes: That a permanent roll of the congregations within the bounds be kept and that ministers be appointed from the top of the roll in rotation, the Presbytery reserving the right to send members by ballot when it may so decide. The appointment of elders shall also be by rotation, but to begin from the middle of the roll in order to avoid the same congregation being represented by both a minister and an elder at the same Assembly meeting, and should one elder decline appointment any other nominated by the Session may be appointed in his stead. The Presbytery agreed to adopt this recommendation.

Report of the commission appointed to visit Tiverton in connection with the request of a number of residents in and around Inverhuron for the creation of a preaching station at the latter place was given by Mr. McKenzie. The relative papers having been read, Mr. Angus Buchanan addressed the court as representing the Memorialists, and presented a subscription list to the amount of \$200 for the support of ordinances. After a long discussion the following motion was unanimously agreed to and accepted by the Memorialists as a settlement of the difficulty: That having heard the prayer of the Memorialists, and also the statement of the representatives of the Tiverton Session and congregation that they are willing to make any reasonable arrangement to supply them with means of grace, the Presbytery does not grant the prayer of the Memorialists, but instruct the Session of Tiverton to make such arrangements as shall supply them with services at some convenient place.

Mr. Bell's notice of motion anent paying expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly was taken up and considered. It was agreed to ascertain the mind of the Sessions within the bounds on the advisability of levying on the congregations for the payment of the expenses in connection with that for the Presbytery Fund and in the same proportion, and that they be asked to report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Rev. Jacob Steele, of the Presbytery, of Quebec, being present was asked to sit and correspond.

In connection with the Home Mission Report the supply of Salem, Dobbinton, &c., for their winter months was left in