

the Presbytery, the ministers of the town present and friends from a distance to lunch in the basement of the church at the close of the service. This church became vacant on April 26, and their speedy and hearty settlement is a matter of great satisfaction.

**PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.**—This Presbytery met in the usual place on the 1st instant, Rev. J. Fraser, Moderator, and after a few common preliminaries elected Rev. C. M. Milligan to be Moderator for the next six months. On account of his not being present, however, Mr. Fraser was continued in the chair *pro tem*. A committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. G. Stuart, J. A. Grant, R. Wallace, William Frizzell and Mr. J. A. Paterson, to hear the summer exercises of students within the bounds on subjects previously assigned to them; and the committee was empowered, if satisfied with the exercises, to attest the students to their college authorities. A certificate was read from the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond in favour of Rev. L. R. Gloag, a minister of the Church without charge, in good standing, and his name was ordered to be put on the list of ministers without charge residing in the bounds. The committee appointed at last meeting to draft a minute as to Mr. Milligan's domestic bereavement submitted the following, which was adopted and a copy of the same ordered to be sent to Mr. Milligan: The Presbytery having heard with sincere regret of the great loss sustained by their brother, Rev. G. M. Milligan, in the death of his beloved wife, desire to express their deep sympathy with him under the severe bereavement with which his heavenly Father has visited him. From what they know of Mrs. Milligan's many amiable and excellent qualities, and from what they have learned of the marked development of her Christian character in the closing years of her life, the growing interest she displayed in the work of Christ at home and abroad, and the Christian patience and joy which she manifested under the painful sufferings of her last illness, they recognize at once the extent of their brother's loss, and the abundant consolations he is warranted to appropriate. And they earnestly pray that their brother and his family may be richly sustained under their trial by the same grace which upheld the departed and enabled her to rise superior to the sufferings of the body and pass joyfully into the presence of her Lord. It was reported by Rev. J. M. Cameron that he had met with the congregations of East Toronto and York Townline, and had moderated in a call, which was in favour of Rev. J. R. Johnston, a minister of the Church without charge. The call, on being examined, was found to be well signed. Guarantees for stipend were also read, promising collectively the sum of \$1,000 without a manse. As commissioners from the congregations aforesaid, Messrs. McCulloch and Brown appeared before the Presbytery, and were severally heard. The call was then sustained, and put into the hands of Mr. Johnston, who was present and signified his acceptance of the same. It was thereupon agreed to meet for his induction in the Presbyterian Church at East Toronto on the last Tuesday of the present month, at half-past two in the afternoon; Rev. G. M. Milligan to preside, Rev. H. E. A. Reid to preach, Rev. J. M. Cameron to address the minister and Rev. W. Frizzell to address the people. The following were appointed to visit congregations within the bounds receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund and to report thereon to the Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee before the first of October: Rev. R. P. Mackay to visit Ruth Street; Rev. J. Neil to visit St. Paul's; Revs. J. Carmichael and W. Amos to visit Queensville; Rev. W. G. Wallace to visit Fairbank and Fisherville; Rev. J. A. Grant to visit Mimico; Rev. Dr. Parsons and W. Frizzell to visit Dovercourt. Agreeable to application made, authority was given to Rev. D. B. Macdonald to moderate in a call from the congregation of Knox Church, Scarborough. A committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. R. P. Mackay, J. M. Cameron and Mr. J. A. Paterson, to consider the remits sent down from the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and to report thereon at a subsequent meeting. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of October, at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.**—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 8th inst., Rev. R. Pyke, Moderator. Mr. A. H. Drummond was appointed Moderator for the current six months. Rev. Mr. Winchester, of Berlin, and Rev. Mr. Chrystal, of Stratford, were invited to correspond. It was agreed to add Mr. Chrystal's name to the roll of Presbytery as a minister residing within the bounds. Mr. Pantou reported that he and Mr. McGregor had visited Tavistock, and recommended that the site chosen by the congregation for a church be adopted by the Presbytery. This was agreed to. Mr. Henderson introduced Mr. Angus Matheson to the court, who was examined as to his fitness to study for the ministry, and the Presbytery agreed to certify him to the Senate of Knox College. A request from the congregation of Brookside for leave to sell the manse property at Brookside was granted. The Presbytery congratulated Mr. S. Campbell, of Listowel, on his having obtained the degree of Ph.D. The Convener of the various committees on the Schemes of the Church were instructed to report the giving of congregations within the bounds to these schemes at next regular meeting. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Stratford, at ten a.m. on Nov. 10. A. F. TOLLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF HURON.**—This Presbytery met in Blyth on the 8th of September. The Clerk stated that the pulpits of Hullett and Lonsdale were declared vacant. Mr. Stewart, Moderator of the Session of the fore-mentioned congregations, asked and obtained leave to secure their own supply for two or three Sabbaths during the ensuing quarter. Mr. Henderson, of Bayfield, submitted the estimate of expenditure for the ensuing year, and the committee was authorized to raise the amount in the usual way. The

following deliverance was adopted respecting the translation of Mr. Ramsay: "The Presbytery in parting with the Rev. D. M. Ramsay, B.D., desire to place on record their appreciation of his high personal Christian character, his attainments as a scholar, his ability and faithfulness as a minister, of which his pastorate in Hullett and Lonsdale afforded satisfactory evidence. They would also bear testimony to his uniform courtesy, his diligence and usefulness as a member of this Presbytery during the period of his connection with it. While regretting the loss they sustain through his removal, they would express their gratification at his translation to a more extensive field of labour and influence and would follow him with their earnest prayers for his continued success and comfort in the work of the Lord." It was agreed to hold a conference on Sabbath school work during the first part of the afternoon sederunt of the January meeting. The Session of Bayfield Road and Berne was authorized to make certain provisional arrangements for the supply of said congregations. The resignation of Mr. McMillan of his charge of Manchester and Smith's Hill was accepted—Mr. Anderson to declare the pulpits vacant on the first Sabbath of October, and Mr. McLean to be Moderator of Session. A committee was appointed to prepare a deliverance respecting Mr. McMillan's resignation. Next regular meeting of Presbytery to be held in Hensall on the second Tuesday of October at 10.30 a.m. Arrangements were made for preaching missionary sermons by exchange of pulpits. A circular was read setting forth the apportionment to this Presbytery by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee of the amount expected for Home Missions and Augmentation and congregations were enjoined to give the matter their earnest attention.—A. MCLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.**—This Presbytery met at Wick on Tuesday, August 25, and was constituted by the Rev. A. G. McLachlin, B.A., Moderator *pro tem*. The Rev. John McMullen was duly appointed Moderator in the room of the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.A., to whom a vote of thanks was duly carried expressing the Presbytery's appreciation of his ability and courtesy while in office. The following special minutes were read and sustained: "In accepting the resignation of the Rev. William Lochead, who has been pastor of Fenelon Falls and Somerville for the last twenty-two years—during which time he preached three times every Sabbath and travelled sixteen miles with the greatest regularity and thoroughness—the Presbytery hereby desires to place on record an expression of the high appreciation of the valuable services which he rendered to the Church and the fidelity with which he discharged the duties of his office during these years. As a member of Presbytery in parting with their beloved brother, the Presbytery desire that the Great Head of the Church may be pleased to bestow on him and all the members of his family all needed blessings, and that another field of usefulness may soon be opened for him where he may be long spared to preach the Gospel." Resolved, that in view of the translation of the Rev. C. J. Cameron, M.A., from the pastoral oversight of the congregation of Cannington, in this Presbytery, to that of St. Johns Church, Brockville, in the Presbytery of Brockville, we express our appreciation of his personal character, abilities and labours. In Mr. Cameron's removal from our midst we are painfully conscious of the loss of a faithful and evangelical preacher—an earnest Christian worker, and a man of scholarly attainments, large sympathies and unswerving devotion to truth and right. We earnestly commend him and his to the blessing of God, with the prayer that he may continue to be equally useful and honoured in his new field of labour." The Presbytery entered fully into the business of the Home Mission fields and vacant congregations of our bounds and other routine business. The following Convener of standing committees were appointed: State of Religion, Mr. McAuley, Woodville; Sabbath Schools, Mr. McLeod, Sonya; Temperance, Mr. McDonald, Glenarm; Sabbath Observance, Mr. R. Johnston, Lindsay; Systematic Benevolence, Mr. McMillan, Wick; Home Missions, Mr. Hanna, Uxbridge; Foreign Mission, Mr. D. C. Johnson, Beaverton; French Evangelization, Mr. McKinnon, Lorneville; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund and Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Mr. R. Johnston, Lindsay; Colleges, Mr. McKinnon, Lorneville. The following students gave in discourses, which were cordially sustained and the Clerk instructed to certify them to the Senate of Knox College, viz.: Mr. James Wilson, Mr. D. Robertson, Mr. V. Johnston and Mr. Nixon. Also Mr. J. A. Mustard was examined, when it was agreed to recommend him as a theological student to the Senate of Knox College. The statement of the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds Committee was read, allocating to this Presbytery Home Mission, \$550 and Augmentation \$400, when it was moved by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and carried, that all the ministers and Moderators of Sessions urge liberal contributions to these funds on their congregations without allocating amounts to each. The next regular meeting of Presbytery is to be held at Woodville on Tuesday, November 24, at eleven o'clock a.m.—JAMES R. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.**—This Presbytery met recently, Rev. James W. McKenzie, Moderator, with whom were present eighteen members and eight commissioners. The committee appointed to visit the congregations of Murray Harbour, Woodville and Little Sands read the report and recommendations. Commissions were handed in from the several sections in favour of Mr. James Clow. Messrs. D. Munn, James McDonald, Dan. McLeod, Duncan Crawford, H. Brehaut and George Bell, and the commissioners were heard for and against the petition. Questions being asked and answered, and the Presbytery being satisfied that they were in possession of all the information on the subject, the parties were removed from the bar. The Presbytery then took the matter under consideration, when after considerable discussion it was agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, viz.: That Murray Harbour

South and Little Sands be formed into a district and separate charge and that the elders in both sections constitute the Session of the united congregation. Further, that Murray Harbour North and Peters Road be and is hereby formed into a distinct and separate charge. And that the Rev. W. H. Spencer be interim Moderator of the Session of Murray Harbour North; Rev. D. B. McLeod, of Murray Harbour South and Little Sands; and A. McL. Sinclair, of Woodville. That intimation be given of this judgment in Murray Harbour North by Rev. W. H. Spencer and in Murray Harbour South by Rev. D. B. McLeod. The call to Mr. George B. McLeod from the congregations of Covehead and Brackley Point Road was sustained and a letter of acceptance from him was read. The Presbytery then appointed the date of ordination and moderation; Rev. A. Gunn to preach, Rev. A. W. Mahon to address the minister and Rev. D. Sutherland the people. The Clerk reported that since the last meeting, our beloved father and co-Presbyter, Rev. James Allan, had been removed by death. Rev. W. P. Archibald moved the following resolution, which was approved and ordered to be engrossed in the records of the Presbytery and a copy forwarded to Mr. Allan's family: In removing from the roll of Presbytery the name of our venerable father and co-Presbyter, the Rev. Jas. Allan, we agree to record our deep sense of the loss which the Presbytery sustains in his decease. Mr. Allan became a member of this Presbytery in 1841, when he was ordained and inducted in the pastoral charge of Covehead, which at that time included Mount Stewart, West St. Peters, and St. Peters Bay. His abundant labours and exemplary life contributed largely to the success which has attended the Presbytery's operations in that part of the field over which he was then placed. He lived to see the Church he loved and served lengthen its cords from sea to sea. He adorned the sacred office he held so long by the simplicity of his faith and the purity of his life, and left an example of fortitude, faithfulness and humility. While we shall miss his venerable form from our meetings and his mature wisdom from our counsels, it behooves us to bow with submission to the divine will and to rejoice in the assurance that to him belongs the blessedness of those who die in the Lord, who rest from their labours and whose works do follow them. To his widow and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to God who is able to sustain them in their bereavement. The Presbytery then adjourned.—JAMES CARRUTHERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

#### OBITUARY.

MRS. I. R. BATTISBY.

Mrs. Battisby was born in Elgin, Scotland, and came to this country when a child. After her father's death the family lived in Newmarket, where the home of her mother, Mrs. Simpson, was open to all ministers and students who came that way. On May 14, 1878, she was married to the Rev. Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, where she lived till her death. That sad event took place August 10. For a long time she had been in a delicate state, but a gripe, that dread disease, brought her to her grave. She was one of the amiable and gentle of the earth, and this, sanctified by the Spirit of God, made her more beloved. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss. Her death was a falling asleep in Christ. Rev. J. Gray, of Windsor,

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and Rev. William King, of Chatham, conducted a short service at the manse. The remains were then taken to Newmarket for burial. Rev. Mr. Bell of that place and the Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, closed the simple service.

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