

supported by Mr. Canning, "That inasmuch as the Church of Rome is Antichrist, when reformed priests from that communion are received as ministers of this Church, they shall be ordained by prayer and imposition of hands." Respecting the latter remit it was agreed on motion of Mr. Leishman, seconded by Mr. Dey, "That the Interim Act be adopted *simpliciter*." Mr. Leishman submitted the following overtures: "Whereas, very much ignorance exists among the members and adherents of our Church with regard to polity; whereas, such ignorance is in no small degree detrimental to the progress of our Church; and, whereas, the training of children, as well as grown up persons, in the principles of Church government as well as doctrine, would be one great means of remedying the evil and strengthening the Church. It is, therefore, humbly overtured that the General Assembly take the subject into consideration and cause to be published by its sanction and authority A Manual of Presbyterian Form of Church Government for use in the families of our congregations and particularly suited for the instruction of the young." Mr. Leishman moved, seconded by Mr. Canning, "That the overture be adopted by the Presbytery and transmitted to the General Assembly." Agreed.—W. M. MCKIBBIN, *Presby. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston, on the 9th and 10th days of March. Messrs. G. C. Patterson and James Cumberland, students of Queen's College, Kingston, made application to be taken on trials for license. They were duly examined, and on their behalf application is to be made to the Synod of Toronto, etc. The following minute was adopted in regard to the late Professor Mackerras: "The Presbytery record their deep sense of the very great loss sustained by themselves and the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada through the death of their beloved and honoured colleague Professor Mackerras. Endowed with a clear and ready intellect, and a sound judgment; possessing a knowledge of Church law and practice scarcely equalled, certainly not surpassed, by that of any living minister of the Church; intensely interested in Christian work, and especially in the extension and prosperity of our own branch of the Church; always exhibiting in his demeanour and utterances profound reverence for his Master, and Christian courtesy towards his brethren, he was a most useful and influential member of this Presbytery and of the higher Courts of the Church. While regarding the death of their very dear and much respected brother as a calamity of no ordinary kind, the Presbytery yet hope and pray that it may be sanctified to them by stirring them up to greater diligence and fidelity in working for Christ during their brief term of earthly service. The Presbytery also desire to express to Mrs. Mackerras their heartfelt sympathy with her in her great affliction, and the Clerk is hereby instructed to send her a copy of this minute." It was decided to transfer the stations of Morton and Sealey's Bay to the Presbytery of Brockville, provided the sanction of the Assembly can be obtained. An application from the Presbytery of Peterboro' in regard to Blairton was deferred in the meantime. A report was presented as to the assessment needed for the Presbytery fund, from which it appeared that twenty cents per family would be required. The thanks of the Presbytery were given Mr. Macalister, Treasurer, for his useful services. A change was made in the standing rule anent the stated meetings. They are to be held alternately at Belleville and Kingston. The motion to divide the Presbytery was withdrawn. Mr. Smith, Convener, presented the Home Mission report. It was more encouraging than usual. A number of liberal offers were contained in it, made by the Missionary Association of Queen's College, Kingston. The amount of aid required at the beginning of April will be very much less than at the same period last year. Arrangements were made for securing supply for all the fields during the ensuing summer. Mr. Smith's diligence was commended. The remit anent reception of ministers was approved of *simpliciter*. The remit on the proposed Presbyterian University was disapproved of. With regard to Roman Catholic ordination, it was decided by a majority of ten to eight that the course hitherto followed by the various Churches that constitute this united Church, of deciding each case as it emerged, be still followed. The remit anent status of retired ministers was disposed of by a majority vote in favour of retaining their

names on the roll, so long as they continue to reside within the bounds of the Presbyteries to which they had belonged. A standing committee for the year for the examination of students was appointed. Of this committee Mr. Maclean is Convener. Committees were appointed to tabulate the returns on the State of Religion and Sabbath School Work. Mr. Gracey is Convener of the former Committee, and Mr. Maclean of the latter. Mr. Boyd resigned his charge of the Demorestville congregation. Parties concerned are cited to appear in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on the 29th inst., at half-past seven p.m., for the purpose of settling the matter. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, by rotation. Principal Grant, Messrs. Turnbull, MacLennan, and Gracey; and by election. Prof. Mowat, Messrs. Smith and Kelso. The following elders were chosen. Messrs. Walter Mackenzie, George Gillies, David Nicol, Robert Gibson, W. G. Craig, George Davidson, and Dr. Boulter, M.P.P. Mr. Wilson was appointed Moderator *pro tem* of the Kirk Session of Glenvale, etc. Two overtures were introduced and supported by Mr. Wilson. They were both received. One of them asks for regulations to govern the appointment of Moderator of the General Assembly; and the other for rules to be framed in relation to the employment of students in training for the Gospel ministry. Leave of absence for four months was granted to Rev. J. L. Stuart, B.A., of Trenton, on account of ill health. Mr. Maclean was requested to take a brotherly oversight of his congregation. Mr. Maclean was heard in relation to the revival services recently held in Belleville. He gave anything but a flattering account of the course pursued toward him by the Evangelists in charge of that movement. The following motion anent Mr. Maclean's narrative was adopted. "Having heard Mr. Maclean's statements of personal experience in connection with the recent revival services in Belleville, express their sympathy with him, and their approval of his conduct in the matter so far as detailed to them."—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.—This Presbytery met at Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the 10th inst., at ten a.m. The attendance was very large. After the minutes had been read and approved, the matter of the re-ordination of Roman Catholic priests seeking admission into the Presbyterian Church, remitted to the Presbyteries, was considered, when it was agreed that cases of this kind be dealt with by the General Assembly as they may arise. The report of the Home Mission Committee was then read and considered clause by clause. The following is the substance of the report: That the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee be requested to pass the following regulation, and have a regular commission placed in the hands of each missionary appointed in Manitoba at the time of his appointment, embodying the terms and conditions upon which he is engaged by the committee. It was agreed that hereafter missionaries shall be engaged on the distinct understanding that the amounts fixed by the Presbytery on any station or group of stations, and based as much as possible on the subscription lists given by the people, and afterwards approved by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, shall be considered as part of the salary promised to the missionary, and that as in the case of settled pastors, the missionaries are expected to look to the people for the punctual discharge of the obligations, the Presbytery being the body to whom appeal is to be made in the event of the obligations not having been met. Missionaries who become settled pastors shall not require to be re-appointed at the expiration of the term of their engagement. When the end of the term of any missionary's appointment takes place, the Presbytery shall vote upon the re-engagement of such missionaries by ballot, and communicate the result of such vote to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee; and it is desired that resolutions from the stations affected be laid before the Presbytery for its guidance. After the expiration of the term of three years, any missionary who is not a settled pastor shall only be appointed from year to year. The salary of a married missionary hereafter appointed shall be \$900 per annum for the term of his three years' engagement, and of an unmarried man \$700 a year. An increased amount of salary may be given to any missionary sent far into the interior, on the recommendation of the Presbytery. A sum of \$200, not including travelling expenses to Manitoba, may be given to each missionary on his arrival in

Winnipeg, for the purpose of providing the necessary travelling facilities of horse, buggy, etc. A sum not exceeding \$100 may be given for travelling expenses from the Eastern Provinces to the field of labour, to married missionaries, and \$50 to unmarried missionaries. This sum may be increased by the committee in the case of missionaries sent far into the interior. The Assembly's Home Mission Committee were requested to pay the following amounts for the six months just ended: Revs. D. McRae, Archibald, \$100; C. M. Copeland, Birtle, N.W.T., \$100; F. J. McLeod, Salisbury, \$75; D. McGregor, Winnipeg, \$100; J. Scott, Emerson, \$100. The Assembly's Home Mission Committee was requested to reappoint such missionaries as the Presbytery may desire, whose terms have expired. The terms of the following missionaries will expire March 31st, viz.: Rev. J. S. Stewart, J. Scott, H. J. Borthwick, S. Donaldson, S. Polson, and J. Duncan. The Assembly's Home Mission Committee was requested to appoint for the usual period Revs. D. McRae, Archibald, at \$750, with outfit allowance; D. McGregor, for one year, at \$700; Mr. Copeland, for six months, at \$4 per Sabbath, stations raising the balance. Applications were made for an experienced missionary for the railway crossing at the Little Saskatchewan, one for the upper Little Saskatchewan, an unmarried missionary for Turtle Mountain, an experienced missionary for Nelsonville, an unmarried missionary for Beautiful Plains and Big Plains. The services of Messrs. Munroe and Bayne were accepted, on condition of their coming at once at the salary to be raised by the stations, these being not less than \$150 for six months, these gentlemen to be sent, one to Rockwood group, north half, the other to Cypress River or other Pembina Mountain groups. The Assembly's Committee were requested to pay arrears of Mr. Straith. It was reported that Mr. W. D. Russell, missionary, had arrived and proceeded to his field of labour, Section B., C.P.R. Mr. W. D. Russell, missionary, Section B., C.P.R., was on motion, received as a member of the Presbytery, and his name was ordered to be added to the roll. The Presbytery then proceeded to elect Commissioners to the General Assembly, when the following persons were appointed by rotation: Rev. Prof. Hart, and Rev. Messrs. Bell and McKellar; and by election, Revs. Dr. Black, Mr. Robertson, Prof. Bryce and Mr. Borthwick. The following elders were elected: Mr. J. O. Fraser, High Bluff; James Croil and Prof. Campbell, Montreal; Dr. Reid, Hon. Oliver Mowat, and Hon. Alexander Morris, Toronto; and Geo. Hay, Ottawa. On motion of Mr. W. R. Ross, seconded by Rev. Prof. Bryce, Rev. Mr. McRae, of St. John, N.B., was nominated as the Moderator of the next General Assembly. The Presbytery agreed to ask the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly to reappoint Messrs. J. S. Stewart, S. Donaldson, S. Polson, H. J. Borthwick, J. Scott, and J. Duncan, for the time determined on by the Presbytery. Dr. Black presented a report of the Foreign Mission Committee, reading an elaborate report from Mr. McKay, and a report from Mr. Flett. The Presbytery expressed itself satisfied with the work done in these two districts, and instructed the Foreign Mission Committee to confer with Mr. McKay and Mr. Duncan as to future operations in the Prince Albert district. All matters affecting the property at Prince Albert were referred to the Foreign Mission Committee. Arrangement was made to continue the Roseau school, and the Foreign Mission Committee was instructed to secure title to the land, and report on the future mode of conducting the school. The matter of the liquor traffic was brought before the notice of the court, when after discussion, the Temperance Committee was instructed to take steps to prepare a careful and decided statement anent the following topics, and have it published, that is to say, approving of the steps taken in two of the counties of this Province to have the Canada Temperance Act adopted, and recommending ministers, elders, members and adherents of the Church to use their influence, not only in the two counties referred to, but also in the rest of the Province; (2) condemning the Beer Act of 1880; and (3) recommending all connected with the Church to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. The Presbytery deliberated on a remit sent down from the General Assembly in regard to the status of retired ministers, when it decided to recommend the General Assembly to deal with cases as they arise. A remit about the reception of ministers from other Churches was approved of, with the exception of clause eleven.