

of Leeds to the Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, while approving of the conduct of the moderator, and at the same time expressing regret at the disappointment likely to be caused to those who have signed this call, in view of the lack of unanimity, owing to the withdrawal from ordinances on the part of some, which withdrawal the Presbytery deprecates, whatever the cause may be, and in view of the action of last Synod in this matter, declines to sustain the call, and appoints a committee to visit the congregation and confer with all parties with a view to restoring harmony." It was moved by Mr. W. Shearer, seconded by Mr. J. McCammon, that this become the finding of the Presbytery. The motion being put was unanimously carried. Against this finding the representatives of the congregation of Leeds appealed to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, for reasons to be given later. The Presbytery appointed the following committee to answer reasons, viz., Dr. Kellock, Messrs. W. Shearer, E. Macqueen, D. Tait and H. C. Sutherland. Further the Presbytery appointed Dr. Kellock, Messrs. W. Shearer and E. Macqueen to defend the action of the Presbytery when the matter comes before the Synod.

The next day the Synod heard the appeal, and unanimously came to the following finding: "The Synod having heard the appeal and the appeal on both sides, feels constrained to dismiss the appeal made by the parties appointed to support the call of the congregation of Leeds to the Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, and sustain the unanimous finding of the Presbytery of Quebec. The Synod would at the same time express its deep sympathy with the congregation of Leeds under the circumstances, and its earnest concern for the welfare of the congregation in view of the unhappy divisions which have arisen. The Synod approves of the decision of the Presbytery of Quebec to appoint a committee to visit the congregation and confer with all parties with a view to restoring harmony, expressing the hope that Mr. Whitelaw will discourage any action that will tend to perpetuate the existing divisions."

It was moved by Mr. C. A. Tanner, seconded by Mr. H. C. Sutherland and agreed to that the Synod be respectfully asked to appoint the proposed Committee to visit Leeds Congregations with a view to restoring harmony.

Mr. C. F. Crounch was appointed to Ditchfield, and it was resolved to take steps for the ordination of Messrs. C. R. Lapointe and C. F. Crounch at the next meeting of Presbytery.

An extract minute of the proceedings of the Executive of the Board of French Evangelization setting forth that two hundred dollars for Missionary buildings at St. Blainville as soon as the Presbytery would intimate their satisfaction with a title to the property. Mr. W. Shearer intimated that he had visited Scotstown as instructed by the Presbytery, and that the congregation had agreed to add fifty dollars to the Missionary's stipend.

Mr. M. MacLeod reported that he had visited Lake Megantic Mission, and that the Manse is at the disposal of the Missionary.

There was submitted a communication from Mr. William Miller, asking the Presbytery to furnish him with some testimonial as he desired to enter again on Missionary work. The clerk was authorized to grant such.

The consideration of a circular, showing the contribution to schemes was deferred to the September meeting.

The Treasurer submitted his accounts for the year 1903, duly audited which showed an adverse balance of two dollars and sixty-six cents for the year.

Rev. D. Tait's resignation.—The Presbytery now entered upon the disposal of Mr. D. Tait's resignation. It was resolved that the same go into effect at the end of May. Rev. J. R. MacLeod was appointed Moderator of the Session of Chalmers' Church, during the vacancy, and was instructed to declare the pulpit vacant on the 5th June, or some early convenient date, Chalmers' Church was granted leave to constitute a call when ready. A committee consisting of Messrs. Wm. Shearer and E. Macqueen, was appointed to prepare a resolution expressive of the mind of the Presbytery in the matter of Mr. Tait's removal from the bounds. Mr. MacLeod, minister of Massboro, was granted leave of absence for three months, he having stated his intention of visiting Scotland.

An overture bearing upon the appointment of an immigration chaplain at Quebec. The overture was transmitted to the Synod with the request that it be transmitted to the Assembly.

Messrs. C. Tanner P. Boudreau were instructed

to prescribe subjects for Messrs. Lapointe and Crounch with a view to their ordination and to complete all other arrangements necessary to that end. The Presbytery approved of Mr. Burnie laboring within the bounds in the interests of Sunday School work. The business being finished the Presbytery adjourned to meet in September.

Guelph Presbytery.

Presbytery met in Chalmers' church, Guelph, on Tuesday, the 17th instant.

Session records were laid upon the table from almost every Kirk Session in the bounds, and Committees appointed to examine them. Reports were received from these Committees in the afternoon, and each Record received its proper attestation.

The Presbytery having been informed by the Moderator of Hespeler Session that he was to moderate in a call there on an early day a special meeting to receive the report of the moderator, and for the consequent business was appointed to be held in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on Tuesday 11st June, at 10:30.

For some time trouble has existed in the Linwood section of the pastoral charge of Hawksville and Linwood. The matter came up for discussion on Tuesday. Full opportunity was given to those in the congregation who were dissatisfied with their minister and to the minister himself to make known all the facts and grounds of discontent, and the arguments against them. After very careful examination it was resolved to appoint a Committee, consisting of Mr. Bradley, Convener, Mr. Gilchrist, Major Hood and Dr. Roger to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the situation at Hawksville and Linwood, confer with Mr. Cunningham and determine what, in its judgment, is the wisest course to follow, and report as soon as possible. At his own request leave of absence was granted to Mr. Cunningham for three months from the present date to allow of his visiting Palestine. Mr. Monds was appointed Moderator of Session during his absence and the Session was instructed to arrange for full supply of religious ordinances.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Knox church, Toronto, May 12th, by leave of the Synod and was constituted by the moderator, Mr. F. Matheson.

Mr. D. T. McClintock was licensed to preach, and afterwards was addressed by Dr. Sonerville.

After careful deliberation it was moved by Dr. Sonerville, seconded by Mr. Eastman and agreed, that Presbytery heartily approve of the proposal to increase the minimum stipend by \$50, that a small committee be appointed to mature a plan of action by which all congregations in the bounds of the Presbytery shall be reached with the view of securing the result aimed at: that it report to Presbytery at its meeting in July, and that ministers be asked to secure, if possible, the attendance of all representative elders at that meeting, and further that Boards of Managers in all congregations be requested to appoint a representative to meet with the Presbytery on the afternoon of July 5th in Division street hall, Owen Sound.

The Presbytery of Kingston.

The Presbytery of Kingston met there on the 17th inst. Sixteen members were in attendance. Prof. Nicholson and Dr. MacGillivray were commissioned to the General Assembly in place of J. Leitch and A. Laird, resigned. The Presbytery agreed to join its invitation with that of the Sessions of the city churches to the General Assembly to meet in Kingston next year. The application of Mr. Yeomans to retire from the active work of the ministry, was commended to the General Assembly. These six students, viz.: Messrs. J. R. Watts, B.A., B.D.; J. A. Petrie, B.A.; H. D. Borley, B.A.; J. N. Beckstedt, B.A.; J. T. Ferguson, B.A., and J. A. Caldwell, B.A., were examined with a view to license. Their examination was cordially approved, and they received license to preach the Gospel. The division of the Storrington, &c. G. congregation was agreed to; the Sand Hill section to be united to St. John's, Pittsburgh to form a distinct, self-supporting congregation; to take effect on the last Sabbath in June, Rev. H. Gracey to be Moderator of Session. Through

the Sabbath School Committee, application is to be made to the General Assembly for a small sum to meet expenses of school visitation, and that of a proposed Teacher's Institute.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. W. H. McIntyre, of Wales, occupied the pulpit of St. John's church, Cornwall, on Sunday last.

On Thursday the 12th, the Rev. A. C. Ferguson was inducted into the pastoral charge of South Mountain, Heckston and Pleasant Valley. Though a busy season in a rural community, yet the church was packed to the door with a people who seemed very much interested in the induction of their new pastor. Mr. Ferguson is a young man of ability, who will, without doubt, give a good account of himself in such a large field of splendid opportunities.

The resignation of Rev. Andrew Russell, of Chesterville, was, with great reluctance, accepted. Mr. Russell resigned his charge in order that he might the better gratify a strong desire to prosecute his studies at some College for a period of one or two years. Mr. McLroy, the interim Moderator of Session, will declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath in June.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Knowles of Galt delivered his lecture, "Scottish Success," in the Burford church last Monday evening.

Anniversary services were conducted in First church, Chatham, last Sabbath by Rev. Alfred Gaudier, B.A., B.D. of Toronto.

Rev. Mr. McWilliams of Hamilton, preached anniversary sermons in Knox church, Embro on Sunday. On Monday at the annual gathering Rev. A. Esler, M. A., of Cook's church, Toronto, was the principal speaker.

Rev. Hector McKay, of London Junction preached at the Blenheim and Guilds churches, anniversary sermons on Sunday.

Rev. John McNair, B.D., of Oakville, preached in Central Church last Sunday giving an excellent sermon in the morning on "The Temptation of Christ."

Rev. Prof. Ballantyne of Knox College, Toronto, spent a few days in London last week the guest of Rev. W. J. Clark.

Rev. Alex. Grant, M. A., of St. Mary's Ont., preached anniversary sermons in Cayuga on Sunday.

Rev. William Booth, of Blenheim, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Robert Martin of Hamilton on Sunday.

The late Rev. Thomas Scouler, who was buried last Thursday at New Westminster, B.C., was the first pastor of Erskine Church, Hamilton and a graduate of Knox College.

Northern Ontario.

The congregation of Elmvale having signified to Presbytery their ability to stand alone in the support of a minister, consequently the members of Presbytery are considering the advisability of making a new arrangement of the field in the Penetang district. The Penetang congregation at a meeting held on Tuesday evening of last week resolved to follow the example of Elmvale. They signified their willingness to support a minister on a stipend of \$700 and free manse. A little over two years ago the congregation was receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund and in the meantime they have become, not only self-sustaining, but have erected a new manse costing over \$2,000. If satisfactory arrangements can be made, Wyebidge and Wyevale will be placed together, and Knox, Van Vlack and Gibson, making two separate mission charges, each with a minister.

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