

to the Schemes of the Church occupied the attention of the Presbytery for a considerable time. The sums contributed by the different congregations were considered in detail and the showing on the whole was satisfactory. Rev. Mr. Munro presented the home mission report, and its recommendations were for the most part adopted. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held at Portage la Prairie on the second Monday in April, at 7 p.m. — FARQUHAR McKAE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Sydney.

THE Presbytery of Sydney met in St. Matthew's, North Sydney, on the 6th or March. Rev. Dr. MacMillan, and Rev. J. Fraser were appointed to hold a meeting at Englishtown with the congregation of South Gut and Englishtown on March 20th at 11 a.m., with a view to increase their pastor's salary. Presbytery were glad to find that Louisburg was ably supplied in the person of Rev. R. MacKenzie, whose report was received and indicated progress. The activity of the women to promote the cause of Christ was noted by him as a good and encouraging sign, as also of some of the men and elders; but the power of alcohol is discouraging. The report of the clerk gave hopes that all our vacancies would be supplied by popular catechists during the coming summer. Mr. Rankin read a report on the State of Religion. It is not easy to tabulate spiritual forces and facts; and at best when attempted can only be viewed as proximate or uncertain; yet sessions should feel it to be their duty to give the fullest and most accurate information possible. Mr. Rankin complained justly that sessions were in very many instances derelict in this matter, and thus rendered his report fragmentary. Mr. J. F. Forbes' report on Temperance was very full and suggestive. He held that Presbytery had made no progress during the year 1894 on this subject; rather seemed to retrograde. He made a number of recommendations which were accepted by the Presbytery. It is hoped that they will be acted upon. Mr. Forbes received the thanks of the court for his labour of love on this behalf. Rev. M. A. MacKenzie reported by letter that St. Peter's might soon be prepared to call a pastor, and asked for leave to moderate in a call there when the people were prepared to take steps in this direction. Leave was granted. Mr. Macmillan read the report on Systematic Beneficence, which showed that progress in liberality within bounds of Presbytery was made. Mr. A. Macphail, catechist, spent seven weeks in Pleasant Bay; his report was very gratifying. He found forty families with a population of 252, who guaranteed \$200 for the services of a catechist for six months. Hitherto this place was represented unable to pay \$100 per annum for the support of the Gospel. In this increase of liberality Presbytery rejoice. Pleasant Bay wishes to be erected into a mission station, and with the aid of a much less sum than promised by Home Mission Committee they will be able to support a catechist for six months among them. Hitherto the utmost supply received from the ministers of Cape North was eight Sabbaths in the year, henceforth it is hoped that they will have more than three times this amount of service given them. The isolation of Pleasant Bay, especially during winter months, may be traced from the statement made by Mr. Macphail, that returning from that place to Presbytery he had to travel nine miles on snow shoes, one mile of this distance being a steep ascent, and also to travel seven miles more on board ice, along the gulf shore, thus recalling the toils of our saintly fathers that have craved from their labours. Presbytery thanked Mr. Macphail for his report, expressed much satisfaction with the conduct of the people of Pleasant Bay, and took steps to provide at once a catechist to labour among them next summer. In response to a communication from the agent of the Church, read by Mr. J. A. Forbes, Presbytery pledged itself to urge greater liberality than usual for Home Mission work. Mr. Rankin read the report on Hymnology. Many suggestions and recommendations were made, all of which were accepted but one by Presbytery. In the evening Presbytery held a conference in St. Matthew's church on Temperance, and some hours were

spent in an agreeable and profitable manner. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Matthew's, North Sydney, on Tuesday, the 9th of April, at 11 a.m., and in the evening of this day a conference on the State of Religion in St. Andrew's, Sydney Mines.

Presbytery of Saugeen

THE Presbytery of Saugeen met in Guthrie church, Harrison, on March 12th. Mr. Munro's term of office as moderator having expired, Mr. Miller was appointed moderator for the next six months. The remits sent down from the General Assembly were considered. I.—One year's service in mission field. The recommendation was adopted. II.—Hymnal. (1) Resolutions 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, were approved. (2) Resolution. While in hearty sympathy with the addition of these versions of the Psalter, disapprove of the selections as forming the first part of the new Hymnal. (3) Approve of resolution six with the exception of clause three. With respect to clause four recommend the omission of verse two from hymn 520. (4) Recommend an index of Scripture texts on which the hymns are based. III.—Amalgamation of certain committees. The recommendation was adopted. IV.—Jewish work. While approving heartily of mission work among the Jews, consider it undesirable at the present time, to appoint a separate committee. V.—Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Recommend that every minister on being ordained be strongly urged to connect himself with the fund. Dr. Middlemiss of the Presbytery of Guelph, Rev. J. Fraser Campbell of India, and Rev. Mr. Yeomans, minister without charge, being present were asked to sit with the Presbytery. Nineteen honor certificates for repeating Shorter Catechism were granted from the following congregations. Gilbert Williamson, John J. G. Lyons, Thos. M. Harrington, Sarah Cplder, Georgie Cameron, Jessie Reid, Jennie Elliott, Mary Elliott, Annie Lamont, John Calder and Maud Cameron, Mount Forest; Sarah Jane Horrocks and Mary McIntyre, Knox church, Harrison; Georgina Taylor, Clifford; Mary McQueen and Isabella McQueen, Woodland; Janet Dory and William Dory, Cedarville; Nellie Wilson, Belmore. Mr. Aull gave in the Home Mission report which was received. The Presbytery agreed to ask for \$120 from the H. M. F. for Drayton. Mr. McKellar, on behalf of Cedarville and Explin, requested that a student be sent this summer also, to these congregations. The request was granted. The supply of the mission fields was left in the hands of the H. M. Committee. The session records of Arthur and Gordonville, Holstein and Fairbairn, and Guthrie church, Harrison, were examined and attested. Mr. Munro gave in a carefully prepared report on the State of Religion. The report was received and adopted. At the suggestion of Mr. Munro it was agreed, that as the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, our missionary from India, was present, to address the Presbytery: the address of Mr. Campbell to take the place of the conference on the State of Religion agreed upon at last meeting. Mr. Stewart gave in the report on Sabbath schools. The report was received and adopted. It was recommended that a collection be taken up each Sabbath, and that once a month the collections be given to missions. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, from Knox church, Harrison, was examined and certified as a candidate for the ministry. It was agreed that the ministers be all appointed as commissioners to General Assembly by rotation, continuing to take half from the top and half from the bottom till the roll is finished. After that to begin at the top and continue till the bottom is reached. The following are the commissioners to the General Assembly: Messrs. Aull, Munro, Miller, and Young, ministers; and Messrs. Thos. Cooll, Charles Wilson, Geo. Turnbull and Alex. McPherson, elders. Messrs. Ramsay and Turnbull were appointed members of Synod's Committee on Bills and Ordinances, and Messrs. Munro and McPherson on Assembly's Committee on Bills and Ordinances. The Presbytery agreed to re-

new the application to General Assembly on behalf of Mr. George Scarr. The Rev. Mr. Campbell then addressed the Presbytery and others present, giving a most graphic and interesting account of his field and missionary work in Central India. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered him, with the hope that the Presbytery will be able to give greatly increased support. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mount Forest on the 9th July next at 10 a.m. — S. YOUNG, Clerk.

Presbytery of Winnipeg.

THE Presbytery of Winnipeg met on the 12th March. There were present 16 ministers, 12 elders and 4 corresponding members. Notice of charge of name was received from the North church, Winnipeg, and the West End church respectively to St. Giles and St. Stephen's, and these names were ordered to be used hereafter in the Presbytery records. An application to the church and manse building board for a loan of \$500 to assist in building a manse at Victoria was received and recommended to the board for favorable consideration. Grassmere (Stonewall congregation) applied for a loan of \$700 on proposed church, and this was ordered to be sent up to the board with approval of Presbytery. The question of titles to church property and the custody of church documents relating to property was brought up and referred to a committee of inquiry consisting of Prof. Baird, Rev. Jos. Hogg, Mr. C. H. Campbell and Chief Justice Taylor. The case of Rev. S. Polson's mission was brought up by way of a report on former applications made by Mr. Polson for Presbytery recognition of his work in the mid western portion of the city. A memorial petition for members, adherents and friends of the Presbyterian church in this portion of the city was presented to the Presbytery asking for mission station organization there. Mr. Lowry and Mr. Polson were heard in support of the memorial, and after some discussion it was agreed to appoint a committee consisting of Dr. Bryce, Rev. C. W. Gordon, J. H. Mitchell and John Paterson, with powers of inquiring into the whole matter of the memorial and matters cognate thereto, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Presbytery. Under the head of applications from students who had in view the entering upon the study of theology and engaging in mission work, the largest number of students in the history of the Presbytery applied from Manitoba College. After examination the applications were referred to the Home Mission Committee for work as the committee shall determine. Amongst those applying was Mr. Joseph Hall, formerly assistant secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Winnipeg, and subsequently secretary at Calgary, but who is now studying at the Bible Institute in Chicago. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed as follows: Messrs. Pithado and Gordon, by rotation on the roll, Dr. Bryce, Dr. King, and Prof. Hart, ministers; by election; Chief Justice Taylor, Geo. Young, Duncan MacArthur, (Emerson), John Paterson and C. H. Campbell, elders. The home mission report was presented by Dr. Bryce. The first case taken up was that of Selkirk, when Capt. Duncan, as representative of the congregation, and Mr. Macleith as interim moderator of session, were heard and it was agreed that East Selkirk be separated from West Selkirk, and that the congregation of West Selkirk be granted their request, viz. That the H. M. Committee appoint an ordained minister for a term of months, the congregation promising to contribute as well as able to his support. Several recommendations were passed in the way of adding hymns to and deleting hymns from the proposed book of Praise sent down by the Assembly to the Presbyteries. In regard to the Psalter the recommendation of Presbytery was in favor of the psalms being retained intact in the book of Praise, but if selections are to be made as specially suitable for service of praise the Presbytery urges that their selections be indicated by being printed in a larger type than the other portions. In connection with the Temperance report it was agreed to hold a conference of the Presbytery on Temperance at next meeting.