

at the previous meeting of Presbytery making provision for such services. It was pointed out that the resolution referred to instructed the Tiverton Session to arrange, on request from the people at Ioverburon, to have services held at Inverhuron when and wherever it was deemed by the people most suitable, and that said Session shall see that eligible ministers shall be secured as far as possible in compliance with the desire of the people.

Reports were received from ten Sessions asent payment of expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbytery Fund. Of those sessions report ng, eight approved of the proposal to pay such expenses, and two disapproved.

The matter was deferred until next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. McLennan and Mr. T. Chisholm were appointed a deputation to visit Glamis in connection with Augmentation of Stipend Fund; and Mr. Kippan and Mr. R. C. Bruce were appointed to visit N Brant and W. Bontinck in a similar capacity.

With reference to Remits from Assembly, that reduction of representation from $\frac{1}{2}$ to was approved of.

That proposing a central place of meeting for the Assembly was not approved of.

That referring to the abolishing of the billeting system was approved of, and it was agreed that a general fund should be organized out of which the expenses of Commissioners should be paid.

The Remit on Sabbath School Publications was left over till next meeting of the Presbytery.

The Remit proposing the formation of a Central Mission Board was not approved of.

The clerk read the report on Statistics which was received and laid on the table till next regular meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery adjourned to meet again in Paisley on the second Tuesday of March next at 1.30 p.m. J. Johnston, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.

This Presbytery held a special meeting in Ashfield Presbyterian Church, on Nov. 30th. Rev. J. L. Murray, Moderator pro tem., and inducted the Rev. Alexander Miller lately of Moss, Presbytery of London, into the pastoral charge of the congregation there. There was a fair attendance of members of Presbytery, and a large congregation present, the church being comfortably filled with a highly interested and appreciative audience. Rev. Mr. Maxwell preached a sermon suitable to the occasion. The Rev. Mr. Sutherland delivered the charge to the newly inducted pastor in a most solemn and impressive address, and the Rev. Mr. MacLeod addressed the congregation on their duties toward their minister.

Mr. Miller enters upon the pastorate of this congregation under most favorable circumstances. This vacancy has been the shortest in the history of the Presbytery, being only two months, and the call is cordial and unanimous. A warm welcome was given by the congregation to their new minister by a hearty handshake, as they were retiring from the church. From this happy settlement good and great results are fondly hoped in the edification of believers, and the conversion of souls to Christ.—John MacNab, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF EDMONTON.

At Innisfail, Alta. N. W. T., on the 1st inst., a special meeting of the Presbytery of Edmonton, was held for the ordination of Rev. W. L. Atkinson, graduate of Manitoba College, and a Scintiate of the Presbytery of Orangeville, Ont., for the Innisfail Mission District in the room of Rev. David Spear, now removed to Manitoba.

The Presbytery was convened for 4 p. m., and immediately after the arrival of the members by the train from the north, it met in the church, and was duly constituted by the Moderator.

The members present were Rev. D. G. McQueen, Edmonton, Moderator; Rev. John Fernie, Lacombe; Rev. G. Vetter, Josephburg; Rev. Peter Naismith, Olds; and Rev. A. Forbes, Fort Saskatchewan Ministers, and Messrs. G. A. Reid, Lacombe, and McCure, Innisfail Elders.

Mr. Atkinson having passed very satisfactorily the usual trials they were duly sustained, and arrangements made

for his ordination at a public meeting of the Presbytery to be held in the church at eight o'clock in the evening. The Presbytery having been duly convened at the hour named, and after devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. Pet. Naismith preached from Mark, iv., 30-32. After the usual questions to candidates for ordination had been duly and satisfactorily answered, Mr. Atkinson was ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry. The newly ordained minister was suitably addressed by the Rev. A. Forbes, and the people by Mr. Reid, elder from Lacombe.

On Wed. 2nd inst., the Presbytery met in the church for the transaction of emergent business.

A fraternal letter from the Presbytery of Calgary, of which the members of the Edmonton Presbytery lately formed a part was read, and is as follows: "To The Venerable The Presbytery of Edmonton.—The Presbytery of Calgary convened in Pincher Creek, at its regular semi-annual meeting, desires to express its gratitude to God for the extension of His kingdom, in this portion of His vineyard; and to wish the new Presbytery of Edmonton, formerly a part of this Presbytery, much prosperity in the work committed to its charge. At this our first meeting, since you have been separated from us, we miss your friendly faces, your kindly friendship, and your wise counsel. Separated from you in body, through faith in a common Saviour, we believe we are still united in spirit, and our prayer to God, our Father in Heaven is, that united in spirit we as two Presbyteries may carry forward with His blessing resting on us, the work which, hitherto, we have carried forward as one. On behalf of the Presbytery of Calgary, Jas. W. Morrow, E. G. Walter, Pincher Creek, 4th Sept., 1896."

The moderator and clerk of Presbytery were appointed a committee to answer this letter.

The Presbytery urged upon the Presbyterian Mission Station at Ponoka, the advisability of securing the title to the land for the church and manse; and the moderator was instructed to make arrangements for the dedication of the church at an early date.

Application for a loan of \$500 upon the new manse at Fort Saskatchewan, was made and duly sanctioned.

Much gratification was expressed on a letter being read from Prof. Baird of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, intimating that he sent as a gift a minute book, for the use of the new Presbytery.

The Rev. John Fernie, and the clerk were appointed a committee to acknowledge in suitable terms the receipt of this highly appreciated gift.

Mr. Atkinson, in room of Mr. Spear, was appointed convener of the committee on Young People's Societies.

The Presbytery agreed to recommend the Assembly's plan of study for young people's societies, to all the congregations and Mission Stations within its bounds.

A letter from Mr. Scott of the Record, having been read, the Presbytery recommended that every family should have a copy of this organ of the church.

It was resolved that where ever possible, an ordained man should have charge of adjoining students' fields.

Mr. Atkinson was instructed to make inquiries regarding the Icelandic settlements lying north of the Red Deer River, and to provide services if deemed advisable.

With regard to the application for a certificate by G. E. Dyer, a student of Queen's College, Kingston, Ont., who had been employed in the Red Deer Mission Field during the past summer, the Presbytery after hearing read the letter from the chairman of the Red Deer Managers, and the report of the convener of the Presbytery on Home Mission committee, in addition to the reports received at last meeting of Presbytery, basing its action on the last clause of Section 216, page 41 of Rules and Forms of Procedure, unanimously confirmed the former action of the Presbytery in declining to grant a certificate.

The moderator and clerk were appointed a committee with power to add to their number, to allocate to the various stations their proportions for the schemes of the church.

In the evening a public sederunt of

the Presbytery was held in the church. Addresses were given by Rev. G. Vetter, Mr. Reid, Mr. Forbes and the Moderator. The Presbytery then adjourned.

PARIS PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Paris held its ordinary quarterly meeting in Chalmer's Church, Woodstock, Dec 8th, Rev. E. R. Hutt presiding as Moderator. A circular to Presbyteries from the Home Mission Committee, stating that \$79,100 was required for the year, and allocating \$4,300 of this to the Presbytery of Paris, was considered, and a list of amounts to be expected from congregations was agreed upon. A similar circular from the Foreign Mission Committee was read to the effect that \$77,120 will be needed to meet the obligations of the year, and Mr. Straith addressed the court on behalf of the Foreign Mission Committee. The proportion asked from Paris Presbytery is \$1,800.

A communication from the Presbytery of Guelph, relative to the transfer of Baden to said Presbytery was read and agreed to.

A call from Windham and Delhi, in favour of Mr. E. C. Currie, licentiate, largely signed and unanimous was reported by Mr. Millar. Commissioners having been heard, the call was sustained, and Mr. Currie's acceptance, having been intimated the ordination and induction was appointed to take place at Delhi, Dec' 22nd, at 2 p.m., the Moderator to preside, Mr. Cranston to preach, Mr. McGregor to give the charge and Mr. Millar to address the people. The trial subjects to be prescribed by Mr. McGregor and Mr. Hamilton.

Messrs. Leslie, Hardie and McMullen were appointed to consider the state of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund and report to next meeting. Mr. G. C. Patterson was appointed to address the W.F.M.S. Presbyterial annual meeting at Ayr.

Messrs. Hardie, Millar and Hamilton were appointed to arrange for the conference on the reports of the standing committees at next meeting, which is to be held in Zion Church, Brantford, on the second Tuesday of March at 11 a.m.—W. T. McMullen, Clerk.

LUNENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Lunenburg and Shelburne met at Lunenburg on Monday, Dec. 7th, at 10.30 a.m. Notices were read from the College Board, the Augmentation Committee, the Synod's Clerk and the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. (Serious consideration was given to a letter from Dr. Morrison, calling attention of Presbytery to the congregations which had failed to contribute to certain schemes of the Church during the past year. During the present year the Presbytery will seek to secure a collection from its congregations for every scheme of the Church.

Mr. MacGillivray reported that he had not paid the appointed visit to Bridgewater, and in view of the additional information from the agent of the Church, he was instructed to fulfil his appointment at the earliest opportunity.

The Augmentation Committee grants Shelburne congregation at the rate of \$250 for the year ending March 31st, next.

The following amounts were allocated to the congregations of the Presbytery for the Augmentation Fund: Lunenburg, \$153; Bridgewater, \$70; Ladbair, \$50; Mahone, \$50; Lockport, \$35; Shelburne, \$35; Clyde and Banington, \$35; New Dublin, \$20; Riverdale, \$15.

The sum of \$15 was voted from the Presbytery Fund.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Leck, and seconded by Mr. E. L. Nash and adopted: Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His all-wise providence to lay his hand in affliction and bereavement upon the family of the esteemed father of this Presbytery, Rev. Henry Crawford, of New Dublin; we his brethren in the Presbytery, hereby desire to express our deepest and most sincere sympathy with him and his family, who have been bereft of a loving wife, and a kind and loving mother; and commend them to the Great Consoler and Comforter; that we record the removal of Mrs. Crawford with a deep sense of the loss sustained by that portion of the Church in which she labored so devotedly with her husband,