

**PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.**—A largely attended meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox Church, Guelph, on November 15, the Rev. A. M. Hamilton, M.A., Moderator. The Conveners of the different standing committees were instructed to meet and arrange a scheme for the usual annual conferences, and report to next meeting. The Clerk was appointed Convener of the joint representative committee. Dr. Dickson reported from the committee to arrange for the union of Doon and Preston into a joint charge, with the view of calling a minister, to the effect that such union had been agreed to by both places concerned, Doon to occupy a similar position in reference to Preston that it had occupied to Hespeler, and to pay the same amount of salary. It was agreed to receive the report and approve of the terms of union. Dr. Dickson was appointed Moderator of Session, and the congregation was placed on the list of vacancies for supply from the Probationers' list. The Presbytery then took up the resignation of Mr. Carruthers, of the pastoral charge of Waterloo, laid on the table at the meeting in Berlin, on October 12. Mr. Carruthers briefly addressed the court and signified his adherence to his resignation. A minute of a congregational meeting was read, which was to the effect that they would not oppose the acceptance of the same by the Presbytery. Commissioners were heard, whose remarks bore in the same direction. After deliberation it was agreed to accept the resignation, and Mr. Hamilton was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of December, and to act as Moderator of Session in the meantime. Messrs. Loggie and Begg were appointed as Assessors with the Session. A long time was spent over the resignation of Dr. Middlemiss, which was next taken up. The Dr. was heard, who fully entered into the reasons for his taking the course he had done. Minutes and resolutions of Session and Deacons' Court and of the congregation were also read. In these it was stated that it was the prevalent desire that Dr. Middlemiss' resignation should not take effect till the end of February next, and that he would be allowed the use of the manse at least for a time. The representatives from Session, Deacons' Court and congregation spoke in very warm terms of their attachment to their minister, to his faithfulness and usefulness as a minister of the Gospel. After full consideration it was decided to appoint a committee consisting of Dr. Torrance, Convener; Messrs. Mullin, Craig, F. F. Anderson and James Lettice to meet with the office-bearers and congregation of Chalmers Church for the purpose of having more clearly and definitely settled their final arrangements respecting their pastor, and report at next meeting, the resignation to lie on the table in the meantime. Dr. Torrance reported that, as appointed, he had preached in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on November 13, and declared the pulpit vacant, and Mr. Beattie reported that he had performed a similar service in Doon and Hespeler on October 27. The Presbytery then called for the report of the committee appointed to draft a suitable minute on the resignation of Dr. Wardrope, and the same was given in and read by Mr. J. C. Smith, Convener, and is as follows: The pastoral office in the congregation of Chalmers Church, Guelph, having been officially declared vacant the Presbytery would embody in their minutes an expression of their loving regard for the Rev. Thomas Wardrope, D.D., as a man, and of their unqualified confidence in him as a good minister of Jesus Christ, now that he has seen fit in the Providence of God, voluntarily to demit his charge with the view of retiring under sanction of the Supreme Court of the Church from active ministerial service. With great cordiality the Presbytery take pleasure in acknowledging the eminent services rendered by him as a co-presbyter during the past twenty-three years. In all matters coming under Presbyterial supervision, Dr. Wardrope has always taken a deep interest, and has never failed promptly to undertake his full share of responsibility and personal service. Wise in counsel, discerning and charitable in judgment, a lover and promoter of peace and uniformly courteous towards his brethren, the Presbytery believe that their brother has been largely instrumental in shaping many of the decisions arrived at, tending to concord and to the exaltation of righteousness and truth. It is gratifying to the Presbytery to know that the marked features in their brother's character have not escaped the attention of the Church at large, he having had conferred on him the honorary title of Doctor in Divinity, by his Alma Mater, the University of Queen's College, Kingston, and been called upon to fill for several years the responsible office of Convener of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, and more recently to preside as Moderator in the Supreme Court of the Church, the duties of which were discharged by him with singularly dignity and tact. As the pastor of an important charge within the bounds, a position which he has held almost from the organization of the congregation in 1868, he is now privileged on Jemitting it to leave an honourable record behind him. In testimony of which substantial evidence may be found in the present prosperous condition of the congregation (embracing 190 families, and 480 communicants on the roll) as well as in the harmony, progressive spirit and missionary zeal evinced, in the development of which the pastor under God has borne a principal part. During his pastorate in Guelph, as is well known, Dr. Wardrope has not been a stranger to severe affliction and repeated trial. And the Presbytery cannot forget the Christian fortitude and calm resignation to the will of God which their brother was enabled by Divine grace to maintain at a time when it pleased Almighty God in His wise Providence to visit him and his family with great sorrow and bereavement. It was then clearly manifest to his brethren that close personal fellowship with "The God of all comfort," not only endows with superhuman strength, but qualifies with special fitness those afflicted for comforting others when "in any trouble," with the comfort wherewith they themselves "are comforted of God." The Presbytery would at the same time express their sincere gratification on learning from the commissioners appointed, that their venerable brother is held in the highest esteem and affection by those to whom he has so long ministered in the Gospel of the Grace of God, and that the congregation has with commendable spirit made provision that he shall receive as a retiring allowance during his lifetime the sum of \$400 per annum. This being a spontaneous act on the part of the people, the Presbytery gladly recognize therein a pleasing tribute paid to the unspeakable value of Gospel truth and Christian privileges at the close of a faithful and successful ministry. Praying that the Divine blessing may continue to rest upon their brother, the Presbytery indulge the hope that for many years to come they may still enjoy the benefit of his counsel and matured experience as a member of the Presbytery of Guelph. The Presbytery further record their warmest sympathy with the congregation of Chalmers Church, and their confident belief that the King and Head of the Church will graciously direct them in their choice of another pastor to carry on the good work begun, and to "declare" among them "the whole counsel of God." The report was approved and ordered to be engrossed on the records and a copy sent to Dr. Wardrope and one to the Session and congregation of Chalmers Church. The Presbytery next called for the report of the committee to prepare a suitable minute on the retirement of Mr. Haigh from the pastoral oversight of Doon and Hespeler and the same was given in and read by Dr. Jackson, Convener, and the same was approved, ordered to be engrossed in the minutes, and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy to Mr. Haigh and one to his late pastoral charge. The Rev. George Haigh prepared for the ministry under the distinguished Dr. Enoch Mellow, of Halifax, England. He was ordained by the Primitive Methodist Conference of Toronto, in April, 1863, and three years later entered the Presbyterian ministry, and was for some years pastor of the churches of King and Laskey. Nearly sixteen years ago he was inducted over the Hespeler, Doon and Preston Churches. The Preston organization was disbanded several years ago. The ministry of Mr. Haigh has been marked with wisdom and grace combined with great zeal. He was an instructive and eloquent preacher; a careful and painstaking pastor, and a genial and hospitable co-labourer in the ministry. The Presbytery, in severing the pastoral tie, bears willing testimony to the success of Mr. Haigh's ministry. When he was settled over Hespeler, it required the three charges to sustain one minister, now the church of Hespeler alone will sustain a minister. It had only sixty members when he came to it, now it has an enrolled membership of 180. May the rich blessings of the Master, whose work and message were the business of his vigorous manhood, descend upon Mr. Haigh and his family in their new home, and continue with them until they join the church above. A letter was read from Mr. William Graham, of St. John's, Newfoundland, acknowledging with thanks the remittance sent by the Presbytery of \$400 for rebuilding church, and of \$100 for manse, destroyed by the late fire. Mr. Marsh tendered his resignation of the pastorate over the First Church, Eramosa. After appointing a committee to confer with Mr. Marsh on the matter, and receiving their report, and devolving long consideration to the subject, it was finally resolved that Dr. Torrance preach in Eramosa on an early Sabbath, and cite the session and congregation to appear for their interests at the next ordinary meeting. Committees were appointed to co-operate with Sessions of vacant congregations in procuring supply for their pulpits. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday in January, 1893, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

**PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.**—This Presbytery met in Morrin College, Quebec, on the 5th and 9th November. Rev. D. Tait, B.A., was elected moderator for the ensuing twelve months. Elders' Commissions in favour of Messrs. Alex. Baptist, Three Rivers; John McKee, St. Sylvester and Leeds village; Raoul Labry, French Mission, Quebec; and Hugh MacLeod, Lingwick, were presented and accepted. A call from Lewis, in favour of Rev. K. MacLennan, M.A., was sustained and placed in Mr. MacLennan's hands. Mr. MacLennan intimated his acceptance of the call and his induction to Lewis was fixed for the 22nd November. Rev. A. T. Love to preside and preach, Rev. D. Tait to address the minister, and Rev. Professor Macadam the congregation. The Clerk was authorized to organize a Mission Station at Grande Mère near Three Rivers. Interesting Home Mission and French Mission reports were submitted by Revs. A. T. Love and D. Tait, respectively. Donations from Mr. Frank Ross and the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrews Church, Quebec, for the support of ordinances at Valcartier were gratefully acknowledged. A committee consisting of Revs. H. Craig and D. Tait was appointed to visit Kennebec Road in connection with arrears due to the late missionary in that field. Rev. Thos. Muir was appointed moderator of Lingwick Session. The committee on the Spaulding property and Morrin College were continued. It was resolved to petition the Quebec Legislature to enact Legislation prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors. Mr. Peter Johnston was appointed assessor to sit with the Session of Three Rivers. Mr. D. M. Jamieson, Licentiate, was recommended to the Committee on Distribution of Probationers. Rev. T. Z. Lefevre tendered his resignation of the French Mission, Quebec. The resignation was accepted to take effect at the end of the year. Rev. H. Craig gave notice that he would move at the next regular meeting, that the Presbytery overture the Methodist District Meeting of Quebec to hold a joint meeting to discuss church work. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Morrin College, Quebec, on the last Tuesday of February next at 4 p.m. —I. R. MACLEOD, Pres. Clerk.

At the Toronto College of Music an entertainment introducing Mr. Paul Morgan, violoncello virtuoso, from the Royal Academy, Berlin, was given in the college hall on Thursday evening, November 17, and was most successful. Associated with Mr. Morgan on this occasion were Mrs. Dreschler Adamson, violinist, Mr. H. M. Field, piano virtuoso, Miss Norma Reynolds, vocalist, and Miss Sullivan, accompanist. Mr. Morgan plays like an artist, producing a beautiful, full tone, while his phrasing is beyond criticism; we hope to hear him often. Mrs. Adamson and Mr. Field delighted everybody, and Miss Reynolds was most pleasing in her rendering of her vocal number. The programme was composed of high-class music, and gave evident pleasure to the large audience of music-lovers present.

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