

MAY, 1899.

Minutes of Meeting
OF THE
PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN CANADA.

KNOX CHURCH, DUTTON, MAY 9, 1899.

At Dutton, and within Knox Church, Tuesday, May 9, 1899, the Presbytery of London met and was constituted, the Moderator in the chair.

Sederunt—Ministers : Messrs. Barnett, Clarke, Courtenay, Currie, Drummond, Henderson, Kelso, Lawrence, Leitch, Lindsay, (Ivan), MacGillivray, McNeil, Milloy, Ross, Sawers, Scott, Steven, Stewart (Melbourne,) Stuart, (London,) Sutherland, Wilson, (London.)

Elders—Messrs. Johnson (Rev. D. C.,) Lethbridge, McLarty, McLean (Aldboro,) Patterson (Carlisle), and Rathburn.

Minutes of March meetings were corrected and confirmed.

Call Declined—Mr. Ross reported the Call from "Burn's" Church, Mosa, to Mr. K. McLennan, of Tiverton, declined.

N. Ekfrid Mission—Mr. Henderson informed Presbytery that Mr. Johnson, student, had been engaged to labor for the season in North Ekfrid, also that application had been made for fifty cents per Sabbath for the past six months.

Tempo and S. Delaware—Mr. Currie stated that, in accordance with the terms of the resolutions at the March meeting,

he had applied for a grant of \$150 to augment stipend promised by S. Delaware and Tempo. He was quite sure the amount would be forthcoming. Touching the item of \$100 for board and lodging of supply, he could not speak with the same certainty.

The Young People's Societies—This report was presented by Mr. Ross. Owing to the fact that some Societies had ignored his request for returns, and he had done what he could to get full returns from all, the statistics would be of little value. He was sure, however, that the work done during the year was better than his report seemed to indicate. He was glad that a union of all our Societies in one Presbyterial had been effected, and hoped it might result in more, and better, work for the Master.

He wished, further, that his successor might be able to bring in a report next year that would fairly set before Presbytery the work done by the Young People's Societies within our bounds.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Currie, the report was received, and the thanks of the Presbytery given to Mr. Ross, for his faithfulness and zeal, in discharging the important duties entrusted to him as Convenor of this Committee.

Forasmuch as some Y. P. Societies failed to report to the Committee, it was, on motion, agreed that Ministers be, and hereby are, instructed to urge upon their Y. P. C. the necessity of sending full reports when asked for by the Committee.

Executive of Y. P. P.—Messrs. MacGillivray and Barnett were appointed the Presbytery's representatives on the Executive of the Y. P. Presbyterial.

The Young People's Conference—Mr. Ross, President, reported as follows: The Young People of the Presbytery of London met in annual convention on Monday, May 8th, 1899, in Knox Church, Dutton. Satisfactory reports were heard from the Secretaries and Treasurers. The attendance was good. Reports from the Congregational Societies were encouraging. Article II. of the Constitution was amended by adding the words: "Giving special prominence to the work of Missions in our own country." This amendment was made in order that a union of the two Presbyterials might be effected. The representation at the annual convention from each Society was changed from one in seven, to one in twenty.

It was also moved, seconded, and after an animated discussion, agreed, that the Young People undertake some specific mission work for this year upon which we are just entering. Rev. John Pringle, Atlin, Klondyke district, was chosen as the missionary, and they aim at raising \$1,000 for his support during the coming year. They further resolved to submit the question of continuing specific work each succeeding year, to the Societies, and decide at next annual convention.

At the evening session earnest, helpful addresses were delivered by Rev. J. H. Barnett, subject, "Missions," and Rev. W. J. Clark, subject, "'Reverence in the House of God': (1) 'In its Worship,' (2) 'In its Government.'"

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Kirk Session and Choir for assistance rendered, and to the kind people of Dutton for their generous hospitality to delegates, and the Convention of '99 closed with the benediction.

Committee on Schemes—Mr. Henderson, on behalf of the Committee, reported progress. Owing to the Convention of the Presbyterial they had thought it well not to name a "Scheme" for the May meeting.

Notice from Manitoba College—The Board of Management of Manitoba College sent notice to Presbytery that it intends to nominate, to the next General Assembly, the Rev. T. H. Kilpatrick, B. D., of Aberdeen, Scotland, for the position of Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics, and joint lecturer in Philosophy, in said College.

McGregor vs. Session of Appin—The papers in this case had been forwarded to Presbytery by the Session of Appin. It was stated by Mr. Henderson, Moderator, and Clerk of Session, that three several Citations were sent Mr. A. B. McGregor to appear before them, none of which was obeyed, whereupon he was suspended from church membership. Mr. McGregor appeals against the judgment of the Session. A general discussion ensued, which, although quite informal, was very earnest. Presbytery recognized the invalidity of the appeal, but deemed it well to appoint a Committee to confer with the appellant with a hope that the way might be made plain for the right settlement of all differences between the parties concerned. On motion, Messrs. Clark, Currie and Drummond, Ministers, and Mr. Rathburn, Elder, were appointed such committee, and in due time reported as follows:

"Your Committee having conferred with Mr. McGregor and having heard his statement that his refusal to obey the several Citations of the Session of Appin was due entirely to his ignorance of Church law, find that he is now perfectly willing to obey the Citation of Session. The report was received.

Session Records Examined—Messrs. Kelso and McLarty examined Session records of Melbourne ; and Messrs. Leitch and D. C. Johnson those of Riverside congregation. They were reported carefully and correctly kept, and were so attested by the Moderator.

Rev. Archibald Stewart's application with reasons for permission to retire from the active duties of the pastorate, and for a retiring allowance from the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund," was read to the Court.

Rev. J. M. Monroe, aged sixty-four, reported seriously ill, asks through Mr. A. J. MacGillivray, to be made a temporary beneficiary of the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund," relief to be granted from the first day of April of this year. It was, on motion agreed that the applications be received, and sent, with other relative documents, to the General Assembly.

Vote of Sympathy—Messrs. D. C. Johnson and A. J. MacGillivray were, on motion, appointed a Committee to prepare a Minute of Sympathy anent Mr. Munroe's illness, and instructed to forward a copy without delay to the family of our afflicted brother.

Restored Health—Members were glad, and expressed their gratitude in earnest tones, because in the good Providence of God our brethren, Messrs. Sutherland, Stewart (Melbourne), and Sawers, are so far recovered as to be able to be with us again on the floor of the House.

Notices from Presbyteries—**Hamilton** will apply to next General Assembly for leave to receive as a minister of our church, Rev. Archibald MacLaren, M. A. ; **Prince Edward Island** to receive Rev. R. A. Finlayson, B. A. ; **Minnedosa** to receive Rev. Robert Gow ; **Barrie** to receive Rev. A. Edington ; **Victoria** to receive Rev. Alex. Fraser ; **Toronto** renews its application to receive Mr. E. M. C. Botterill.

All of the foregoing are of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. The Presbytery of **Glengary** will apply for leave to receive as a minister Rev. J. H. Paradis, of the Congregational Church in the United States.

Bequest of the Late Mr. McMullin—Papers from the Clerk of the Synod of Hamilton and London were read, containing (1) Extract Minute of Synod re bequest of the late Thomas McMullin, of Caradoc. (2) Copies of the correspondence between T. H. Luscomb, barrister, and Dr. Laing, acting Clerk of Synod. The bequest was of three hundred dollars, and seven shares of Bank of Commerce stock, to Cook's Church, Caradoc. The extract minute was to the effect that the whole matter be referred to this Presbytery. It was finally agreed, on motion of Mr. Stuart (London), seconded by Mr. Ross, that a Committee be appointed to search the titles of Cook's Church property, and to guard the interests of said Church in the matter of said bequest, and that Messrs. Currie, Ross, Greenlees and Rathburn constitute such committee.

Dr. Sutherland's Resignation of the Clerkship—The faithful and painstaking clerk, Dr. Sutherland, could not be persuaded to let his resignation lie on the table, but urged its immediate acceptance. After many expressions of sympathy and an earnest hope that he might return again from the land of his birth with energies renewed, and health restored, the resignation was accepted. Messrs. Stuart (London), Henderson and Clark were appointed a Committee to bring in a suitable minute anent his long and faithful services. His request for three months' leave of absence was immediately granted.

Appointment of Clerk—It was, on motion, agreed that the appointment of Clerk be postponed until the July meeting, and that the Acting Clerk, meantime, be authorized to carry on the work of the office.

Call from Ailsa Craig and Carlyle—Mr. Lawrence presented a Call to Mr. W. H. Geddes, of St. Catherines, from Ailsa Craig and Carlyle. The Call was most hearty, and was largely signed. The stipend guaranteed is \$850 with a manse. Messrs. J. B. Shipley and Wm. Patterson, delegates from

Carlisle congregation, addressed the Court testifying to the unanimity of the Call. Ailsa Craig delegates having missed their train connection, were not present. It was, on motion, agreed that the Moderator's conduct be approved, the Call sustained as a regular gospel Call, and transmitted to the Presbytery of Hamilton, with request that it be issued at their earliest convenience. Also that Mr. Lawrence represent this Presbytery when the Call comes before the Presbytery of Hamilton. It was arranged that in the event of Mr. Geddes' acceptance the Moderator will preside, Mr. McIntyre will preach, Mr. Lawrence will address the people, and Mr. Little, the minister. Date of induction to be set by the Moderator and Clerk.

Leave to Moderate—Messrs. Ross and Courtenay were respectively given leave to moderate in Calls to "Mosa," and "Alma Street," St. Thomas.

Next Meeting—On motion, resolved, that our next regular meeting be held in Port Stanley, on the second Tuesday in July at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Presbytery adjourned with the benediction.

J. H. COURTENAY, Clerk, *pro tem.*

At Ailsa Craig, and within the Presbyterian Church there, on the 13th day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1899, at two o'clock, p. m., the Presbytery of London met at the call of the Moderator, for the induction of Rev. W. H. Geddes, M. A., and was duly constituted by the Moderator.

Sederunt—Rev. Norman Lindsay, B. A., Moderator, and Messrs. Lawrence and Little, Ministers.

Mr. Little was asked to act as Clerk.

The Citation was returned, certified and duly served.

Proclamation was then made to the congregations of Ailsa Craig and Carlyle there assembled.

In the absence of Rev. R. McIntyre, who had been appointed to preach, Mr. Little was appointed to take this part of the service.

The Moderator then called on Mr. Lawrence who had moderated in the Call to state the different steps of procedure up to the present time.

The Moderator then put the usual questions to Rev. W. H. Geddes, M. A., and inducted him into the pastorate of the united charge of Ailsa Craig and Carlyle.

Rev. S. Lawrence addressed the congregations and Rev. J. Little the newly inducted minister.

The session and managers met with the Presbytery and after a short conference the Presbytery was closed with the benediction.

JAMES LITTLE, Clerk, *pro tem.*

DOCKET FOR JULY.

1. Business arising out of Minutes.
2. Reports of
 - (1) Committee re J. M. Munro's illness.
 - (2) Committee re Cook's Church property and the McMullin bequest.
 - (3) Commissioners to General Assembly.
3. French Evangelization.
4. Clerk of Presbytery.