Presbytery Of The Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Prince Edward Island met in regular quarterly session at 11 a. m. on Tuesday, May 9th, in Zion Church Hall and was opened in due form by the Moderator, Rev. Allister Murray.

Those present were: Rev. Allister Murray, Moderator; Rev. R. Hensley Stavert, Clerk; Rev. Chas. J. St. Clair Jeans, Rev. Fred Williamson, Rev. R. Moorhead Legate, D.D., Rev. J. Keir Fraser, D.D., Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, Rev. D. L. Griffiths, Rev. J. A. Pritchard and Messrs. W. A. Stewart, A. E. Morrison, Wm. Kennedy, Angus McLean, P. J. Van-Iderstine and James Jardine, representative elders. Others present, not members of the court were: Rev. J. H. Douglas, Rev. W. O. Rhoad, Rev. M. E. Genge, D.D., Rev. Norman McDonald and V. E. Orsborn and Lewis W. Mills, student catechists, and Messrs. Dougald McPherson, Chas. Martin, Thos. Ramsay, George Jardine and Samuel McPherson, elders, and Messrs. John Anderson, David Griffiths and Wm. D. McPherson, representative laymen.

After having made two slight corrections, the minutes of the last regular meeting were adopted.

Before the work mapped out for the day was taken up, Rev. J. Keir Fraser, D.D., called the attention of the Court to the fact that since the last Presbytery meeting, a signal honor had been conferred upon one of our members—Rev. R. Moorhead Legate. At the closing of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, on April 7th, Mr. Legate was honoured with having received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from that college. It was then moved by Rev. Dr. Fraser, seconded by Rev. G. Carlyle Webster and unanimously carried that we extend to Rev. Dr. Legate the hearty congratulations and best wishes of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island on his having received this honor. These congratulations and best wishes were very fittingly conveyed to Dr. Legate by the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Allister Murray.

In a few well chosen words, Dr. Legate thanked the members of the Presbytery for this resolution of congratulations and good will so graciously extended to him. Ever since coming to reside within the bounds of the Presbytery he had enjoyed the friendship and the fellowship of the brethren and this expression of their kindness was to him but another proof of the true worth of that friendship and fellowship.

Two Presbyterian ministers, who had been laboring within the bounds of the Presbytery for some months were present at the court for the first time. These were Rev. Norman McDonald, who had been supplying the congregations of Montague and Cardigan, while Rev. Alex Gibson was away on a leave of absence, and Rev. J. H. Douglas, who has been in the Murray Harbor North and Peter's Road Congregations for the past six months. The Moderator of Presbytery gave these gentlemen a hearty welcome and extended to them the privileges of the Court.

These courtesies were by them fittingly acknowledged. Mr. Lewis W. Mills, a student catechist from Kingston Bible College was also introduced to the Court and received a hearty welcome from the Moderator.

The correspondence was then dealt with. Under this heading came the applications of quite a large number of men from other churches, asking to be received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbytery of Calgary is applying to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for leave to receive Rev. M. G. Gardhedian, B.A., B.D., a minister of the United Church of Canada, as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbytery of Red Deer is renewing its application for the admission of Rev. R. S. Stevens, former Methodist minister, into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbytery of Edmonton is applying to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for leave to receive Rev. Thos. Murphy, B.A., by registration, a minister of the United Church of Canada and also for permission to receive Rev. A. R. Osborn, M.A., D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., as ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbytery of Glengarry is renewing its application to the General Assembly for leave to receive Rev. Lewis Oldenburger, B.D., a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbytery of Montreal is making application to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for permission to take Mr. Edward H. Johnson, of the Theological Seminary of Princeton, N.J., on trial for license. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of McGill University and is completing his theological course at Princeton, N.J., this year.

The Presbytery of Winnipeg is applying to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for permission to take on trial for license Mr. Wm. H. Hughes, B.A., a graduate in theology of the United Church College, Winnipeg. Mr. Hughes is a graduate in arts of Manitoba University and also took post-graduate courses in Philosophy and Psychology at the University of Edinburgh.

The Presbytery of Pictou is applying to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for leave to receive as a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Mr. Claude E. Hayward, a licentiate of the Presbytery of West Jersey Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., also for permission to take on trials for license Messrs. William Verwolf, of Calvin College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, U. S. A., and Harry Ingram Fell, of Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee and Princeton Theological Seminary.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island is applying to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for permission to receive Rev. W. O. Rhoad, B.A., Th.B., of the Presbyterian Church North, U. S. A., as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island is also renewing its application for leave to receive Rev. M. E. Genge, D.D., of the Christian Church as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island is again renewing its request to the General Assembly's Board of Education asking them to prescribe an Extra-mural Course of Studies for Mr. V. E. Orsborn, now supplying in the New London Congregation.

The Presbytery strongly recommended the reception of Rev. W. O. Rhoad, of Rev. M. E. Genge, and of Rev. W. H. Garahedian. It also strongly recommended the prescribing of a course of studies for V. E. Orsborn.

The Presbytery decided not to approve of the application of Rev. Lewis Oldenburger. Regarding the applications of students from the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., the Presbytery felt that so long as we had quite a number of students in our own Canadian colleges who were unable to secure employment for the summer months, that it was not fair to them to recommend the receiving of these outside students on trial for license. These applications were thus not approved. The applications of all the other ministers and students were left on the table. It might be added here that since the meeting of the Presbytery, a notice has been received by the Clerk, saying that the Presbytery of Westminster is applying to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for leave to receive Rev. Duncan McDougall, M.A., a minister of the Free Church of Scotland, as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. There are thus at this time, eight ordained ministers of other churches, one licentiate and six students—fifteen in all—seeking admission into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Clerk announced that he had received the Presbyterial Certificate of Rev. J. H. Douglas, who has been supplying at Murray Harbor North and Peter's Road for some months. It was ordered that the name of Mr. Douglas be placed for the present on the appendix of the roll of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

The report on S. Schools and Young People's Societies was presented by Mr. V. E. Orsborn, Associate Convenor of the Presbyterian Committee on S. Schools and Young People's Societies. The report showed that while faithful work is being done in our S. Schools and in our Young People's Societies, yet it is evident that there is need of still greater devotion to this department of our church work.

In the S. Schools, which have sent in reports, there are some 1,650 scholars and the total membership of the Young People's Societies reporting is 659. From the returns received from the Young People's Societies, it is learned that the Young People are organized in only fourteen congregations. In other words about seventy percent of our preaching stations have no Young People's organizations.

But wherever our Young People are organized it is evident from the splendid attendance at the meetings that our young people are keenly interested in the work of the church.

The committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's work recommends:

1—That every member of the Presbytery be urged to take steps to promote and to establish Young People's Societies wherever possible.

2—That action be taken to set up a Young People's central organization to be known by some such name as "The Presbyterian Young People's Council of Prince Edward Island." It is believed that if the ministers would take up the initiative in the matter of forming the organization that the young people will do their part, and it is further believed that with the assistance of the ministers the membership of our societies might be doubled. With some such central organization as suggested it is held that quite a measure of co-ordination and co-operation amongst the various units could be secured, and that such organization should also provide a channel through which all of our young people could be reached. It is suggested that this organization should hold meetings twice a year—May and October. The report was received and the recommendation adopted, seconded and later adopted as a whole.

Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, interum moderator of the sessions of Kensington and Freetown reported to the court that he had recently held a congregational meeting in Kensington and that the people of Kensington and Freetown had decided to extend a call to Rev. W. O. Rhoad of Philadelphia, who had been supplying the pulpits of that congregation for more than a year. The call was hearty and quite unanimous and was supported by Messrs Thos Ramsay, James Jardine and George Jardine. Before the call can be extended to Mr. Rhoad he will have to be received by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Rev. Mr. Webster then presented to the court the Presbyterial certificate and other credentials of Rev. Mr. Rhoad's standing in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. and requested the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island to apply to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for leave to receive Rev. W. O. Rhoad as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The request was unanimously granted.

Rev. Chas J. St. Clair Jeans, convener of the Budget Committee, gave the Report on the Budget. A number of the congregations throughout the Presbytery had not raised as much as it was felt they might have done. But in the face of these days of depression the majority of the congregations had done remarkably well. The amount raised for 1932 was $4,117.00 as against $4,859.00 in 1931. The congregations of Zion, Malpeque, Summerside, Clyde River, Caledonia and North Rustico are deserving of special mention. Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission committee gave the report on Home Missions.

In dealing with the grants for the several augmented congregations the convener stated all of the regular grants and one special grant had been approved of by the General Board of ministers and that the other two special grants had not been approved of.

The Presbytery's Home Mission committee was then authorized by Presbyteries to insist that the General Board of Missions at least pay the special two hundred dollar grant which the said Board had some months ago promised the convener of the Home Mission committee to do. The best possible arrangements will be made for supplying West Point and North Rustico. It is expected that Mr. Donald Campbell of Heatherdale will soon be returning from College and that he will then take up work in these two fields—giving part time to each.

Rev. M. E. Genge, D. D., spoke of the splendid progress being made in work in Tryon. Among other things the people are undertaking to build a manse in the near future. A lot of land has already been purchased and a large part of the lumber required and that labor necessary for the erection of the manse has been promised.

Rev. Mr. Webster then presented a request from the Tryon congregation for leave to build the said manse and also for leave to borrow a $1,000.00 for several years to assist in the erection of the same. The request was unanimously granted and it was also agreed that an application be made out asking the Church Building and Extension Fund for the loan of the said amount and should it be that this loan could not be given at once that the congregation be allowed to borrow the money elsewhere.

The Home Mission Report was adopted and approved of as a whole.

Rev. R. Hensley Stavert, convener of the committee on statistics gave a brief summing up of the Statistical and Financial reports received from the various congregations. When comparing the returns of 1932 with those of 1931 there is, even in these days of depression, really nothing to cause the workers in our churches to be discouraged. Among other things it is found from these returns that we have five more Elders in 1932 than we had in 1931. During 1932 we received into full Communion with the Presbyterian Church in Canada 141 more members on profession of faith and 30 were by certificate; that we received in 1931 of these 141, some 73 came in from the Sunday Schools. The removals by certificate and by death were very slightly more in 1932 than they were in 1931.

The total amount raised for stipends throughout the Presbytery was only $636.00 less in 1932 than in 1931. The amount raised for the Budget was quite encouraging, being only $742.00 less than in 1931. In spite of these so-called hard times the givings of the Women's Missionary Society were only $449.00 less in 1932 than in 1931. While we could wish for better financial returns, yet in these trying times there is nothing to really dishearten anyone but on the other hand there is still much to be thankful for. The report was adopted.

At the request of the respective congregations, Rev. J. H. Douglas was re-appointed to the congregation of Murray Harbor North and Peters Road for a period of six months and Mr. O. E. Orsborn was re-appointed to the New London congregation for a similar period.

Rev. James McKay, D. D., of the new St. James Church, London, Ontario, was unanimously nominated as a candidate for the position of moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada which is to be held at Peterboro, Ontario, June 7-14, 1933. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the Presbytery have a recommendation prepared to present to Rev. Norman McDonald when his work in the Montague and Cardigan congregations shall have been completed. Mr. McDonald has proven himself to be a splendid preacher of the everlasting gospel and a zealous and faithful worker in the interests of the Master's Kingdom. During his short stay in these congregations he has become greatly beloved by all who have come to know him.

The question of holding of a Summer School was discussed at some length. It was wondered by some whether or not it was wise in these days of financial stringency to try to carry on a Summer School. It was held on the other hand that if ever these days of depression are to be made to cease that we must lay still greater emphasis upon the holding of Summer Schools and all other religious organizations that will lead our people to give the matter of the Master's Kingdom the proper place in their lives. Therefore we should not think of not holding the Summer School as usual. Again as Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D. D., the secretary of the Board of Schools and Young People's Societies for the Presbyterian Church in Canada is coming East this year, it was felt that if the Summer School were not held that our young people would be missing a great opportunity of having Dr. Kannawin spend a week among them. This privilege may not be given to them again for years to come. Dr. Kannawin will attend the Summer School at Huntingdon, Quebec July 1-10 and the Summer School at Pictou, N. S. July 12-20 and can be present for a Summer School on Prince Edward Island during the last six days of July and the first three days of August when the Y. M. C. A grounds at Canoe Cove can be secured—should the Presbytery decide to hold the Summer School at that time.

It was agreed that the associate convener of the committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies should write a letter of enquiry to those who are most deeply interested in the work among the young people in all of our congregations and to find out at as early a date as possible how many delegates would likely be going to the Summer School from each and from all of the various congregations. A committee of three consisting of Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert and Rev. J. A. Pritchard, with Rev. Mr. Webster as convener, was appointed to assist the convener and the associate convener of committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies in the work of arranging for and carrying on the Summer School.

The commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada which is to meet in Peterboro, Ontario, June 7-14 are: Rev. R. Moorhead Legate, D. D., Rev. Alex R. Gibson, with Rev. Fred Williamson and Rev. R. Hensley Stavert as alternates and as Elders, Messrs S. M. Hicks, Summerside and Earl Foster, Marshfield, with Messrs A. W. Stewart, Brookfield and Geddie Douglas, Mt. Stewart, as alternates.

The committee appointed to deal with the matter of legal titles to church property will bring in their report at the July meeting of Presbytery. Rev. Allister Murray reported on the matter of the building of the new church at Murray Harbor South. He spoke feelingly of the zeal and the enthusiasm of the Presbyterian people of Murray Harbor South in the work of the building of their new church. These people are only a small group but they have done really wonderful things. Of late, they in common with all other people have been hard hit by these days of depression so that it is naturally impossible to gather in all of the money that has been subscribed. He suggested that it might be possible that some of the members of Presbyteries might wish to contribute some small amount towards the building of this church. If so he would be ready to receive any such amount with gratitude. He and the good people of Murray Harbor South are hoping to have the new church opened during the latter part of the summer.

The matter of Presbyterial visitation was discussed for some time. As the committee in charge of this work had not completed their plans it was decided to hold over the report of this committee until the meeting of Presbytery in July and that it be given such a place on the agenda that it can be taken up early in the day.

Rev. Fred Williamson extended a hearty invitation to the Presbytery to hold their next regular quarterly meeting at 11 a. m. on the third Tuesday of July in the Keir Memorial Church, Malpeque.

The invitation was gratefully accepted by the Presbytery. It was then agreed to hold an evening meeting in the said Keir Memorial Church on that date and that this meeting would take the form of a Presbyterial visitation and would be in charge of the Presbytery's committee on Presbyterial visitation.

The commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada which is to meet in Peterboro, June 7-14 were urged to press strongly for the reception of Rev. W. O. Rhoad, especially since he is now under call to Kensington and Freetown. They were also asked to do all in their power to have Rev. M. E. Genge, D. D. who has done valiant work for our church for upwards of eight years received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. These commissioners are also urged to meet with the Assembly's Board of Education and to press for the prescribing of an extra mural course of studies for Mr. V. E Orsborn of Clifton, P. E. I.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the moderator and due notice of which public intimation was given and the meeting was closed with the Benediction by the moderator, Rev. Allister Murray.

(Patriot Please Copy)

Mrs. Brown (to daughter who has been jilted) — "I shouldn't worry any more about him, my dear. After all, he's not the only pebble on the beach."

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