

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. W. Ross, B.A., of Prince William, N.B., has declined the call addressed to him by the congregation of Howey.

THE Rev. William Anderson, M.A., late of Rosemont and Mulmur, has removed with his family to Oakville, where, for the present, he purposes residing.

MESSRS. MURRAY, Carson and Fiske, candidates for the ministry, passed satisfactory examinations, and received licenses to preach the Gospel at the late meeting of St. John, N. B., Presbytery.

A CALL was moderated in at Consecration, on the 12th inst., and came out unanimously in favour of Mr. A. K. McLeod, recently licensed by the Presbytery of Kingston. The people, among whom he has laboured as a student missionary for several years, are most enthusiastic for his settlement.

THE Rev. A. Bell gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following collections to aid in rebuilding the church at Portage la Prairie: Lobo and Caradoc, \$31.50; Proulx Line Church, London, \$55; Carlisle and Ailsa Craig, \$40; Rev. J. Logie, Valette, \$12. The collections of other friends will be acknowledged as received. Private subscriptions are not given as they would occupy too much space.

THE Rev. James K. Smith, M.A., of Galt, preached in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the induction of the pastor, the Rev. D. H. Fletcher. The sermons were eloquent and instructive, and most appropriate to the occasion. At the close of the morning discourse the preacher made a few remarks on the prosperous condition of the congregation and on the changes that had occurred among its members since its organization thirty years ago. He also feelingly alluded to the loss the congregation and a large circle of friends had sustained in the melancholy death of Mr. James M. Stuart, who had been one of the most exemplary and useful members of the congregation, and whose whole life and conduct proved him to have been a true and sincere Christian man. The collections morning and evening were liberal. It was announced that on account of the death of Mr. Stuart the anniversary social had been indefinitely postponed.

THE friends of D. J. Grant, M.D., assembled at his residence in Woodbridge lately to bid him farewell previous to his removal from the village, and to manifest their good will to him and Mrs. Grant, by presenting him with an artistically carved water pitcher, and to Mrs. Grant a massive silver salver, with suitable inscriptions. Dr. P. D. McLean took the chair, and after a few well chosen remarks, called upon Dr. J. O. Orr, to read a handsomely illuminated and framed address, expressive of the high esteem in which he was held as a citizen, a physician and a Christian, and kindly wishes for his own and his family's happiness and success. Dr. Grant replied in a very affectionate manner. After the presentation by Mr. D. Allen, addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. P. Nichol, Walter Reid, T. Fenwick, and Dr. Campbell. Messrs. W. A. Wallis, G. Wallace, T. Porter, reeve of the township; Dr. J. O. Orr, D. Allen, John McCullough and several other gentlemen, all spoke in flattering terms of the Doctor's worth and of his public and professional career. Dr. Grant, during his residence in Woodbridge, took an active interest in the prosperity of the Woodbridge congregation in which he was a respected elder. He helped forward every Christian and philanthropic cause. His many friends there sincerely regret his departure.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting on May 12th, in Dumfries Street Church, Paris, Rev. James Little presiding as Moderator. The Rev. William Robertson reported a call from Stanley Street Church, Ayr, in favour of Mr. J. S. Hardie, licentiate. Commissioners having been heard, the call, which was unanimous, was sustained as a regular Gospel call, and placed in Mr. Hardie's hands, who requested an hour to consider his decision. Permission was renewed to St. George's ancient moderation. Dr. Cochrane, on behalf of Committee having supervision of Mr. Dempster's studies, gave in a report, recommending that Mr. Dempster be admitted to the status of a student entering on the first year in Theology, which was adopted. The recommendation of the Assembly's Committee anent marriage with a deceased wife's sister was approved simpliciter. The third recommendation anent the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was approved; the fourth and fifth were disapproved. The Presbytery recommended that no change be made as to the number of Assembly minutes to be printed. The call to Stanley Street Church, Ayr, having been accepted by Mr. Hardie, his ordination was appointed to take place on Tuesday, June 2nd, at two o'clock, p.m., Rev. W. Robertson to preside, Rev. T. Atkinson to preach, Dr. Cochrane to give the charge to the minister, and Mr. Robertson to address the congregation, the Presbytery to meet at ten o'clock, a.m., for business. Mr. Archibald Blair, after a creditable examination, was licensed to preach the Gospel. Rev. W. H. W. Boyle was granted three months' leave of absence to visit Europe. The following motion, proposed by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Robertson, and adopted, was ordered to be engrossed on the minutes and published with the Presbytery's proceedings: The Rev. W. T. McMullen, pastor of Knox Church, Woodstock, having completed twenty-five years of service in that congregation, the Presbytery desire to put on record their gratitude to Almighty God for sparing their brother to minister to that people for so long a period, and for the fidelity and success which have marked and attended his arduous labours; they bear testimony to the diligence with which, as a member of Presbytery and Presbytery Clerk, he has discharged the many duties devolving upon him; to his readiness at all times to assist and co-operate with his brethren; to the service he has rendered to Presbyterianism in the superior courts of the Church, and on the public platform, and his consistent advocacy of all that appertains to the highest interests of society; and they unite in the

earnest prayer that he may long continue to serve his congregation and the Church at large, and exercise an ever-increasing power for good in every department of Christian activity. Next ordinary meeting is to be held in Knox Church, Ingersoll, the second Tuesday of July, at twelve o'clock, noon.—WILLIAM T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—The monthly meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 12th inst., a week later than usual, Rev. R. D. Fraser, Moderator. In terms of an application of Rev. W. Peattie, minister without charge within the bounds, the Presbytery agreed to recommend his case to the General Assembly for leave to his retiring from the active duties of the ministry, etc., etc. It was reported by the Clerk that he had sent to the congregation of Carlton Street Church a copy of the resolution passed at the previous meeting anent the arrears of stipend due to their minister. No communication had since been received from them. Statements, however, were now heard from Mr. Harper and Mr. Johnstone, and Rev. A. Wilson was heard at some length. It was then moved and agreed to hold a Presbyterial visitation of said congregation on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 8 p.m., with a view to adjusting the existing difficulties. In place of Revs. J. Alexander and J. Frazer, who resigned their appointments, Revs. J. Carmichael and R. P. Mackay were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly. The remit anent the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was taken up and disposed of; the third recommendation of the Committee, as also the fourth, being carried by a majority, and the fifth being carried unanimously. It was also resolved, on the motion of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, that an effort be made to secure such an interest in the Fund on the part of our congregations that the full amount of the dividend may be paid as an honourable pension to each retired minister, without taking into account other sources of income. Rev. John Mutch reported his conduct in congregating thirty persons at West Toronto Junction, whom the Presbytery now declared a regular congregation, under its jurisdiction, to be supplied in the meantime in connection with Dixie. Sanction was also given to the people at said Junction, as applied for, to purchase a site for a church, and proceed with the building of one. A committee previously appointed reported, through Rev. A. Wilson, an overture to the General Assembly anent evangelistic efforts towards Roman Catholics of all nationalities. The overture was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted; Revs. D. J. Macdonnell and C. A. Tanner were also appointed to support the same. Mr. J. B. McLaren, theological student, after undergoing the necessary trials, was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. John McInnis, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, applied for examination with a view to be taken on public probationary trials. A committee was appointed to confer with him and examine his papers. The committee reported very favourably in his case, and as recommended by them, it was agreed to ask leave of the General Assembly to take him on public trial for licence. Extract minutes of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston were read anent the appeal of Rev. J. Kirkpatrick and others, as also anent the decision come to by the Synod, and the appeal therefrom of Mr. Kirkpatrick to the General Assembly. Various other matters were brought up and disposed of; but being of no public interest, they are not reported. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday of June, at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

### SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa met in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on the 12th inst., at half past seven p.m. The Rev. James Watson, M.A., of Huntingdon, the retiring Moderator, preached an able and appropriate sermon from Luke xii. 57, and on motion of Rev. Herbert Campbell, seconded by Rev. John Ferguson, the thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. Watson for his efficient services as Moderator and for the excellent sermon just delivered.

The retiring Moderator having delivered his closing address, in which he referred feelingly to the number of deaths during the year among the members of the Synod, five ministers having died, asked the Court to appoint his successor.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Jardine, seconded by Rev. Geo. M. Clarke, Dr. MacNish was elected unanimously, and after taking the chair, addressed the Synod shortly on some points of public interest, making special mention of the urgent need of more liberal contributions to the Augmentation Scheme, and the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

On Wednesday morning the first hour was spent in devotional exercises, in which Rev. Messrs. Myers, Crombie, Professor Scrimger, Dewey and Dr. Jardine, took part. The Report on Protestant Education in the Province of Quebec was read by Professor Scrimger, of Montreal. From it it appeared that the equipment of the schools is defective in a marked degree in a good many cases; that while all the teachers hold diplomas, the standard is too low, and this is due to the very small salaries given for the most part; that the Bible is read in all the schools, and prayer is offered in opening and closing; and that very few Protestants send their children to nunneries or other Roman Catholic institutions. The following recommendations in the report were adopted by Synod: 1. That the Synod appoint a committee on the subject for next year, and that it be instructed to secure returns as far as possible from mission stations, also to make special enquiry as to the position of French Protestants in the Province, and the facilities for education in their own language, with a view to taking such action as may be called for in their case. 2. That the Synod endorse the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education to have a minimum for teachers' salaries fixed by the Legislature, power being reserved to the Department of Education to deal with special cases, with a view to securing more efficient teachers. 3. That the Synod also endorse the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education to establish a single Board of Examiners which alone should grant diplomas, with a view to raising the standard of qualification. 4. That the Synod enjoin ministers resident within the

Province to exercise their rights as visitors of the schools in their own municipalities, and to secure that in every school a fair amount of religious instruction shall be given. The Committee was re-appointed, with Professor Scrimger as Convener.

Leave was granted to the Presbytery of Ottawa to take on trial for license Messrs. George Whillans and F. W. McKenzie. To the Presbytery of Cornwall for the same purpose, Messrs. M. L. Leitch, J. L. Morin, T. Z. Leclerc, W. K. Shearer, and Robert Stewart.

At the afternoon meeting the Moderator submitted a communication from the Ottawa Ladies' College, asking for the Synod's countenance and help. The Synod very cordially commended this institution to the confidence of our people. In support of this motion the Rev. William Armstrong, of Ottawa, spoke in the very strongest terms in behalf of the college. His statements were corroborated by the Rev. G. M. Clarke, of New Edinburgh, and by others.

An overture from the Presbytery of Brockville, supported by Rev. Dr. Jardine, was read, asking that negotiations be opened as soon as practicable with other denominations to work jointly or in harmony with them in supplying ordinances to weak congregations in sparse settlements. On motion of Rev. G. M. Clarke, the Synod ordered its transmission to the Assembly, with the Synod's approval, and Dr. Jardine and Professor Scrimger were appointed to support it before the higher Court.

The Rev. Robert Campbell reported on behalf of a committee appointed last year to look after the question of lotteries in the Province of Quebec. The Committee was re-appointed, with instructions to ascertain before next meeting of Synod wherein lies the proper civil authority for the suppression by legal enactment of lotteries.

### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The Rev. R. H. Warden, Secretary-Treasurer of the French Evangelization Board, addressed the Synod in the interest of this work. During the year 200 communicants were received among the stations of French converts. In scholars there has been an increase of from forty to fifty per cent. At the school of Pointe-aux-Trembles 300 applications were made for admission, but only 124 could be accommodated. The work done there is so thorough that it merits the fullest confidence of the Church. Thirty-one persons from this school alone were received into full communion during the year, and on closing the accounts a few days ago, all claims were paid with a balance on hand of \$400.

Mr. Warden was followed by the Chairman, Principal MacVicar, who gave a powerful address in defence of the work against recent attacks made upon it. After some others had spoken, a motion by Rev. J. A. F. McBean was adopted, approving of the work done, and urging continued effort in this field.

During the discussion on this subject the Rev. G. C. Heine, of Montreal, made the statement that the Roman Catholic convents in Montreal and vicinity are swarming with Protestant young ladies, largely from the United States, and among them not a few Presbyterians. This statement was corroborated by other members, and the Synod strongly condemned such conduct on the part of Protestant parents.

### STUDENTS AND MISSION WORK.

An overture from the Presbytery of Ottawa was read, praying for a summer session in some one theological college, so that a number of students may be able to continue mission work during winter and study in summer, while some others may do as has been done heretofore—pursue their studies in the winter. The overture was supported by Rev. Messrs. G. M. Clarke and William Armstrong. Another overture from the Brockville Presbytery of the same tenor was presented and was supported by Rev. Messrs. G. D. Bayne and Dr. Jardine. On motion the overture was transmitted.

Principal MacVicar and Rev. Mr. Warden addressed the Synod in the interest of the increased endowment of Montreal Presbyterian College recently resolved upon, and asked the Court to give its influence toward this movement. This was cordially granted.

The next meeting of the Synod was appointed to be held at Perth, Ont., on the third Tuesday of April.

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report on Temperance was given in by the Convener, Rev. Professor Dey, of Montreal. According to it very marked progress has been made during the year in Temperance reform. Among the causes for this named are Temperance literature, women's societies, the secular press, and chiefly the Scott Act campaign. A series of recommendations were made in the report, all of which were adopted by the Synod unanimously after being fully discussed:

I. That this Synod reaffirms (1) its oft-repeated testimony against intemperance as a sin against God and a crime against society; (2) its conviction that the traffic in strong drink is one of the greatest hindrances to the spread of the Gospel and destructive of the best interests of mankind; and (3) its desire to see this evil exterminated. And

II. That the Synod expresses its gratitude to God for this rapid spread of Temperance and Prohibition sentiment in our land during the past year.

III. The third resolution is (1) that all our ministers of people seek by example and precept to promote total abstinence from intoxicating beverages; especially that they continue their earnest efforts to educate the young in this direction, and thus form a healthy public opinion. (2) That Presbyteries, Sessions, and congregations use their influence to secure the adoption and rigid enforcement of the "Canada Temperance Act of 1878," with a view to total abstinence.

The first section of this resolution was moved by Dr. Alquire, of Cornwall, and seconded by Rev. H. J. McDaniel, of Kemptonville. The next section of the resolution was moved by Rev. Principal MacVicar, of Montreal, and seconded by Rev. Mr. Currie, of Three Rivers. Dr. MacVicar laid down five propositions in support of his resolution: 1. That drunkenness is a great sin against God, and a crime against society. 2. That good men, on religious and