

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterians of Moncton, N.B., are about to build a new brick church.

DURING the past year the Wallacetown congregation expended upwards of \$250 in repairing and improving the manse.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Beaverton, have sold their old frame building to Mr. Alex. Cameron for \$100. It will be converted into a dwelling-house.

A soiree held on the evening of the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church, Ingersoll, was a decided success financially and otherwise.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Orillia, held on the 23rd ult., it was unanimously resolved to give the Rev. J. Gray, M.A., a retiring allowance of \$300 per annum.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. Paul's Church, Richmond Hill, on Sabbath, the 27th ult. The services were most interesting and impressive. Prof. McLaren preached both morning and evening, and his earnest, clear and powerful presentation of the truth will not soon be forgotten by the congregations that had the pleasure of hearing him.—COM.

THE repairs and improvements on Knox Church in this city, described at length in our columns several weeks ago, were finished last Saturday, and the church was re-opened for public worship on Sabbath. The pastor, Rev. H. M. Parsons, conducted both services, assisted in the morning by Rev. Dr. Reid, who offered the opening prayer. The audiences on both occasions were very large, many being able to obtain standing room only, and not much of that.

THOSE Presbyterians who left Cooke's Church, Toronto, on account of the introduction of the organ, met for worship last Sabbath in the Temperance Hall. Rev. Mr. McCrae, M.A., from Aberdeen, Scotland, preached morning and evening. It was expected that the Rev. Prof. Gregg, D.D., would have preached, but he was unable to do so on account of being called away to Kingston on Saturday. It is stated that a regular congregation will be formed at an early day, and a pastor secured.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Mosa was held on the 25th of November. The Lord's Supper was dispensed three times during the year. Fourteen names were added to the communion roll. Baptism was administered to fifteen children and four adults. The minister's stipend was regularly paid, \$257.41 was sent to different funds of the Church. The congregation added \$50 to the stipend of the pastor, and resolved to allow him four weeks of a recreation in the summer of 1882. A large choir was appointed to assist the precentor. It was resolved to purchase a large family Bible and present it to Mr. Arch. Munro, who for many years has rendered to the congregation valuable services as precentor. It was found that since May, 1877, sixty names were added to the communion roll, chiefly on examination, and that thirty-one were removed by death and other causes.

THE congregation of the West Presbyterian Church is distinguished for the pleasant social character of its reunions, and the annual social on the evening of the 1st inst. was perhaps the most agreeable of any yet held. A sumptuous spread was presented and partaken of in the school-room during the earlier part of the evening, after which the large audience gathered into the church. The Rev. Mr. Wallace, pastor of the congregation, presided, and opened the proceedings with prayer. The evening thereafter was spent in listening to brief and excellent addresses by several clergymen. The programme included the names of the Rev. Mr. Parsons, Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Rev. G. Milligan, and Rev. A. F. McGregor. The choir of the church sang several pieces in the course of the evening, shewing both culture and good singing. The Rev. Mr. Wallace, in a brief opening address, stated that the congregation was in a prosperous condition. Within a year and a half after the opening of the new church 180 members were received, and there are now 450 members on the roll.—COM.

THE following report of the half-yearly meeting of St. James' Presbyterian Church, London, which we extract from the "Western Advertiser," is most gratifying. Such success, in the face of more than or-

inary difficulties, could not have been attained without zealous and energetic effort on the part of both pastor and people: "St. James' Presbyterian Church, Richmond street, London, has in all respects made gratifying progress under the pastorate of the Rev. D. McGillivray, and not only himself but the entire congregation feel greatly encouraged by the present condition of affairs. In accordance with an arrangement made about the time Rev. Mr. McGillivray became pastor, a half yearly congregational meeting was held on Wednesday night. A large number were present. The report for the half-year was read by Mr. A. K. Melbourne, and made a highly satisfactory showing, financially and otherwise. During the present pastorate twenty five new families have been added to the congregation. The financial progress has surpassed all expectation, not one member being in arrears. For Church purposes they have raised almost \$1,000 in the half-year. The Sunday school has grown from a membership of probably twenty five pupils and two or three teachers, till now the attendance is about one hundred scholars and eleven officers and teachers. A fine new library was put in recently at a cost of about \$65. In Mr. A. McQueen the school has an efficient Superintendent, and an excellent Secretary in Mr. Andrews. The following were elected managers for the ensuing term: Messrs. T. Purdom, Wm. Webster, A. K. Melbourne, J. Rattray, M. Winters, J. Mitchell, R. Munro, J. McDonald and Murray. It may be added just here that this church in the past season has expended between \$200 and \$500 in improvements of various kinds. The edifice still requires more modern and comfortable seating arrangements, and steps in this direction will probably be taken next year. The prospects for St. James' Church were never brighter than at present."

ON Sabbath, the 27th ult., the Rev. J. B. Edmondson, St. John's Church, Almonte, preached an impressive sermon bearing special reference to the death of Mr. Graham Forgie, sen., of Ramsay. The text was Heb. xi. 16: "For he hath prepared for them a city." The following are some of the preacher's remarks as reported: "The late Mr. Forgie had gone beyond 'man's allotted span'—he had nearly reached his fourscore years. He was among the last of his generation. Fifty years ago he left his native land and sought a home in this country. It was no easy matter to set aside ties of country and kindred, and see the shores of the land that gave you birth fade from view, when you have a feeling that you will never see them again. Voyages in those days were very much different from what they are now. It was no easy matter to do as the early settlers of this country did. They possessed qualities of patience, energy and perseverance which call up our admiration. They came to a land covered with forest, and had to cut trees and build rude houses to commence with. They had not the religious or educational advantages possessed by the present generation. It was many a day after they left the land of their nativity ere they had comfortable homes, churches, or schools. It was their pleasure in the early days of their life here to gather on the hillside to hear the 'old, old story,' and sing the same old psalms they had been wont to hear before they crossed the Atlantic. The deceased carried his Bible with him as well as the principles which had been instilled into him when young, and these did their work in the land to which he came. If the men and women who came here from the old country had not taken hold of religion, their descendants would to a great extent have grown up irreligious and forgetful of God's Word. Deceased loved his Bible. He had always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the Church. He had put a good many stones in the building they were worshipping in, as well as two others a few miles away. Early in life he began a journey looking forward to the heavenly land. After a long voyage—after many trials and difficulties—he got his foot upon the shore he longed to reach. He had lived on earth a quiet Christian and God-fearing life, worthy of the emulation of all, and he had now 'gone home' to meet relatives and friends who had gone before."

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This court met *pro re nata* on the 29th ult. A cordial and harmonious call to Mr. A. F. Tully, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, from the congregation of Mitchell, was sustained as a regular gospel call, and the usual steps ordered to be taken. The congregation was to pay \$1,000 as annual stipend, quarterly in advance, together with a

free manse. Provisional arrangements were made for his induction—the time to be fixed by the clerk after necessary correspondence.—JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met on the 22nd ult., and accepted the resignation of the Rev. W. Peattie of the pastoral charge of Claremont and Erskine Church, Pickering. In doing so, they desire to record their regret at parting with a brother beloved and esteemed for his self-denying and abundant labours in the field, his geniality in the home, and his fidelity in attendance upon Church courts in discharge of any duty committed to him. They this day give thanks to God that he has been so long permitted to remain an honoured fellow-labourer among them, and pray that God may richly bless him in the work of the Gospel in the future, as He has in the past, wherever his lot may be cast. The union between Claremont and Erskine Church was also dissolved, and in the meantime Claremont was declared a vacant congregation, and after the 11th of December will be supplied by probationers.—A. A. DRUMMOND, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—At Woodville, and within the basement of the Presbyterian church there, on Tuesday, 26th November, this Presbytery met and was constituted—Rev. W. Lohead, Moderator. There were present eleven ministers and eight elders. The accounts of the Presbytery Treasurer were examined, and found carefully and correctly kept, and thanks tendered to Mr. J. C. Gilchrist, treasurer. Session records not yet examined were requested to be forwarded at next meeting. After a lengthened conversation in regard to missionary meetings, on motion of Mr. Cockburn it was agreed to instruct sessions to hold meetings, and report next regular meeting of Presbytery. Arrangements were made for meetings in the mission stations—the Rev. Mr. White, missionary, to attend to these—sessions of vacant congregations to attend to meetings within their bounds. By request a deputation was appointed to be with Rev. A. Currie at his missionary meeting. An amount of routine business was attended to, when the Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Lindsay on Tuesday, 28th February, at eleven o'clock a.m. The Presbytery's Sabbath school convention to be held there on Wednesday, 1st March.—J. R. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met at Watford on the 29th ult., the Rev. J. B. Duncan, Moderator, in the chair. The Rev. J. M. Goodwillie tabled reasons of protest and appeal, and Messrs. Duncan and Wells were appointed to answer the same. Mr. Bryce, from the session at Point Edward, gave official intimation that their late pastor, Mr. McDiarmid, had been removed by death on the 15th Oct. last. The Presbytery expressed regret at the sad announcement—a regret intensified by the fact that no announcement had been made officially so that the court could have been represented. The Presbytery recognize and bow with submission to the sovereign appointment of the Great Head of the Church, and appoint Mr. Goodwillie to preach and declare the church vacant on the 11th day of December, and Mr. Duncan to act as interim Moderator of session thereafter. On motion of Mr. Wells, the Presbytery resolved to hold regular quarterly meetings. The Presbytery took up consideration of the resignation of Mr. Goodwillie at last meeting. Messrs. Simpson and Heuston, Commissioners, were heard. A resolution from the congregation was read, expressing regret at, yet acquiescing in, the step Mr. Goodwillie had taken. Mr. Goodwillie intimated his adherence to the resignation, and, on motion of Mr. Carswell, the Presbytery agreed to accept the resignation, the same to take effect now, and Mr. Hector Currie was appointed to preach and declare the church vacant next Sabbath, and act as interim Moderator of session thereafter. On motion of Mr. Wells, the Presbytery agreed to remit to the Finance Committee to bring in a report embracing the whole subject of contributions to the different schemes of the church, and remuneration to be made to all who are appointed by the Presbytery, for the performance of any duties in connection with the Presbytery. A call was laid on the table from West Williams and North-east Adelaide to Mr. John Lees, signed by 57 members and 69 adherents, promising \$600 salary and manse. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed to sustain the call and forward the same to Mr. Lees, and in the