

Ministers and Churches.

At the last meeting of the Toronto Ministerial Association Rev. Dr. McTavish read a paper on "Christian Science."

The little congregation of Reformed Presbyterians who attended services for some time in Richmond Hall, Toronto, have united with the Carlton Street congregation under the ministry of Rev. Stuart Acheson. Principal Caven preached to the united congregation on Sunday evening last.

The Missionary Association of Queen's University have assigned the following to work in the fields under its control:—Wilbur, John A. Black; Mattawatchan, D. Cameron; Waskada, N.W.T., J. Cattanech, B.A.; Alameda, N.W.T., A. Graham; Winlaw, N.W.T., J. D. Boyd, B.A.

A SUCCESSFUL social under the auspices of the Ladies' Society was held in the Southside Presbyterian Church, Parliament street, last week. The Rev. Mr. Burnfield presided. Brief addresses were delivered by the Rev. Charles Campbell and others. The varied musical programme rendered was much enjoyed as were also the refreshments served.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in the North West, preached to the students of Queen's University recently, and said that 170 consecrated men were wanted at once in the field. He did not want goody goody youths, but men of the world who loved Jesus Christ, men of vigorous intellect and consecrated common sense.

The Rev. J. P. Hauch, pastor of Evangelical Church, Berlin, Ont., writes: The Rev. G. B. Howie lectured in our church on the 19th and 20th inst., and gave good satisfaction. His lectures were highly interesting and instructive. Large audiences greeted him both evenings. The subject of his first lecture was, "Lebanon and My School Days There." The second, "A Journey from Canada Through Jerusalem to Bethlehem." Should he ever come to our town again he has the promise of a good audience.

The Rev. Dr. Grant, Moderator of the General Assembly, preached two excellent sermons Sabbath week to large and appreciative congregations in Knox Church, Elora. The Principal was at his best and all who heard him were much helped and edified. The occasion was the pastor's first anniversary. This congregation has prospered greatly since Mr. Leitch's induction. Ninety-one members were added, thirty-eight by certificate and fifty-three on profession of faith. This church in every department is healthy and vigorous.

In West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last Sabbath evening the Rev. Robert Wallace, after a ministry in that congregation for nearly twenty-three years, preached his farewell sermon from Luke xii. 32. He gave a most interesting account of his ministry, extending over forty years in Canada, which showed how, from the day of small things, the church had attained to the position of usefulness it now occupied. In the evening of a long and devoted life Mr. Wallace will enjoy the honour and respect to which his lengthened, faithful and self-denying labours so justly entitle him.

The annual business meeting of the Young People's Presbyterian Union of Toronto was held in the lecture room of St. James' Square Church on Friday evening last. After transacting ordinary business the election of officers took place. The new officers are: Mr. Richard Donald, of Bloor Street Church, president. Mr. D. S. Leslie, of St. James' Square Church, vice-president. Miss Donald, of Central Church, treasurer; Mr. Charles N. Laurie, of old St. Andrew's Church, secretary. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to the retiring president, Mr. R. S. Gourlay, who has been at the head of the society for the past three years. The secretary's address is 301 Gerrard Street East, Toronto.

The Rev. Dr. Watson of Beaverton recently addressed the Sabbath school from Psalm xxiv. 11. He detailed the history of the Sabbath school as an institution, and dwelt upon its importance, speaking in suitable and impressive terms to both teachers and scholars. Dr. Watson announced his intention of delivering addresses at some future time on the effects of the Sabbath school on the teachers; on the children; on the Church at large; on the State; in the extension of Christ's cause and Kingdom, and of dealing with these important subjects not so much in the way of argument as by illustrations derived from all the various sources of information at his command.

The Upper Canada Book and Tract Society Board of Directors held their monthly meeting last week. Mr. R. H. Yule was appointed colporteur in Manitoba. A second will be appointed immediately. A grant of tracts was made for the Toronto General Hospital. Mr. John Young presented his report for the year, showing an advance on cash receipts of \$4,163 over the previous year. Dr. Moffatt, secretary, gave in his report on the colporteur work of the year, showing that in addition to the work done by Mr. Bone on the Welland Canal the other five colporteurs had travelled 9,448 miles, visited 16,102 families, sold 4,027 Bibles and Testaments, sold 6,829 religious books, with cash sales to the amount of \$3,577. Very large quantities of the best tracts had been distributed, and many poor families had been given copies of God's Word. Thanks to the generous support of warm-hearted friends in Toronto and in many localities in Ontario, it has been a very prosperous year for the much-needed work of the society.

The Rev. G. C. Patterson was inducted and ordained to the pastorate of St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, corner of Winchester and Sackville Streets, on Thursday evening last. The congregation has grown out of a mission established there about four years ago, under the supervision of old St. Andrew's Church, and has recently been organized by the Presbytery. Mr. Patterson was educated at Queen's College University and was pastor of the congregation of Beaverton. He enters on his new charge under favourable auspices. He has under his care seventy-five communicants, and about the same number of adherents. The managers of the church are: Messrs. A. C. McLean, W. J. Hogg, A. Campbell, A. C. Hood, and W. Fisher. At the induction services, Rev. J. McP. Scott preached an appropriate discourse. Rev. G. M. Milligan addressed the pastor; Rev. Dr. McTavish addressed the people, and Rev. Dr. Parsons closed the proceedings with prayer. The Rev. W. Frizzell, Moderator of Presbytery, presided, and the new pastor was warmly welcomed by all present.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, Rev. Donald C. Hossack pastor, was held February 11th. Reports of the Sabbath School, Young People's Association, and other organizations were presented and adopted. The Sabbath school is supporting a student missionary sent to Manitoba by the Knox College Missionary Society. The reports proved that the year 1889 had been a most prosperous year for St. Andrew's. The membership of the church had been increased about fifty. The pastor's Bible Class had been increased to seventy members. The ladies of the congregation had succeeded in paying the interest on the mortgage debt. The Young People's Association had contributed largely to missions. The revenue of the church had been increased \$800. Notwithstanding that a considerable sum had been expended in repairing the church building about \$500 was applied in reduction of the debt. The number of families in the congregation is 180. Mr. N. Gordon was chosen treasurer and a new Board of Managers appointed of which Mr. Robert Mann is chairman.

A WELL ATTENDED meeting of the congregation of St. James' Church, London, was held last week for the purpose of saying farewell to their pastor, Rev. D. McGillivray, and to present him with several tokens of their esteem. Mr. John Mitchell, chairman of the Board of Managers, presided. The meeting opened with an anthem by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. W. J. Crone, after which Mr. Mitchell read a peculiarly kind and appreciative address from the congregation, expressing heartfelt regret at the severance of the pastoral tie, recording the excellent work done by Mr. McGillivray and concluding with fervent hopes for his future welfare. In connection with the address Mrs. Melbourne, senr., handed the departing clergyman a purse of gold. An address from the Ladies' Aid Society, expressing sorrow at his departure, signed on behalf of the Board by Mesdames W. Melbourne, A. Melbourne, and Mitchell, was read by Miss Purdon followed by reading an address from the Ladies' Aid Society. The address was accompanied with a gold-headed cane which was presented by Miss Jennie Mitchell. Another address from the Board of Managers, signed by Mr. John Mitchell, chairman, and Mr. N. McNeil, secretary, was read by the latter gentleman. Short speeches by Revs. Mr. Porter and Mr. Gordon, and Messrs. Jones, Melbourne, McCurdy and others followed, expressing highest appreciation of Mr. McGillivray's self-sacrificing labours for the church and congregation, and of his deportment and bearing as a Christian gentleman and minister of the Gospel. Rev. D. McGillivray, in replying to the several addresses presented to him, said there were times when the generous kindness of those with whom one was long and intimately associated touched him with feelings too deep for tears. Such was the unsurpassed kindness with which at the end of the years they met and greeted him in this magnificent and farewell meeting. His words would be few, but this he would say, that except one occasion, when he stood up down yonder, in another church in Richmond, Quebec—an occasion which must ever stand high above all others in his heart and memory—this was the proudest occasion of his life. Not when he was the successful candidate for St. John's, Brockville, not when he was the successful candidate again for St. James', not when, after years of laborious study, he succeeded in taking the highest literary degree his university had to bestow, did he feel so proud and please and glad and grateful as that night, when, at the end of his pastorate of over eight years among them, they honoured him with such expressions and tokens of their good-will, loyalty and affectionate regard. He could only say he would never forget it, that from the very bottom of his heart he thanked them all. "Let my right hand forget its cunning if I forget thee, St. James, and all that has been and done for me. Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces. And for my friends and brethren's sakes I will now say peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord, I will seed thy good away."

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met in First Church, Chatham, on March 11. Rev. Mr. McLennan, Comber, was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months. A committee was appointed to consider what steps should be taken to ensure, when a member of the court dies, that all the members of Presbytery shall hear of it in time, and be able to attend his funeral. M. Watson, H. F. Larkin, Dr. Battisby, G. G. McRobbie and A. L. Manson, ministers; and A. Laing, J. M. R. S. Iki, A. Birtlett, J. Law and D. McAlister, elders, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. The resignation of Rev. A. M. Waddell was accepted. Mr. Walker was appointed Moderator of Session, and instructed to preach to the Harwich congregation on the 30th inst., and declare the pulpit vacant. It was agreed to ask the Home Mission Committee to grant, out of the Augmentation Fund, the sum of \$150 to Duart, and to West Tilbury and Comber the sum of \$165, and to Tilbury Centre and Strangfield \$2 per Sabbath, when supplied, and out of the Home Mission Fund \$2 per Sabbath when supplied to Blythwood and Gildsmith, and \$3 to Buxton. A committee was appointed to visit West Tilbury and Strangfield with a view to the re-arrangement of the field. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the second Tuesday of July, at ten a.m. Rev. A. Currie, Duart, tabled his resignation of the pastoral charge of Duart and Highgate. Mr. McRobbie was appointed to preach to said congregation, and cite them to appear at a meeting of Presbytery to be held at Windsor when the Synod is there. The reports on Temperance, State of Religion and Sabbath Schools were read and received. The reports were considered. The vote was unanimous in favour of keeping the Constitution of the Church as it is, and of making it obligatory on ministers and Foreign missionaries to become connected with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. A conference was held in the evening, which was largely attended by the general public.—W. WALKER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in Clinton on March 11. Reports on the State of Religion, on Temperance and on Sabbath Observance were submitted, adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Conveners of the Synod's Committees on such subjects. Session records were examined and attested. Messrs. Anderson, Ramsay, and McLean were appointed to revise the "standing orders" with the view of amending them, and to report at next meeting. It was intimated to the Presbytery that the congregation of Carmel Church, Hensall, raised the stipend of their minister to \$1,000, and gave him a month's vacation annually. The Presbytery expressed satisfaction with the action of the congregation of Hensall. A call from the congregations of Blyfield and Bethany unanimously signed, and duly attested, in favour of Mr. Robert Henderson, probationer, was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Henderson. Leave was given to Mr. Musgrave to moderate in a call for the congregation of Egmondville when they are prepared for it. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Dr. Ure, Messrs. McLean, Acheson and McVillan, ministers; and Messrs. Sutherland, Bisset, Scott (Seaforth) and Pollock, elders. Dr. Laing was nominated as the next Moderator of Assembly. Messrs. Henderson and Simons were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Messrs. Simpson and McConnell, ministers, and Fotheringham and Pollock, elders, were appointed to draft a deliverance respecting the death of Rev. George Jamieson. The following deliverance was adopted on Sabbath Observance: "The Presbytery, in view of the persistent attempts made by railroad, steamboat, canal companies and other powerful commercial corporations, to rob the community of the boon of a well-kept Sabbath, being impressed with the importance of preserving the sacredness of the day, both from an economic and religious point of view would express its deep satisfaction with, and approval of, the Bill now before the Dominion Legislature to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day, and would express the hope that our representatives in Parliament would give said Bill their hearty support, and further, that a copy of said deliverance be sent to Mr. Charlton and the representatives for this county in the House of Commons." The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Blyth on May 13, at half-past ten a.m.—A. McLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met on March 18 in Knox Church, Guelph, the Rev. Mr. Strachan, Moderator. Nearly all the ministers of the bounds and a large number of the ruling elders were present. Mr. Davidson, Convener of the Finance Committee, submitted a report showing the state of the Presbytery's ordinary fund. Auditors were appointed to examine the treasurer's books, who reported afterwards that they found them correctly kept, and that proper vouchers were produced for payments made. The statistical and financial returns from congregations and stations for the year ending the 31st of December last were presented in tabu-

lated form by the Clerk, and the totals compared with those of the previous year. The table was referred back to the Clerk that he might prepare a report from it, entering more fully into details than he had been able to do from the want of promptitude on the part of some congregations in forwarding their returns. In connection with this report attention was called to the case of those charges, whether vacant or settled, that had not remitted the amounts required from them for the Synod Fund. A statement was made of the supply provided for vacant congregations by the probationers sent to the bounds by the General Assembly's Committee on Distribution. Statistics were furnished by the congregations in the bounds receiving augmentation, and instructions were given to forward them to the proper committee and to ask the usual grant for the half year just ending. The Clerk was further directed to procure the best supply he could from the Home Mission Committee at its next meeting for the mission station seeking the same. A long discussion was held on a proposal which it was ascertained was on foot for union between the congregations of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, and Knox Church, West Puslinch, which closed with the appointment of a committee to visit these, make all enquiry into their circumstances, and report on the same at next meeting, so as to enable the Presbytery to form a correct judgment on the matter. Authority was granted, on the application of the session and congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, to Dr. Wardrope, to moderate in a call as soon as convenient, the salary promised being at the rate of twelve hundred dollars a year, payable monthly. A report was read from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery from which it appeared that during the past year five auxiliaries and six mission bands had been added to the list, making a total of twenty-two auxiliaries, with a membership of 636, and fourteen mission bands with a membership of 380, whose united contributions amounted to \$1,630. Twenty-one of the societies had taken part in sending to the Indian Industrial school at Birtle, Manitoba, the estimated value of which was \$700. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the report and express the gratification of the Presbytery at the work done by the society and the token of His favour given by God. Very full, interesting and valuable reports on Temperance, Sabbath schools and the State of Religion, most of these accompanied by recommendations, were read by the conveners of the committees to whom the charge of these subjects had been committed. Each of them was received, the recommendations proposed were adopted, and thanks given to the committees, and especially to the conveners for the pains they had taken in collecting the information furnished. Mr. Rennie read resolutions which had been prepared by the committee appointed for the purpose at the conference held by the Presbytery on Sabbath schools, the State of Religion and Temperance, in Fergus in January last. These were approved and ordered to be forwarded to the conveners of the Synod's committee on these subjects. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly at its next meeting in Ottawa in June next: Drs. Smellie and Torrance; Messrs. Leitch, of Knox Church, Elora; Mitchell, of Waterloo; Craig, of Melville Church, Fergus; and Armstrong, of Hawkesville and Linwood, ministers, and Messrs. Peter Black, Allan McDiarmid, Lachlan McMillan, James Gordon, Edward Hammond and James Mitchell, ruling elders. The Clerk was requested to prepare obituary notices of the late Rev. Mr. Meldrum, and Rev. D. B. Cameron, who resided in the bounds at the time of their death and submit them at next regular meeting. It was resolved that at next meeting reports would be called for the holding of evangelistic services, according to the resolution formally adopted on the matter. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, May 20, at half-past ten o'clock, forenoon.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held at Broadview on March 10. There was a large attendance, Mr. Campbell presiding. Mr. Taylor reported that a call, signed by ninety-nine members and concurred in by seventy-eight adherents, had issued from Knox Church, Regina, in favour of Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of Brooklyn, Ontario. Mr. Taylor was thanked, the call sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Clerk of Whitby Presbytery, with guarantee and reasons urged for Mr. Carmichael's translation attached. Dr. Robertson and Mr. Taylor were commissioned to prosecute the call before Whitby Presbytery. Notices were read of intention to apply to the Assembly to receive Rev. Dr. Warren, of Cumberland, Ohio, and Rev. T. F. Fullerton, of New South Wales as ministers of this Church. The deputation appointed to visit Broadview rendered a report, which was received. Application was made for a grant of forty acres of land in the Carlyle district, to be used for church purposes, and the application was ordered to be sent to the Minister of the Interior with the signatures necessary. Mr. Ferry and Mr. James Harvey, of Indian Head, were appointed additional members of the interim Session of Grenfell. Representation from the congregation of Prince Albert was made in the form of two resolutions in regard to the resignation of Dr. Jardine. The Presbytery decided to let the resignation lie on the table, and ordered the documents to be forwarded to the Home Mission Committee along with minutes of Presbytery and a statement setting forth the circumstances of the case so far the Presbytery is concerned. The remit of the Assembly reducing the representation at the Assembly from one-quarter to one-eighth was approved. That in regard to the appointment of a general secretary for Sunday schools, and in regard to obligatory connection with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, were not approved. Mr. Douglas's name was placed on the roll and Mr. Fotheringham's retained. The name of Mr. John McKenzie, elder, was also placed on the roll, which was certified as correct. The following commissioners to the Assembly were appointed: Messrs. Bryden, Nicholl, Hugh McKay and James Douglas, ministers; with Messrs. George Hay, E. H. Bronson, M.P.P., of Ottawa, George Gillis, of Gananoque, John Charlton, M.P., of Lyndoch, elders. The Home Mission Committee recommended that Moose Jaw be put on the list of augmented charges from the 1st of April, with a grant of \$350; that ordained missionaries be asked for Alameda and Saskatoon; that two new fields be occupied viz.: Pense and Hilborn, and that students be appointed to Lansdowne, Broadview, Collestone, Green Valley, Grenfell, Kinistino, Pense, Long Lake, Buffalo Lake, Touchwood and Winslow. These recommendations were adopted, and the Convener thanked. Mr. Robson was appointed to moderate in a call at Qu'Appelle Station as soon as the people are ready to proceed. Interesting reports from the various Presbyterian Committees on Temperance, Sabbath Observance, State of Religion, Statistics and Finance and Sabbath Schools were given in. The reports were received, the recommendations adopted, the Convener thanked and the reports ordered to be transmitted to the various Committees of Synod. The attention of the Presbytery was called by Mr. Ferry to the importance of Presbyterial visitation of congregations. Messrs. Taylor and Hamilton were appointed a committee to draft an overture to the Assembly, asking for leave to take Mr. A. Matheson on trial for licence and ordination, and the commissioners of the Presbytery appointed to support the overture on the floor of the Assembly. Application was made and leave granted Moose Jaw congregation to apply to the Church and Manse Building Fund for a loan to assist in erecting a manse. Arrangements for the induction of Mr. Carmichael, conditional on his acceptance of the call from Regina, were made, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Moosomin on the second Tuesday of July next.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.—This Presbytery met in Portage la Prairie on Tuesday, the 11th ult., in the evening, Mr. A. McTavish, Moderator. It was moved by Dr. Robertson, seconded and unanimously agreed to, that Mr. McD. Haig be appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Messrs. J. C. Herdman, Thorpe, Kelly