

## Ministers and Churches.

REV. BRANCH HOWIE is to lecture in Allenford on the 2nd, and in London on the 4th September. He returns to Toronto for the 11th.

THE managers of Gardiner Presbyterian Church, Battleford, wish to convey their thanks to Mr. Alex. Patterson, of Kemble, for his contribution toward the building fund of their church.

THE Rev. J. Mackay, of Agincourt, writes to say that Mr. A. J. McLeod, B.A., of Knox College, has been appointed treasurer of the Knox College Alumni Association Mission Scheme, and that all contributions should be sent to him.

A LARGE edition of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission report is issued for general distribution. Its wide circulation is admirably fitted to arouse interest in missions. Copies at the rate of \$1.50 per hundred can be obtained from the secretary, Rev. J. M. Cameron, 7 Pembroke Street, Toronto.

ON the 7th inst., Rev. H. Crozier dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's supper at Black's Corners, one of the stations under the care of Mr. J. C. Madill, student of Knox College. Mr. Madill has been holding evangelistic services there, and as a result thirty-seven persons were received into membership.

THE Rev. M. McGillivray, M.A., is to be inducted at a meeting to be held in Chalmers Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, September 13, at half past seven in the evening. Mr. Cumberland is to preach and preside. Dr. Mowat is to address the minister, and Mr. Gracey the people. The vacancies in the Kingston Presbytery are being rapidly filled up.

THE Kingston *News* says: The father of the Rev. Mr. Smith, of the Manse, Centreville, and brother of Dr. Smith, of Wasau, Wis., late of Kingston, has returned to Canada from Scotland, where he intends to reside permanently. Mr. Smith has crossed the ocean five times within two years. He is about seventy years of age—a retired Scotch parish teacher and an alumnus of Glasgow University.

REV. D. C. MCINTYRE, of Beamsville, has had the degree of Doctor of Philosophy conferred upon him by the Bloomington University, Illinois. For three years he has been studying a course of philosophy, having passed written examinations upon the philosophical works of thirty different authors, covering a wide range of subjects, and having written a thesis upon the "Brain as an Organ of the Mind," "The Infiniteness of Platonism," "The Contributions of Physiology to Psychology," etc. The Senate of the University, satisfied with his scholastic attainments, bestowed upon him the honour.

THE congregation of Big Bay and Lake Charles, in Presbytery of Owen Sound, were not only much pleased but profited by listening to Mr. Howie's lectures, "From Joppa to Jerusalem," and "From Jerusalem to Bethlehem," on Monday and Tuesday evenings, 15th and 16th of August. Very vividly were these cities, as they now stand, presented to the minds of those who listened. Mr. Howie's description of the customs of the people throw much light on many an otherwise obscure text of Scripture. His evident aim to impress men with the danger of sin and the need of a Saviour could not but be felt by all.

THE Napanee *Beaver* says: A great crowd filled the eighth concession Presbyterian Church, Camden, last Sabbath. Many could not get admission. The church has just been overhauled, and looks like a beautiful drawing room. A very fine organ has been put in too. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Mr. Smith, is a great worker among his people, and is greatly beloved by them. He is deservedly popular with all denominations. The reverend gentleman has few equals, either in the pulpit or on the platform. On Sabbath he preached a powerful and eloquent sermon, and dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

THE *Action Free Press* says: The Rev. Wm. Cleland, of Toronto, conducted the services in the Presbyterian Church on last Sabbath. The sermons were able, eloquent and instructive, and though the reverend gentleman is considerably advanced in years they were delivered with great energy and earnestness. We understand that Mr. Cleland retired from pastoral work a few years ago, but finding his health and strength greatly restored by rest, he contemplates entering upon active work once more. We should suppose that in the Presbyterian Church a suitable field could easily be found for the labours of one evidently competent to occupy an important position.

THE Manitoba *Free Press* says: Augustine Presbyterian Church, which has recently been erected on River Avenue, Fort Rouge, was opened for public worship last Sabbath. The Rev. Mr. Macpherson, of Stratford, Ontario, conducted the services in the forenoon, preaching an excellent discourse upon 1 Peter i. 3-5. Mr. Macpherson some years ago retired from the active duties of the ministry after spending a long life in rendering efficient service to the Church, but the sermon he delivered showed no abatement of his mental powers. At the evening service, the Rev. Mr. Whimster, who has taken a deep interest in the formation of this new congregation, preached an able and practical sermon on Luke viii. 5-10. The music was supplied by an efficient choir, accompanied by a small organ, played in a pleasing manner by Miss Chisholm, of Port Hope, at present visiting in the city. The attendance at both services was good, and the collection amounted to the creditable sum of \$46.70. The church is a plain but neat frame building, and will accommodate about 200 worshippers.

ON Sabbath, August 7, the usual quarterly communion was held in the Presbyterian Church, Emerson, Manitoba. The Rev. James C. Quinn, M.A., pastor, preached and officiated. After an appropriate sermon from the text "To me, to live is Christ," in which the pastor showed the new converts how to live the Christ life daily, dwelling on the

following points: First, Think much and often about Jesus, as He is now your Saviour. Instead of thinking about yourself, ponder well His love. Keep looking to Jesus. Second, In receiving Jesus as your Saviour, you have taken a new element into all your life. Let your daily life be spent ever under divine guidance. "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Do nothing that you would not like Jesus to see you do. Say nothing that you would not wish Jesus to hear. Read nothing that you would not like Jesus to examine. Do everything for the glory of God. Third, Study what Scripture says about what believers have; and having done that, look within for evidences of a changed life. Fourth, Work for Jesus. In seeking to save others—to lead others to Jesus—your own spirituality will be quickened. Fifth, Attend the Sabbath services regularly. Cultivate fellowship with the Father, Son and Spirit, and thus you will have your faith strengthened, your hope brightened, your love intensified and your zeal stirred up. You will thus grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The pastor called upon the new converts to stand up, and addressed them a few words of counsel, and welcomed them to the fellowship of the Church, after which the Lord's supper was dispensed, sixty-eight members, including the Session, participating. Fifteen new members were added to the roll, thirteen on profession of faith and two by certificate. We praise God for the manifestations of His presence and the Spirit's power in our midst on this occasion and during the special revival services held last spring.

ON the afternoon of Wednesday, the 10th inst., a large number of the members and adherents of Calvin Church, Pembroke, assembled by invitation at the hospitable residence of Mr. William Moffat. The occasion was one of mingled interest—of pleasure mixed with pain. Owing to circumstances, now generally well known, the Rev. W. D. Ballantyne, B.A., felt it his duty some time ago to tender his resignation of the pastorate of the congregation, of which he had been for over eleven years minister. The resignation took effect on the last Sabbath of July. Before this, Mr. Ballantyne had been offered and had accepted the principalship of the Ottawa Ladies' College, and accordingly was about to remove from Pembroke and take up his residence in the capital. His friends in the congregation, who are both numerous and very cordial, took advantage of his leaving to present him with an address and testimonial, expressive of their appreciation of his character and services. The address was read by Mr. Wm. Moffat, and spoke in very high terms of the preaching, the zeal, fidelity and wisdom which marked the pastoral labours among old and young, rich and poor, of their late minister, referred especially to his services in connection with the erection of the beautiful new church the congregation now worships in, and to the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow-citizens for his urbanity, public spirit and interest in all that pertained to the general good of the town; and concluded with hearty congratulations upon his appointment as principal of the Ottawa Ladies' College and good wishes for his success and the happiness in the future of both himself and wife, whose exertions had always in every good work ably seconded his own. At the close of the address a sealed envelope was put into Mr. Ballantyne's hands by Mrs. Esther Tupper, one of the oldest members of the congregation, and president of the Ladies' Aid Society, containing a cheque for \$425, as an evidence of the kind feeling which the donors had for, and of the interest they would always feel in their late minister and his wife. Mr. Ballantyne replied in feeling and appropriate terms to this address, thanking the friends present for the assurance which had just been given of their confidence and goodwill as especially precious in the circumstances, adding that they would be a stimulus and help to him in his new sphere, one of whose recommendations was that it was within such easy reach of Pembroke that he would have frequent opportunities of meeting friends who had become so much endeared to him, and of revisiting them and renewing from time to time personal intercourse with those whom he could never forget, and assuring them in return of his deep and abiding interest in, his warmest wishes and his earnest prayer for the prosperity in the highest sense of the church and people he had so long ministered to. At the close of the address and presentation of coffee and cake were handed round, and after pleasant social intercourse, the friends bade their late pastor good-bye, and next day he left for Ottawa and the West, to rest, visit friends and some of the ladies' colleges before beginning his honourable and responsible duties in the important work he is about to enter upon with the good wishes of many friends in all parts of the country.

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island met in Orwell Head Church on the 28th July, for the induction of the Rev. D. B. McLeod. There were present: Rev. J. M. McLeod, William R. Frame, J. G. Cameron, Alexander Raulston (Moderator), James Carruthers, A. S. Stewart, E. Gillies, Malcolm Campbell, W. H. Spencer, J. W. McKenzie, Roderick McLean and D. B. McLeod, ministers; and Messrs. T. C. James, D. M. Fraser, William Ross, Angus E. Lee and Donald McLeod, elders. Rev. Mr. Falconer, of Pictou, M. L. Leitch, of Quebec, and George Steele (Methodist), of Pownal, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The edict of induction having been read a third time in the hearing of the congregation assembled, and no objections having been offered to the life, literature or doctrine of the pastor elect, the Presbytery resolved to proceed with his induction. The Rev. J. M. McLeod preached a sermon from Luke iii. 16. Rev. E. Gillies narrated the steps. The Moderator put the usual formula of questions, led in prayer and inducted Rev. D. B. McLeod into the pastoral charge of Orwell. The members of Presbytery then gave to Mr. McLeod the right hand of fellowship, after which he was suitably addressed by the Rev. James Carruthers. The congregation was addressed in English by Rev. Mr. Frame, and in Gaelic by Rev. A. S. Stewart. Both addresses were pointed and forcible. Mr. McLeod received the usual welcome from the congregation on their retiring from the church. He was introduced to the Session by the interim Moderator. Afterwards his

name was, on motion, added to the roll of Presbytery. We must not omit to mention that the treasurer of the congregation, at the close of the service, paid Rev. D. B. McLeod the first quarter's salary in advance. The congregation was large, and seemed to be deeply interested in the proceedings. There were not less than 1,000 people present at the induction services, which, throughout, were interesting and impressive. Mr. McLeod is settled here under favourable circumstances. The congregation, though not large, is compact. The people are mostly industrious and prosperous farmers. The land is well cultivated, the farms are free of debt, and no agricultural district on the Island is making more rapid progress than that of Orwell and its adjacencies. With their church open now every Sabbath, instead of once in a month or six weeks, as under their former church connections, no doubt the congregation will improve rapidly, and be amongst the best of our country congregations.—M. McLEOD, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—A special service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., for the purpose of ordaining Mr. A. B. Winchester, who has decided to devote himself to the foreign mission field. The attendance, considering the weather, was very large, and much interest was manifested in the event. The Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Mr. A. B. Winchester, Rev. Principal King presiding. Rev. J. C. Quinn conducted the preliminary services, and preached an appropriate and able sermon from 1 Chronicles iv. 23, "There they dwell with the king for his work." He applied the text as showing the position of God's children, their work, and their encouragement in the fact that they were working under the King's eye. The position of believers in the King's house, he said, implied loyalty, sympathy, provision for their daily need, and communion or fellowship. Secondly, the preacher spoke of the service in which believers, and especially Christian ministers, are engaged working amongst clay, that is redeemed humanity, moulding it after the perfect pattern of Christ Jesus, and also going out into the highways and hedges, doing aggressive work. He spoke of the importance of the latter, and of the special qualifications required. Lastly, he dwelt upon the encouragement derivable from the fact of their being commissioned by the King and directed by Him; and he pointed out that the missionary to be ordained would find solace, comfort and inspiration in his hours of loneliness from the assurance spoken of. The speaker said he felt it to be a peculiar pleasure and honour to be asked to speak on this occasion, in view of the fact that Mr. Winchester was designated for North China, the field to which he (Mr. Quinn) had desired to devote his labours, but in the providence of God had not been permitted. The ordination ceremony was then proceeded with, Principal King narrating the steps leading up to Mr. Winchester's ordination. The usual questions of the formula having been put and answered in a satisfactory manner, Principal King offered up the ordination prayer, and Mr. Winchester was ordained by the laying on of hands by the Presbytery. Rev. C. B. Pitblado then addressed the newly-ordained missionary. He referred to the intimacy that had existed between Rev. Mr. Winchester and himself, and expressed his high appreciation of that gentleman's character and attainments. While feeling that his departure would be a personal loss, as well as a loss to the Church, still they would be glad to remember that they had enjoyed so much of his society and labours. As encouragement to the missionary in going forth to his work he called his attention to three passages of Scripture which he knew had been a source of great strength to other missionaries—among them Rev. Dr. Geddie and the two Gordons, both of whom he well knew, and who were martyred in the South Sea Islands. These texts were, first, "The Lord reigneth," second, "The Word of the Lord endureth forever," and third, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth." After a hymn had been sung, Rev. Prof. Han addressed the audience, pointing out the necessity of mission work. He showed that the ratio with which Christians increased was greater than the ratio with which the heathen had increased, though absolutely there were more heathens in the world now than there were fifty years ago. He referred to the foreign mission work carried on by the Presbyterian Church in Formosa, and the success attending the labours of Dr. Mackay. He also referred to the work being carried on among the North American Indians, and stated that one of the chiefs—Cote—had recently applied to be received into the Christian Church. He concluded by asking the people to remember Rev. Mr. Winchester in their prayers. A collection was taken up, Rev. Dr. Bain, of Kingston, pronounced the benediction, and the meeting separated. Rev. Mr. Winchester will leave for the North China field under the auspices of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Pursuant to adjournment the Presbytery met in Seikirk Hall at ten o'clock Wednesday evening. The following standing committees were then appointed: Home Missions—Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Convener, Rev. Messrs. D. M. Gordon, Principal King, A. MacLaren, D. B. Whimster, J. C. Quinn, and Professors Bryce and Hart, ministers; Hon. Justice Taylor, and Mr. C. H. Campbell, elders. Foreign Missions—Prof. Hart, Convener, Prof. Bryce and Rev. J. C. Quinn, ministers; Mr. R. MacBeth, elder. State of Religion—Principal King, Convener, Messrs. D. M. Gordon, James Lawrence, R. Nairn, J. Douglas and W. H. Spence, ministers; Mr. D. Macdonald, elder. Sabbath Schools—Rev. John Pringle, Convener, Rev. Messrs. A. McFarlane, W. D. Russell and James Hamilton, ministers; Messrs. J. W. Driscoll and John Sutherland, Kildonan, elders. Sabbath Observance—Rev. D. M. Gordon, Convener, Rev. Messrs. C. B. Pitblado, J. Pringle, C. W. Bryden, ministers; Hon. C. E. Hamilton, elder. Finance and Statistics—Prof. Bryce, Convener, Rev. J. C. Quinn, minister; Mr. J. B. McKilligan, elder. Temperance—Rev. I. C. Quinn, Convener, Rev. Messrs. A. McFarlane, R. Nairn and J. Hamilton, ministers; Messrs. D. Agnew and James Thompson, elders. Examination of Students—Rev. C. W. Bryden, Convener, Rev. Messrs. J. Douglas, A. MacLaren, D. M. Gordon, C. B. Pitblado, ministers; Hon. Justice Taylor, elder. Systematic Benevolence—Rev. J. C. Quinn, Convener, Rev.