

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Montreal Presbytery met on the 10th inst., and fixed the induction of the Rev. C. Brouillette at New Glasgow, Que., for the 23rd inst.

A SOIRÉE was recently held in Windsor, in connection with the Presbyterian congregation there. It was a great success. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D., and D. Bethune Duffield, Esq., of Detroit, and everything went off in the most gratifying manner.

MISS BAKER, the lady who went out under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Committee, to take charge of the school at Prince Albert, N. W. T., has arrived safely after a pleasant journey across the prairie. Miss Baker is favourably impressed with Prince Albert, and writes hopefully of her work.

WE are sorry to announce the death of the Rev. J. Breckenridge of Streetsville, which took place last week, at his own residence. Mr. B. was ill for some time past, of typhoid fever, and finally sunk under the attack. He was a good man, a devoted and successful minister, and much beloved and respected by all who knew him.

THE missionary meeting held in the Central Presbyterian church, Hamilton, on Monday evening last, was well attended, and addresses were delivered by the Revs. Dr. Cochran, formerly a missionary in Japan, and R. J. Laidlaw. The music was furnished by the choir, assisted by members from other choirs, under the direction of Prof. Whish.

THE magnificent new Presbyterian Church, Brockville, which cost about \$30,000, and which seats 1,000 people, was dedicated to divine service on Sabbath last. Rev. Dr. McVicar, of Montreal, preached in the morning; Rev. Mr. Smith, of Galt, in the afternoon; and Principal Grant, of Kingston, in the evening. Nearly \$1,000 was raised by collection.

THE first anniversary of the settlement of the Rev. R. J. Beattie in the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Congregation, Port Hope, was celebrated by a sermon specially on the relation between minister and people. Mr. Beattie's labours in Port Hope have been very abundant and have been apparently crowned with a large measure of success.

THE Presbyterian congregation in Brampton has resolved to build a church which will cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000, one half of which has been already subscribed. The Peel "Banner" says of the movement: "The congregation has been hampered and restrained for some years past by the smallness and unsuitableness of their present place of worship, and it is a matter of regret that the present movement did not take shape sooner."

THE members of the Bible class connected with Chalmers' Church, Guelph, have formed an Association for Mutual Improvement. It is in a flourishing condition. At present a course of lectures on Geology is being delivered to the Association and friends by Professor Pantou of the Agricultural College. The third of the course, entitled "Dawn of Life, as read from the Geological Records," was given a few evenings ago and was exceedingly interesting.

NEW St. Andrew's church at Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, was opened on the 7th inst., with appropriate services. The congregations were very large at all the diets of worship, and the interest manifested, everything that could be desired. The new church is built on the old site and is a very handsome, commodious structure. It has been erected at a cost of \$5,500, and the best of it is that it is already all but free of debt. This happy state of things has been brought round very greatly by the energy and liberality of Senator Archibald.

THE Halifax "Witness" says: "A letter from Rev. John Morton, dated Nov. 25, informs us of the safe arrival in Trinidad of Mr. Christie and family on the 22nd. Mr. Morton was then collecting at Port of Spain for Annajee's district and he succeeded in collecting \$350. The missionaries were to meet at Couva on the 28th for conference. For each of the four Crown Lands districts where the missionaries have schools, the Government has agreed to pay £50 sterling per annum—a very timely and valuable aid. The sugar planters have been greatly cheered and relieved by the decided rise in price of sugar."

THE first service was held in the new Presbyterian church, Bunessan, on Sabbath, 7th inst. The Rev.

Mr. McLeod, of Priceville, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon from the 14th chapter of Galatians. The new edifice is a very commodious building, and will afford ample accommodation for some time to come to the congregation worshipping there. There was no formal opening, but Mr. McLeod's discourse was a continuation of a series from the Epistle to the Galatians. The church is only seated with boards and cedar blocks in the meantime, but it is expected to put in new seats in a short time.

THE young men of Three Rivers have constituted themselves into a Society, known as the "Young Men's Literary Society." They meet every alternate Monday in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church. The programme is to consist in readings, essays, music and debates. The Society holds its first meeting on the 5th January, 1880, when the following subject will be discussed: "Is the reading of works of fiction beneficial or otherwise?" The following gentlemen are the officers: President, Rev. C. E. Amaran, B.A.; 1st Vice-President, J. M. McDougall, B.C.L.; 2nd Vice-President, J. McKelvie; Secretary-Treasurer, R. W. Williams; Committee—J. P. McDougall, J. Godwin and J. McPherson.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met in Ingersoll on 9th inst., and held a visitation of Erskine Church in the evening, and of Knox Church on the following evening. A deliverance was prepared by a committee on each, adopted by the Presbytery, and a minister was appointed to preach in each church next Sabbath and read the deliverance. The remit on the proposed "Presbyterian University of Canada" was taken up and unanimous approval recorded in the following motion: "The Presbytery believing that the establishment of a Presbyterian Theological University would tend to raise the standard of theological education and promote the interests of theological learning generally, and knowing that the establishment of such an institution has engaged the attention of at least two of our Colleges for several years, do heartily approve of the principle of the Act submitted for our consideration." On the remit anent ordination in the Romish Church the following decision was unanimously adopted: "That this Presbytery does not recognize ordination to the office of the priesthood in the Church of Rome as a valid ordination to the office of the ministry in this Church, and that in the case of Roman Catholic priests applying for admission to her membership and to the ministerial office, these should be set apart to this office according to her usual form of ordination." A call was laid on the table from St. Andrew's Church, East Oxford, and St. Andrew's, Blenheim, in favour of Mr. D. M. Beattie, licentiate of this Church. Commissioners having been heard, the call was sustained and placed by the Moderator in Mr. Beattie's hands. The stipend promised is \$800, and a residence for the minister. At a subsequent stage, Mr. Beattie intimated his acceptance of said call, and the necessary arrangements were made for his ordination and induction on the second Tuesday of January, 1880, at one o'clock in the afternoon; the Presbytery to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Blenheim, the same day at eleven o'clock a.m., for the hearing of Mr. Beattie's trial discourses, and the ordination and induction services to be held in the same church at the hour named, the Moderator to preside, Mr. Scrimgeour to preach, Mr. McMullen to address the minister, and Mr. Aull, the congregation. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, on the second Monday of February next, at half-past seven p.m., for visitation of said congregation, and a similar visitation was appointed for the following evening in Knox Church.

W. T. McMULLEN, *Presbytery Clerk.*

DR. VINCENT would have every scholar take home two books, a paper, and a tract. To get out darkness we must let in light; and to keep boys from hurtful reading they must be supplied with that which is good. In a recent Sunday School Institute the Dr. was asked whether he would have in his Sunday school a teacher who danced. His deliberate and emphatic answer was: "Not I." He based his reply, not on the ground that a teacher could not dance and still be a Christian, but upon the general fact that dancing people, theatre-going people, and card-playing people are known to be very far from devout. In the Sabbath school the influence ought to be the very highest, purest, and best.

INDORE MISSION.

LETTER FROM MISS MCGREGOR TO MRS. HARVIE.

The following letter from one of our missionaries in Indore will, we are sure, be perused with great interest by all the readers of THE PRESBYTERIAN, and we shall be very happy to publish many others of a like character:—

MY DEAR MRS. HARVIE,—As we halted at Mhow for a few moments while on our way back from Pachmari, we were met at the station by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, and to my great joy a letter in your well-known handwriting was given me by Mr. C., to whose care it had been addressed. Need I tell you that it afforded me much pleasure? Nay, it was like the face of an old friend bidding me welcome back. I am thankful to be able to tell you that I am quite well again, in fact, have been so for some time back; but we remained at the hills until the rains had fully set in here. Now it is delightfully cool, and the season thus far has been much healthier than that of last year. Pachmari, the hill-station, was pleasant in the sunshine; but for six days previous to our departure the bleak mountain rain made us feel that we must hasten away, as it fell continuously and we could not see twenty yards before us on account of the mist which was prevalent in these regions. Never did hapless travellers meet with more mischances than we on our way down, and our journey from Pachmari was quite as sensational as any romance, besides, being in real life, it will probably interest you more. Our luggage had been sent on ahead by country carts in order to prevent delay at the railway station, from which Pachmari is distant thirty miles, or as it is called here fifteen *kos*, a *kos* being two miles or thereabouts. As there are really no fixed rates among natives, and travelling in the rains is considered rather difficult, we were charged an exorbitant price for a bullock-cart, but we were at a disadvantage, and must therefore submit, but this we found was only the beginning of troubles. In vain we tried to get started early in the day, as we had a river to cross before nightfall if possible; in vain we urged the stolid-looking driver to hurry his bullocks as we thought the road quite good enough; he was as immovable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, so that we were fain to say nothing more lest he might give further annoyance. We caught glimpses, as we descended the hill, of many a mountain stream and mountain waterfall rushing over the rocks to join some noisy torrent farther down, and occasionally a sparkling, "nuddy," or river, would intersect our path, while the road wound in the most picturesque fashion down to the green valley so far below. We halted at the *dak* for refreshment when we reached the foot of the hill, and this necessarily occupied some time, so that when we again set out the sun was low, and we were uneasy as we had still five miles to travel before we reached the river. At this second stage of our journey we were to be provided with a fresh yoke of oxen, but when we reached the river bank darkness had begun to obscure every object. The boatmen informed us that they had waited until five o'clock in expectation of our coming, but now the water had gone down, and they could not possibly bring the boat across. The oxen were driven into the water and made to swim over, and we insisted that the boat should be hauled to the shore and an effort be made to cross. It was necessary that our bullock cart should be put on the barge, and now the driver proved the most obstinate of his race. The bank was steep, and thick darkness coming on, therefore it was only by stern threats that the *garivan* was made in the least pliable; but at length amidst a clatter most unusual in that solitary jungle, the *gari* was brought down and placed on the boat. By this time we could only see indistinctly the forms of the men bobbing and splashing about in the water, while we ourselves grimly surveyed our surroundings. Presently, about the middle of the river, we came to a sudden halt, and we were soon given to understand that the boat could go no farther on account of the shallowness of the water. What was to be done? Had we been amphibious we might have solved the problem, but something must be decided on immediately, especially as the men were coolly deserting us. We ordered them back, and sulkily enough they came, saying that the only thing we could do was to bring the oxen back, put the *gari* down into the river and thus get to the opposite bank. This was done after tremendous difficulty and we scrambled into the conveyance, in the midst of the stream. Then we found to our dismay