

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. MR. MCFARLANE was settled at Bobcaygeon and Dunsford on 31st October.

THE Rev. Alex. Ross, M.A., Picton, has declined the call to the Woodville congregation.

REV. DR. GRANT, Principal of Queen's College, Kingston, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, last Sabbath.

REV. L. G. MACNEIL of Maitland has accepted a call from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St. John's, Newfoundland.

REV. WALTER COULTHARD was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church, Picton, on Thursday, the 21st inst.

THE ordination of Mr. F. R. Beattie, M.A., and his induction into the charge of Baltimore and Coldsprings will take place on Dec. 11th.

REV. J. M. CAMERON of East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, will preach the anniversary sermon at Shelburne next Sabbath, Dec. 1st.

REV. R. J. BEATTIE will be inducted into the pastoral charge of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, on the 12th of December.

REV. JOHN MCALPINE of St. Mary's has returned from Scotland and re-entered upon his ministerial duties with renewed health and vigor.

REV. J. MCCAUL, late of Three Rivers, and well known as an active temperance worker, preached in Stanley street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, last Sabbath.

ON the evening of the 22nd inst. a large number of the members and adherents of Zion Church, Carleton Place, paid a visit to their pastor, Rev. A. A. Scott, and presented him with a purse containing \$81.60, accompanied by an address expressive of appreciation and attachment.

ON the evening of Saturday, the 9th inst., the Bible class and other young men of the congregation of Knox Church, Jarvis, met at the manse and presented their pastor, Rev. Thomas McGuire, with an easy chair and study lamp accompanied by an address, to which Mr. McGuire replied in an appropriate manner.

THE Rev. David Mitchell, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, has been appointed one of the Chapiains of St. Andrew's Society. The reverend gentleman will preach the annual sermon before the St. Andrew's Society on Sabbath evening, at seven o'clock, in the Central Presbyterian Church, Grosvenor street.

ST. ANDREW'S Church, Guelph, was re-opened last Sabbath, after undergoing extensive alterations and improvements. In the morning and evening Rev. Prof. McLaren of Knox College, Toronto, preached to large congregations. In the afternoon the children assembled in the body of the church with their teachers and friends, and were addressed by Rev. Prof. McLaren, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, and Rev. J. C. Smith, the pastor. The church has been considerably improved both in appearance and in capacity.

ON Sabbath evening, Nov. 10th, the Presbyterian Church, Three Rivers, was filled almost to overflowing to listen to the farewell sermon of the Rev. James McCaul, prior to his departure from that city. During his pastorate of over six years Mr. McCaul has toiled unremittingly and with his whole heart, and the value of the work done by him during that time is shown by the increased church membership, the growth and usefulness of the Sabbath school, and in the boon to our English population of a first-class and well organized day school. The sermon was from 2 Corinthians xiii. 11: "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

REV. W. A. WILSON, M.A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Second Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. The services were held in the town hall. Several ministers were present, some of whom were from a distance. Rev. Mr. McLeod preached; Rev. E. W. Waits addressed the minister; and Rev. Mr. Mann addressed the congregation. A social was held in the evening, at which Rev. Mr. McPherson presided. Short addresses were delivered by Revs. Mr. Hislop, Dr. Topp, Mr. Wilson, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mitchell, Dr. Rice, and Messrs. Waits, Calder, Henderson, Hall, Hamilton

and McAlpine. Mr. Wilson enters upon this field with every prospect of success. A new church is to be erected very shortly by the congregation.

ON Sabbath, the 10th inst., the Rev. James Black preached his twenty-fifth anniversary sermon in Argyle Presbyterian Church, Caledonia. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the sermon was one of rare merit, and peculiarly adapted to the circumstances under which it was delivered. The text was Psalm cxv. 12: "The Lord has been mindful of us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron." In the course of the sermon Mr. Black stated that in the twenty-five years that had elapsed since his induction, he had been privileged to preach upwards of four thousand times, and up to last summer had been only three Sabbaths absent from his pulpit on account of sickness. On the Tuesday evening following, a most pleasant anniversary social was held in the church. Rev. Mr. Grant of Oneida occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Crystal, of West Flamboro'; Rev. Mr. Edwards of the Caledonia Methodist Church; Mr. McLellan, of Hamilton; Rev. Mr. Murray, of Grimsby; Rev. Thomas Wilson of the Sutherland street Presbyterian Church, Caledonia; Rev. Mr. Morton, Methodist; Rev. Mr. Vincent, of Blackheath; and Rev. Mr. Laidlaw of Hamilton. In the course of the evening a purse of money was presented to Mr. Black, accompanied by an address, to which he made a suitable reply.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met at St. Marys on the 19th inst. The attendance was good notwithstanding the unfavorable time and place of meeting. The Rev. Dr. Topp, Alex. A. Drummond, Peter McDermid, and John Kay being present, were invited to correspond. A letter was read from the Presbytery of Whitby, intimating that a call from Port Perry and Prince Albert to the Rev. J. W. Bell, of Listowel, had been sustained as a regular gospel call, and requesting this Presbytery to take the usual action. The Clerk reported that he had notified the session of Listowel, and by deputy, cited the congregation to appear for their interests at the present meeting. Compared in behalf of the Presbytery of Whitby and the congregations calling, the Rev. A. A. Drummond, and in behalf of Listowel, Messrs. David Hamilton and R. Ferguson. These commissioners were heard. Mr. Bell, on request, addressed Presbytery, and stated that he had been led to regard it as his duty to remain at Listowel, and Presbytery decided accordingly that he should not be translated. An application was made by Rev. John Kay to be received as a minister of this church, and it was agreed to notify Presbyteries of the intention to apply to General Assembly for permission to receive him. A circular on Sabbath School work, together with schedule of questions, was read, and referred to Presbytery's Sabbath School Committee. It was agreed to hold a public Sabbath School Conference at Stratford on Wednesday the 22nd of January next; the Sabbath School Committee to make necessary arrangements. A petition from Milverton and North Mornington was received but set aside on the ground that its prayer referred to a matter which had, previous to its presentation, been settled and could not without injury be reconsidered. A case of discipline referred to Presbytery from North Mornington was remitted to session to travel in the matter according to the laws of the church, and as far as they might see prudent. In the afternoon the Rev. W. A. Wilson was ordained to the work of the holy ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Second Presbyterian congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Division Street church Owen Sound, on Tuesday the 19th of November. Opening services conducted by Rev. J. Cameron who took the chair in the absence of Mr. Currie, the moderator. Mr. Stevenson reported that he had moderated in a call to Mr. Colter at Thornbury and Heathcote. The call largely signed by members and adherents of the church, was laid on the table. Also a petition from Heathcote congregation praying the Presbytery to apply to the central committee for aid to the extent of \$100 per annum. The commissioners from this congregation represented that aid would be required for one or two years only. The Presbytery agreed to represent their case before the H.M. Committee of the church, and endeavor to obtain the aid desired. The call was sustained as a regular Gospel Call. Where-

upon a letter was read from Mr. Colter intimating his acceptance of it. Subjects were prescribed for his trials, and the Presbytery agreed to meet in the Church at Thornbury on the 11th December at 1 o'clock for his ordination and induction. Mr. Scott to preach and preside, Mr. Stevenson to address the minister, and Mr. Dewar to address the people. Mr. Stevenson also reported that he had moderated in a call to Mr. C. Fletcher M.A. at Meaford. The call was unanimous. The salary promised \$950 per annum. It was sustained as a regular Gospel Call, and the clerk was instructed to transmit it to Mr. Fletcher. Mr. Somerville reported that he had moderated in a call to Mr. John Mordy at Lake Shore and Leith. A telegram was read from Mr. Mordy intimating his willingness to accept the call should it be sustained by the Presbytery. Subjects of trial were prescribed, and the Presbytery agreed to meet in Leith church on the 19th December, at 11 a.m. for the ordination and induction. Mr. Currie to preside, Mr. Colter to preach, Mr. Cameron to address the minister, and Mr. Somerville, the people. The Presbytery agreed to take the necessary steps in having Rev. Mr. Forest's name placed on the list of those receiving aid from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Messrs. Cameron, Somerville and Gordon were appointed to prepare the application. Other minor matters were attended to, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in the same place on Tuesday 17th December, at 10 a.m. and the meeting was closed with the benediction. J. SOMERVILLE, M.A., Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The regular meeting of this Presbytery was held at Guelph on Tuesday the 19th inst. There was a large attendance. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Communications from two Kirk sessions to elders to represent them in Presbytery and Synod were read and sustained. Rev. Messrs. Meldrum, D. Mitchell and D. W. Cameron, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The scheme of missionary meetings was carried forward a week on account of the 4th of December having been appointed as a day of thanksgiving. Attention was called to those cases in which congregations and mission stations had not contributed to the schemes of the Church, or had not given in full Statistical and Financial returns, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with defaulters. Mr. J. K. Smith's report from the committee on Sabbath School Conference was received and its recommendations approved. Sabbath Schools were instructed to send in replies to the questions contained in the General Assembly's circular by 31st December, addressed to Rev. J. K. Smith, Galt. Messrs. Smellie (Convener), Mullan, Fordyce and A. D. Ferrier were appointed a committee to arrange for holding a conference on the state of religion. The Presbytery then took up the remits from the General Assembly. The remit anent the oversight of Sabbath School work was referred to the Sabbath School Committee. Missionary deputations were instructed to inquire in the congregations they were appointed to visit, if Missionary Associations were in operation, and to urge the formation of them if they were not. The remit on hymnology could not be considered as the new proposed Hymn Book had not been published. A committee composed of Mr. Middlemiss (Convener), Mr. A. D. McDonald, and Mr. McCrae was appointed to consider the remit on a General Sustentation Fund, and report. Answers were read to the Reasons of Dissent and Complaint by Mr. Ball and others against granting supply of preaching at Douglas, to members and adherents of St. John's Church, Garafra, and the same were approved, and thanks given to the committee appointed to prepare the same, and especially to the Convener. A report was submitted from the deputation appointed to organize a congregation at Douglas, detailing the steps that had been taken, stating that the communion roll, as made up, and now handed in, embraced sixty-six names, that managers had been elected, and elders nominated, and baptism administered to those applying for the same. The report was received, the action of the deputation sustained, thanks given to them for their diligence in the premises, and they were reappointed to act as a session, in the meantime, for the new congregation. The records of the Kirk Session of Doon and Hespeler were laid on the table, and a committee appointed to examine. At a subsequent sederunt, the committee reported them neatly and correctly kept, and the business transacted in an orderly manner. The report was approved and the records ordered to be attested