

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. John Burton preached on a recent Sabbath at Laguerre, Quebec, where he began his ministry.

THE Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., preached anniversary sermons in Erin Presbyterian Church last Sabbath.

THE Rev. S. H. Kellogg, D.D., conducted anniversary services in Erskine Church, Hamilton, on Sabbath last. The Rev. Thomas Scouler preached in St. James Square Church.

THE Rev. J. B. Hamilton having accepted the call to Maple Valley and Singhampton, a special meeting of the Presbytery of Orangeville will be held at Maple Valley for his ordination and induction, on Tuesday, 21st inst., at two o'clock, p.m.

THE congregations of Richmond and Melbourne—recently united—extended a call lately to the Rev. D. Currie, B.D., of Three Rivers. Mr. Currie, to the great satisfaction of his present congregation, declined to entertain the call. A meeting for moderation in another call is to be held immediately.

MR. ALEX. MCAULAY, B.A., licentiate of Queen's College, was ordained to the holy ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Dalhousie, North Sherbrooke, and Snow Road at the new church at McLaren's Mills, on the 7th inst. Rev. Mr. Millard, Lansdowne, preached and presided.

THE prosperous condition of Zion Presbyterian Church, Carleton Place, has necessitated enlargement of the building more than once. Extensive additions and improvements have just been completed, and the occasion was marked by special services, conducted by Principal MacVicar, of Montreal. He preached able and instructive discourses on the 5th inst., and on Monday following delivered his famous lecture on "What Great Men Know, But Dare Not Speak of."

A VERY successful parlour social was held in the manse, Keady, on Tuesday, December 7, under the auspices of the "Willing Workers' Society," which has been recently organized in the congregation. The manse, which is a large brick one, was crowded to its utmost capacity. After refreshments were served, a very interesting programme was gone through, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings, recitations, etc. Short speeches were given by the pastor, Rev. J. Stewart, Rev. F. Mullen, of Kilsyth, and Mr. Elliot, of Desboro'. Many friends from a distance were present, Kilsyth and Desboro' being well represented. The proceeds amounted to over \$23, which is very encouraging to the newly formed society. The gathering was brought to a close by singing the doxology, and Mr. Mullen pronouncing the benediction.

AT the monthly meeting of the Canadian Auxiliary of the M'All Mission, held in St. James Square Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, December 2, a letter was read from Mr. M'All in answer to one sent him asking his advice as to what portion of the work the Canadian contributions might be devoted, as it would make it much more interesting to those connected with the association to work for some definite object, either to support a hall or pay the salary of one of the workers. He mentions two stations in the West of France, La Rochelle and Rochefort, under the superintendence of one missionary, the expense of these is \$500 each annually. It would give the association great pleasure to be in a position to support these, or even one of them, and they must look to the friends of this mission to help to further this good work. The next meeting will be held in the same place, the first Thursday in January. The treasurer's address is 238 Victoria Street.

EVANGELISTIC services have been held in Rev. Wm. Meikle's Church, Oakville, for the last four weeks, with most gratifying results. Rev. W. Hunter, of Orangeville, assisted the pastor most acceptably the first week. Rev. Mr. Murray, of Streetsville, the second week, and Rev. J. M. Cameron, of Toronto, the third week. At all of these services it was evident a deep interest in spiritual things was being awakened. The fourth week Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, Moderator of the General Assembly, on Sabbath morning and evening, delivered most powerful and telling sermons to large and interested congregations. In the afternoon he gave an instructive and impressive Bible reading. These services he continued through the whole week, and by the large attendance and close attention evidence was given of the special manifestation of the power of the Spirit of God. The Church has been quickened and deep feeling is spreading through the community. These services have been greatly helped by an admirably trained and earnest choir, who are always to be found early in their seats, ready to do their part in the good work going on. The meetings are to be continued this week.

ON the evening of Tuesday, December 7, the Westminster branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a highly successful meeting in the lecture room of the North Presbyterian Church. The room was crowded. Rev. E. H. Sawers occupied the chair, and in his usual happy manner made every one feel at home. A very interesting programme was gone through with as follows:—Opening hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," led by the choir; report of the Society, which was encouraging, by Mrs. Baty; solo, "Ashamed of Jesus," Miss A. Grieve; paper on "Missions," Miss F. Nichol; music, "Come to the Fountain," by choir; paper on "Woman's Work," Mrs. Sawers; quartette, Misses Murray, W. Grieve and J. Hayes; reading, "Thanksgiving Ann.," Miss Odle; solo, "Beautiful Home," Miss Lind; paper "Some ways of increasing interest in the Missionary Cause," Miss R. Nichol; music, "Over the Ocean Wave," choir; address on "Systematic Giving," by Rev. Mr. Sawers. A collection amounting to \$12 65 was taken up during the evening. In ten months this society has raised nearly \$60, mostly by voluntary offerings. The meeting closed with singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

THE new Presbyterian Church at Ivan, township of Lobo, was opened on Sabbath last, and reflects great credit on the pastor, the Rev. John Johnston, the congregation and the building committee, which consisted of Messrs. John L. Cameron, chairman, Alex. McLean, D. A. Campbell, Jas. Campbell and D. McCallum. The congregation first took action toward rebuilding about a year ago, and are certainly to be congratulated on the very successful issue of their efforts. The edifice is of brick, with basement and tower, and has been richly and comfortably carpeted and furnished by the ladies of the congregation at a cost of more than \$400. The whole cost will be somewhere about \$5,600, of which, we are happy to learn, there will only remain an unsubscribed debt of about \$1,600. We hope the people who have shown so much enterprise and good taste in putting up such a fine building will not allow it to be long encumbered with this comparatively small burden. The religious services on Sabbath were very appropriate, and were attended by perhaps the largest audiences ever held in Lobo. The Rev. Dr. Caven, Principal of Knox College, preached in the morning from Ps. lxxxiv. 10, and in the evening from the words, "Behold the Lamb of God." Several neighbouring clergymen were present on the platform at night and took part. At three o'clock in the afternoon the Rev. Roht. Hamilton, who has been pastor of Motherwell for nearly thirty years, preached a very acceptable sermon from the words, "I am the First and the Last," etc. On Monday evening a very successful literary and musical entertainment was held, at which, after the opening exercises conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rennie, addresses were delivered by the Revs. Messrs. Hamilton, Ball, Muxworthy, Henderson, Anderson and Mr. John Waters, M.P.P. Readings were finely rendered by Miss Robertson, of Strathroy, and selections were given by the Vaneck choir, and the Patterson Brothers. Miss McNeil, of London, rendered "The Better Land," "The Land of the Leal," and other pieces in charming style. The whole proceeds of the opening services come to about \$400.

THE following is the resolution proposed at the meeting of Toronto Presbytery by Professor Gregg, while the Assembly remit on the marriage question was under discussion: Whereas the Westminster Confession of Faith is held in the Presbyterian Church in Canada to be, in subordination to the Holy Scriptures, the standard of its faith—and whereas licentiates, ministers and elders have professed adherence to this Confession as founded upon and agreeable to the Word of God, and pledged themselves to adhere to it in their teaching; and whereas it is declared in this Confession that a man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, and that a woman may not marry any of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than that of her own, and that marriages of persons within the forbidden degrees can never be made lawful by any law of man or consent of parties so that they may live together as man and wife; and whereas a man may not marry his own sister, aunt or niece, and may not, according to the teaching of the Confession, marry his wife's sister, aunt or niece; and whereas a proposition has been remitted for the consideration of the Presbyteries that discipline shall not be exercised in regard to marriage with a deceased wife's sister, aunt or niece, as hitherto required, while no proposal is made to relax discipline in regard to the corresponding marriage of a woman to her deceased husband's brother, uncle or nephew, and while no proposal is made to modify the article in the Confession, which declares that no law of man can make it lawful for persons married within any of these forbidden degrees to live together as man and wife, to which article all licentiates, ministers and elders are still required to profess adherence at their licensure, ordination and induction,—the Presbytery of Toronto therefore (1) disapprove of the proposal to relax discipline in the case of a man's marrying a deceased wife's niece, (2) Disapprove of the proposal to relax discipline in the case of a man's marrying his deceased wife's aunt, (3) Disapproves of the proposal to relax discipline in the case of a man's marrying his deceased wife's sister.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Uxbridge on Tuesday, November 30, and was constituted by the Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., Moderator. Present, ten ministers and eight elders. Minutes of August 31 and November 1 read and sustained. The following minute in regard to the Rev. T. T. Johnston's resignation of his charge of Wick and Greenbank was agreed to: "In accepting the resignation of their brother, the Rev. T. T. Johnston, the Presbytery would record the sense of their loss sustained by his removal. During his pastorate Mr. Johnston has endeared himself to his brethren by his many excellent Christian qualities. He has given a faithful attendance on the duties of the Church, and cheerfully performed such work as was assigned him. He has also discharged his pastoral duties with commendable fidelity and acceptance to the entire congregation, as is manifest by the deep and universal regret shown on his removal. The Presbytery in taking leave of their brother would commend him to the grace of God, and the confidence of the Church of Christ in a foreign land, as an able and successful minister of the Gospel, with prayer that the Master may speedily open to him another field of usefulness, and also that by the Divine blessing the family affliction, which has rendered his departure necessary, may soon be removed. The Presbytery would further express their sympathy with the congregation in the loss of a pastor to whom they were so strongly attached; and pray that the Great Shepherd may soon send one to break unto them the bread of life." The Presbytery was occupied for some time with the reports on vacant congregations and future supply. A committee, consisting of Revs. J. B. McLaren, E. Cockburn, A. G. McLaughlin and Mr. Alex. Leask, was appointed to visit Sunderland and Vroomant to inquire about an ordained missionary. The following agreed to supply: Night and Sabbath—Rev. E. Cockburn, January 16, Rev. J. B. McLaren, January 30, Rev. A. Ross, February 13, Rev. D. B. McDonald, February 27, Rev. G. C. Patterson, March 13. The sessions were instructed to arrange for missionary meetings, and report

at next meeting. After other routine business the Presbytery agreed that next regular meeting be held at Lindsay on the last Tuesday in February, 1887, at eleven o'clock a.m.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, Nov. 30, and was attended by eighteen ministers and six elders. A call to Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of Columbus and Brooklin, from the congregations of Bradford, Second West Gwillimbury and St. John's was sustained. Guarantees of stipend for \$1,000, with a manse, were given. The Presbytery directed that the call be transmitted to the Whitby Presbytery, and that Mr. James Carswell be appointed commissioner to plead for translation on behalf of the Presbytery, and Mr. James Bryant, commissioner on behalf of the congregations. The Oro congregations and sessions were instructed to consider and send deputies to next meeting of Presbytery to state their views on a proposed rearrangement which would unite Guthrie Church, Mitchell Square and Esson Church in one charge, and Willis and Knox Churches in another charge. The Innisfil congregations were cited to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery, when the petition of Churchill congregation for leave to worship at Stroud, instead of Hunter's Corners as formerly, will be taken up. It was resolved to correspond with the Lindsay Presbytery with the view of having the Uptergrove congregation transferred and united to Longford and Black River, so that a pastoral charge may be formed. Mr. James Smith, of Sundridge, who had received sanction of Presbytery to collect money from friends of the Church for a new church at that place, presented books and accounts of money received and expended for the object, and requested an audit. The audit was made, and the accounts found correct. A letter from Dr. Middlemiss, Convener of the Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, was read, and contents noted. Leave was given to the Penetanguishene congregation to sell their church and lot, the proceeds of sale to be applied to building a new church. There were sundry other matters of business, not of general interest. There was another matter, not of business, but of a novel and pleasant experience, which may be of interest. The Presbytery was accommodated in the church, the usual place of meeting being in the lecture room. The reason was apparent when the dinner hour arrived, and the members were informed that they were the guests of the ladies of the congregation for that day, and that dinner was laid for them in the lecture room. An adjournment thither took place, and the members were entertained with a plentiful, substantial and, it may be said, sumptuous dinner. Two long lines of benches around the table were filled. Twenty-four members were marked as attending the regular meeting, but double the number of persons must have partaken of the ladies' hospitality. When the meal was over, the kindness received was suitably acknowledged. In the evening the members who remained in court were entertained with tea in the same place and by the same friends. Not to say more of the pleasures experienced by the brethren, the thoughtfulness and kindness of the ladies helped to save time and to expedite business.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—On the 7th inst. this Presbytery met, Rev. P. Nicol, Moderator, and transacted a fair amount of business. Revs. F. Smith, J. McKay and Mr. Wm. Hood were appointed a committee to look after the supply for St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, and St. John's Church, Markham. The committee appointed at last meeting to confer with the congregations of Dixie and West Toronto Junction, ament a combined adherence to the promise of \$750 as stipend, reported through Rev. J. Mutch favourably thereon, with the hope of \$100 more being added within a year. Rev. J. A. Grant declared his acceptance of the call given him by said congregations. The Moderator and the Clerk were appointed to assign him subjects of trial for ordination; said trials will be heard in the usual place on the 11th proximo, and in case of their being satisfactory, the Presbytery agreed to meet at West Toronto Junction, on the same day, at three p.m., to ordain and induct Mr. Grant, the Moderator to preside, Rev. W. Patterson to preach, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell to deliver the charge, and Rev. A. Gilray to address the people. It was also agreed to apply for a supplement of \$250 for said congregation, from the Augmentation Fund. A committee was appointed, consisting of F. vs. A. Gilray, D. J. Macdonnell and Mr. W. Carlyle, to confer with the congregations of Weston and Woodbridge, ament the propriety of raising the salary of their pastor, and Mr. Gilray was appointed to preach at said places on the 19th inst. Rev. Dr. Gregg submitted and read a report from the committee appointed at last meeting, to visit and confer with the congregations of Union Church and Norval, ament the tender of resignation made by their pastor. The report set forth, in substance, that said congregations are warmly attached to their pastor, Rev. J. Alexander, and wish his continuance among them; but that, seeing he decidedly wishes, on the ground of bodily infirmity, to be relieved of his pastorate, they would quit the thought of seeking a colleague, and offer no opposition to the resignation. The committee were thanked for their diligence in this matter, and the Clerk was instructed to cite the congregations aforesaid, to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting. An application was read from the congregation of Leslieville, for a separation of said congregation from that of York Town Line. Messrs. McDonald and Gibb were heard as commissioners thereon, as also the pastor, Rev. W. Frizzell. After some deliberation, Revs. J. Neil, R. P. Mackay, A. Gilray and Mr. A. Gemmell were appointed a committee to confer with said congregation in regard to this matter, and report thereon at a future meeting. The Clerk having stated that he had received in due time reasons of protest and appeal from Rev. Wm. Inglis against the decision come to by the Presbytery on his case at last meeting, said reasons were produced and read. A committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. H. M. Parsons, D. J. Macdonnell, G. M. Milligan and Mr. Carlyle, to prepare answers to said reasons and submit the same at next meeting. There was also read a