

Ministers and Churches.

ESKINE Church, Montreal, will shortly send two missionaries to the foreign field.

A NEW Presbyterian charge is likely to be formed of the Appin and Tait's Corners sections of the Glencoe congregations early next year.

THE Rev. Mr. Argo, of Acton, has had much encouragement since his settlement there. A goodly number join the Church at each communion service.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan preached the annual sermon to the Toronto St. Andrew's Society. It was an eloquent and vigorous effort. The church was crowded.

THE Rev. Dr. Campbell has commenced his course of lectures to the students in Morrin College. His pulpit is to be occupied by Rev. Mr. Cormack, a Kingstonian, who has spent some time in British Columbia.

At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Glengarry the resignation by the Rev. J. R. Campbell of his charge of Port Lancaster was accepted. The Rev. Arpad Givan was appointed Moderator of Session *ad interim*.

THE many friends of the Rev. W. T. McMullen, Woodstock, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, will be pleased to learn that he is now sufficiently recovered to be able to take a drive on fine days.

THE Rev. R. J. Baillie, Guelph, occupied the chair at the supper held in the drill shed, Elora, the other night, under the auspices of the ladies of Knox Church of that village. He also gave a very acceptable reading.

THE Rev. John Wilkie, M.A., returned missionary from India, gave, to the delight of the large congregation, a very superior address on mission work in India, on Tuesday evening, 20th ult., under the auspices of the Mission Band in Union Church, Brucefield.

SIXTY new members have been added to the roll of Eskine Church, Toronto, at a recent communion, which was the first since the settlement of their new pastor, the Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., amongst whom were Baptists, Methodists, Roman Catholic, Church of England.

THE Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Ure, of Goderich, have arrived home from a six months' visit to the Old Country. On Friday evening week the members of the congregation of Knox Church gave them a reception in the lecture room, which was largely attended, many of other denominations being present.

AMONG the names mentioned in connection with the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, Brandon, is that of Rev. Mr. Pitblado. A number of his former parishioners are in Brandon, and they are desirous of seeing him come to that place. Rev. Messrs. Coulter, McLeod; Unquhart, Regina, and Furry, New Brunswick, are also spoken of.

THE Blyth Presbyterian congregation, says a contemporary, now has an active membership of 286. During the past year there were raised by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$117; for Schemes of Church, \$334; by Sabbath School, \$183; by Sabbath collections, \$327; by Hopeful Cleaners, \$17; for minister's salary, \$1,021. The total contributions were thus considerably over \$2,000. Blyth Presbyterians are liberal givers.

IN his evening discourse on Sunday week on Acts iv, Mr. Howie said the Jewish authorities attempted to silence the apostles. This was a strange and an impious work, but this work has not died with the death of Annas, Caiaphas and Alexander, for Christian missionaries are sometimes opposed by some European and English officials in India and other places, but neither force nor guile could stop John Wilkie from establishing a mission in Indore. The gates of hell cannot prevail against the Church.

PROBABLY the largest collection ever taken up in a single Sunday in any church in Toronto was the one taken up on Sabbath last at St. Andrew's Church. At the two services, morning and evening, the total receipts were \$1,963. Of this large sum \$1,406 was for the Augustinian Fund, \$1,256 being collected at the morning and \$150 at the evening service. The balance of the amount collected, \$557, was through the envelope system for general congregational purposes.

THE Tara Leader says: The Rev. John Wilson, M.A., B.D., occupied the pulpit of the Tara Presbyterian Church on Sabbath morning, and preached a very acceptable sermon. He is a nephew of Mr. John Wilson, Arran, and will spend a few weeks in Arran with him and other friends. Mr. Wilson is a native of Dundee, Scotland, and is on his way home after a year's successful missionary work to Manitoba. On leaving there he was presented with an address, a purse of \$50 and a gold watch chain. Before sailing for Scotland, Mr. Wilson will visit the principal cities in Ontario.

THE Presbyterian Church at Pilot Mound was opened for divine service on Sabbath, the 18th ult., the Rev. Principal King preaching in the forenoon and the Rev. Dr. Robertson in the evening. Large and appreciative congregations were present at both services. On the following evening a church opening service was held at which addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Robertson and Messrs. Waiton, Townend, Cairns and Brown. The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the music rendered by the choir. The church is a frame building, 37 x 50, and is seated for about 300. It has been erected at a cost of about \$2,700.

THE anniversary services of Union Church, Brucefield, were conducted with marked success and profit on Sabbath, November 18, by the Rev. Alexander Grant, B.A., of St. Mary's, who preached two powerful, expressive and eloquent sermons to full congregations morning and evening. The anniversary tea meeting was held on the following Monday night, which was also a decided success. Interesting and profitable addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs. J. McCoy, M.A., Egmondville; D. Forest, Bayfield; A. D. McDonald, Seaford; A. Grant, B.A., St. Mary's; J. S. Henderson, Hensall, and S. Acheson, Kippen. Choice and suitable vocal and

instrumental music was furnished by the Church choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. B. Jameson. Miss Maggie Fotheringham presided at the organ.

THE officers elected for Queen's University Missionary Society are: James G. Potter, president; James Rattray, B.A., vice-president; E. G. Walker, B.A., recording secretary; J. Miller, corresponding secretary; John A. McDonald, B.A., treasurer; D. L. McLennan, librarian. The Ossianic Society officers are: Dr. Lemonte and Professor Carmichael, patrons; Rev. Mr. Mackie, honorary president; Mr. Evan McColl, bard; Mr. J. D. Boyd, president; Mr. Malcolm McKenzie, vice-president; Mr. Neil McNeill, second vice-president; Mr. A. R. MacLennan, secretary; Mr. Archie McKenzie, treasurer; Mr. John A. McDonald, B.A., librarian. Professors Harris and Nicholson, and Messrs. A. K. McNaughton and N. E. McPherson, executive committee.

ON the morning of Thanksgiving Day the inmates of the Presbyterian manse at Wyoming were cheered and delighted by the receipt of an envelope from the ladies of the congregation containing a letter, in dainty worded, and accompanied by a \$50 bill, directing Mrs. Cuthbertson to expend the money as she might deem best for the comfort of the manse. Mr. Emree is busy fitting storm windows and making internal alterations, which will considerably add to the appearance and comfort of the dwelling. Such kindly acts testify to the good feeling existing between the congregation and the inhabitants of the manse. Mr. Cuthbertson preached the thanksgiving sermon with none the less vigour from the incident of the morning, and expressed his appreciation for the kindly deed.

BEFORE his departure from Thurlow and Roslin, the Rev. D. Kelso, who has completed a twelve years' faithful pastorate there, was presented with an address containing warm expressions of appreciation of his ministerial services and personal worth. Mr. and Mrs. Kelso were at the same time presented with various articles of value and as tokens of kindly feeling and esteem. Mr. Kelso, in replying, said that his words on this occasion would be few—that he felt more than he could express. He thanked the congregation for their valuable gifts, and also for their kind address, he thanked them for this renewed expression of their kindness, and assured them that their many tokens of good will and esteem were duly appreciated by Mrs. Kelso and himself. He said that wherever God might order his lot, he would always remember the very happy years he spent in this congregation.

THE elegant new church built during the past summer for the Presbyterians of Waterloo, was formally opened on the 29th ult., when an intensely earnest and practical sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Cochran, of Brantford. The Doctor also gave one of his popular lectures in the evening, in aid of the funds of the Church, to a large and deeply interested audience. The Presbyterians of Waterloo, who are by no means numerous, have done themselves great credit by the energy and liberality they have shown in the erection of their beautiful sanctuary. It has cost them over \$6,000, and all is subscribed or paid but \$600. The opening services were commenced last Sabbath, when Dr. Gregg, of Toronto, and Mr. Tait, of Berlin, occupied the pulpit. Mr. Mitchell, of Knox College, had charge of this young congregation during the past summer, and was greatly appreciated for his work.

A SPECIAL meeting of Mill Street congregation, Port Hope, was held in the church on Wednesday evening week. The Rev. A. M. McNaughton in the chair. After the successful labours of the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, during the year in which this congregation has enjoyed his services, it was thought that they were in a position to show their high appreciation of his work, by an increase of his salary. After a close and exhaustive examination of the financial position of the Church, and of its prospects for the ensuing year, it was found that after full provision for ordinary expenses, an addition of \$200 per year could be made to the minister's salary. It was therefore agreed to raise Mr. McWilliam's salary to \$1,000 per year. The congregation is to be congratulated on having secured a pastor of the ability and popularity of Mr. McWilliam, and on their appreciation of the fact. The future of the Mill Street Church may now be regarded as highly encouraging.

AT a recent meeting of the Manitoba College Board, Dr. King presented a statement showing the financial position of the college. The mortgage debt on the building has been entirely paid off. There still, however, remains on the institution a debt of \$11,000 made up partly from money borrowed from the Endowment Fund to erect the building, and partly of money advanced several years ago from the general offices of the Church in Toronto to pay the running expenses of the college. This debt has been reduced by \$2,500 during the past year. The Endowment Fund amounts to a sum almost equal to the debt. The students contributed over \$2,000 last year to the college, by way of fees. The walls of the building were kalsomined during the vacation and other repairs effected at a cost of \$336. The grounds have been ploughed twice preparatory to being levelled, trees have been planted, a reading room for consulting purposes has been fitted up and equipped with a number of books, taken from the library and \$200 worth of new books added and the library itself has been arranged and catalogued.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Winnipeg Free Press says: For the last few years the temporal and spiritual affairs of the Presbyterian Church, Brandon, to say the least, have not been getting along very smoothly. Congregational meeting after congregational meeting has been called, all proving abortive in the direction of pouring oil on the troubled water. We are pleased to state, however, that it looks as if, since the meeting last evening, the clouds were breaking and the church is bidding fair to enter a period of peace and progress. The meeting went off smoothly; the former elders resigned, and as provisional ones, Messrs. W. H. Irwin, John Handly and John Arthur were appointed, awaiting the action of the Presbytery to regularly appoint them. At the next meeting steps will be taken to call a minister. The managers all resigned last evening also, but

were unanimously re-appointed. As it is generally supposed that the Presbyterians outnumber any other denomination in the city, it should only be a question of time the worshipping of the largest congregation in the city within the walls of this church.

THE anniversary services of St. John's Church, Port Perry, took place on Sunday week. The weather turned out exceptionally fine for the time of the year, and the congregations both morning and evening were large. The Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, preached powerful sermons. The subject of his morning discourse was John i. 12, 13. The text for the evening was Numbers xxi. 9. On Monday evening the church was again crowded to hear the lecture on "John B. Gough," by the Rev. R. N. Grant, Oullia. It was a vivid delineation of character, a logical marshalling of facts and incidents, pointing the moral all the way through to the end. As a temperance address, illustrated from the possibilities of evil or of good in the life of a most remarkable man, it could not be excelled, and it well deserved the eloquent eulogium pronounced upon it by Mr. James McBuen, I.P.S., and the Rev. Mr. Washington—the mover and seconder of the very unanimous and hearty vote of thanks accorded to the able lecturer of the evening. The choir rendered at intervals several anthems in superior style. The Rev. Dr. Carry pronounced the benediction. The collections were liberal.

FATHER CHINQUY, with zeal as fervent as ever and, though now of advanced years with force undiminished, has during the past week been preaching and lecturing in Toronto. In one of his discourses he said: It would take him a whole night to tell of half the battles he fought against his God. Roman Catholic priests were doing the same thing to-day, but the Protestants were to blame for it. The priests were honest in what they did; they knew no better, but Protestants should teach them the blessed truths and give them the happy privilege of a free and open Bible. There were three classes of Protestants against whom he should bear witness before God: First, those who treated their Roman Catholic friends with indifference; second, those who looked upon them with contempt; and third, those who looked upon them with hatred. Only two weeks ago Roman Catholic priests led bands of men armed with sticks and stones against him intending to kill him; and yet he could look upon those men with compassion. He spoke of the special favours he had received at the hands of the Church of Rome, and alluded to the fact that a gold medal which adorned his breast was the gift of that Church to him for his active services. He also told of the Bishop of Chicago, with the approval of the Pope, having commissioned him to encourage emigration to the Western States of America, and how successfully he had carried out the work. The intention of Rome was to bring the whole continent under its sway, with a Catholic French population in the Western States and a Catholic Irish in the Eastern. Within a few years he would himself be surrounded by some 75,000 French-Canadians and French immigrants. The reverend gentleman next gave an account of his conversion, and a pathetic description of the occasion on which he communicated to his congregation his intention of renouncing the Church of Rome. Never since the day of Pentecost was there such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Every member of the congregation—and there were tears and sobbing there—stood up and said they would follow me. That day a thousand people renounced the Church of Rome. A month later I had 2,000, and to-day we number 35,000 converts, including thirty-two priests and a number of monks and nuns. The reverend gentleman concluded by saying that while Protestants were sleeping or indifferent, the Church of Rome was at work, and unless the Protestants of this country were very watchful the Dominion would pass into the hands of the Pope and Rome.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Blyth on the 1st of November. The Rev. Messrs. J. Wilkie, of Indore, India, and Hugh McKellar, of High Bluff, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The remit on the marriage question was laid over till next meeting. The remit on the Book of Forms was remitted to a committee to bring in a deliverance thereon at next meeting. The remit on travelling expenses of commissioners to Assembly was delayed till next meeting, while Sessions were instructed to consider it and report at next meeting. The remit on vacancies was also handed over to a committee. Reports of missionary meetings recently held were given. The reports were cheering in their tone, and the meetings had apparently resulted in much good. Circulars from the Conveners of the Home Mission and Augmentation of Sponsors Committees were read, specifying the sums expected from the Presbytery for the above-mentioned schemes. The matter was referred to a committee to bring in a deliverance thereon at next meeting. The committee are the Rev. Messrs. McCoy and Musgrave. Mr. McDonald brought the claims of the Manitoba College before the Presbytery. Mr. Martin was requested to supply Chisholm till next meeting. Next meeting at Hensall on January 18, at half-past ten a.m.—A. McLENNAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—According to arrangements the ordination and induction of Rev. A. L. Manson, of West Zorra, to the pastoral charge of Tilbury East and Fletcher, took place in the church at Fletcher on Tuesday 20th ult. The Presbytery having examined Mr. Manson according to all the prescribed forms, and being satisfied therewith, adjourned to meet in the church at two p.m., where notwithstanding muddy roads, a large congregation had assembled. Rev. George McLennan, Comber, preached an excellent sermon from 2 Cor. v. 20. Rev. G. G. McRobbie, Ph.B., Ridgeway, Moderator in the call, then narrated all the steps in connection therewith, and no objections having been received, he proceeded with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery to ordain and induct Mr. Manson as pastor of the congregation. Rev. J. Gray, Windsor, addressed the newly-ordained minister at great length and with impressive solemnity. Rev. William Forrest, in the absence of Rev. W. Kierning through family sickness,