

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. David Mitchell, of Belleville, has gone into the country for the benefit of his health.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Trenton, has extended a call to Rev. W. T. Wilkins, B.A., Belgrave, Ont.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan lectured recently at Stratford, under the auspices of St. Andrew's Church there.

THE Rev. James Bryant has received a unanimous call from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Scott and Uxbridge.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Guelph, property is now free from debt, the mortgages amounting to \$8,000 having been discharged last week.

THE Rev. E. Wallace Waits preached an eloquent sermon bearing specially on the U. E. Loyalist Centennial Celebration at St. John, N.B., lately.

THE death of Mr. John Martin, Mount Forest, father of the Rev. W. Martin, Exeter, is announced. He was one of the pioneers of the Mount Forest congregation.

IN Knox Church, Camlachie, on the second day of April, the Rev. John Wells moderated in a call, which was unanimous, in favour of Rev. James Bryant, who, a few days after, requested that they go no farther in the matter.

THE Rev. Dr. Kemp has, we understand, resigned his position as Principal of the Ottawa Ladies' College. Now that he is free from teaching, it is to be hoped that he will ere long resume the active duties of the ministry.

THE ladies of the congregation of Stanley Street Church, Ayr, held a very successful bazaar on the 24th of May. The amount realized was \$278, which is to be appropriated in fitting up the church for being lighted with gas.

THE Presbytery of Barrie on the 29th ult., having been informed of the death of the late Rev. J. K. Hislop of Avonton, whose first charge was in the bounds of Barrie Presbytery, where he laboured for eight years, passed a resolution of condolence and sympathy, and directed that a copy be sent to Mrs. Hislop.

JUDGE GOWAN, Barrie, has presented the Presbyterian congregation there with an acre of land in the immediate vicinity of the town as a site for a manse or any other purpose at the disposal of the congregation. His Honour is a member of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and has always taken a liberal and kindly interest in the Presbyterian congregation.

THE Rev. Dr. MacIse, pastor of Calvin Church, died last week, after a short illness. He had only recently returned from Ireland, where he had been acting for six months as immigration agent for Canada. Dr. MacIse was by nativity an Irishman. Born at Belfast in 1824, he removed first to the United States, subsequently to Ontario, and afterwards to New York, from which city he went to St. John nine years ago.

THE session and managers of the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, having granted a furlough to the senior pastor, Rev. James Pringle, to enable him to enjoy a season of well-earned rest, he was presented with a purse containing \$215, accompanied by an address expressive of the cordial esteem in which he is held and with the kindest wishes for his welfare. In response, Mr. Pringle expressed his grateful appreciation of the kindness of his friends. He had striven to do his duty, although conscious of many shortcomings, and it was exceedingly gratifying to him to find that his people entertained towards him such feelings as were indicated by their gift and expressed in their address. He valued the gift very highly, especially in view of the financial obligations which the congregation had assumed, and made him regret that they should have manifested their affection in this way, but he valued still more highly the kindly feelings which the gift represented. He desired very heartily to thank his friends for this unexpected mark of their esteem.

IN our advertising columns will be seen an announcement of the re-opening of the Davenport Road Presbyterian Mission which has been in operation fourteen years. The building, in which it has been carried on most of the time, was erected ten years ago, on a small lot donated to the mission by the Hon. Wm. McMaster. On account of the building requiring both repairs and enlargement, application was

made to Mr. McMaster for additional ground, which was kindly given; and the work of repairing and enlarging has now been completed at an expense of about \$700. The Church Extension Committee of the Toronto Presbytery have granted towards the expense, \$300; and the proceeds of a sale of work conducted by the ladies of the Mission, have amounted to nearly \$300, which leaves a balance still due on the building, of \$100. It is hoped that the collection, to be taken up at the formal re-opening of the building by the Rev. J. M. King, D.D., on Sabbath, June 10th, at three o'clock p.m., will free the Mission of all debt. The Rev. William Hamilton, D.D., has been in charge of the mission for the last two years.

THE Chatham "Banner" of the 30th ult. contains a generous tribute to the memory of Mr. Duncan MacVicar, who died recently at the old homestead in the township of Chatham. Mr. MacVicar was born in Douglass, Cantyre, Scotland, in 1815, and was one of the pioneers of the County of Kent, where he settled in 1835. The "Banner's" notice concludes as follows: Mr. MacVicar will be long and favourably remembered in this part of the county. He was a man of sterling integrity, strong mind and character, and of uncommon physical vigour and activity. His views on national, social and religious subjects were clear and pronounced, and he uniformly showed himself possessed of the courage of his convictions, even when personal inconvenience might result from his course of action. He was by enlightened choice a decided Presbyterian, but no religious bigot, and hailed with joy the success of all branches of the Church of God, and every sincere and well-directed effort for social reform, for the spread of the truth, and the elevation of fallen humanity. His surviving brothers are Neil MacVicar, of Salina, Kansas, Rev. Dr. M. MacVicar, Professor in McMaster Hall, Toronto, and Rev. Dr. D. H. MacVicar, Principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. His last illness, extending over several months, was borne with the utmost gentleness and patience, and many and definite were the testimonies which he gave to the power and efficacy of saving grace before he passed away, rejoicing in hope of the glory of God. The funeral services, in the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, were largely attended, and conducted by his pastors, Rev. A. McColl and Rev. Mr. Walker, after which the remains were laid in the family burying ground.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Saugeen, held in Knox Church, Mount Forest, on the 22nd inst., the resignation of Mr. Brown was accepted, and the clerk was instructed to grant him the usual Presbyterian certificate. Mr. Brown had received a unanimous call to the congregations of Bluffton and Rockport, Ohio, U. S. The following minute was adopted by the Presbytery: "That in parting with Mr. Brown we desire to place on record our high esteem of him as a brother and Christian worker; we bear testimony to his unblemished life, and to his zeal and usefulness as a pastor, and we unite in praying that the blessing of the Master may be with him in his new field of labour."—S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Mr. Moody's meetings in England have come to a close, and he is now at his home in Northfield, Mass. A greater blessing attended this last series of meetings than any that preceded it. From the report issued by W. H. Newell, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Messrs. Moody and Sankey held during their fourteen days' mission in Manchester, England, 21 Gospel meetings, attended by 68,000 persons; 14 Bible lectures, attended by 46,000 persons; 5 meetings for men only, attended by 16,000 persons; 2 Christian workers' meetings, attended by 7,000 persons; 10 prayer-meetings, attended by 7,500 persons, making a total of 52 meetings held, attended by 144,500 persons. During the mission the Bishop of Manchester, the President of the Wesleyan Conference the Moderator of the English Presbyterian Church, the Chairman of the Congregational Union, and other clergy and ministers attended, and, when called upon by Mr. Moody, took part in the meetings. The names and addresses of 1,843 persons professing to have received good during the mission, after being arranged by the Executive Committee according to districts, are handed over to Christian ministers for visitation. One good result of Mr.

Moody's visit to Belfast, Ireland, has been that a new effort is being made by the United Committee, under whose auspices his meetings were held, to reach the non-church-going class in that city. It is proposed to raise funds to provide a structure of wood or iron, capable of holding a considerable body of people, and which can be moved about from place to place. The idea is to erect this in the midst of some careless section of the population and to hold special services in it night after night, and after a proper season to remove it into another district, and so on.

Mr. Moody returns to London in October for a year.

The following remarks by

REV. DR. EDMOND,

moderator elect, at the opening of the English Presbyterian Synod, upon the present and past revivals, will be read with interest:

"Just before I became fledged as a preacher there occurred what was familiarly known in the locality as the Kilsyth revival—not the first of the name. The scene, which was but the centre, however, of a circle of awakening, lay just on the other side of the hills from my native home, and the movement spread to villages close at hand. Some share in the services I could not but willingly take. Recalling now what I can of the movement and its issues, and placing the remote recollection along side of more recent experiences at various dates these conclusions have been forced on me. Such spasms and throes in the progress of the world's religious life seem needful; they are not unattended with serious drawbacks and evils, but leave effects which in many individual cases are savingly permanent and in the general community on the whole salutary, their most marked and abiding influence being on the church itself, doing for it what affliction often does for the Christian man, —waking the soul from sleep and routine. It seems to me as if the figure by which kinds of hearers are so memorably depicted in the great parable of the Sower, might be applied to epochs as well as classes. There are hard, beaten, wayside tracks of years, where formalism and carelessness hold sway and the seed drops on dry surface; there are times of bursting earnestness when the word falls on awakened and susceptible hearts, fervour sweeps over a land like a wave, and desert places grow suddenly green; there are periods when worldliness, catching its lion's share of the mental activity and enterprise of the generation, crushes out the life which would otherwise be vigorous; and happily there are also times when steady, growing fruitfulness attests the abiding presence of the spirit."

COMMISSIONERS TO NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

The following from the latest Presbyterian returns, through the courtesy of the respective Clerks, is a complete and accurate list of Commissioners to the Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to meet in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the evening of the 13th inst.:

PRESBYTERIAL NOMINATIONS FOR MODERATORSHIP.—The Rev. John M. King, D.D., Rev. Kenneth McLennan, M.A., Professor Alexander McKnight, D.D., Rev. Professor William McLaren, D.D., Rev. Principal George M. Grant, D.D., The Rev. John Scott, D.D.

JOINT CLERKS.—The Rev. William Reid, D.D., Rev. William Fraser, D.D.

SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

Ministers—Messrs. Andrew Burrows, B.A., Edwin Smith, B.A., A. F. Thomson, J. A. Logan. Elders—Hon. Samuel Creelman, Messrs. J. F. Pender, Henry Tupper, Edwin Archibald.

PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

Ministers—Messrs. James A. Forbes, D. McMillan, John Murray. Elders—Messrs. D. McLennan, A. D. McGillivray, M.D., G. F. M. Forbes.

PRESBYTERY OF LUNenburg AND SHELBURNE.

Ministers—Messrs. D. Stiles Fraser, B.A., J. S. Simpson, B.A. Elder—James Eisenbauer.

PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

Ministers—Messrs. Thomas Sedgwick, E. Gillies. Elders—A. Redpath, D. Corbett.

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

Ministers—Messrs. Donald McDougall, Malcolm Campbell. Elders—Hon. David McCurdy, Alexander Campbell, M.P.P.

PRESBYTERY OF FICTOU.

Ministers—Messrs. D. B. Bair, Peter Goodfellow, William