

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Mr. Todd, Burnside, preached his farewell sermon to the congregation. He goes to Minnedosa.

THE Rev. Nevin Woodside of Pittsburg, Pa., preached the last two Sabbaths in Carlton Street Presbyterian Church.

THE Rev. Robert Thornton, M.A., formerly of Montreal, now of London, England, is on a visit to his Canadian relatives.

THE Rev. C. Chiniquy, who is at present labouring in New Brunswick, is expected shortly in Prince Edward Island.

THE veteran precentor, Professor Jones, has been secured by Knox Church, Kincardine, at a salary of \$300 per annum.

MR. R. R. MACLENNAN, of Alexandria, Glengarry, has given a Gaelic scholarship of \$50 to the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

ALL communications for the Clerk of the Presbytery of Quebec should be addressed to the Rev. J. R. MacLeod, of Kingsbury, Quebec.

At a congregational meeting in Knox Church, Kincardine, by a hearty vote, two months' holidays were granted to the pastor, Rev. J. L. Murray.

THE Rev. A. F. Thompson, who lately resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation of Economy, N. S., is to accept a call to Bathurst, N. B.

ALL communications for the Home Mission Convener of the Presbytery of Quebec should be addressed to the Rev. J. G. Pritchard, of Danville, Quebec.

THE Rev. Wm. M. Milroy, M.A., of Baltimore, Maryland, conducted the services of the Mill Street Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. Mr. Alexander, at present visiting relations and friends at Coldsprings, preached in the Coldsprings Presbyterian Church, of which he was formerly pastor.

THE Presbyterian Church at Battleford has become too small for the congregation. The contract has been given and work has commenced on a new brick building, to cost about \$2,500.

By appointment of the Foreign Mission Board, the Rev. Mr. McRae, missionary elect to Trinidad, will visit several of the Presbyterian congregations in Prince Edward Island before leaving for his field of labour.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Battleford, N. W. T., on Sabbath, July 18. An addition of fourteen was made to the communion roll of the church. The present membership is twenty-three.

THE Rev. J. R. Sutherland, D.D., of Rockford, Illinois, has been spending his vacation in Ontario, of which Province he is a native. Last Sabbath he preached able and thoughtful sermons in Knox Church, Toronto.

THE congregation of Valleyfield, Prince Edward Island, so long ministered to by the late Rev. A. Monroe, and of which Rev. Roderick MacLean is now pastor, at the last communion, added the large number of 139 persons to the roll of membership.

THE Rev. Andrew Wilson, formerly of Kingston, conducted the prayer meeting at Knox Church, in this city, last Wednesday evening, and gave an able and edifying exposition of John xv. Mr. Wilson will conduct the prayer meeting for the next few weeks, while the pastor, Rev. H. M. Parsons, is absent on his vacation.

IN the St. George correspondence to the Brantford *Expositor* there appears the following:—The people of the Rev. Mr. McTavish requested that gentleman to publish a sermon preached by him on May 31st, from the text Isaiah xxvi. 3. The sermon is written with a choice and easy flow of language, is appropriate to the times in which we live, and reflects great credit on the popular young pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

THE vacancies in the Brantford Ladies' College have been filled by making the following appointments:—the social department has been placed under the supervision of Mrs. T. M. Macintyre, as lady superintendent, and Miss Eliza Balmer, B.A., Toronto University, has been appointed on the literary staff. These appointments cannot fail to commend themselves to the confidence of the many friends of the college. We wish it every success for the session to open on September 1.

ON a recent Sabbath afternoon, the Rev. Hugh Rose delivered an address to the children of his congregation, in Elora, extolling the beauties of nature, and set forth the pleasure derived from the act of affording pleasure to others. The children carried many bouquets of flowers to church as an offering to be forwarded to the hospitals of Guelph. The service was a pleasing one, and Mr. Rose deserves the thanks of the parents for having made this annual event a red-letter day in the lives of their little ones.

THE new Avondale Presbyterian Church in Tilsonburg is being rapidly pushed forward by the contractor, Mr. E. D. Tilson. It is built on plans furnished by Mr. Wm. Gregg, of Toronto, and presents a handsome appearance from all points of view. The seating capacity is about 450, and it has convenient and commodious classrooms and lecture room. It will be lighted with the Ball electric light. When finished it will be an ornament to the town and a credit to the congregation. It is expected to be ready for dedication about October 15.

THE congregation of Dumsfries Street, Paris, under the pastoral oversight of Rev. W. H. Boyle, B.A., is giving clear indications of healthful progress. The Sabbath School is well organized and efficiently conducted, the prayer

meeting well sustained, and the various mission and other societies give evidence of heartiness and zeal. The commodious Sabbath school and lecture room has been fitted up with all modern improvements, and is now a mode of comfort and cheerfulness. A fine new organ has been placed in the church, and the service of praise is conducted with good taste and enthusiasm.

THE Bruce *Telegraph* says: On Thursday of last week the Rev. Dr. James was formally inducted as the pastor of the united congregations of St. John's and St. Paul's Churches. In the evening a public reception was tendered the reverend gentleman. After partaking of the bountiful spread prepared by the ladies of the congregation, a number of addresses were delivered. The address of welcome by the Rev. John Scott, D.D., was hearty, very complimentary to the newly-inducted pastor, and very favourably impressed the large audience present. The response of Dr. James was couched in fitting terms, brief and to the point. He instanced a number of facts proving to his mind that he was providentially directed in coming to Walkerton. Dr. James is a clear, forcible speaker, whether in the pulpit or on the platform, and the congregation of Knox Church may congratulate themselves on the fact that they have now a settled pastor of their own, who, being in the prime of life, in addition to his pulpit ability, will be able to bring to their service a ripened experience acquired by a twenty-five years' ministerial life. Rev. Dr. Scott, Messrs. Patterson, Dack, Tibbs, the Rev. David James, a son of Dr. James, and Mr. Donald Sinclair all made short, pithy and excellent addresses. The Rev. J. B. Duncan, Moderator, very acceptably filled the position of chairman. The church choir rendered a number of choice anthems, and materially assisted in promoting the enjoyment of the evening. The welcome given to Dr. James was a most cordial character; whether as a citizen of Walkerton, a Christian gentleman or as a minister of the Gospel the welcome was most heart and unanimous. The Doctor enters upon his new pastorate under the most favourable auspices, and we fervently hope and believe that an era of prosperity, as a church and congregation, is in store for the happily united congregations of St. John's and St. Paul's, now known as Knox Church.

THE Presbytery of Saugeen met at Bell's Corners on Tuesday last to induct the Rev. Thos. Davidson as pastor over the congregations of Woodland and Bell's Corners. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert McNair, of Durham, from Isaiah xxviii. 20. The Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Proton, addressed the minister. The Rev. Peter Straith, of Holstein, presided and addressed the people. The services throughout were most appropriate and impressive. Mr. Davidson, after a distinguished college career, enters upon his work in the community in which he spent his boyhood. The settlement was a most agreeable and happy one, and no doubt the congregations will do much for the Master under the leadership of the newly-inducted pastor.

THE following extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Barrie have been forwarded by Rev. Robert Moodie, Presbytery Clerk, for publication:—The resignation of the charge of Bradford, etc., tendered by Mr. Bryant on the 6th inst., was taken up. Resolutions from the several congregations of the charge were read, expressing their desire that Mr. Bryant should remain among them as their pastor, and appointing commissioners to represent their views at this meeting. The commissioners, namely, Messrs. Ross, from Second West Gwillimbury, W. Sturgeon, from St. John's, Garnett and Fraser, from Bradford, were heard. Mr. Bryant addressed the court, and intimated his desire that the resignation be accepted. After lengthened discussion, the following resolution, moved by Mr. McLeod and seconded by Mr. Currie, was adopted. The Presbytery, in regard to the matter of Mr. Bryant's resignation, resolve that the Presbytery are still of the opinion that Mr. Bryant's services as an evangelist are likely to be of much service to the Church, and in view of his own conviction in regard to his duty notwithstanding the very gratifying and earnest appeals of Mr. Bryant's present congregations for his continuance among them—to accept the resignation, to take effect from the second Sabbath of August, that Mr. Leishman preach on the third Sabbath, and that Mr. Carswell be Moderator of the vacant charge. The following resolution, on the occasion of Mr. Bryant's resignation of the charge of Bradford, Second West Gwillimbury and St. John's Church, was unanimously adopted. The Presbytery of Barrie, in parting with the Rev. Mr. Bryant, whose resignation of his charge at Bradford has been accepted in order that he might give himself up to the work of an evangelist, wherever his services may be required throughout the Church, desire to place on record their high appreciation of their brother as a minister of the Gospel. During his connection with the Presbytery he has secured the esteem and confidence of his brethren as a faithful pastor, a most diligent and successful labourer in the work of the Gospel ministry, and ever obliging, kind and willing in giving his services whenever they were required in other congregations of the Presbytery. The Presbytery regards Mr. Bryant as eminently fitted for the work of an evangelist, to which he desires to devote himself, and can cordially commend him to any congregation or pastor in the Church where the assistance of an evangelist is desired. The Presbytery will follow Mr. Bryant in the work in which he is about to enter with their warmest sympathy and with earnest prayer that he may be abundantly owned and blessed by the Great Head of the Church in whatever field he may be called to labour, and that through his ministrations many souls may be gathered into the fold of Jesus Christ.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met at Durham on the 23rd ult. The Presbytery, while acknowledging the convenience of the brethren who had been transferred to the new Presbytery of Orangeville, expressed regret at parting with them and losing their brotherly intercourse and wise counsels. The deliverance of the commission of Synod on the Mount Forest appeal case was read and engrossed in the minutes. It was agreed to in-

struct congregations to change their year, when necessary, so as to coincide with the calendar year. A minute in reference to the death of the Rev. John Irvine was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy of it to the bereaved widow and family. A call from North Luther and Woodland to Mr. Davidson was sustained and accepted, and arrangement made for his settlement on the 3rd of August. All the ministers of the Presbytery were instructed to bring the matter of contributing to the memorial church, Fredericksburg, before their congregations. Dr. Campbell will receive and forward contributions for the same. Session records were examined and attested. The Home Mission Committee were instructed to take steps to obtain contributions to the Augmentation Fund. Messrs. Young and Stewart were appointed to visit Ayton and East Normanby, to submit to them the proposed union with Balaklava.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met in Kincardine, on July 13th—the Rev. C. Cameron was appointed Moderator. St. Andrew's Church Congregation and Knox Church Congregation, Lucknow, were united, and Mr. McQuarrie was appointed Moderator of Session. Commissioners to the General Assembly reported regarding their diligence on the business of the court. A call from the congregation of Walton to the Rev. W. Galloway was sustained. Messrs. Anderson and Strachan were appointed to audit the treasurer's books. Mr. D. S. McPherson, B.A. was licensed to preach the Gospel. The treasurer gave in his annual report. The Presbytery, in accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly, considered the Augmentation Fund. On motion of Mr. Ross, it was agreed, That the Ministers of this Presbytery be instructed to bring the state and wants of the Augmentation Fund before their congregations, and report at the meeting of Presbytery in December. Messrs. Harrison, McDonald and Leask were appointed to visit Chalmers Church, Kincardine Township, to inquire into the state of the congregation, with a view to application being made to the Home Mission Committee for aid. Messrs. Murray, Leask, D. G. Cameron and Harrison were appointed to superintend the studies of students in the Presbytery. Rev. J. McNabb was appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery. Standing Committees for the year were appointed as follows:—Finance—Messrs. D. G. Cameron, Leask, McNabb, MacKenzie, with Presbytery elders. Home Mission—Messrs. Ross, Brown, Stevenson, C. Cameron, with Presbytery elders and elders of Walton; State of Religion—Messrs. Davidson, Anderson, McQuarrie, McQueen, with Presbytery elders; Sabbath Schools—Messrs. McRae, Muir, Jones, Law, with Presbytery elders, and elders of Lucknow; Temperance, Messrs. Murray, Sutherland, McDonald, McFarlane, with Presbytery elders.—R. LEASK, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery met on the 13th ult., in First Presbyterian Church, London, Mr. J. Johnston, Moderator, Mr. G. Sutherland, Clerk. The following are some of the items of business transacted: Mr. Cameron laid on the table a call from Belmont to Mr. J. A. Brown. The call was signed by 102 members and 122 adherents, promising \$900 stipend and manse, and was quite unanimous. Messrs. Shields, McBain and McMillan appeared as commissioners in support of the call, and addressed the court. On motion, the conduct of the Moderator was approved; the call sustained as a regular Gospel call, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Brown for acceptance. At a subsequent stage of the proceedings, a reply to a telegram was received from Mr. Brown intimating his acceptance of the call; and the Presbytery appointed the ordination for the 28th of July, Mr. McKinnon to preside and address the people, Mr. Robbins to preach, and Mr. Sutherland to address the newly-ordained minister. Mr. Murray also laid on the table a call to Mr. Sawers of Chicago—from North and South Westminster. The call was signed by 96 members and seventy-six adherents, promising \$1,000 stipend and manse. After hearing Messrs. McPherson, Wilson and J. Armstrong, M.P., commissioners, the call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Sawers for consideration, and Mr. Rennie was appointed to prosecute the same before the Chicago Presbytery. There was also read by Mr. Roger, a call from Dorchester and Crumlin, in favour of Mr. W. Galloway, signed by ninety-five members and sixty-seven adherents, promising \$750 stipend and manse. After commissioners addressed the Presbytery in support of the call, it was duly sustained and put into Mr. Galloway's hands for acceptance. On Mr. Galloway's intimating his acceptance, the induction was appointed for the 27th July, at Crumlin. Messrs. Murray, Rennie, Rogers, A. Henderson, and Dr. Fraser, were appointed a committee to correspond with sessions, and get as full information as possible, in connection with paying expenses of delegates to the General Assembly, and report. Standing committees were appointed for the year, as follows: State of Religion—A. Urquhart, J. Milloy and J. A. McConnell; Home Missions—J. Rennie, J. Johnston and his elder; Sabbath Schools—J. Ballantyne, Dr. Archibald and J. A. Younge; Statistics—J. S. Henderson, J. Robbins, J. Currie and elders; Finance—J. Rennie and N. McKinnon; Auditors—J. Thompson and Mr. Anderson, Examination of Students—N. McKinnon, J. A. Murray, W. M. Rogers, J. M. Munroe, J. Ballantyne and Dr. Fraser; Temperance—W. S. Ball, D. Cameron and B. Charlton, the first name on each list being the respective Conveners. The Clerk, as secretary of the commission appointed to settle the troubles in the Glencoe congregation, read the report of the commission, the finding of which is as follows. That Mr. Robbins be, and hereby is, exonerated of all blame in the matter. That, inasmuch as Mr. Robbins has signified to the commission his willingness to resign his charge in the interests of peace, the commission express their admiration of the spirit Mr. Robbins has shown in the whole matter; and believing that his resignation is the best solution of the difficulty, consent to accept his offer, and resolve that the pastoral tie be dissolved, to take effect on the 13th March, 1887, and that the petitioners meanwhile avail themselves of such services as are within their reach. In this find-