

Church News.

ONE HUNDRED new members have been added to St. Matthew's church, North Sydney.

DR. CAMERON of Hamilton has declined the call to St. John's church, Walkerton.

THE Rev. Mr. Forest is to occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Kemble, during the summer.

THE Presbytery of Sarala will meet at Petrolea for the induction of the Rev. A. Beamer, on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 11 a.m.

THE closing concert and social of the Y. P. Association, Old St. Andrew's, city, on the 12th inst., was a most successful and enjoyable affair.

"AN Evening with Longfellow" was the programme for the meeting last week of the Port Hope Young People's Association, First Presbyterian church.

THE programme for the social prayer meetings—April, May, June—Erskine church, Montreal, Rev. L. H. Jordan, D. D., pastor, is based on "Judah, the Prophet A Suggestive Autobiography."

THE closing entertainment and social of the Knox church Y. P. Association, Winnipeg, was largely attended. An excellent programme was rendered; the pastor, Rev. D. M. Gordon, in the chair.

THE Ladies' Aid Society in connection with the Presbyterian church, Parkdale, had a successful concert in the church on Tuesday evening, 30th ult. It was well attended and the programme was excellent.

THE "Scotch" entertainment, March 25th, Erskine church, Montreal, was very successful. Scotch music, Scotch readings, Scotch tea, formed the programme. The proceeds were devoted to benevolent objects.

THE Ladies of Fort Massey Presbyterian church, Halifax, intend to send a missionary out to assist Rev. Joseph Anand. It is probable Mr. McKee, at present attending Fine Hill college, will be appointed, he being desirous of entering the foreign mission field.

CORÉ ST. ANTOINE church, Montreal, which has been in quest of a new name, has decided upon "Melville." The name is after that of the venerable Dr. Melville. There is another church of the same name in Fergus, Ont., of which Dr. Smellie is pastor.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's, Vaughan, recently presented Mr. David Elder, with a very handsome secretary amply furnished with stationery in token of their appreciation of his services to the pastoralty of the church, and to the Sabbath School, with which he has been closely identified for many years.

A CONTROVERSY on the right method of administering baptism is raging in the Portage la Prairie Tribune Review in which Rev. James Todd, of Burnside, bears a conspicuous part. Every weapon in the theological arsenals of Baptists and Presbyterians has been called into requisition—probably with the result of confirming both sides in their own opinion.

ON the eve of the marriage of Miss M. Urquhart, adopted daughter of K. Urquhart, Esq., Chatham, Ont., to Mr. D. Huff, of Poplar Point, Manitoba, the members of the First Presbyterian church choir and friends presented her with a number of handsome pieces of plate, accompanied by an address expressive of their regret at her departure from the town and best wishes for her happiness.

THE Canadian Auxiliary of the McAll Mission held their monthly meeting Thursday, April 1st, in the Mission Hall, Toronto, with an increased attendance, showing more interest in this work. Interesting articles were read on the work in France. The treasurer reports \$39 on hand. At the close of the meeting \$10 was handed in, being the first instalment for a life membership, \$25 being the required amount.

FROM the annual report of St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, Rev. W. J. Herdridge, D.D., pastor, we learn that 54 names have been added to the church roll during the year, the present number of communicants being 406. The new tents for the current year amounted to \$4,851.91, and the Sabbath collections to \$2,063.78. By means of schedules \$3,352 have been contributed to the schemes of the Church. There are 450 names on the roll of the Sabbath Schools, and a staff of 45 teachers. The various societies of the church are in a prosperous condition.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. John's church, Brockville, was held recently, there being a fair attendance. After the opening exercises by Rev. Dr. Jardine, Mr. Robert Wright was called to the chair. The annual reports of the treasurer of the church, of the treasurer of the Building Fund, and of the Sunday School were presented, and each, on motion, received and adopted. The retiring trustees, Messrs. Robert Wright and Thomas Patterson, were re-elected. Mr. Henry Freeland and Mr. James McElhinney were re-elected auditors. In accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly the congregational year was changed to correspond with the calendar year, the annual meeting to be held during the second week of January.

FROM the annual report of the St. Gabriel church, Montreal, Rev. R. Campbell, pastor, we learn that the number of families in the congregation is 181, single persons not embraced in families, 58, number of communicants on roll, 385, number added during the year, 33. Receipts from ordinary sources, \$2,484. Total receipts, \$4,582.68. The Board of Trustees state: "In spite of the brave struggle which the church has made, it has become more and more evident as the years went by, that it has not full scope for its energies in this part of the city, and the conclusion is forced upon us that a removal to some more convenient locality has to be faced, as such a move would undoubtedly consolidate and strengthen the congregation and it is earnestly hoped that with the hearty co-operation of every well-wisher of the church, some scheme may be devised by which such a measure might be carried to a successful issue." Some informal negotiations in that direction have been in progress for some time, which it is hoped will yet lead to the desired end.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

MAITLAND.—This presbytery met at Lucknow on March 16th; Rev. J. A. Anderson, Moderator. Session records were handed in for review, and examined. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed, namely, Messrs. Leask, McQuarrie, Murray, C. Cameron, Anderson and McFadlane, ministers; Messrs. N. McDonald, Strachan, Archibald, Maxwell, Pennabaker and Bennett, elders. Mr. Stevenson asked for assessors in order to form a session at Trowbridge. Messrs. Elliott and Mitchell were appointed. Mr. Hartley reported regarding arrears in the Walton congregation. Leave was granted to Mr. Ross to moderate in a call in the Walton congregation. Mr. Anderson read the report on the State of Religion; Mr. McKee read the report on Sabbath Schools; and Mr. Murray read the report on Temperance. Thanks and addresses were given in connection with these reports. Mrs. Leask read the report of the Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society. It was moved by Mr. Murray, "That this Court having heard the general annual report of the W. F. M. Society of the Presbytery of Maitland, desire to recognize, with gratitude to God, the goodly measure of success which has attended the efforts of the society during the past year, both in the addition of auxiliaries and in the greatly increased contributions by the society as a whole. The Court expresses its prayerful desire for the Divine blessing on the W. F. M. Society, and the rapid success of the cause it represents." Reports from aid-receiving congregations were given in and considered. Rev. D. Cameron accepted the appointment to the mission field of Manitowaning. Rev. John Macnab's resignation of his congregation on account of infirm health, and with a view to the union of the two

congregations in Lucknow, was accepted. Mr. McQuarrie was appointed Moderator of the Session of St. Andrew's church and Knox church, Lucknow. It was agreed to take steps to place Mr. Macnab on the Infirm Ministers' Fund. Messrs. Leask and McQuarrie were appointed to attend to this matter. Dr. Laird, of Dundas, was nominated Moderator of the next General Assembly. The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was approved, simplified. The report on the Supply of Vacancies was set aside as being complicated, cumbersome and expensive, and the scheme of Dr. Reid's, with some changes, adopted. Messrs. Mull and Harrison were appointed members of the Synod's committee on Bills and Ordinances. Messrs. Leask, McQuarrie and Ross were appointed to consider and consolidate the standing orders and regulations regarding the order of business of the presbytery, and report at the meeting in July.—ROBERT LEASK, Clerk.

BROCKVILLE.—The presbytery met in St. John's church, Brockville, on 2nd ult. Commissioners, appointing elders members of the court for one year, were sustained. Messrs. Burnfield, Bayne and Grant were appointed a committee to enquire into the cost of having the minutes printed in pamphlet form for the use of members, with instructions to report at the July meeting. The report on the unification of foreign mission work was approved. The majority of sessions and managers' boards reported in favour of making the congregational year correspond with the calendar year. Reports on missionary meetings were presented by the various deputations, and were of a very encouraging nature. Mr. Richards reported on behalf of the S. S. Committee that a Presbyterian S. S. convention had been held at Prescott during the third week of January, with good results. Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected, as follows:—Dr. Jardine, Messrs. Robertson, Stuart and Kellock, ministers, and Messrs. John Gill, Wm. Deeks, John Dickey and John C. Munro, elders. The report on printing of Assembly's minutes was approved with the exception of the fourth recommendation. The petition from Iroquois to be recognized as a separate congregation was deferred until the adjourned meeting. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held at Cardinal, on the first Tuesday of July, at 2 p.m. The presbytery adjourned to meet in Morrisburg on the 15th inst., at 2 p.m.—The presbytery met at Morrisburg on the 15th ult., Mr. McIlroy, Moderator. Mr. McDiarmid reported having moderated in a call at Hyndman" on the 5th inst. The call, which was signed by 114 members and 171 adherents, was addressed to the Rev. Hugh Cameron, of Surmestown, in the Presbytery of Gleanings. The call was sustained, and Mr. McDiarmid appointed to support it before the Presbytery of Gleanings. The petition from Iroquois was fully considered. Dr. Colquhoun appeared on behalf of the congregation, and reported the most gratifying progress of the cause there. It was finally decided to serve the services of a theological graduate for the summer months, with a view to a union with Dixon's Corners in October. The report on the State of Religion was presented by Mr. Bayne, and gave evidence of decided progress within the year. A letter was read from Dr. Jardine, suggesting certain changes in the Book of Forms, touching the position of elders in relation to the Church Courts. The proposed changes were endorsed by the presbytery, and were ordered to be transmitted to the Assembly's Committee. Mr. Robertson presented the report on Sabbath Schools, which was ordered to be transmitted. Mr. Bayne introduced to the court Mr. John F. Black as a candidate for the ministry. The presbytery, after conferring with Mr. Black, instructed the clerk to certify him to the Montreal college.—G. D. BAYNE, Clerk.

GLENGARY.—The quarterly meeting of the presbytery was held in Knox church, Cornwall, on Tuesday, the 9th ult.; the Rev. John Matheson, the Moderator, presided. The minutes of the former meetings having been read and sustained, the presbytery appointed a permanent clerk in the room of the late Mr. Lang, the Rev. Mr. Burnett, of Maitland, as agreed to. The congregation of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was convened with the clerkship as had formerly been the case. On motion of Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Mr. Mackenzie, Dr. Macnab and Mr. A. Macgillivray were appointed a committee to draw up a minute in reference to the lamented death of Mr. Lang. A call from the congregation of Alexandria in favour of the Rev. David McLaren, of Toronto, was presented and read. The call was stated to be a most hearty and harmonious one. Messrs. J. Wilson and H. Munro appeared in prosecution of the call, which was unanimously sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. McLaren. A call from the congregations of St. Luke's, Finch, and South Finch, was laid before the presbytery, in favour of the Rev. Donald Stewart, of Wallaceburg, in the Presbytery of London, and signed in all by 122 communicants and 112 adherents. Messrs. W. McElhern, J. McMillan and M. McLean appeared as commissioners from the congregations in support of the call, all testifying to the heartiness and unanimity of the people in the matter. The presbytery unanimously sustained the call, and directed that it be transmitted with relative papers to the Presbytery of London. The Rev. J. A. Murray, of St. Andrew's church, London, and the Rev. A. Urquhart, of Dunwich, were appointed to appear before the presbytery in the prosecution of the translation of Mr. Stuart. Rev. Mr. Fraser reported in behalf of the deputation appointed to visit East Lancastr, from which it appeared that that congregation is now in a position to call a minister, bringing also to offer a stipend of \$700 and a manse. Messrs. McNow, Conde and McVie, representatives from that congregation explained their present circumstances, and asked for a supplement of \$250. On motion of Mr. Macgillivray, seconded by Mr. Cameron, the presbytery resolved to exceed to their request, and to recommend their application to the consideration of the Augmentation Committee. On application of Mr. John McCuaig and Mr. Donald Morrison, leave for moderation of a call was granted to the congregation of Malhouse Mills. The committee appointed to consider and report as to the appointment of another Professor to Knox College, Toronto, recommended "That the presbytery do not nominate, and further express their belief that the Lectureship hitherto in practice, in addition to the regular work of the Professors, had better in the meantime be continued." The recommendation was unanimously adopted. Rev. J. Matheson read a report of the Presbytery's Sunday School Convention held at Williamstown on the 16th and 20th January last, with the contents of which the presbytery express much satisfaction. The following were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers, by rotation, Revs. W. Ferguson and J. K. Baillie; by open vote, Revs. Dr. Macnab and A. Matheson; elders, Messrs. I. R. Ault, W. J. Scott, G. Elder and Alex. McMillan. On motion of Mr. McLennan, Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was nominated for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly. Mr. Calder read, and laid on the table, the report of the committee on Temperance, which also, on motion duly seconded, was received, and the recommendations adopted. The presbytery resolved to petition the Dominion Parliament against making any such modification of the Scott Act as would allow the sale of wines and beer. Messrs. Calder and Mcgillivray, the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed to prepare and forward the petition. The following were appointed as the presbytery's Home Mission Committee:—Rev. J. S. Burnett (Convener), J. Fraser, J. Matheson and J. McKenzie. The next meeting of presbytery is to be held at Alexandria, on Tuesday, 6th of July next, at 11 a.m.

TORONTO.—The monthly meeting of this presbytery was held on the 6th inst.; Rev. H. M. Parsons, Moderator; and the following were the principal matters transacted, minor matters are purposely omitted. Pursuant to information received by Dr. Caven, the presbytery resolved to meet for Dr. Kellogg's induction in St. James's Square church, on Thursday, the 20th day of May, at 2.30 p.m. The Moderator to preside and deliver the charge, Rev. John Neil to preach, and Dr. McLaren to

address the congregation; on the same day, and in the same place, at 10 a.m., the presbytery is to meet for ordinary business. The case was brought up by Rev. Herbert C. Ross, of the Methodist Church, who wished to be received as a minister of our own Church; a committee was appointed to confer with him and examine his credentials; said committee reported afterwards, and the presbytery agreed to apply in his favour to the General Assembly, the clerk being also instructed to issue circular letters. Rev. J. Mutch reported in a call from Knox church, Scarborough, in favour of Rev. John Ross, of Brussels. After reading papers, and hearing commissioners, the call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted, with relative documents, to the Presbytery of Maitland. A report was read by the Rev. J. M. Cameron from the committee appointed at last meeting to enquire as to the time and form for church extension operations in the north-west part of the city; the report recommended the taking of measures soon for having a Sabbath School organized, and the considering of what the neighbouring sessions might have to say as to preaching services in the locality aforesaid; the report was received and adopted; and on motion of Dr. Gregg, the clerk was instructed to write to the session of College Street, Charles Street, Central and Erskine churches and the latter point, asking them to report their minds at next ordinary meeting of presbytery. A minute was adopted expressive of sympathy with Revs. J. Lowry and J. A. McDonald in the bereavements recently sustained by them in losing their respective partners in life, together with a prayerful hope that the comforts of the gospel they have ministered to others may be very richly enjoyed by themselves. A certificate was read from the Presbytery of New Lightwick in favour of Rev. J. F. McCurdy, now engaged in professional work at Toronto University, and his name was ordered to be added to the list of ministers without charge residing within the bounds. A letter was read from Rev. A. B. Dolson, tendering the resignation of his pastoral charge. After some consideration, Revs. A. Gilray and W. G. Wallace were appointed to visit Halifax, and confer there with the pastor and congregation concerned, if so be that the resignation may be withdrawn; but if not, that the delegates cite the parties to appear at next ordinary meeting of presbytery. Messrs. John L. Campbell, B.A., Robt. Haddock, B.A., R. C. Tibb, B.A., R. McIntyre, John McKay, B.A., George I. Kinnear, B.A., Thos. Wilson, A. McI., Halp, B.A., August H. Drum, Wm. Patterson, Alex. N. Campbell, B.A., S. S. Craig and Wm. Farquharson, B.A., all of them theological students, who have finished their curriculum at Knox College, appeared for preliminary trials with a view to license. They were dealt with accordingly, and the presbytery, being satisfied with their examination, resolved to apply to the synod of the district for leave to take them on public probationary trials. Rev. D. J. McDonnell, B.D., was nominated for Moderator of the next General Assembly. The minutes of a special meeting of the congregation of Carleton St. church, recently held, were submitted and read, setting forth a diminished attendance on Sabbath services, and serious financial difficulties now devolved on the trustees resolving also, if the presbytery should give consent, to authorize the trustees to dispose of all the congregational property, to discharge the congregational liabilities, and to take steps for effecting a dissolution; and appointing Messrs. John McPherson and James Johnston to speak to the foregoing before the presbytery. After hearing said commissioners, it was moved by the Rev. W. Fizzell, seconded by Rev. J. Carmichael, and carried, to give consent as applied for; and Rev. A. Gilray was appointed to preach in the church aforesaid on the 11th inst., to read an extract copy of the presbytery's minute, and declare the congregation duly dissolved.—R. MONTEATH, Clerk.

HARRIS.—This presbytery held its last regular meeting on the 23rd and 24th March. Mr. J. Sieweright accepted a call from Huntsville and Allansville, where he has laboured for about eighteen months. Arrangements were made for his induction. This will be the fourth settled congregation in Muskoka and Parry Sound. Messrs. A. Melville and R. Ewing appeared as commissioners from the Collingwood congregation in reference to the proposed retirement of Mr. Rodgers from the charge. They spoke in kind and respectful terms of the pastor, and intimated that they were prepared to pay him a sum of at least \$1,200 on his demission of the charge. Mr. Rodgers intimated his acquiescence, and tendered his resignation, to take effect at such time as the presbytery should appoint. It was agreed to accept the resignation, taking effect on the 2nd Sabbath of June. A committee appointed brought in, during a later seditur, a resolution, which was adopted, setting forth the presbytery's appreciation of Mr. Rodgers' personal and ministerial character, and of his labours and services to the church; also expressing sincere regret in view of the demission of the charge, and the hope that he may still labour within the bounds of the presbytery. It was agreed to ask from the H. M. Committee twenty missionaries for the summer, in addition to eight to be sent by the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College. Mr. Henry Knox, ordained missionary, received leave of absence for six months, at the end of which it is hoped he will resume his labours in Magnetawan. Gravenhurst was taken off the list of congregations receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund for the reason that aid is not required this year. It was agreed to transmit to the General Assembly an application of Mr. S. Porter, retired minister in the bounds, to be admitted to the benefit of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; also an application of Mr. L. G. Henderson, catechist, now in his 73rd year, that his case be considered with a strong recommendation that if possible something may be done for him. Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follows:—Ministers, by rotation, Messrs. G. Crow, R. Rodgers, A. McDonald, Dr. W. Clarke, H. Currie, H. Knox; by ballot, Messrs. R. N. Grant and D. D. McLeod; elders, Messrs. A. Melville, T. Goodfellow, T. McKee, Rev. W. Fraser, D. D., W. Sturgeon, J. Gray, D. D., W. Ellison and James A. Mather. On reports received from the sessions concerned, it was agreed to consent to the incorporation of Malabar and Rosemont, and of Adajla with the proposed Presbytery of Orangeville, and to disapprove of Singhampton and Maple Valley being taken into that presbytery. Reports on the State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Schools were received. A motion, proposed by Mr. D. D. McLeod, was adopted, which referred to the free traffic in liquor existing in many places in this Scott Act county in consequence of there being no adequate legal means for the enforcement of the Act, recommending the members to do all in their power to aid in upholding the law, and calling on them to use every means in their power to inculcate abstinence from the use of intoxicating drink. The presbytery agreed to transmit with approval an application of Mr. James Bryant, minister, of Bradford, etc., that the Assembly sustain his labours as an evangelist. Messrs. McLeod and Grant were appointed to support the application. The clerk was instructed to give a Presbyterial certificate to Mr. J. Giddes, who has laboured in the bounds for five years, embodying a resolution expressing regard for Mr. Giddes' character and labours, and the hope that he may be employed soon in some other field. Mr. J. K. Smith, of Galt, was nominated Moderator of the General Assembly. The proposed site of a new church at Churchill was approved. The report on a call and I. M. Fund was approved. That on foreign missions was approved, with the exception of clauses 6, 8 and 9. That on supply of vacancies disapproved, with the exception of clause 3, to which the following is added: "Said committee shall receive from presbytery clerks notices of all vacancies within their bounds, and shall receive applications from licentiates, ordained ministers or pastors desiring to be heard in these vacancies, and shall provide said vacancies with such supply as they are able to provide from the applications before them, and shall submit to the synod a printed statement of appointments made by them during the year, together with a statement of applications received for supply and for preaching," etc. An overture, by Mr. McLeod, to the Assembly, on the colleges was adopted. It asks presbyteries to say (1) how many colleges are required? (2) where?—ROBT. MOODIE, Clerk.

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