

Ministers and Churches.

THE annual excursion and picnic of Knox Church, Owen Sound, Sabbath school, to Presqu' Isle took place on Monday, 30th ult.

THE Rev. D. McGillivray, of St. James Church, London, addressed a large audience at Victoria Hall last week on temperance.

THE Rev. Messrs. Ross and Atkinson, of Ingersoll, have returned from their respective vacations, and resumed their ministerial work.

THE Rev. Mr. Cleland, of Port Hope, delivered an eloquent discourse, on Sabbath week, in the Presbyterian Church at Coldsprings.

PROFESSOR WOODS, of the Ladies' College, Ottawa, occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church, Sharbot Lake, on a recent Sunday.

THE degree of M.A. has recently been conferred on the Rev. Jas. C. Quinn, Ph. B., Emerson, Manitoba, by the Illinois University on examination.

THE Rev. L. G. McNeil, of St. John's, Newfoundland, has accepted the call of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church St. John, N. B., to the pastorate.

THE Presbyterians are talking of removing the old church on the Longwoods Road to Tait's Corners, and re-fitting it for the use of the congregation at that place.

THE Rev. D. L. McCrae, of Cobourg, has left for the Maritime Provinces. He makes a tour in company with friends, and will be the guest of Rev. Mr. Munro, Antigonish, N. S.

A MERRICKVILLE correspondent in a local contemporary says: We are pleased to see Rev. L. D. McLaren, B.D., amongst us again. He is accompanied by Mrs. McLaren, both of whom we gladly welcome.

THE Rev. John Johnston, of Lobo, preached acceptably in St. James Square Church, Toronto, on Sabbath week. Last Sabbath, after a short vacation, the Rev. Dr. Kellogg resumed his pulpit and pastoral duties.

THE Rev. Professor Gregg supplied the pulpit of Rev. A. D. McDonald, Seaford, on Sabbath week. He also addressed the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association in the evening, when there was a good attendance.

REGINA Leader: The Indians from Shoal Lake (where they are Presbyterians) were in town this week collecting for the Presbyterian Church. When the Indian takes to collecting for Churches, his complete civilization cannot be far off.

SERVICE is to be held every other Sunday evening in the Presbyterian Church, Craigvale. The members have purchased an organ and formed a choir, so that the musical part of the service will in future be more than usually interesting.

KNOX Church, St. Thomas, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Archibald, is making steady and encouraging progress. The membership is now over 450, thirty-six names being added to the roll in connection with the communion services held last Sabbath.

IN connection with the regular session of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath school, Whitby, on Sabbath week, the teachers and officers presented Mr. A. F. Brown with a handsomely bound book of poems, on his departure for Brantford, where he expects to reside.

THE Rev. Messrs. McAlpine, of Chatsworth, Cameron, of Milton, Paterson, of St. Andrew's, and Houston, of Kingston, have all been rusticated at Youghal, near Bathurst, N. B., of which place the last named was formerly minister, and enjoying sea-bathing in the warm waters of the Bay of Chaleur.

IT is almost a certainty that Knox Church people of Ayr will build a new church next season, as they have now over \$14,000 collected, and without any extraordinary effort will make it \$15,000, which is the sum required to go on with the work. It will be built of brick with stone basement, and all the latest improvements in heating apparatus.

A SUCCESSFUL garden party was lately given on the extensive grounds of Mr. D. Macfie, in London South, under the auspices of the Knox Church Ladies Aid. The attendance was fair, and the grounds were brilliantly lighted with Chinese lanterns, etc., and furnished with flower, refreshment, and work tables, which did a thriving business during the evening.

AN esteemed correspondent writes: A notice appeared in THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN some months ago regarding the effort to pay off the debt on the building of the Young Men's Christian Association of the city of Quebec; and I have pleasure in now informing you that the whole amount, \$16,500, has been subscribed principally through the efforts of Mr. T. S. Cole, travelling secretary for Ontario and Quebec.

AS to Knox College endowment, it would be a gratifying announcement to make at the approaching meeting of the Board that there were no arrears. This is not likely; but the good friends of the college who have been acting as local agents could minister largely to the prosperity of the institution if an effort were made to diminish the arrears as much as possible, and this could be done if those who subscribed would help the treasurers by paying promptly.

THE Rev. Dr. Reid has received the following anonymous contributions: For Foreign Missions—H. M. M., New Hebrides, \$10; A Friend, West Lorne, Formosa, \$10; A Friend, Roslin, \$1; A Friend, East Wawanosh, \$20. For Home Missions—A Friend, East Wawanosh, \$20. Precepto Senex, \$10, viz.: Colleges, \$1; Home Missions, \$2; Widows and Orphans, \$1; Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$3; French Evangelization, \$2; Manitoba College, \$1.

ANOTHER resident of East Nissouri, says a correspondent of the *Sentinel Review*, has gone to her rest in the person of Robina McKay, wife of Thomas McKay, elder of Kintore Presbyterian Church, in the seventy fifth year of her age. Mrs. McKay was a native of Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and emigrated to this country with her husband in 1847, when the country in this section was almost an unbroken wilderness. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 27th ult., and was attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances.

AN exchange states that Mrs. John Murray, Chesterfield, died last Friday. Deceased met with an injury on the head about four weeks ago, having been struck by a barn door, and received such bruises as resulted in her death. She came to this country from Scotland in the year 1830, and with her husband finally settled on the beautiful farm on the edge of Wilmot. Mrs. Murray was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and bore her suffering with Christian patience and resignation, trusting in the hope of a glorious resurrection. The funeral was probably the largest ever seen in this district, about one hundred and sixty vehicles following the remains to the tomb.

THE Rev. Dr. Reid has received the following for Vancouver Church fund—Mount Pleasant, \$12.10; Cheltenham, \$8.30; Vaughan Knox Church, additional, \$2; Fisher Hill, \$9; Manchester, \$4.50; Smith Hill, \$4.50; A Friend, \$5; Leaskdale, \$17.50; Zephyr, \$3.50; Brockville St. John's, \$26; North Westminster, \$35; South Westminster, \$7; Proof Line, \$16; Pembroke, Calvin Church, \$32; Mr. Alexander, Toronto, \$5; A Member of Knox Church, Toronto, \$4.75; McIntosh, \$18; A Friend, Melville Church, Fergus, \$20; Rev. W. MacLaren, D.D., Toronto, \$10; Beverley, \$23; McKillop, Duff Church, \$9; Winthrop, Caven Church, \$16; Hector Beith, Bowmanville, \$5; Hibbert, \$28.12; Kingston, Cooke's Church, \$4.50; Guelph, Knox Church, \$15.50; Mr. Wm. Mulock, M.P., \$50; North Easthope, \$12.50; Dunbarton, \$9; Scarborough, Melville Church, \$14; Fergus, St. Andrew's Church, \$12.50; Williamstown, St. Andrew's Church, \$18; Williamstown, St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, \$10; For the Rev. T. G. Thomson, Vancouver, the following has been received: Manchester, \$4.50; Smith Hill, \$4.50; Miss C. R. Norwood, \$5; Rev. Jas. Wilson, Lanark, \$5; A Member of Melville Church, Fergus, \$10; Rev. Peter Straith, Holstein, \$2; Rev. John James, D.D., Walkerton, \$10; Hibbert, \$12.25; Toronto, Central Church, \$23; North Easthope, \$4; Fergus, St. Andrew's Church, \$10.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.—The last regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on Monday, the 23rd ult., the Rev. M. D. M. Blakely, Moderator, in the chair. The court having been constituted, and the Moderator's term of office having expired, the Rev. J. S. Stuart, of Balderson, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. The first business was the reading of an extract minute from the Clerk of the General Assembly, anent the transference of the mission stations of Dalhousie and North Sherbrooke to the Presbytery of Kingston. Reports of commissioners to the General Assembly were called for and given in, all expressing high gratification with the conduct of business at last meeting and the pleasing indications of progress of all good work within the Church. The Home Mission Report was given in by the Convener, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew. It stated that regular supply had been given during the summer to all the fields, and arrangements were made for supply during the winter similar to those which were made and wrought so well last winter, viz.: by every minister giving one, two, or more days, if need should require it, to the supply of mission stations and vacancies not otherwise provided for. A communication from the Rev. Dr. Torrance was read anent the employment of probationers, and it was agreed, owing to arrangements already made for supply, to defer action until next regular meeting. The Home Mission Convener also stated that he had received a letter from the Rev. Mark Turnbull, ordained missionary in Alice, signifying his intention to leave his field at the expiration of his appointment. It was arranged that the missionary deputation should examine into the state of the field with a view to increased contributions and retaining the services of Mr. Turnbull. The subject of the Augmentation of Stipends Fund was next considered, and it was committed to the various missionary deputations to carry out the instructions of the General Assembly thereanent. Full and detailed arrangements were made for holding the usual series of missionary meetings within the bounds during the autumn and winter, and deputations appointed to give addresses at the meetings. A very full report, involving much labour, of the statistics and finances of the Presbytery was presented by Mr. Robert Bell. The thanks of the Presbytery were given to Mr. Bell, and a condensed summary of it was asked to be prepared for publication in the local newspapers. An apportionment of 10 cents per family was made to meet the Presbytery and Synod expenses for the ensuing year. The Rev. D. J. McLean presented the report of the committee for the examination and oversight of students labouring within the bounds. The report was received and adopted, and the Clerk instructed to certify them to their respective colleges. A letter from Rev. Dr. Middleton anent the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and calling attention to the action of last Assembly in this regard, was read by the Clerk, and the attention of all ministers and sessions directed to this fund with a view to its more liberal support. The Presbytery of Ottawa intimated, through the Clerk, its resumption of the mission station of Eardly, at present receiving supply from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. Reports were given in by various ministers of the Lord's Supper either having been dispensed in the mission stations, or that arrangements were being made for this before the departure from them of the students. Permission was asked by the Session of St. Andrew's Church, in the name of the congregation, to sell their old

church and lot, with a view to the erection of a new church upon a more eligible site, and this permission was granted. A request was made from the congregation of Elmsley for moderation in a call, which was granted. A call from the congregation of Bristol in favour of John Hugh Graham, B.A., licentiate, was laid upon the table, signed by 230 members, and seventy six adherents, with a promise of a stipend of \$800 per annum and a manse. Mr. Graham, being present, signified his acceptance of the call, and arrangements were accordingly made for his ordination and induction at an early day, and the Presbytery adjourned, to meet in the church at Bristol on the day appointed, to ordain Mr. Graham and induct him as pastor over this congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.—The Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, B. C., on the 3rd ult. The Rev. R. Jamieson was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months, and Mr. Thomson, Clerk. The following committees were appointed: Home Missions, D. Fraser, D. McKae, J. A. Chisholm and W. Clarke, elders. State of Religion, R. Jamieson, J. A. Chisholm, A. McDougall and F. McCleery, elders. Temperance, D. Fraser, T. G. Thomson, J. A. Jaffray, and W. Clarke, elders. Sabbath Schools, D. McKae and J. A. Jaffray, and F. McCleery, John Weston and J. C. Brown. Finance, J. A. Chisholm, D. McKae and W. Clarke. Church Property, R. Jamieson, T. G. Thomson, D. Fraser and Thornton Fell. Sabbath Observance, R. Jamieson, T. G. Thomson and D. Fraser. Reports were presented from the several congregations and mission stations within the bounds which were received and the following deliverances given: That the Presbytery express their satisfaction with the reports, that in the opinion of the Presbytery missionaries should be sent to the Spence Bridge and Alberni fields with as little delay as possible. Mr. Armstrong, an elder from Mud Bay, representing the Langley Group, asked instruction as to how they could be received and supplied with ordinances by this Presbytery. Instructions were given, and Mr. Fraser was asked to confer with Rev. Mr. Somerville, delegate from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, regarding the above application. Messrs. Henderson and Campbell, of Chilliwack, also appeared before the Presbytery, and requested that arrangements should be made as soon as possible to send a missionary to that field. Mr. Fraser was asked to visit Chilliwack on the 6th ult., and Mr. Thomson on the first Sabbath in September, and if possible, the Langley Group hold meetings with the people and report to the Home Mission Committee. The Moderator was instructed to visit Spence Bridge, Ashcroft and Clinton, and make fuller inquiry into the prospects of that field, and report to the Home Mission Committee before September 15th. It was agreed to ask the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to place at the disposal of the Presbytery a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of members of Presbytery appointed to explore new fields. The Clerk was authorized to correspond with superintendents of railway and steamboat companies regarding securing reduced rates of travel for members of Presbytery when engaged in mission work. The ministers of the Methodist Church in the New Westminster district waited on the Presbytery, and, through the Rev. Mr. Watson, congratulated the ministers of the Presbyterian Church on their erection into a Presbytery, and referred to the working of various fields by the two Churches. The Presbytery reciprocated their cordial greetings, and appointed Messrs. Jamieson and Fraser to hold a conference with two of the Methodist brethren, as to co-operation in certain fields. On their report being received, it was agreed that, owing to the difference in the methods of working and appointing missionaries to mission fields by the two Churches, it was deemed better to enter into no special arrangement at present. The Rev. Mr. McElmon, of Bellingham Bay, W. T., being present, was asked to sit and correspond. Mr. Jamieson was appointed Treasurer of Presbytery Fund. Mr. Fraser reported having moderated in a call in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, to Rev. S. J. Taylor, B.A., of Moose Jaw, N.-W. T., stipend \$1,200 and a manse. The call was sustained, and ordered to be forwarded. The Rev. Mr. Urquhart was appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Regina. Mr. Fraser resigned the Moderatorship of the Session of St. Andrew's, New Westminster, and Mr. Thomson, of Vancouver, was appointed in his stead. The Presbytery referred the Session of St. Andrew's to the Assembly's regulation anent the amount to be paid to probationers supplying the pulpit, and expressed satisfaction on learning that the congregation have resolved to ask no further aid from the Augmentation Fund, and prayed that God would prosper them more and more and build them up in all knowledge and goodness. Mr. Jamieson was appointed a member of the Supply Committee, and supply the pulpit till the call was disposed of. On motion of Mr. Fraser, "The Presbytery express their deepest sympathy with Mr. Thomson and his congregation, Vancouver, in the fiery trial through which they have recently passed, and would most earnestly commend their case to the liberality of the Church at large, and trust that a speedy response will be given to their appeal for assistance, that they may soon be re-established and that the work of the Lord may very greatly prosper among them." The Temperance and Sabbath Observance Committees were instructed to collect all possible information and watch legislation on these points, and make such representations to the Legislature as in their wisdom they deem proper and in accordance with the views of the Church. On the 4th ult. the Presbytery met in the Temperance Hall, in response to an invitation to a social gathering in honor of the erection of the Presbytery and its first meeting, when the following address was read by Mr. J. C. Brown: [To the Reverend, the Presbytery of Columbia. In name, and by the appointment of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, we most heartily bid you welcome to New Westminster, and extend to you, and to our brethren represented by you, our warmest congratulations on the formation in this Province of a Presbytery of that Church, by whose wise daring our con-