

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. John A. Macdonald has accepted a call to Honeywood and Horning's Mills.

A SUCCESSFUL and enjoyable sacred concert was held last week in Knox Church, Dundas.

THE Rev. J. Straith has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Shelburne and Primrose.

HYDE PARK, London, Presbyterian congregation have decided to use an organ in public worship.

ON Easter Sunday the Rev. T. F. Fotheringham preached an excellent sermon on "The Risen Christ."

THE balance of the debt (some 5,000) on St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, has been entirely paid off by the noble generosity of Mrs. Bethune, who handed her cheque to the building committee for that purpose. Could not a like generosity manifest itself in the interest of Knox Church in the same village.

AT the missionary meeting of the Thamesville congregation the Rev. W. King, of Maidstone, gave an eloquent and soul-stirring address. The pastor, the Rev. J. Becket, in the course of his remarks showed from the published statistics that the contributions from his pastoral charge for the schemes of the Church were last year the largest in the entire Presbytery, outside the town of Chatham.

THE Presbytery of Halifax, at its last meeting, held on the 13th ult., resolved on holding within its bounds a series of evangelistic meetings. These meetings are now in progress and with gratifying success. Large meetings have, during the last week, been held in Fort Massey for the south, and Poplar Grove for the north end. This week they will be in St. Andrew's and St. John's, and the week following in St. Matthew's and Chalmers. Dartmouth and Richmond have meetings of their own.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, New Westminster, British Columbia, had a congregational social meeting on Thursday evening, March 15th, in the Temperance Hall. The object of the meeting was to commemorate the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, and the organization of the congregation by him just twenty-one years ago. A very pleasant evening was spent, the usual refreshments, music, readings, speeches, etc., being heartily enjoyed. There was no charge for admission, nor any collection. The congregation is much increased of late, every pew in the church being taken up, and every department of the work is in an encouragingly prosperous condition.

ON Friday, the 2nd inst., a small deputation from Pembina Crossing, Manitoba, called at the residence of the Rev. J. A. Townsend, of Archibald, and in the name of the Pembina Crossing section of the congregation, in this unostentatious way, presented their pastor with twenty-three (\$23) dollars, as a small token of their appreciation of his labours among them in spiritual things. This is not the first surprise of the kind the Archibald minister has received. The Archibald section had previously presented him with a fur coat; while the New Haven people made a wood-bee, and hauled firewood for their minister for the winter; which, before they left in the evening, they had sawed up into stove lengths. No doubt many of our young graduates hearing of Manitoban kindness will be encouraged to take Horace Greeley's advice. If the Manitobans often have frozen noses, they have warm hearts and willing hands.

FROM the published financial report of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, Rev. Dr. Burns pastor, we learn that the Sabbath collections were in excess of any previous year. They exceeded 1881 by \$300. The balance on hand, reported Dec. 31st, was \$397 84, although besides paying the ordinary running expenses (including \$800 of interest on church building debt) over \$400 were spent on repairs. The managing committee express their "thankfulness to the great Head of the Church for their continued prosperity as a congregation. . . . By death and removal during the year, we lost \$300 from our annual income. Yet, we had faith in our people, and the result has shown that our confidence was not misplaced." The Sabbath offering during the year for congregational purposes amounted to \$4,887.84—an average of \$91.04 per Sabbath, against \$86.57 for 1881. Total received for all purposes, \$6,645.90, including Sabbath collections, \$4,887.84; missions and schemes of Church, \$1,341; Ladies' Association, \$300. Thanksgiving and Temperance contributions, \$127. The report closes

thus: "In grateful recognition of our pastor's services, and with the cordial and united efforts of all for the support of our Church, we look forward hopefully to another year, and, in view of the past, we have great reason to 'thank God and take courage.'"

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met at Paisley, on the 13th ult. A call from the congregation of Inverness, to the Rev. J. A. Morrison, Ordained Missionary at Sault Ste. Marie, being presented, it was agreed that, as Mr. Morrison's appointment was made by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, the call be allowed to lie on the table until said Committee be consulted with reference thereto. The Home Mission Report was presented by the Convener, Rev. Mr. Tolmie, and its recommendations were adopted. Rev. John Scott was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly. Commissioners to the Assembly were appointed as follows. Ministers—Revs. D. Duff, J. Ferguson, M.A., B.D., R. C. Moffat, D.D., John Scott, and John Anderson; Elders—Messrs. J. C. Bell, Jas. Muir, John Henderson, James Steele, and George Spence. The remits of the General Assembly were taken up and considered. The recommendations anent Theological Education, and the Examination of Students were unanimously adopted. The recommendations on the method of appointing Standing Committees were generally approved of, with the exception of the second—the Presbytery recommending the continuance of the present mode of election. At the evening sederunt of the first day of meeting the report of the State of Religion was read; after which the Presbytery held a conference on the subject, in which nearly all the members present took part. The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in Pinkerton, on July 17th, at two p.m.—JAS. GOURLAY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie, on Tuesday, 20th March. Present sixteen ministers and four elders. Mr. Leiper tendered resignation of the pastoral charge of Barrie. The resignation was laid over till next meeting, at which the session and congregation of Barrie will be cited to appear. A commission, consisting of Messrs. Leiper, Grant, Burnett, Rodgers, ministers, and Messrs. Shortreed and Goodfellow, elders, was appointed to deal with a matter of difficulty which had arisen in the First West Gwillimbury and Cookstown congregations. The remit of the Assembly on theological education was not approved of. Reports were received of missionary meetings during the winter. The Rev. Professor McLaren was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. The commissioners elected to the General Assembly were Messrs. A. Findlay, J. J. Cochrane, M.A., S. Acheson, M.A., W. Fraser, D.D., R. N. Grant, and David James, ministers; Messrs. J. Gray, M.A., John Duff, A. P. Cockburn, M.P., Thos. Scott, John McBeth, and George Duff. Some time was occupied with Home Mission business. Applications to the Assembly's committee for supplements and grants to stations were agreed on. Arrangements for summer labour were made. There will be required eight student missionaries, two catechists, and two ordained missionaries to occupy stations now without supply. Besides those, seven labourers have been appointed by the Missionary Societies of Knox College and Queen's College. Reports on the State of Religion and Sabbath Schools were reviewed and ordered to be sent up to the Synod. It was agreed that at the evening sederunt of next ordinary meeting a conference shall be held on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, and Temperance. A committee—Messrs. Burnett, Leiper and Grant, ministers, Shortreed and George Duff, elders—was appointed to make suitable arrangements.—ROBT. MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Clinton on the 13th March. Session Records were examined and attested. A report on Sabbath schools was submitted and approved of. The report on the State of Religion not being completed as some Sessions delayed in sending their statements to the Committee, the said Committee was instructed to complete the report and forward it to the Convener of the Synod's Committee on the State of Religion. A telegram was received announcing the acceptance by Mr. Martin, of Norwich, of the call to Exeter, his induction was appointed to take place on the 3rd of April, at eleven a.m., Mr. Fletcher in the absence of the moderator to preside, Mr. Carrier to preach, Mr. Cameron to address the min-

ister, Mr. Thomson to address the people. A conference on the State of Religion was held during the first hour of the afternoon sederunt. It was agreed to hold another conference on the same subject at the September meeting. The following are the Presbytery's Commissioners to the Assembly: Ministers, Messrs. McDonald, Pritchard and Danly, by rotation, and Cameron and Paterson by ballot; elders, Messrs. Miller, McCully, Broadfoot, Scott, and Hillen. A circular letter from Mr. Warden calling the attention of the Presbytery to the state of the ordinary fund of the Colleges, and to the necessity of liberal contributions being made to such fund. The matter was commended to the consideration of the brethren present. Consideration of the report of the Committee to draft a scheme for meeting the expenses of Commissioners to the Assembly, was deferred till next regular meeting. The next regular meeting is to be held in Clinton on the second Tuesday of May, at 10 a.m.—ARCH. MCLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in First Church, Brantford, and continued in session from Monday evening, 12th March, to six o'clock on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance of members and a great amount of business. The report on the State of Religion was given in by Rev. W. M. Martin, and that on Sabbath schools by the Rev. M. McGregor. The whole of Monday evening was devoted to the consideration of these two subjects. There was a general expression of opinion that special efforts should be made to secure the more general observance of family worship, and more faithful home training of the young. The reports were ordered to be forwarded to the Synod as reports from this Presbytery on these subjects. The records of twelve Kirk Sessions were examined and attested as correctly kept. The call from Exeter, in the Presbytery of Huron, to Rev. W. M. Martin, of Norwich, was considered, and the parties having been heard, the Presbytery decided to grant the translation, and the Rev. M. McGregor was appointed to preach in Norwich and Windham on the first Sabbath of April and declare the pulpit vacant, and act as Moderator of the Session during the vacancy. Much regret was expressed at parting with Mr. Martin by the representatives of Norwich and Windham, and by the members of Presbytery. A committee of Presbytery, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Cochrane, D.D., McLeod, McMullen and Robertson, with Messrs. Watson and Allison, elders, were appointed to visit Erskine Church, Ingersoll, in response to an application for advice. The following were appointed delegates to the General Assembly, viz.: Messrs. McLeod, McEwen, Little, Dr. Cochrane, McKay and Alexander, ministers, and Messrs. Marshall, Hossie, Watson, Nichol, Allison and Oliver, elders. Rev. John M. King, D.D., of Toronto, was nominated for Moderator of the General Assembly. In reference to the case of Rev. F. R. Beattie, of First Church, Brantford, the Presbytery adopted the following motion: "With reference to the charge made against the moral character of Mr. Beattie by a party calling herself Lilian Leishman, the Presbytery delay giving full expression of their feelings until such time as Mr. Beattie's action for defamation of character against the said Leishman has been issued by the civil court, while at the same time expressing their deep sympathy with Mr. Beattie in the trying circumstances in which he has been placed." An application from Old St. Andrew's Church, East Oxford, for gospel ordinances was received, and forwarded to the Home Mission Committee, and Messrs. D. M. Beattie and McKinlay, ministers, were appointed to visit said congregation. After disposing of many other items of business the Presbytery adjourned to meet in River Street Church, Paris, on May 15th at eleven a.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery held their usual bi-monthly meeting in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on the 20th March. There was a large attendance of both ministers and ruling elders. Session records were produced and committees appointed to examine them. These committees reported in the afternoon, and each record was attested in terms of its report. Mr. John Davidson read a report from the finance committee showing the state of each of the funds under the Presbytery's control. Mr. Torrance reported from the committee appointed to visit Doon, Hespeler and Preston, after which he moved, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, that having made all