

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. William Robertson, A.M., of Chesterfield, on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary has received three months' leave of absence from his congregation with a purse to pay the expenses of his trip. He was also presented with a valuable gold watch and appendages by former students.

THE Presbytery of Barrie met according to appointment at Angus on Thursday, 3rd inst., to induct Rev. John Leishman, late of Newburgh and Camden in Kingston Presbytery, to the charge of Angus, New Lowell and Bonnyton. There was a fair attendance of the people, and Mr. Leishman was inducted in due form. In the evening a social was held to welcome the new pastor. Much good is hoped for from this settlement after a long vacancy.

THE Presbyterians of McTavish Settlement, Manitoba, gave a very successful entertainment in their church recently. There was a large attendance, quite a number of Minnedosans being present. Refreshments were served by the ladies. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Macauley and a very interesting programme was gone through. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Loughhead, Smith and Wellwood. The Rosemount choir contributed greatly to the evening's enjoyment.

THE annual meeting of the Whitby Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Oshawa, a short time since, at the time of the meeting of Presbytery. The report showed an encouraging state of affairs since \$738 had been collected, an increase of \$231 on last year. There are now fourteen auxiliaries, three having been added during the past year. This meeting presented a life membership to Mrs. Roger their president to whose indefatigable efforts the success of the society is so largely due.

DR. COCHRANE begs to acknowledge receipt of £150 from the Church of Scotland Colonial Committee, to be disposed of as follows: £50 to Manitoba College; £50 to Home Missions; £50 to the Bursary and Scholarship Committee of Queen's College, Kingston, to aid in assisting students for the ministry attending that institution, when employed in the Home Mission fields of Manitoba and the North-West. £50 has been forwarded to Dr. King for Manitoba College and the other £50 to Principal Grant for Queen's.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Clanwilliam, Manitoba, are actively engaged in the erection of a new church. Mr. J. Macauley, of Tiverton, Ont., the missionary in charge, deserves great credit for the energy he has displayed. He has only been labouring at Clanwilliam for a very short time, but has succeeded in stirring up the people to good in every way, the congregation showing their appreciation of his efforts not only by the regular and large attendance upon his services, but also by taking an active part in the building of their church.

THE Presbyterians of Wendigo are going into extensive improvements this spring. Some time ago they sold out their share in the Union Church in that village and have since let a contract for building a new church to cost nearly \$3,500 when completed. The building is to be of brick with stone foundation, and will be heated with hot air. The old manse, which was about a mile and a half out of the village, has been sold, and arrangements are being made for building a new one in the village at a cost of about \$1,300. These improvements when completed will add considerably to the appearance of the village.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—The Presbytery of Ottawa met pursuant to adjournment on Thursday, the 12th ult. There were present seventeen ministers and five elders. The report on the Augmentation of Ministers' Stipends was submitted by Mr. Farries, showing that more than the proportion of the amount allocated to the Ottawa Presbytery had been raised by it. Nine congregations that meet the regulations of the Assembly were placed upon the list to participate in the benefits of the fund. A resolution was passed showing that to sustain the Augmentation in proper efficiency an increase of sixty per cent. on contributions to the Home Mission Fund will require to be aimed at hereafter. Mr. McKay, of Osgoode, gave notice of his resignation of the pastoral charge of Osgoode. Mr. Clarke submitted the report on the State of Religion. The report was considered and certain recommendations adopted, one of which touched

the appointment of a committee to prepare a circular among other things expressing disapproval of the practice becoming so common of raising funds for church purposes by questionable methods. A resolution on the subject of temperance was passed urging upon ministers, office bearers and members within our bounds the duty of helping forward the temperance cause by all means in their power. Mr. Armstrong gave notice of his intention, at the next meeting of the Presbytery in May, to introduce an overture to the General Assembly calling attention to the evils of party politics in this country. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, the 6th day of May at ten o'clock, a.m.—JOSEPH WAITE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Harriston, on the 18th March. Mr. J. M. Aull was appointed moderator for the next six months. Mr. Chisholm obtained leave of absence for four months. Mr. Morrison was appointed to act as moderator of Dundalk and Fraser Settlement in his absence. Messrs. Fraser and Irvine, ministers of our Church residing within the bounds of the Presbytery were asked to sit and deliberate. Messrs. James Drummond from the congregation of Clifford, and William Patterson from the congregation of Maxwell were received by the Presbytery as students for the ministry with a view to engage in mission work during the summer. The committee on Augmentation of Stipends reported that all the stations, with one exception had agreed to come up to the minimum expected per member, and that one was expected to do so still. Most of the others requiring aid though giving above the required minimum have agreed to increase also. The Rev. Kenneth McLennan, of Charlottown, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The following commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly: Ministers, Messrs. Park, Morrison, Niven, Campbell and Stewart; Elders, Rev. S. C. Fraser, Messrs. James Scott, John Allan, Isaac Starrott and Thomas Bowie. The Rev. John Irvine made application for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The Presbytery agreed to transmit the application to the General Assembly with the recommendation that its prayer be granted. Mr. Campbell was appointed to support the application before the General Assembly. The Presbytery agreed to hold an adjourned meeting in Knox Church, Mount Forest, to consider the report on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperance, and any other business.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 1st inst. Rev. E. D. McLaren reported moderating in a call from the congregation of Streetsville, addressed to Rev. A. F. Colter, M.A., minister of Thornbury and Heathcote, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound. The stipend promised is \$1,000, together with a manse. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted, with relative papers, to the Presbytery aforesaid, and Mr. McLaren was appointed to prosecute the same. The call from Orangeville to Rev. W. A. Hunter, of Parkdale, was next taken up. Commissioners from both congregations were duly heard, and also Mr. Hunter, who left the matter in a great measure in the hands of the Presbytery. After much deliberation and after hearing Mr. Hunter again, the Presbytery resolved to loose him from his present charge, and appointed his induction to take place at Orangeville on the 17th inst., services to commence at two p.m., Rev. J. A. McDonald to preach, the moderator (Rev. R. Wallace) to preside and deliver the charge, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell to address the congregation. Rev. J. Mutch is to preach at Parkdale on the 20th, and declare the charge vacant, Mr. Macdonnell to be moderator of the session during the vacancy. A resolution was moved and adopted expressing the sympathy of the Presbytery with Rev. J. Carmichael, of King, in the recent removal of his wife by death; and a copy of said resolution was ordered to be sent to Mr. Carmichael by the clerk. An application was read from Rev. Walter Reid, of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, asking to be admitted as a minister of our Church. Testimonials in his favour were read and examined. On report of a committee appointed to confer with him, the Presbytery resolved to ask leave of the General Assembly to receive him as a minister of our Church. In place of Rev. W. Stewart, who resigned his appointment, Rev. William Melkie was appointed a commissioner to said Assembly; and of elders, Mr. James Brown and Mr. William

Mortimer Clark were also appointed in place of the retirement of two others. Various other matters were taken up and disposed of, which the undersigned will leave unreported. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday of May, at eleven a.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

P.S.—Statistical and Financial returns not yet received should be sent on without delay.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met within St. John's Church, Walkerton, March 11th, Rev. J. Ferguson, moderator. Mr. Tolmie reported that he had moderated in a call from Knox Church, Paisley, to the Rev. G. B. Greig, The call was signed by 211 members and 155 adherents and was accompanied by a guarantee of stipend of \$1,000 per annum quarterly payments in advance. The call having been sustained, a letter was read from Mr. Greig, intimating his acceptance of the same and subjects for trial discourses were prescribed. It was resolved to hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery within Knox Church, Paisley, on the 3rd of April, at eleven a.m. to hear Mr. Greig's trials, and to meet at half-past two p.m. for his ordination and induction (should the trials be sustained), Mr. Tolmie to preside and address the people, Mr. Duncan to preach, and Mr. Gourlay to address the minister. Mr. Mordy asked and received leave to moderate in a call from Hanover and North Normanby at his earliest convenience. A petition from the congregations of Allenford and Elsinore asking to be disjoined from Tara and formed into a separate charge was read, and all parties were ordered to be cited to appear for their interests at the adjourned meeting in Paisley. The consideration of Mr. Mordy's resignation of the congregation of St. Paul's, Walkerton and Balaklava was taken up, and parties having been heard, the Presbytery resolved to accept his resignation in so far as St. Paul's, Walkerton, is concerned, leaving him in charge of Balaklava (at the very earnest and unanimous request of that congregation) and appointed a deputation to consult with the people as to what steps should be taken in order to secure an adequate maintenance for their minister; said deputation to consist of Messrs. Currie, Wardrope and Henderson. St. Paul's was on their own petition disjoined from Balaklava and erected into a separate pastoral charge. Mr. Eadie was appointed moderator of session and instructed to preach the charge vacant on the 23rd inst., and was also empowered to moderate in a call as soon as the congregation and session are prepared to do so. On motion of Mr. Duncan, it was agreed to nominate Rev. Dr. Wardrope as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The following were appointed commissioners to Assembly: ministers, Messrs. Mordy and McKenzie, by rotation; Messrs. Duncan, Tolmie, and Gourlay by ballot; and elders, Messrs. James Rowand, John McFarlane, Alex. Dobie, George Johnston and Jas. Henderson. Mr. Tolmie was appointed the Presbytery's representative on the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. The Home Mission report was received and considered and application was made to the Assembly's committee for two additional ordained missionaries, one for Manitoulin Island, and one for Thessalon River and Bruce Mines, together with the necessary grants for the whole field. It was reported that all the congregations within the bounds paying a smaller stipend than \$750 and manse had been visited since last meeting. The report on Sabbath schools submitted and read by Dr. Moffat, and that on the State of Religion, by Mr. Ferguson, were considered and ordered to be forwarded to the conveners of the corresponding committees of Synod. Mr. Eadie submitted the report of the finance committee together with an estimate of the expenditures of the current year. The report was received and a levy ordered to be made in accordance with its recommendations. It was agreed to allow the conveners of the Home Mission Committee \$25 per annum, to meet the expenses incurred in carrying on the work. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in Southampton on the second Tuesday in July, at two o'clock p.m.—JAMES GOURLAY, M.A., *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery held its regular bi-monthly meeting on the 18th March, in Knox Church, Guelph, the Rev. Dr. MacKay, of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, moderator. There was a large attendance of members. A report was read from the Committee on Conferences held in Acton in January last, embracing the minutes of said Conferences, a report in a tabulated form on Sabbath Schools,