

Ministers and Churches.

THE congregation of Morrisburg have increased the salary of their pastor, Rev. G. D. Bayne, B.A., to \$1,000.

THE Rev. Dr. Patton delivered a magnificent lecture in Convocation Hall, Knox College, last Monday evening.

ALL correspondence in connection with vacancies in the Presbytery of Brockville must be had, in future, with Rev. D. Kellock, M.A., Spencerville, Ont.

MR. CURRIE, of Keady, etc. in Owen Sound Presbytery, having resigned his charge, Mr. McAlpine, of Chatsworth, was appointed Moderator, so that preachers desiring appointments will have to communicate with him. Gaelic is preferred, although not indispensable.

SEVERAL ladies of the Central Presbyterian Church, generously assisted by the members of Mrs. Harvie's Bible class, arranged with our valued missionary, Rev. Mr. Robertson, Eromanga, to support a native teacher for the current year, in his highly interesting field of labour.

THE Rev. M. C. Cameron, B.D., of Milton, said at the close of his sermon last Sabbath: This is the last Sabbath of six years since I was ordained among you. Let us review those years? What progress have we made? During that time more than 200 members were added to the church. The year before I came the Sabbath school contributed \$8, last year it amounted to \$91. The Schemes of the Church were raised from \$37 to \$551. The total revenue of the church was doubled, amounting last year to \$2,311. Knox Church built a handsome manse, which, I suppose, including the grounds, would be valued at more than \$2,000, which is now almost free of debt.

THE spacious, comfortable, but unostentatious building just completed for the College Street Presbyterian Church was opened for divine service last Sabbath. The Rev. Francis Patton, D.D., of Princeton Theological Seminary, was accompanied to the pulpit by Principal Caven, Dr. Reid and the pastor of the church, Rev. Alexander Gilray. The two last named conducted the opening devotional exercises. Dr. Patton preached a remarkably able discourse founded on the text, "But He could not be hid" (Mark ix. 24), in which he discussed the elements and agencies by which Christianity secures general attention and the divine purpose according to which it should attain to universality. The Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Montreal, preached a fervent, appropriate and practical discourse in the afternoon, and Dr. Patton again occupied the pulpit in the evening, when he took for his text Matt. ix. 20, from which he preached a sermon replete with massive thought accompanied with rich Christian fervour.

A MEETING of the Presbytery of Cote St. Antoine was held in the school house on Friday evening. Mr. Matthew Hutchinson was called to the chair, and Mr. R. Harvie acted as Secretary. The committee appointed at a former meeting reported that they had thus far received promises of about \$1,000 per annum for the support of ordinances from nearly fifty families, and that fully \$2,000 had been subscribed by these for the erection of a church building. A committee was appointed to look out for a suitable site, to report at a meeting to be held in about ten days. When the site is secured it is intended to canvass the city for subscriptions towards the church building. The prospect of establishing a good congregation here is very favourable. Among those present at the meeting were Rev. Professor Campbell, who resides in the municipality, and Rev. R. H. Warden, on behalf of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery. One of the most active promoters of the movement is Mr. A. Hutchinson, Mayor of Cote St. Antoine.

ON Thursday evening, 5th of March, a parlour social was held in the manse, Lakefield, under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. There was a large attendance of the many friends of the congregation. One of the pleasing features of the evening was presenting the pastor, the Rev. N. Clark, with an address and a neat little box by the teachers and pupils of the Sabbath school. The box, unlike Pandora's, when opened, contained a massive gold watch, gold pencil, and silver fruit knife. On the inside of the watch the following inscription is neatly engraved: "Presented to Rev. N. Clark by his Sabbath School, March 5th, 1885." Only about a year ago, Mr. Clark was made the recipient of a gift from the same source, of equal value. Mr. Clark in a neat little speech thanked the donors, reminding them that though about to leave them, wherever he might go, and under whatever circumstances placed, every time he looked on the face of the watch he would recall with pleasure the many happy years he had spent in Lakefield, and the enduring associations he had formed in the Church and the Sabbath school.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Port Stanley has taken a move forward. The interior of the church building has been much improved by being thoroughly re-painted and varnished. The pulpit platform is extended a few feet towards the centre, and a neat substantial railing erected. A new organ of very fine tone has been purchased and now supersedes the old one, the choir stand being in rear of the pulpit, instead of the front, as formerly. The vestry has also been improved. With the walls and ceiling of the entire building kalsomined and neatly finished, the church now presents an appearance worthy of any place of worship. During the time the repairs were in progress, services were held in the town hall. The church was re-opened on Sunday, March 8, by the pastor, Rev. A. W. McConachy, a large number being present. The improvements, which cost about \$200, will be met by the Ladies' Aid Society, the members being deserving of credit for their enterprising spirit. Although the new pastor was only ordained to the ministry and inducted to the charge in September last, yet in this short time the people have been roused to a sense of their duty by his earnest devotedness to the work of the Master, which, God grant, may redound to the spiritual welfare and upbuilding of His people.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in Seaforth on the 10th March. Session Records were examined and attested. Reports on Sabbath Observance, Sabbath schools, and the State of Religion were given. The claims of aid receiving congregations were considered and action taken thereon. The following were appointed commissioners to the Assembly: Messrs. Barr, Fletcher, McCoy, Carriere, Martin, ministers; and Manson, Monteith, Miller, Hart and Fraser, elders. The appointment of Mr. T. G. Thomson, of Brucefield, to British Columbia was considered. Commissioners from Brucefield appeared, expressing the desire of the congregation to retain the services of Mr. Thomson, who felt it to be his duty to accept the appointment. The Presbytery agreed to dissolve the pastoral tie and appointed Mr. McCoy to declare the pulpit vacant on the 29th inst. Mr. McCoy was also appointed Moderator of the Session of Union Church, Brucefield, and Treasurer of the Presbytery. Messrs. Musgrave and McLean, were appointed to draft a minute anent Mr. Thomson's translation. Messrs. Musgrave, and Miller were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on bills and overtures. The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held in Clinton on the second Tuesday of May at half-past ten a.m. —A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met in St. Paul's, Walkerton, on Tuesday, March 10th. The remit on marriage with a deceased wife's sister having been considered, the Presbytery, by the casting vote of the Moderator, affirmed the terms of the finding of the Assembly's Committee, and adopted the recommendation of the report. The following commissioners to the Assembly were appointed: Ministers—Dr. Scott, Messrs. Tolmie and Moore by rotation, and Dr. Moffat and Mr. Duncan by ballot; Elders—Messrs. Docherty, Johnstone, Echford, Martin and McFarlane. Mr. Tolmie submitted the Home Mission report which was duly considered and its recommendations adopted. The subject of aid receiving congregations was taken up, and the reports of the committees appointed to visit said congregations were submitted. After careful consideration the Presbytery agreed to ask for the grants needed to bring the stipends up to the minimum. Mr. Anderson was appointed Moderator of the Session of Underwood and Centre Bruce. The Presbytery nominated Principal McKnight as Moderator of next General Assembly. A letter was read from Dr. Scott, tendering his resignation of the pastoral charge of North Bruce and St. Andrew's, Saugeen. The resignation was allowed to lie on the table till the next meeting of Presbytery, and the clerk was instructed to cite the congregation to appear then for their interests. Mr. Duncan was appointed the Presbytery's representative on the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. The Presbytery agreed to make application to the General Assembly on behalf of Mr. Blain that he be received as an annuitant on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and Mr. Duncan and Dr. Moffat were appointed to support the application. Mr. Eadie submitted the Treasurer's report for last year, together with an estimate for the current year. On motion the report was received and the recommendations adopted. Mr. Ferguson submitted and read the report on the State of Religion. The report was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Convener of the Synod's Committee. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Port Elgin on the second Tuesday of July, at four p.m. —JAMES GOURLAY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Morrin College on the 17th March. Mr. McCullough, of Leeds, was appointed Moderator for the next year. It was agreed to recommend the General Assembly to receive Mr. McKeown, formerly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ireland, as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mr. Pritchard, of St. Sylvester, accepted the call extended to him by the congregation of Danville, and his induction was appointed to take place on the 9th April. It was reported that missionary meetings had been held in several congregations with very encouraging results. The report of the French Mission work in the Megantic district was also encouraging. The congregation of Inverness petitioned the Presbytery to secure to them the services of Mr. James Sutherland for the summer months. The grants from the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds were carefully revised and several recommendations were made. The following delegates to the Assembly were appointed: Ministers, J. G. Pritchard, James Ferguson, and D. Carr, by rotation; Dr. Cook and Dr. Matthews by ballot. Messrs. Cattanach and Dewey were appointed as alternates. The following elders were appointed: Dr. Weir, James Hossack, John White, M.P.P., Rodenck McKenzie, and James Aikhead, with James Woodside and Duncan Stewart as alternates. The Rev. Dr. McKnight was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The remit anent marriage with a deceased wife's sister was approved *simpliciter*. Mr. Mathieson, of Winslow, on account of advanced age and failing health, tendered the resignation of his charge. His congregation was cited to appear in its interests at a meeting to be held in Danville on the 9th April. It was agreed to memorialize the Assembly to grant leave to take Mr. James Sutherland upon trial for his license after another year's study of theology. A very complete and satisfactory Sabbath school report, prepared by Mr. Sym, was presented. Mr. Cattanach read a report on the State of Religion which was also very cheering. Both of these gentlemen were thanked for their diligence in preparing said reports. Upon motion of Dr. Matthews it was agreed to hold four stated meetings of Presbytery each year, two of which shall be held in Quebec. —F. M. DEWEY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met at Chatham on the 17th of March. There was a full attendance of both ministers and elders. Rev. J. B. Scott was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months. Duart, Leamington, and Dresden were recommended to the Home Mission Committee for grants out of the Augmentation Fund, and Essex Centre, Tilbury Centre, and Buxton for grants out of the Mission Fund. Florence reported having overpaid the stipend of Dr. Lamont, with the design that the surplus should go towards the payment of what was coming to him out of the Augmentation Fund. A committee

was appointed to meet at Dawn Centre to consider the advisability of having a church on the fourth concession of Dawn. Next regular meeting was appointed to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, on the first Tuesday of July, at 10 a.m. Rev. Principal McKnight was unanimously nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly, and the commissioners to the Assembly were instructed to support the overture of the Paris Presbytery anent the election of Moderator of Assembly. The Presbytery of London having asked the Presbytery to consider the question of separating the congregation of Sutherland Corners from that of Bothwell and transferring it to the Presbytery of London, the Clerk was instructed to cite the congregations of Bothwell and Sutherland Corners to appear for their interests at a meeting to be held at Hamilton during the time of the meeting of Synod. The remit in connection with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was considered, and the third and fifth recommendations were approved of, but the fourth was disapproved of. The Clerk was instructed to notify the congregations to which the commissioners to the General Assembly belonged, to pay their travelling expenses. The following were appointed commissioners to the Assembly: Rev. Messrs. McDermid, Beckett, Gray and McAlmon, ministers, and Messrs. Stewart, Bartlett, McKerral, and McKeown, elders. It was agreed to ask the Synod for authority to take Mr. William M. Fleming, Knox College, on trials for license. Mr. Gray was authorized to moderate in a call at Essex Centre. Reports on the State of Religion, on Sabbath Schools, and on Temperance were submitted, considered and received. The Remit on Printing was considered, and the present practice was approved of. —WILLIAM WALKER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—There was a large attendance of both ministers and representative elders at the meeting of the Guelph Presbytery, which was held on March 17, in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. Among the items of business transacted, the following are of the most public interest: Records were produced from a number of sessions in the bounds and committees appointed to examine them, these committees reported in the afternoon, and each record was ordered to be attested in terms of its report. A report was read from the Finance Committee, showing the congregations in arrears to the Ordinary Presbytery Fund. The Clerk also brought up the cases of the Synod and Assembly Expense Funds, giving the names of the congregations which had not paid, and the amounts for which they were in default. He was authorized to make application to those in arrears, and request payment as soon as practicable. The Commissioners to the last General Assembly who were present had their travelling expenses paid. A final report was presented from the Committee on Church Property. Mr. Tait reported that Conferences had been held, as appointed, on the State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Schools, and that resolutions bearing on each of these subjects had been passed, a copy of which was submitted. The Presbytery next spent some time on the remit from the General Assembly on marriage with the sister of a deceased wife. After careful deliberation it was agreed by a vote of twenty-four to four that the recommendation in the report of Committee submitted at last meeting of the Assembly be approved. Mr. Fraser Campbell, one of the Church's missionaries to Indore, being present at request, addressed the Presbytery on the extent and claims of the work in which he and his fellow-missionaries are engaged, after which it was unanimously agreed that the Presbytery express their gratification in having Mr. Campbell among them; and, having heard him explain and illustrate the nature and extent of the work in which he and his fellow-labourers who have been sent out by this Church are engaged, that they tender to him and them their congratulations for the measure of ability which God has given them for the labours and dangers they have been called upon to undergo in their zealous prosecution of the service to which they have devoted themselves, and of the success with which their labours have been crowned, through the Divine blessing; that they convey to him and them the expression of their sympathy with them, and of their resolution that they will, by prayer and personal effort, so far as opportunities afford, encourage and uphold them in their work of faith and labour of love, and endeavour to promote their success still more and more. The regulations recommended by the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund were read and agreed to. Report was made that nothing further had been done in regard to the mission station at West Garafaxa. It was left with the Clerk to procure student supply for this station in connection with the Second Church, Garafaxa, during the summer. Mr. Edmison reported by telegraphic despatch that a congregation had been organized at Drayton, as appointed. The Committee appointed to visit Hawksville and Linwood gave in their report stating that they had fulfilled the duties assigned them, and the amount which each could contribute towards their pastor's salary. The Committee on the changes requested to be made in the constitution of Knox Church, Guelph, and on the draft constitution of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, gave in their report, which was approved. Ministers present stated, as required, the action they had taken to bring before their congregations, and recommend to their liberality, the Scheme for the Augmentation of Ministers' Salaries. It was agreed to co-operate with the Presbytery of Barrie in procuring permission from the General Assembly to ordain as a missionary Mr. Henry Knox, who has been officiating for some years as a Catechist in the Muskoka District. The following were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly: Messrs. Tait, Russell, Macaulay, Armstrong, Angus McKay, Dr. Wardrope, and J. K. Smith, ministers; and Messrs. Caldwell, D. McMurphy, Menzies, McRobbie, McCormick, C. Davidson, and A. Turnbull, ruling elders. An overture was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly, recommending the institution of a summer session for students in theology. Leave was granted to sell or remove the building of St. Andrew's Church, Winterbourne. Next meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of May, at 10 o'clock forenoon. —R. TORRANCE, *Pres. Clerk*.