

Ministers and Churches.

THE address of the Rev. Hugh Currie, late of Keady, is Guelph.

REV. DR. COCHRANE acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$150 from C. W., Quebec, for Home Mission Fund.

BAYSVILLE Presbyterians have begun the erection of a church, which they expect will be ready for service in four weeks.

THE Rev. A. T. Love, of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, has, on account of family affliction, been suddenly called to visit his relations in Britain.

THE Presbyterians of Westport this year are putting an addition to the manse. When finished it will be very commodious and comfortable. Rev. David J. Ross, M.A., is the pastor.

AT the meeting of the Bruce Presbytery held in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. A. Jaffray was ordained as missionary to Sault Ste. Marie. Rev. A. Beamer, Walkerton, addressed the people and Rev. J. B. Duncan, Paisley, the missionary.

THE Rev. J. Sieveright, of Huntsville, preached in Knox, St. Andrew's and St. John's congregations, Scarborough. He is meeting with encouraging success in his endeavours to place the Huntsville congregation and neighbouring stations in a satisfactory condition.

THE Westport Presbyterian Sabbath school usually holds a pic-nic every year. This year, on the 17th inst., they had an excursion on the Rideau Lake to Portland on the steamer *Ida*. It is estimated that over 300 in all were on board. The day was beautiful and the whole party enjoyed themselves. The proceeds amounted to over \$70.

THE Sydney, N. S. W., Presbyterian states that the Rev. R. S. Paterson, of Pyrmont, before leaving for a lengthened visit to Scotland, was presented with a cheque for £224, besides appropriate gifts from the Sabbath school and Bible class to his wife and members of his family. They evidently do things generously in the Australasian Church.

ON the 5th July a new church was opened in the township of Macaulay, eight miles from Bracebridge. Rev. J. Sieveright officiated at the opening services and lectured on Monday evening on "Three Years in the Far West." The audiences on both occasions were large and appreciative. The building, a frame, 36 x 24, though not yet complete, is free of debt, and will be finished as soon as possible. It owes its existence largely to the zealous efforts of Mr. Bethune, the student in charge.

VERY successful work has been done in the congregations under the pastorate of the Rev. H. Crozier, of Luther. During the spring and early summer evangelistic services have been carried on, the pastor being very ably assisted by Mr. G. McTeish, an elder in Knox Church, Galt, and Mr. D. Ross, an elder in Leith congregation. These men are thoroughly adapted to such work, and we can with confidence commend them to any who may need assistance in evangelistic services. At the communion lately held, twenty-five members were added, six of these receiving the ordinance of baptism. The members of the congregation also, as well as many of other churches, express themselves as greatly benefited by these services.

THE Presbyterians of St. George are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts to secure the Rev. W. S. McTavish as their pastor, as well as upon the advance of stipend from \$600 to \$800 and a splendid manse. The call was one of the most hearty and unanimous ever placed in the hands of a minister, there having been but one mind in the congregation and that pervaded with the greatest earnestness and enthusiasm. The call was duly sustained and accepted at the meeting of the Presbytery of Paris, on the 14th inst., and the induction and ordination services were appointed to be held on Tuesday, the 8th of September. These and the other services connected with them promise to be of the most interesting character.

WRITING from Portage la Prairie the Rev. A. Bell acknowledges the following collections sent him to aid in rebuilding their church, Portage la Prairie, Westminster, \$50; Proof Line, \$55; Carlisle and Ailsa Craig, \$40; Lolo and Caradoc, \$32; Knox Church, Agincourt, \$37; Knox Church, Vankough, \$16; Caven Church, Bolton, \$13.30; Rev. J. Thompson, Ayr, \$21; Rev. R. H. Hamilton, \$20; Nissouri, \$10; Knox Church, St. Mary's, \$12; Rev. J. Logie, \$12; Guthrie Church, Harrison \$10; St. John's, Markham, \$5.40; Hensall, Rev. R. Y. Thompson, \$15, per Chas. Thompson, Toronto; from Jas. Stanbury, \$5; from J. Lowden, \$5; St. Mary's, Rev. J. Turnbull, \$21. All future collections can be sent direct to Rev. A. Bell, Portage la Prairie, and will be duly acknowledged.

IN connection with the re opening of Chalmers Church, Brockton, a very successful social gathering of members and friends was held last week. After refreshments had been served a lengthy programme was carried out. This was opened by the choir singing the 100th Psalm and prayer by Rev. Thos. Lowry, after which Rev. Wm. Frizzell, Rev. Thos. Cullen, Rev. P. McF. McLeod and Dr. Potts, who were introduced by the chairman and Rev. John Mutch, pastor of the church, delivered addresses. These addresses were alternated by choice selections of vocal music by the choir, under the leadership of the organist, Miss Laidell. After the doxology Rev. John Alexander pronounced the benediction. The past success which has attended the church augurs well for its future prosperity.

N. N. Ross, one of the most prominent members of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, died a few days ago. Mr. Ross came to Quebec more than forty years ago, and was employed for a few years in the office of the *Quebec Gazette*. Subsequently and till within a few months of his decease, he held an appointment in the Customs Department of the

public service, where he was universally regarded as an upright, diligent and trustworthy officer. He was an active and useful elder in St. Andrew's Church, in the affairs of which he took a deep interest, and he was known and respected for his willingness to take part in all good works. He was a sincere and devout Christian, and to such death, however suddenly it comes, is only removal from one to another of the many mansions of our Father's house.

THE Presbytery of Manitoba at its last meeting, on motion of Mr. Polson, seconded by Mr. MacFarlane, adopted the following minute regarding the translation of Rev. A. Matheson: "The Presbytery of Winnipeg desires to place on record its sense of the loss it has sustained in the removal of the Rev. Alexander Matheson from its bounds. Mr. Matheson was one of the pioneer missionaries of the late Presbytery of Manitoba, enduring hardness, but at the same time did much faithful service in his Master's cause. The members of this Presbytery affectionately commend Mr. Matheson to the good offices of the brethren of the Presbytery of Glenagarry and follow him with their earnest prayer that he may be spared to carry on the work of winning souls to Christ."

IN the *Almonte Gazette* the following letter from Miss Beatty, M.D., Indore, Central India, appears: I have not much to say, because I have not done much, my time having been mostly devoted to Hindi. Just now my medical work takes a good deal of time, because the greater number of my patients have to be visited in their houses. I have treated about forty patients: the greater number of these are subjects of chronic disease, and can only be reported as relieved. One death has occurred. All the other acute cases have either been cured or are progressing favourably at the present time. My patients are of all classes, from the pauper to the princess, and from sweepers to Brahmins. I have been very kindly received wherever I have gone. In some places the people express deep gratitude to God for having sent me to them. The native doctors whom I have met have treated me with the utmost kindness and courtesy. I was called to see a woman in a Brahmin family; I found her very dangerously ill, and thought it necessary to visit her twice a day. So much attention seemed to arouse suspicion as to my motives, and I was rather coldly received; I asked for a consultation; two days after they did call Dr. Gampat Singh. In the meantime the patient was steadily improving; this fact, together with Dr. Gampat Singh's very decided approbation of the treatment I had adopted, and some strong advice from him, has quite changed their bearing towards me. They are now anxious to do just as I tell them, and are, moreover, rather active in finding more patients. I have a woman engaged to act as interpreter; she is also studying materia medica, and I hope that she will be a help to me by being able to dispense medicines when I get my dispensary established. A native gentleman has asked me to give regular instruction in physiology, hygiene and domestic medicine, to a class of women; and another has offered me a room in his house in which to teach them. At least nine women are ready to attend the class as soon as it is opened. I should have been quite lost without the assistance of the ladies here. They have given me a great deal of time and assistance, especially Miss McGregor, who is almost a partner in my work in the city. My own stock of medicines is small, and I shall require a larger assortment soon; but with Mr. Wilkie's dispensary, his large stock of experience and ready assistance, to fall back upon, I feel quite safe.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—The Presbytery of Whitby held its quarterly meeting in Newcastle on the 21st July. There was a fair attendance of members. Elders' commissions were presented from the Sessions of Newcastle, Bowmanville, Newtonville, Whitby, Pickering, Columbus, Danlorton and Claremont. The Convener of the Home Mission Committee gave in a favourable report and intimated that after Mr. Fraser's settlement, there would be no vacancy in the Presbytery, no mission station and no aid-receiving congregation. The Commissioners to the General Assembly reported diligence and the Treasurer intimated that he had paid their travelling expenses in accordance with the standing rule of Presbytery. The Presbytery was pleased to learn that Mr. Fraser had accepted the call to St. Paul's, Bowmanville, and that the Toronto Presbytery had agreed to his translation, arrangements were made for his induction to take place on the 13th August at 11 o'clock a.m.: Mr. Drummond to preside and induct, Mr. Cameron to preach, Mr. McMecher to address the minister and Mr. Leslie the people. Other matters, not of general interest, were disposed of and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville on Tuesday the 18th day of August, at eleven o'clock a.m.—A. A. DRUMMOND, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—The Presbytery of Hamilton met on July 21st in Hamilton. Present twenty-two ministers and elders. Rev. D. C. McIntyre was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Messrs. Cathcart and Hanna were received into the ministry of the Church. A committee was appointed to superintend the studies of Mr. R. Pyke and Mr. Matthews, students. A church was reported as organized in the Wentworth Street Mission, Hamilton, and an interim session was appointed to complete the organization by the formation of a permanent session. A call from Strabane and Kilbride to the Rev. M. J. Cathcart was sustained and accepted and the induction is appointed for Thursday, August 20th, at 1 p.m.: Mr. Fisher to preside, Mr. Fraser to preach, Dr. Laing to address the pastor, and Mr. Abraham the people. Mr. Craig was appointed to the Fort Erie field. Crowland was separated from Welland. A call from Welland to Dr. James was sustained with promise of a stipend of \$1,200. Resolutions of condolence with Messrs. Stewart and Rees were adopted in view of the death of their wives. A call from Knox Church, St. Mary's, to Rev. Alex. Grant was laid on the table, and it was resolved to meet for disposing of it on Tuesday, August 4th, at 2 p.m., when the congregation will appear for their interests. Mr. Matthews was received as a catechist and Mr. Alexander Wilson as a student, both having the ministry in view.

Standing committees for the year were appointed, and arrangements for missionary meetings is to be the first business at next meeting.—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting on the 14th July. Rev. R. Y. Thompson, B.D., was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months. Elders' commissions were received and the roll for the year made up. Commissioners to Assembly reported in due form and their reports were received. Mr. Pritchard reported on mission stations and vacancies; and he was appointed to visit the Gaelic station, Goderich, with regard to its finances, etc. Mr. McCoy tabulated a document elaborately compiled from the latest statistical and financial returns of congregations, showing the average contribution per family and member for the Schemes of the Church and for all purposes. The report was received and thanks given to the committee. A committee consisting of Dr. Ure, Messrs. Barr and Millar was appointed to draft a suitable deliverance respecting the death of the late Rev. Charles Fletcher, of Goderich, and to report at next meeting. Application was made by the congregation of Rodgerville for leave to change the site of their new church about to be built from Rodgerville to Hensall. The application was entertained and the Clerk instructed to cite the neighbouring sessions in due form. A call was sustained from the congregation of Bayfield and Bethany addressed to Rev. James Forest, and ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Forest forthwith. Mr. McCoy was appointed to moderate in a call in Union Church, Brucefield, on the 27th inst. at six o'clock p.m. Provisional arrangements were made for the ordination of Mr. Forest, a special meeting of Presbytery being appointed for this purpose, also for sustaining a call from Union Church, Bayfield, at eleven o'clock. The ordination to take place, in the case of Mr. Forest accepting the call, at half-past two o'clock, p.m.—the Moderator to preside, Mr. Ramsay to preach, Mr. Acheson to address the minister, and Mr. Pritchard the people. The standing committees for the year were appointed, and the following are the Convenors of said committees: Home Missions, Mr. Pritchard; State of Religion, Mr. Musgrave; Finance, Mr. McDonald; Sabbath Schools, Mr. J. R. Millar; Temperance, Mr. Fletcher; Sabbath Observance, Mr. Stewart; Superintendence of Students, Mr. McLean. The next regular meeting is to be held in Brucefield on the second Tuesday of September, at half-past ten o'clock, a.m.—A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met at Port Elgin, on July 14th. Rev. G. B. Greig was appointed Moderator. After delegates from the congregation of North Bruce and St. Andrew's, Saugeen, had been heard—all of whom expressed the warm attachment of the congregation to their pastor, and their regret that the state of his health had caused him to resign—Dr. Scott's resignation of his charge was accepted, and the Rev. J. B. Duncan was appointed to preach on the second Sabbath of August and declare the charge vacant. Rev. J. Gourlay was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. On application leave was granted to moderate in a call to Underwood and Centre Bruce as soon as they were prepared to do so. Rev. S. Lyle, Hamilton, and J. Greene, of the Methodist church, Port Elgin, being present, were asked to sit and correspond. Mr. J. A. Jaffray, B.A., having passed a very satisfactory examination, was licensed and ordained as missionary to Sault Ste. Marie. A minute of Assembly was read granting leave to the Rev. W. Blain to retire from the active duties of the ministry. A telegram was read from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Brockville, intimating that a call to Dr. Moffat from the congregation of West Winchester, had been sustained and the papers forwarded by mail. It was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery in St. John's Church, Walkerton, on Thursday, July 30th, to dispose of the call, and all parties were ordered to be cited to appear there for their interests. The following standing committees were appointed. Finance, Messrs. Eadie, Convener, Anderson and Leask. Home Missions, Messrs. Talmie, Convener, Dr. Scott, Gourlay and Craig. State of Religion, Messrs. Ferguson, Convener, Duff, Wardrope, Greig and Johnston. Sabbath Schools, Messrs. Beamer, Convener, Wardrope, Morley, Moore and Bell. Temperance, Messrs. Morley, Convener, Eadie, Ferguson, Patterson and Nesbitt. Statistics, Messrs. Gourlay, Convener, Dr. Moffat, Greig and J. Rowland. Superintendence of Students, Messrs. Duncan, Convener, Dr. Moffat, Morley, Ferguson and Nesbitt. Rev. A. Tolmie submitted the quarterly home mission report. Rev. A. Finlay was authorized to examine the students labouring in the Algoma mission field for certification to college and report at next meeting. Rev. Peter Currie tendered his resignation of the charge of Zion Church, Teeswater. The resignation was allowed to lie on the table until next regular meeting of Presbytery, and the sessional congregation were cited to appear. It was agreed to hold a conference on Sabbath schools at the evening seder on the 1st of September meeting and the Sabbath School committee were instructed to prepare a programme. The next meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Paisley on the 2nd Tuesday of September at two p.m.—JAMES GOURLAY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery held its bi-monthly meeting on the 21st of July, in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. Commissions to Ruling Elders for the current year were handed in from a number of Kirk Sessions, and the names were put upon the roll. As his term of office had expired Mr. Mullen retired from the Moderatorship, whose duties he had discharged in an eminently agreeable manner, and Mr. J. C. Smith, B.D., Guelph, was appointed as his successor, who took the chair and returned thanks for his election. A letter was read from Mr. Mullen assigning reasons of absence from this meeting. A committee was appointed to draft instructions for the guidance of the committee on missionary meetings. This committee reported certain recommendations, which were adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the same to the committee for whom they were intended. That committee was next appointed consisting of Mr. James Mullen, Convener, and the ministers of the two congregations in Galt with their respective elders. Commissioners to