

Ministers and Churches.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Orillia, will be ready for opening in the spring.

DR. COCHRANE has received £200 from the Free Church of Scotland for Home Missions.

THE Rev. Father Chiniqy is announced to lecture in the Presbyterian Church at Orillia.

THE Rev. D. McDonald, Carlton Place, conducted the opening services of the new Presbyterian Church at Port Elmsley on Sunday, preaching morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Nixon, of Smith's Falls, preached in the afternoon.

THE Barrie Presbyterian Church is to be remodelled as to seating capacity. Mr. Rogers, of the Chas. Rogers & Sons Co., of Toronto, was in town on Monday conferring with and advising the church authorities on the best means of increasing the seating accommodation. The local churches are all crowded, and pew space is cramped.

THE Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D., is announced to lecture under the auspices of the Canadian Auxiliary of the McAIL Mission in Knox Church on Wednesday evening 13th inst. Dr. Pierson's earnest, enthusiastic, and able advocacy of Christian Missions is known throughout Christendom.

THE Rev. Charles (Father) Chiniqy, lectured in the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, on the evenings of the 29th and 30th January. The large church was packed with an attentive audience. On the second evening hundreds were unable to get into the church. The amount realized by Mr. Chiniqy for French evangelization work these two evenings was over \$100.

THE Rev. Alexander Jackson, the popular pastor of Knox Church, Galt, has received a token of regard from the "P" Club of Pittsburg, Pa., of which he was a member. It consists of a handsome photograph album, with photos of the members of the club, which is composed of the ablest ministers of Pittsburg and Alleghany. Accompanying the album were a series of resolutions, beautifully printed, which speak of the high esteem in which Mr. Jackson is held by his ministerial brethren on both sides of the Monongehela.

THE appointment of the Rev. F. R. Beattie, B.D., as Professor of Christian Apologetics and Relations of Science and Revelation, made some time ago, by the Board of Directors of Columbia Seminary, has been confirmed by the Synods under whose control the Constitution is placed. Professor Beattie enjoys his work, and is frequently called upon to preach in the chief cities of South Carolina.

ONE of the noted charities in the city of Toronto is the Sabbath morning Free Breakfast. The Richmond Street Hall is a singular sight every Sabbath morning. Earnest and loving workers amply provide for the strange and motley crowd of hungry men of all ages, colours and nationalities. Hearty gospel singing and short warm hearted Gospel addresses from Mr. Dixon and his co-workers follow with blessed effect the earthly bread. The Tract Society furnish an ample supply of the best Gospel tracts free for the people to carry away with them. Then every Friday evening the Hall is crowded to hear the Gospel by different city ministers. Last night the Rev. Dr. Moffat spoke to a deeply earnest audience of "The friend that sticketh closer than a brother." The blessing of God is evidently upon this city charity.

THE anniversary services in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, were conducted this year by Rev. Mungo Fraser, D.D., of Hamilton. Large congregations filled the church morning and evening, and the power of the Spirit was manifestly present. On Monday evening an immense congregation again filled the church. Tea was served in the large and commodious lecture room, which was filled no less than four times. After this all repaired to the church to hear Dr. Fraser's address on "Now and Then." The address was full of point, pith and pathos, and was well received. Short and appropriate addresses were also given by Rev. W. H. Wade, rector of Old St. Paul's, and Rev. Mr. Kerby, of the Methodist Church. Excellent music by the choir. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. W. A. McKay. This anniversary was the most successful in the history of the congregation.

THE first anniversary services in connection with the opening of the Jubilee Presbyterian Church, Stayner, were held on Sabbath, Jan. 20th. Though the day was cold and somewhat stormy, there were large congregations at the forenoon and evening services. The Rev. D. H. Fletcher, of Hamilton, kindly undertook, at some inconvenience to himself, to conduct the services, and delivered discourses which were much admired and enjoyed. On Monday evening, 21st inst., a tea-meeting was held, which must have been attended by five hundred persons if one may judge from the receipts. After tea in the basement, the chair was taken shortly after eight o'clock by the pastor, and the Rev. G. W. Stevenson, of the Methodist Church, at his request engaged in prayer. The choir sang a number of anthems. The Rev. G. M. Milligan, B.A., of Toronto, occupied the greater part of the evening with a lecture on "The contented man, who is he?" The audience were delighted with it. It was solid, instructive, sometimes eloquent, and relieved with occasional sallies of humour. Votes of thanks were tendered to the lecturer, the choir, the ladies who furnished the tables, and to Rev. Mr. Fletcher for his services on the Lord's Day. The collections on Sabbath and the proceeds of the tea meeting were about \$170. The Sabbath school anniversary was to be held on Friday, 25th inst.

THE present membership of St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, as appears from the annual report is 207. The weekly offering system of raising congregational funds was introduced last April, and has worked admirably. The total ordinary income was \$2,225.91. A balance of \$158.83 is carried forward to next year. The Missionary and Benevolent Association raised \$575.57, which, with \$124.50 from the Sabbath school, \$35 from the Bible class, \$220 from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and \$29 special subscription to the new school buildings at Pointe-aux-Trembles, makes a total of \$983.50 for these various purposes. This sum is divided as follows: Missions, ordinary, \$776.50; Missions, special, \$69; Educational, \$60; General church funds, benevolent, etc., \$78. The Sabbath school and adult Bible class have 168 on the roll, with an average attendance of 118, and 20 teachers and officers, and 23 scholars competed successfully for the prizes for recitation of Scripture and Catechism and two recited the whole Shorter Catechism. The Young Ladies' Aid Society earned \$189.64 for the purchase of a pipe-organ, which, with \$86 from a garden party at Mr. John McClellan's, makes \$275.64 on hand for that purpose. The report closes with a Congregational Directory, giving the names of the office bearers and committees of the various societies, and the choir, and memoranda of the various meetings.

ON Sabbath last Rev. R. M. Craig preached his farewell sermon to the congregations of Dumbarton and Melville Church, Scarborough, to large congregations. On Friday evening a large gathering of the members and adherents assembled at the residence of Mr. William Cowan, jr., to show their appreciation of the labours of Mr. and Mrs. Craig. Mr. William Cowan, sr., was called to the chair. After a few kindly and refreshing references to the work of Mr. Craig, Mr. William Stephenson was called on. He came forward and read an address to Mr. Craig, expressive of the kindly feelings which have existed between the pastor and people, and of their appreciation of the untiring labours to advance the interests of the Gospel amongst them for the last five years, and good wishes for their pastor's future. During the reading of the address, Miss Alice Cowan stepped forward and presented Mr. Craig with a purse containing \$100. Mr. Craig replied, thanking the congregation for this expression of their regard, and speaking of their continued kindness throughout. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Dales, of Dumbarton, Mr. Taylor, of Cherrywood, and others. Afterwards the company adjourned to the spacious dining hall, where an oyster supper had been prepared. During these years about 100 new members have

been added to the congregation, and two new churches built at a cost of upwards of \$10,000.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—The Presbytery of Sarnia held a *pro re nata* meeting at Wyoming, on the 21st ult. There was laid on the table and read, a call from the congregation of Watford and Main Road to the Rev. John Graham, M.A., of Bristol, Que., within the bounds of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. The call was unanimous. Mr. McAdam, who moderated in the call, and Messrs. Thom and McNaughton, from the congregation and Session of Watford were heard in the matter. Reasons of Translation were also read, and a guarantee of \$900 stipend with a manse. It was agreed to approve of the moderator's conduct; sustain the call as a regular gospel call, and instruct the Clerk to transmit the same with relative documents to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. Mr. McAdam was appointed to represent the Presbytery and congregation at the bar of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, when the matter comes up for consideration. A communication was read from Rev. Mr. McClung, intimating his declination of the call from Guthrie Church and Wilkesport. The Presbytery expressed sympathy with the congregation in being disappointed a second time, and gave them leave to have a call moderated in, if necessary, before next meeting.—G. CUTHBERTSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met at Hensall on the 15th of January. Rev. Wm. Martin, of Exeter, was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Rev. Messrs. Cook and Fear, of the Methodist Church, and Bridgman of the Episcopal Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The Report on Sabbath-schools was read by Mr. James Scott, of Clinton. The report showed that nine sessions did not report to the Convener, and that, consequently, it was necessary to delay the adoption of the committee's report. The committee was empowered to forward the report when completed to the Convener of the Synod's Committee on Sabbath-schools. The remit on the marriage question was approved of simpliciter. Rev. Mr. Jamieson, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Considerable time was spent in discussing the remit of travelling expenses of Commissioners to Assembly, and the matter was delayed till next meeting for further deliberation. The Committee on the Book of Forms were instructed to forward their report to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee. Mr. Martin agreed to supply Chiselhurst till the beginning of April. Mr. McDonald, on behalf of the committee on the State of Religion, gave a report, recommending that the first hour of the afternoon sederunt of next meeting be devoted to a conference on the State of Religion, the subjects of deliberation to be: (1) The recommendations attached to the report on the State of Religion, as presented in Assembly minutes of 1888; (2) The questions sent down to sessions in circular of this year. The recommendations were adopted. Sessions were asked to answer the questions on the State of Religion and forward them forthwith to Mr. McDonald. The next meeting is to be held in Willis Church, Clinton, on the second Tuesday of March at 10.30 a.m.—A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO.—Peterboro Presbytery met on Jan. 15. There were nineteen ministers and eight elders present. Leave was granted to Havelock congregation to sell their church with the view of erecting another in the village. Mr. Orr Bennet, of Queen's College, was taken on trial with a view to license. His trials were sustained. The Clerk reported that the Lindsay Presbytery had declined the offer of the transfer of the mission fields of Minden and Haliburton to their superintendence. Interesting reports were received with regard to missionary meetings and Sabbath-school institutes held and regarding others in prospect. The motion for the establishment of a fund for the payment of travelling expenses to meetings of Presbytery was not adopted. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the Hall of the First Church, Port Hope, on Tuesday the 19th March at 3 o'clock. A committee was appointed to draw up a plan for the guidance of sessions so as to secure greater uniformity in the keeping of their records. A communication from the committee of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was received and considered. A committee was appointed to allocate among the congregations the sum of \$1,100 suggested by the Augmentation Committee as the Presbytery's proportion of the fund to be raised for the year. The Presbytery regretted the lateness of the communication from Mr. Macdonnell. The report of the committee given in at a later stage, was adopted with its recommendations. A list of what is expected from each congregation accompanied the report. The clerk was instructed to notify the congregations as to what was expected from each on behalf of Augmentation and also to write the Assembly's Committee stating the fact that the sum of \$1,100 laid on this Presbytery is regarded as more than its fair proportion of the whole amount required when its pecuniary ability is taken into consideration. The Rev. G. McKay tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge of Cartwright and Ballyduff. An adjourned meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held same place on the 29th January to dispose of the resignation. All parties interested were ordered to be cited. Arrangements were made for the visitation of the augmented congregations and some of the mission fields before the next meeting of Presbytery. Committees were appointed to consider the several remits of Assembly with instructions to report at next meeting of Presbytery on the 19th of March. Provision was made for the more frequent and regular supply of the mission field of Stony Lake. In the report of a committee appointed to examine him the Clerk was instructed to certify Mr. Wm. Moffat, of Grafton, to the Home Mission Committee as a catechist desiring work in the mission field. The Presbytery met in the evening in union with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery. An abstract of the report of the work of the society during the year was read showing gratifying progress. The following resolution was adopted after the reception of the report: That this Presbytery desire to express their high appreciation of and cordial sympathy with the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery, and with them render hearty thanks to God for the deep interest manifested in the work during the past year as shown in the large increase to the membership and the growth in liberality, and the Presbytery would unite with them in the earnest prayer that the year upon which they have entered may be crowned with still larger blessing. Messrs. Lord and Hay gave stirring addresses on the subject of missions.—WILLIAM BENNETT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The Presbytery of Guelph met in Knox Church, Galt, on the 15th of January, Mr. Edmison, of Rothsay, being Moderator. There was a good attendance of ministers, but not many of the ruling elders were present, Messrs. Cunningham, Carruthers and D. B. Cameron were invited to sit with the Presbytery. The Clerk stated that he was prepared to receive payments from congregations to the Synod and Presbytery Funds. Reasons were assigned for the absence of Messrs. Gardiner, Beattie and Prof. Panton, from this meeting. The Clerk reported that he had remitted a further payment to Dr. Reid, realized from the sale of church property in New Hamburg. It was agreed to delay the report from the Committee on the Supervision of Sabbath School Work, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Convener. Notice was received from the Presbytery of Montreal that Mr. Leitch had accepted the call addressed to him by the congregation of Knox Church, Elora, when it was agreed that his induction be appointed to take place on Thursday, February 21st, at one o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Mullan to preside, Mr. Jackson to preach, Dr. Mackay to address the minister and Mr. Gardiner the people. The Clerk was instructed to have the Edict of Induction duly served upon the congregation. A report was read from the Committee appointed to visit West Puslinch to make the most satisfactory arrangements as to the arrears of salary due their late pastor. The Committee stated that they had met with the congregation, Mr. Macaulay being present, and that a mutual agreement had been come to. Thanks were given to the Committee for their services, and gratification expressed at the settlement effected

A request was made from the congregation at Eden Mills, for the continuation of Mr. Strachan's ministerial services among them, which was at once granted. Reports were called for from the Deputation appointed to consider the visitation of congregations, according to the scheme first put in practice in 1887, and these were given in somewhat extensively, with deliverances founded on them. After lengthened deliberation it was resolved that special consideration should be given to them during the forenoon of the next regular meeting. A circular containing Questions sent out by the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion was produced and distributed among the members present. The Presbytery then entered upon the Protest and Appeal of certain persons who have been suspended from the fellowship of Knox Church on the ground that their doctrinal views on certain points were not in accordance with the Standards of the Church on these points. The documents bearing upon the case, which were voluminous, were read. All the appellants were heard in support of their Reasons of Protest and Appeal. Representatives from the Session were heard in reply. Parties were then removed and the Presbytery proceeded to deliberate. After careful consideration, it was unanimously agreed on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dickson, that the action of the Session in removing the names of the appellants from the Communion Roll of Knox Church be approved, and that the protest and appeal be dismissed. The judgment of the court was intimated to the parties, when Mr. J. K. Cranston announced his intention to appeal to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. Each of the others appealed for himself and her-self, and craved extracts which were allowed. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of March, at 10.30 o'clock, in the forenoon. The roll was called and marked. In the evening a conference was held on Sabbath Schools. In the necessary absence of Mr. Gardiner and Prof. Panton, the Rev. J. C. Smith and Mr. Rennie addressed the meeting on "Home preparation of Sabbath School lessons by teachers, parents and scholars." There was a large and deeply interested meeting. All the services were profitable, and it is firmly believed that spiritual results will be apparent both in homes and Sabbath Schools.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Listowel on Tuesday, January 15th, at half-past two p.m., Rev. J. A. Turnbull, Moderator. In the absence of Mr. Tully, Mr. Henderson was appointed Clerk *pro tem*. Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained. Mr. Turnbull's term of office having expired, Rev. John Campbell, of Granton, was appointed Moderator for next six months. The Session records of Listowel, Millbank, North and South Nissouri, North Easthope, and Crosshill and Wellesley, were presented for examination, and committees were appointed to examine them. It was agreed that the Session records of Crosshill and Wellesley be kept in the meantime by Mr. McKibbin, as custodian of these for the Presbytery. The Clerk of Presbytery was instructed to send an extract minute of the action of Presbytery, in reference to the union of Millbank and Crosshill, and Milverton and Zion Church, Wellesley, to their respective Moderators. It was agreed that the Presbytery pay Mr. R. Henderson \$5 for his services at Tavistock. Mr. Hamilton stated that Mr. Tully had asked him, on account of continued illness, to place his resignation as Clerk of the Presbytery in the hands of the Presbytery. On motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Tully's resignation was laid on the table till the next meeting of Presbytery, and the Presbytery expressed its deepest sympathy with Mr. Tully in his illness, and requested Mr. McKibbin to lead the Court in prayer on behalf of Mr. Tully and his family. The Session records, presented at the beginning of the meeting, were on report of Committees appointed to examine them, attested as carefully and correctly kept. A reference from Mr. McKibbin, in matters affecting Millbank Church property, was considered and instructions given. The report of the committee on the rearrangement of certain fields in the Presbytery was given in by Mr. Turnbull, Convener, and by Mr. Panton. Mr. Field was heard in regard to Tavistock. The report of the committee was received, and inasmuch as no action towards union had been taken by Shakespeare, the committee was continued, and further consideration of the matter was deferred till next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Hamilton reported on behalf of the Home Mission Committee, and his report was received and adopted. Mr. Gordon reported on behalf of the committee on the Book of Forms, showing that through various causes nothing had been done. Mr. Turnbull gave in the report of the committee in reference to Harrington. The report was received and adopted, and the committee were thanked for their diligence. The annual report of Stratford Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the year 1888 was submitted and read, and on motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, it was unanimously resolved; That the Presbytery receive and adopt said report, express their great satisfaction with the results of the efforts of the society, and encourage them to prosecute the great and noble work in which they are engaged. Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the same place in the evening, at the close of the public meeting in connection with the Women's Presbyterial Society. At the public meeting held in the Church at eight p.m., the pastor, Rev. J. Campbell, presided; Rev. Mr. Panton led in prayer. The annual report of the Presbyterial Society was read. Addresses on mission work were delivered by Rev. Messrs. McKibbin, Turnbull, and John Campbell. The choir of the church rendered some beautiful anthems, and the delegates of the Presbyterial Society gave a public vote of thanks, through the president, Mrs. Gordon to the ladies of Listowel, for generous hospitality and the arrangements made for their convenience and comfort. On resuming ordinary business at half-past ten p.m., the Presbytery passed the following resolution: That the managers of Harrington congregation be requested to formulate their claims against Brooksdale, and send a copy to the Clerk of Presbytery, and that he send a copy of the same to the managers of Brooksdale congregation, and request them to make answer thereto at the meeting of Presbytery in March. It was also unanimously resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered to the congregation, and especially to the ladies of Listowel, for their hospitality and kindness on this occasion. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Stratford, on the second Tuesday of March, at half-past ten a.m.—ANDREW HENDERSON, *Clerk, pro tem*.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

AT the annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls, this week, Rev. S. Mylne, pastor emeritus, was presented with a gold headed cane and Rev. C. H. Cooke, the pastor, with \$100.

THE annual meeting of the Springville congregation, of which the Rev. William Bennett is pastor, was recently held. The reports were satisfactory and encouraging. The report of the Managing Committee showed that provision had been made for the payment of all claims due, with a small balance still in the treasury.

THE annual meeting of Melville Church, Brussels, was held on Jan. 28th, the pastor, Rev. John Ross, B.A., presiding. The number of families connected with the congregation is 105, members 204. The receipts for the year were \$1,577.75, which met all the current expenses and left a balance of \$38.02. The contributions to missionary schemes amounted to \$423.55, making a total for all purposes of \$2,001.30.

THE annual business meeting of the congregation at Midland was held recently, when most encouraging reports were presented from the various branches of church work. The congregation has had a year of great prosperity, and enters upon the new year with bright prospects. One noticeable feature is, that it is now self-supporting, and not only leaves the ranks of aid-receiving congregations, but is able to do its full share in helping the Augmentation Fund, to which it feels indebted for aid received during the past few years, and but for which the congregation could not have occupied the position which it does to-day.