

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. William A. Johnston, formerly of Rockburn, Que., has moved to Point St. Charles, Montreal.

THE Forest congregation has given the Rev. James Pritchard, of Manchester, a unanimous call to be their pastor.

AT a recent meeting of the Petrolia Presbyterian congregation, Messrs. P. Barclay, S. Philips, J. Harley and G. Robson were ordained as elders. Last Sabbath, the sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed, and twenty persons were added to the communion roll of the congregation.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Port Perry, recently sent two boxes of substantial clothing to the Indians of Papiot's Reserve, N. W. T. The Ladies' Aid Society of the same congregation had a dinner and lunch table last week at the local Agricultural Fair, and raised above \$100. Both societies are doing noble work.

AT the communion services held at Knox Church, Listowel, on the 26th of last month, the congregation roll was increased by sixteen additional members. Under the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, the Church continues to make steady progress. The smallness of the present building and the marked increase of the congregation during the past three years are forcing upon the managers the necessity for more accommodation.

THE anniversary services in connection with Knox Church, Kincardine, were conducted on the 29th ult., by Rev. D. H. Fletcher, of Hamilton. His sermons, which were of a high order, were listened to by large audiences. Mr. Fletcher also lectured on the following Monday evening, on his "Travels in Egypt and the Holy Land," in his usual eloquent style. His reappearance in Kincardine was the signal for a large gathering of eager and appreciative listeners.

MR. L. C. EMES, student in Knox College, who has been labouring during the summer months in Cambray and Oakwood, on Saturday evening, 9th October, at the residence of the Rev. James R. Scott, was disturbed in his preparation for the last Sabbath in the field by a goodly gathering of elders, members and young people, who came to bid him good-bye. A pleasant time was spent, when, to the surprise of Mr. Emes, Mrs. Sarah Irwin read a neat address expressive of respect and gratitude on the part of the Bible class and congregation, and Miss Wilkinson presented him with a watch and chain as a token of their good wishes. Mr. Emes made a very feeling and suitable reply. After further enjoying themselves, the friends returned to their homes, no doubt feeling the blessedness of giving.

AN application was made by Mr. Bell, in the name of the Session and congregation of St. Andrew's Church, of Carleton Place, to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, for leave to build a new church on a site on Bridge Street, said site the gift of Mr. John Gillies, and for leave also to dispose by sale, or otherwise, of their present church building. On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. McDonald, it was agreed to grant the application. On further motion of Dr. Bennett, duly seconded, it was agreed, That the Presbytery, having heard that Mr. Gillies has made a gift of land, valued at \$2,500 to the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on which to erect a new church, in addition to his subscription of one thousand dollars to the building fund, would place on record their hearty appreciation of his liberality, as well calculated to stimulate the members of our congregations to hearty and generous giving to the cause of Christ.

AFTER the loss by fire of Burns Church, Glencoe, the managers determined to refit St. Andrew's Church, and to beautify and improve it. The seats, having been saved from Burns Church, were utilized in refitting St. Andrew's, and other improvements make this church very attractive. On invitation of the pastor, the Rev. W. S. Ball, of Vanneck, preached the reopening sermons, and a grand soiree in the Town Hall the following day put the financial scheme in a good position. The congregations are large, and the church alive and aggressive; upward of thirty persons have been added to the roll. The fine new brick church in the Appin division of the congregation is approaching completion; the erection of this edifice is destined to materially strengthen Presbyterianism in this section. Another scheme is afloat for the rebuilding of Knox Church, Ekfrid, in the Tait's Corners Division. A well-organized Sabbath school is carried on, and Mr. Robbins preaches here to a very large congregation every two weeks. The minister and Session have much to encourage them in this important field of labour.

THE Knox College Missionary Society held its first regular meeting for the session, 1886-7, on Wednesday evening, 13th inst. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: John McGillivray, B.A., president; J. Goforth, 1st vice-president; A. J. McLeod, B.A., 2nd vice-president; D. McKenzie, B.A., recording secretary; Thomas R. Shearer, B.A., corresponding secretary; J. C. Tolmie, B.A., secretary of committee; J. G. Shearer, treasurer; D. Perrie, W. J. Clark, J. M. Scott, J. W. Rae, J. A. Bloodworth, councillors. D. G. McQueen, B.A., W. P. Yalling and A. E. Mitchell read interesting and very encouraging reports of mission work done during the past summer in Muskoka and Manitowlin Island. The society appointed the president and Mr. Goforth, as delegates to the Inter-Seminary Convention, to be held in Montreal from the 25th to 31st of this month. Mr. McGillivray will read a paper on "Madagascar" at this convention. It was decided that the society should continue to supply three of the mission stations which have been under their charge the past summer during the winter months, viz.: Cobocok, Waubesahe and Mud Lake. Messrs. Perrie, Glasgow and Gilchrist were appointed to obtain regular supply for the stations. In the city the work carried on during previous years will be continued, and the following gentlemen were selected to superintend the various departments:

Mr. A. G. Jansen, for Hospital for Sick Children; Mr. P. J. Pettinger, for Old Women's Home; Mr. J. W. Large, for Central Prison, and Mr. P. Foran, for the Jail.

THE people of Brucefield were on a recent evening much interested in a lecture from the blind young Syrian preacher, Rev. Ghosen Al Howie. He was led to the platform in his Abrahamic dress, coat bought in Jerusalem, and headress bought in Damascus. The latter seems to consist of a light square silk shawl, folded cornerwise, and bound round his head with some dark coil, so that the three corners hung loosely about neck and shoulders. While speaking the front corners were folded lightly backwards. The lecture was entitled "From Jerusalem to Bethlehem," and was short, graphic and full of interesting information and illustrations. If not short, it seemed short. It was given in an easy conversational style, and pleasantly, somewhat amusingly, broken by the lecturer occasionally stopping and questioning his audience as to the points already mentioned. One rare advantage of the evening's entertainment was, every word was distinctly uttered so that we could hear, instead of having to guess what the speaker had meant to say. His account of the outcast lepers, of the Eastern habits and thoughts, about shoes, their manners at meal times and style of baking bread were some of the most interesting points of the lecture; but the definition given of sin, and the light thrown at various points upon Bible words and narratives, have made the lecture something more than an entertainment. Personal intercourse with the lecturer after the lecture, and on the following morning, deepened the impression already made, and it will be with much interest that we shall watch his course in Canada. Those who want to get up an entertainment for their Sabbath schools will find an evening from Mr. Howie, while they can get him, more enjoyable and far less expensive than a picnic; while the interest given to Bible lands and studies is an advantage it would be difficult to over-estimate.

REV. MR. CUTHBERTSON, Wyoming, preached on the occasion of the ordination of elders in Petrolia Presbyterian church on the 17th September, and gave an able exposition of Presbyterian faith and polity. We can give but brief extracts from the address, the whole of which we would gladly have published but press of matter forbids us. Having given a clear statement of doctrine, he said: From any or all of these root principles, Pre-byterianism may not, must not resist. If it does, its peace is disturbed, and its high mission crippled, if not arrested. But whilst this is true, yet that does not alter the fact that what is simply inference is not binding, or that the laws of Christ may not be so applied as to meet ever-varying circumstances. Pre-byterianism is elastic enough to adapt itself to every nationality and to all phases of society. Doctrines never change, but the Church changes with age, with growth and experience, and advances with the progress of the world; and when it outgrows its garments in which it was swaddled and stretches up to maturity, God expects the Church to think and speak and act as a man that has put away childish things, and hence attitude must from time to time be taken, guided by circumstances and changing conditions. Another passage. Speaking of what Pre-byterianism had done in Canada, he said: From small and disheartening beginnings, it has risen to the fair and promising organization that now occupies such a respectable position, and wields such an influence at home and abroad. Composed of four synods, each overshadowed by the guidance and review of an influential General Assembly, it, through its Presbyteries and various kirk sessions, breaks the bread of life to a constituency presided over by 800 ordained ministers, not to speak of ordained missionaries and catechists. It supplies its own ministry from the well equipped colleges at Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto and Manitoba, and these, manned by professors mostly of its own training, compare favourably with similar institutions throughout the world. Of these colleges and of that ministry, we can assert that the teaching and preaching is as pure and sound, if not purer and sounder than in any other existing Church, and the result is that Canada Pre-byterianism is to-day freer from heterodoxy and freer from restless disturbing questions than any other Church in the world. It has drawn toward it by its doctrinal system and form of government a constituency characterized by a true, yet quiet, unostentatious piety; has called from thence a thoughtful, intelligent liberality, and holds to itself, faithful and true, the aristocracy of intellect.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—At a meeting of this Presbytery, held on the 6th inst., a call to the Rev. J. Young, licentiate, from Niagara Falls South and Chippawa was sustained; stipend, \$1,000. Mr. Scouler was appointed Moderator of the Session of Ancaster and Alton with power to moderate in a call. The resignation of Mr. Gordon, of Niagara Falls, on account of infirm health, was accepted, to take effect on the 25th inst., and it was resolved to apply to the General Assembly on Mr. Gordon's behalf for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and to be put on the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers. Mr. Burson was appointed Moderator of Session at Niagara Falls.—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.—This Presbytery met in Orangeville, September 14. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders. Rev. A. Wilson, of Markdale, reported having moderated in a call in Dundalk and Ventry in favour of Rev. J. A. Ross, who is labouring there as ordained missionary. Dundalk promised \$350 and Ventry \$200, and they asked for supplement of \$250, which was signed by 121 members and sixty-eight adherents. The call was sustained, and the Augmentation Committee instructed to visit the field to see that the conditions of the Assembly, in regard to the minimum contributions required, be fulfilled. Mr. Ross asked and was granted two months to decide. Mr. G. Al Howie, missionary from Syria, being present, was asked to sit and correspond. Messrs. H. Yamen and G. Still appeared as commissioners from Gander Station, stating that their new church, which they had almost finished, was burnt during the summer by

bush fires, and soliciting aid from the Presbytery to erect another. A committee, composed of Messrs. Crozier and Ross, ministers, and P. McGregor, elder, was appointed to confer with the Gander people as to the extent of their need, and report at next meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. G. McMillan, A. Stevenson and Kimble, students, who have been labouring with in the bounds of the Presbytery during the summer, read discourses before the Presbytery, and the Clerk was ordered to certify them to Knox College. On application, Mr. A. M. Sutherland was examined on his views of Scripture, personal religion and his motives, and was received as a catechist under the direction of the Presbytery in view of his attending college next year. A letter from Rev. J. Middlemiss, agent the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund, was read, and the special attention of the members of the Presbytery called to it. An application was received from Maxwell and connected stations for \$150 to help them out of their difficulties. The Presbytery regretfully expressed its inability to apply for assistance to wipe out past obligations. Mr. G. Al Howie reported several weeks' services in Ballinacra and Melville Church, Caledon, and the Presbytery expressed its satisfaction at the success of his labours. Messrs. Gilchrist and Hunter were appointed a committee to arrange for an interchange of pulpits throughout the Presbytery to bring the subject of missions before the congregations. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Orangeville on November 9, at eleven o'clock a.m.—H. CROZIER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, September 28. There were present twenty-two ministers and ten elders. A call from the congregation of Collingwood to the Rev. John Campbell, M.A., Ph.D., was sustained, and the Clerk was directed to transmit it, with relative papers, to the Saugeen Presbytery. Arrangements were made for Dr. Campbell's inunction in the event of the Presbytery deciding to transmit him. The resignation of the charge of Guthrie and Knox Churches, Oro, tendered at last meeting, was accepted. Mr. Currie was appointed to declare the churches vacant on October 3, and Dr. Fraser was appointed Moderator of the Session. Much time was spent over a difficulty arising in Innisfil, through the removal of the Hunter's Corners congregation, which is a part of the Churchill congregation, from their place of worship to Stroud, within a short distance from the church of Craigvale. Deputations from the churches concerned, and their ministers, were heard at length, as well as the members of the Presbytery's committee who were appointed to consider the matter, and who recommended that the removal be disapproved, as having been made without consulting the Presbytery, but that the congregation should be permitted to worship at Stroud in the meantime. After a brief discussion the Presbytery, contrary to the recommendation of the committee, decided that the Session of Churchill be enjoined to give service at Hunter's Corners as formerly. Home Mission business also engaged the Presbytery for a considerable time. The Home Mission Committee had considered the reports of the missionaries' summer work, about twenty-five in number, and found "that the work in the mission field has been carried on by our missionaries with great diligence and fidelity, and in several fields there were gratifying results in the increase of spiritual life and additions of members to the Church." The committee especially commended Mr. W. Hay for his faithful and earnest work in the mission field on the Canadian Pacific Railway, also for his admirable and full reports on the state of the work there. A valuable report was also received from the Rev. John Mordy, M.A., who was sent toward the close of the season to gather information for the guidance of the Presbytery at this meeting. From various persons during the summer representations were received as to the urgency of having an ordained missionary on the line between Sudbury and Schreiber. The Presbytery adopted the committee's recommendations that such a missionary be appointed, and that Mr. Mordy recommended to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for the appointment. Provision was made for directing the studies of Mr. W. I. Hewit with a view to the ministry, and regulations adopted regarding the qualifications of approved catechists. Arrangements were made for supplying the stations with services during the winter as far as possible. The resignation of Mr. A. H. Drumm as ordained missionary at Port Carling, etc., tendered by him was accepted. The Presbytery hopes he will soon have another field of labour in the bounds. Mr. Grant was directed to moderate in a call from Severn Bridge, Washago and Andrea on Tuesday October 12. The Clerk was directed to certify student missionaries on their return to their respective colleges. The grants from Home Mission and Augmentation Funds were considered, besides other details of Home Mission work. The session closed about seven o'clock p.m.—ROBERT MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—The quarterly meeting of Sarnia Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on September 28, Rev. J. S. Lockhead, Moderator. Mr. Baird, a minister of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, was asked to sit with the court, and took his seat accordingly. The deputation appointed to meet with a deputation from the Huron Presbytery, with a view of erecting a station in connection with Grand Bend within the bounds of the Huron Presbytery, gave in a report showing that circumstances pointed in the direction of the advisability of erecting said station. The report was received, and the Presbytery approved of the action of the deputation in the matter. Dr. Thompson, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit Marthaville, gave in a report intimating the necessity of continuing fortnightly services there, and, in order to this, the advisability of opening services at the town line of Brooke and Enniskillen in connection with Marthaville. The Presbytery resolved to erect said station in connection with Marthaville, and for the maintenance thereof agreed to ask from the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee \$2 per Sabbath. Mr. McAdam, on behalf of the Committee on Statistics, gave in an elaborate and excellent report, entering into the details of the various schemes of the Church and the relationship of each congregation