

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. G. M. MILLIGAN has gone on a six weeks' vacation to the sea-side.

THE degree of Master of Arts has been conferred on Rev. J. L. Murray, of Kincardine, by Hanover College, Indiana.

THE Rev. S. W. Fisher of Knox Church, Burlington, passed through the city on Friday, August 2nd, en route for Duluth on a holiday trip.

TWO evenings previous to the departure of Rev. Mr. McDonald and lady of the Presbyterian congregation at Wallacetown on a trip for their health on the lakes, the ladies there met at the manse and presented that much esteemed gentleman with the sum of \$41, in token of their appreciation of his labors as pastor.—COM.

MR. J. R. MCLEOD, graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was licensed by the Presbytery of Bruce, at Walkerton, on the 26th of June, and ordained by the same Presbytery at Paisley, on the 2nd of July last. By the appointment of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee Mr. McLeod occupies Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma.—COM.

DR. NICOL, the Superintendent of the Zion Church Sabbath School, Brantford, was the other evening presented with "Brown, Fawcett & Jamieson's Commentary of the Holy Bible in six vols., and "Smith's Unabridged Dictionary of the Bible" in three vols. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane made the presentation, accompanied by a few well-chosen remarks.

THE Rev. A. Dawson, B.A., formerly of Beamsville, has received a unanimous call from the congregations of Gravenhurst, Severn and Washago. This is the first call that has been given by any of the stations in our large mission field in this district. We trust that others may soon follow the example thus set. Should Mr. Dawson accept he will find a large field of usefulness before him.

ON the evening of Monday, July 29th, the Presbyterian manse, Beaverton, was visited by a few gentlemen, who presented, in the name of the congregation, their minister the Rev. John McNabb with a handsome sum of money, and kindly suggested to their pastor the desirableness of some relaxation from the duties of his calling. Mr. McNabb replied in appropriate and feeling terms, warmly thanking them and those whom they represented for their kindness in the tangible evidence they had given of their consideration and Christian affection, and earnestly expressing the hope that the King and Head of the Church may graciously reward them for their marked kindness.—COM.

REV. MR. GRAHAM has resigned the charge of Pine River congregation, and his resignation has been accepted by the Presbytery. "Mr. Graham, we believe," says the "Dumfries Reformer," "intends removing to Egmondville, where he labored some thirty years in the ministry, to spend the balance of his allotted time among the old and familiar associations which have no doubt become endeared to him by many ties. The reverend gentleman, previous to his assuming charge of the Egmondville congregation, was assistant to Rev. Dr. Bayne in Galt, and will doubtless be remembered by many of the old residents of this section. Mr. Graham is one of the connecting links between the past and the present."

REV. MR. STEWART was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church, at Clinton, on Wednesday, the 31st ult. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Ure, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. N. Patterson. The Rev. Mr. Cameron addressed the minister, and the Rev. Mr. Sieveright the congregation. After the conclusion of the addresses all the members of the Presbytery gave the right hand of fellowship. There was a large attendance of the members of the congregation and friends from neighbouring congregations, and also several ministers from surrounding churches. It was a profitable, interesting and harmonious occasion, and will be long remembered by all connected therewith. A social was held in the evening, which was a complete success.

THE foundation stone of the Old St. Andrew's Church building, corner of Church and Adelaide streets, was removed a day or two ago. In it was found a small glass bottle, around which were wrapped a number of newspapers and other documents. One

of the documents the only one in anything like a good state of preservation—reads as follows. "This building was erected by public subscription for a place of worship in communion with the Kirk of Scotland, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty, under the direction of Jas. F. Smith, Thomas Carfrae, Jr., Jacob Lotham, Alexander Murray, John Ewart, Hugh Carfrae, and Walter Rose, trustees." In the bottle were found a shilling and sixpence of the reign of George IV. Both coins are in a good state of preservation.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—A special meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox's Church, Paisley, on the second of July. After sermon by Dr. Bell from 2 Timothy i. 14, and after having put to Mr. McLeod the usual questions appointed to be put to ministers previous to ordination, and having received suitable answers to the same, he was then by solemn prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery set apart to the office of the holy ministry. He then received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren present. He having declared his willingness to sign the formula when asked to do so, his name was added to the roll of Presbytery. Mr. Strath then addressed to him suitable admonitions, and Mr. McKeracher addressed the congregation present on the mission work of the Presbytery. Mr. Strath, minister, and Mr. Peter Brown, elder, were appointed as assessors with Mr. McLeod to constitute a session for the ordination of elders at Sault Ste. Marie on Sabbath, 14th July, inst. The Presbytery of Bruce met again pursuant to adjournment, at Kincardine, and in Knox's Church, on the 11th July, at 2 o'clock p.m., Mr. J. Anderson, Moderator. Mr. Moody, student, appeared for trial for license, but inasmuch as his transference had not been forwarded from the Presbytery of Kingston, the hearing of his trials was delayed until the next ordinary meeting. The edict having been returned as duly served, and no objection having been offered to the induction of Mr. Murray. Mr. Sutherland preached an impressive sermon from Mark xvi. 15, 16, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The Moderator narrated the steps taken in the call, put the usual questions to Mr. Murray, offered the induction prayer, and in the name of the Presbytery inducted him into the pastoral charge of Knox's Church. The minister was then suitably addressed by Mr. Cameron, and the congregation by Messrs. Tolmie and Stewart. Public worship being ended the Presbytery resumed business. Mr. Murray having expressed his willingness to sign the formula, his name was added to the Presbytery roll, and he took his seat as a member of court. Mr. Large, of the Episcopal Methodists, being present, was asked to sit and correspond. There was read an extract minute of the General Assembly granting leave to the Rev. Wm. Graham to retire from the active duties of the ministry. It was agreed to accept of Mr. Graham's resignation, and that his connection with the congregation of Pine River cease on and after the last Sabbath of July, inst. Mr. Stewart was appointed to preach and declare the church vacant on that Sabbath; further, that he be moderator of its Kirk session. Messrs. Stewart, Sutherland, McQueen, and W. Anderson were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable minute anent Mr. Graham's resignation.—A. G. FORBES, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—A special meeting of the Presbytery of Quebec was held at Richmond on Wednesday, the 31st of July last, for the purpose of considering a call from St. Andrew's Church, Richibucto, in the Presbytery of Miramichi, to the Rev. M. Mackenzie, of Inverness, and the resignation by Rev. P. Lindsay of the pastoral charge of Sherbrooke, which had been tendered at the last meeting. The call to Mr. Mackenzie was first taken up, all the parties interested were represented. Reasons for the translation were set forth and answered by the representatives from Inverness, and various members of Presbytery expressed their views on the matter, deprecating the removal of Mr. Mackenzie, but agreeing to leave the matter mainly in his own hands. When called upon to state his own mind, he stated that after careful and prayerful consideration, he felt it to be his duty to accept the call now placed in his hands. On motion to that effect it was agreed to loose Mr. Mackenzie from his pastoral charge of Inverness to allow of his induction into the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Richibucto, said severance to take effect from

and after the 25th of August next, on which day the Rev. William B. Clark was appointed to preach at Inverness and declare the church vacant. The resignation of Mr. Lindsay was next taken up. The session and congregation of Sherbrooke were represented in this matter by Rev. John Tanner, a member of the Sherbrooke session. In behalf of both the session and congregation he stated that notwithstanding the warm attachment of the greater part of the congregation to Mr. Lindsay, yet they did not intend to oppose the acceptance by the Presbytery of Mr. Lindsay's resignation, being well aware of Mr. Lindsay's strong desire and resolution to press the acceptance of his resignation. Mr. Lindsay, on obtaining leave to state his own mind, expressed himself as most anxious to be relieved from his charge, as well as to be allowed to retire for a period of twelve months from active duty, to which he thought he had a fair claim after laboring without intermission in the Master's work for twenty-six years. In these circumstances the Presbytery felt that they were shut up to one course in this matter, namely, to accept Mr. Lindsay's resignation, which was appointed to take effect from and after Sabbath, the 18th of August next, on which day Mr. Edmison was appointed to preach at Sherbrooke and declare the charge vacant. The Revs. Dr. Cook and W. B. Clark were appointed a committee to draw up suitable minutes expressive of the mind of the Presbytery with reference to the brethren who are to be so soon severed from them.—M. MACKENZIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Woodville on Tuesday, 30th July, when the call from Knox Church, Harriston, was placed in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Cannington. The reasons of translation were read, commissioners heard, and members of Presbytery expressed their opinion. Mr. Campbell, after feelingly expressing his sentiments, accepted the call. His connection with Cannington was dissolved, and his translation to Saugeen Presbytery was fixed for the 19th day of August. The clerk was appointed to preach at Cannington on the 18th August and declare the church vacant, and supply the pulpit on Sabbath, the 25th August—on both Sabbaths supplying Manilla in the afternoon. Mr. McLennan was appointed Moderator of Cannington Session during the vacancy—and also to meet with the congregation of Manilla and guide them in their present position. The following minute was adopted by the court: "The Presbytery of Lindsay having agreed to the translation of the Rev. John Campbell, B.A., of Cannington, to Knox Church, Harriston, in the Presbytery of Saugeen, cannot allow the occasion to pass without expressing their esteem for their brother as a man and as a minister of the Gospel. Mr. Campbell has endeared himself to his co-Presbyters by his active interest in the work of the court, his faithful attendance on its meetings, his kindly, brotherly spirit, and the Christian straightforwardness which always characterized his intercourse with the brethren. In him they have always had a faithful and generous friend. They regret the thought of parting with a brother who has so endeared himself to them, and whose relations with the Presbytery have always been of a pleasing nature. They recognize in him an able, diligent, laborious, and faithful minister of the New Testament, and commend the congregation he now leaves, and to whom he has ministered in the Lord for the last four years with zeal and fidelity, to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls. They follow their brother and his family to their new field of labor with the earnest prayer that the Divine Master may very abundantly bless his mission, and cause His servant to rejoice in seeing the work of the Lord prospering in his hands." The clerk proposed the following motion, which was heartily carried: "That the sincere thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the friends of Woodville for their cordial and unabated hospitality to the members of court in the very frequent meetings held in Woodville; and while members experience the blessedness of receiving, they hope the friends entertaining them may enjoy the greater blessedness of giving." The regular meeting of Presbytery will be held at Woodville, on Tuesday, 27th August, at 11 a.m.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

IN Scotland it is a cardinal point of literary faith that the inhabitants of Inverness, the capital of the largest Scotch county, and about five hundred miles north of London, speak the best English of all.