

Ministers and Churches.

CONGREGATIONS and Presbyteries will observe that the returns are to close with the 31st December of the current year.

KNOX Church, St. Thomas, Rev. Dr. Archibald, pastor, has given the largest contribution to the new mission about to be established on Santo, New Hebrides, of any of the seventy congregations whose contributions are acknowledged in the November Record.

In a special sermon on "Missions," in Knox Church, Woodstock, the Rev. W. T. McMullen gave a very interesting account of the missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and adduced a number of facts and statistics showing the marvellous progress of the missionary enterprise in modern times.

THE Presbytery of Lindsay met at Wick on the 1st Nov., and accepted the resignation by the Rev. T. T. Johnston of the pastoral charge of Wick and Centbank, on account of his having to remove to Florida for the health of Mrs. Johnston. The Presbytery and congregations expressed deep regret in being necessitated to part with Mr. Johnston, sympathy with him and an earnest desire that a blessing may rest on him and his in their future home.

THE Rev. Dr. Torrance, Guelph, Ont., Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Statistics, wishes us to state that on the 4th of October he mailed to Presbytery Clerks blank forms for congregational and mission reports on Statistics and Finances for distribution in their bounds, and on November 11 blank sheets for Presbyteries. He trusts that these have reached the proper parties, but in the event of any failure, he requests to be informed, that a fresh supply may be sent.

A CONGREGATIONAL meeting was held recently in the schoolroom of the Leslieville Presbyterian Church for the purpose of nominating suitable persons for the eldership. Six names were placed on the list for ballot, from this number three will be chosen. At the close of the meeting, Mrs. George Leslie handed the pastor, Rev. W. Frizzell, \$170, the proceeds of her work sale held in July last. This money will be applied toward meeting the interest on mortgage. Mrs. Leslie received their hearty thanks after the meeting.

THE fifty-eighth public meeting of the Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society, and the first of the present session, was held on Friday evening, November 12, in Convocation Hall. There was a large, appreciative attendance, Mr. W. Mortimer Clark in the chair. The president of the society, Mr. Gordon, delivered his inaugural address, which was exceedingly neat and pointed. A couple of selections by the Glee Club and a quartette were rendered in happy style. Mr. Rae's reading, "The Defence of Lucknow," was well received. The chief interest centred in a debate, subject—"Resolved that England is destined to decline." Messrs Tolmie and McGillivray ably sustained the affirmative, but Messrs. Fraser and McQueen, on the negative, presented their views so admirably as to win the decision. This terminated the proceedings.

THE special meetings held in West Presbyterian Church since 1st Nov., addressed by Mr. Schiverea, evangelist, have been a great success. Last Sabbath evening there must have been about 1,200 inside the church, and a good many went away that could not get in. The church has been filled every evening this week, and a great many remain for the after meeting, sometimes 150 to 200 going into the inquiry meeting in the lecture room connected with the church. Already about 175 have decided to accept Christ as their Saviour, and the whole Church and community are greatly moved, and the interest is deepening daily. The services will be continued all next week at half past three o'clock and half past seven o'clock p.m. Song service for a time, and then preaching at four o'clock and eight o'clock p.m. The presence of the Master and of the Holy Spirit is felt by many, and God's children greatly quickened.

At the recent meeting of the Toronto Presbytery, the Rev. Hugh Gray, a licentiate of the Irish Presbyterian Church, being asked by the Presbytery to make a statement, read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Gray, of Belfast, which expressed his wishes, and which with his license he handed to the Clerk. He said that, with reference to his connection with the Church of Scotland in Canada from 1872 up till and after the Union in 1875, several ministers in Canada, Scotland and Ireland had told him that in accordance with the basis of union in reference to the Temporalities Fund they thought that his position in it entailed him to the portion of the fund allotted to licentiates, and if his name was not on the list of licentiates, any who were members of the Synod, or some authorized party, should even yet put it on. He then stated his wish to be received as a licentiate of the Canadian Church, and to perform such services as any of the members of Presbytery might please to assign him.

THE Canadian M'All Mission held their monthly meeting in the parlour of the Metropolitan Church, Thursday, Nov. 4, the president in the chair. After the usual devotional exercises, the minutes of the last meeting were read. The Treasurer reported \$40 on hand. It was decided to hold the next meeting in the parlour of St. James Square Presbyterian Church. A very interesting account of the Salle Philadelphia, and the mode of conducting the meetings there, was given by a member of the association who has recently visited Paris. A letter was read from Mr. M'All, written to the Paris Record, on the conversion of two outcasts; also an interesting article, entitled, "Our Schools." It first mentioned the five o'clock children's meeting in the Faubourg St. Antoine, where, every Wednesday evening in the winter, about 300 children, accustomed to live on the streets without control, assemble—a difficult audience to manage. The service begins by singing a hymn, sometimes a second, so that some of the superabundant

energy might be exhausted. Then the director takes up the lesson, and without too much difficulty he is able to fix the attention of the children for fifteen or twenty minutes with the illustrations he draws on the blackboard or the dramatic turn he gives to the Bible story of the day. On Sunday there is a different sight. With twenty teachers, each having their own class, there is no difficulty as regards discipline, and the answers given to the general questionings by the children prove that they have profited by the half hour with their teachers. All the older ones have their Bibles gained by regular attendance. Recently a series of evenings was given in the Faubourg for the most advanced and better disposed children. They were invited to consecrate their lives to Christ, with very good results.

THE Hamilton Presbytery met in the Church at Niagara Falls South (Drummondville) on the 2nd instant, for the purpose of ordaining and inducting the Rev. John Young, M.A., licentiate, into the pastoral charge of Drummondville and Chippawa. Mr. Bell, of Niagara, preached; Dr. Laing addressed the minister; Mr. Laidlaw, Hamilton, addressed the people. In the evening a social to welcome the new pastor was held in the church, which was very numerously attended. Brief addresses were given by several members of Presbytery and all the local ministers. The meeting was remarkable for the kind, genial, Christian spirit that seemed to pervade the whole congregation. No doubt this was largely due to the spirit manifested by the chairman, Mr. Burson, who was Moderator of Session during vacancy, and who is known, in this district at least, as the Bishop of Niagara. Providence has surely smiled upon this congregation in sending them such a man as Mr. Young. The church was declared vacant on the first Sabbath in July last, and Mr. Young was called on the 4th September, a vacancy of just three months. The call was an unanimous one, not one dissenting voice. The salary promised is \$1,000. Mr. Young is a graduate from Queen's, who recently returned from Edinburgh, after spending two years there pursuing a post-graduate course. Although sought by several congregations which could offer better inducements in the way of salary, Mr. Young preferred this charge. The congregation are certainly to be congratulated on having secured such a promising young man for their pastor. We believe that this old congregation, on this historic battleground, has entered upon a new era of prosperity, and that under the skillful generalship of their pastor, directed by the great Commander-in-Chief, they will yet gain many a victory over the arch-enemy of the Church. May these new relations be abundantly blessed of God!

THE lecture, "A Tour through Scotland," recently delivered by the Rev. Hugh Rose, of Elora, in the Collegiate Institute, Guelph, attracted a large audience. The lecture was illustrated by about 100 beautiful sciopticon views, the work of the best scenic photographer in Great Britain. Mr. Rose began his tour at Glasgow, going down the Clyde to Rothesay, up Loch Fyne to Inverary, across to Oban, with Staffa and Iona; thence by Glencoe to Inverness and to the North of Scotland and the Orkney Islands; down by Aberdeen, Balmoral, Dundee, Perth; up the Highland Railway to Blair Athole. He then passed through Glen Ogle, the Trossachs and Rob Roy's country to Loch Lomond, and so on to Stirling, Dollar, Loch Leven, Dunfermline, St. Andrews, and closing with views in Edinburgh and the country of Sir Walter Scott. These views were all described in brief but graphic language, and the customs and characteristics of the people of the various districts were illustrated by many anecdotes and historical reminiscences. An additional pleasure was the singing of several well-known Scotch songs in connection with their appropriate localities. Mr. Hugh Walker gave, in his usual excellent style, "Scotland Yet," and afterwards, "The Cameron Men." Miss Stewart was very successful in her two songs, "Mary of Argyll" and "Bonnie Dundee." Mrs. Bignell, although suffering from a severe cold, sang with good effect, and was loudly applauded for her rendition of "There's Nae Luck About the How," and Miss Patterson's "Cam' Ye by Athole," was exceedingly well given. Mr. Robert Millar sang in good style, to illustrate the Rob Roy country, "McGregor's Gathering," and at the view of the Pass of Killicrankie Miss Lila Kate White recited in splendid style a portion of Professor Aytoun's "Burial March of Dundee," which elicited immense applause. On the whole, says the *Herald*, the entertainment was most successful, and every one who was present was delighted with the lecture and its accompaniments.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery held its regular meeting on November 9, in First Church, Brantford. The Clerk reported a call from the congregation of Lucknow, in the Presbytery of Maitland, addressed to Rev. G. Munro, M.A., minister of Knox Church, Embro; relative documents, reasons for translation, etc., had also been received from the Clerk of Maitland Presbytery. The Presbytery appointed Mr. McMullen to cite the congregation of Knox Church, Embro, to appear for their interests at a special meeting of Presbytery, to be held in Knox Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday, the 23rd of November, at one o'clock p.m., when final action will be taken on said call; and notice was ordered to be given to the Presbytery of Maitland of this decision. A circular from the Committee on Augmentation was read, and the fund was recommended to the liberality of congregations. A conference was held on the advisability of evangelistic services, and the best method of conducting the same, and it was decided to resume consideration of the matter at next regular meeting, at Tilsonburg, on the second Tuesday of January, at half past twelve o'clock, and the Presbytery then adjourned.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—A special meeting of this Presbytery was held in Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, London, on the 1st Nov. current, at half past two o'clock p.m., at the call of the Moderator. A call from the First Presbyterian congregation, Truro—Presbytery of Truro, N. S.—was laid on the table and read. The call was in favour of Mr. John Robbins, Glencoe, and was signed by 168

members and sixty adherents, promising \$1,200 stipend. Dr. Archibald, of St. Thomas, and Mr. Murray, of London, appeared as commissioners on behalf of the congregation and the Presbytery of Truro respectively; and Messrs. I. A. Young, John McCracken and Alex. Cameron appeared for the congregation of Glencoe. These addressed the Presbytery in the above order, and being removed, the call was put into Mr. Robbins' hands for consideration. Mr. Robbins, having briefly reviewed the leadings of Providence in the matter, intimated his acceptance. It was then moved by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. G. Sutherland, That the Presbytery agree to translate, the same taking effect on the 21st Nov.; that Mr. J. S. Henderson preach the pulpit of Glencoe Presbyterian Church vacant on that day, and that Mr. Murray, of London, act thereafter as Moderator of Session. After several of the brethren had expressed their regret at parting with Mr. Robbins, and their best wishes for his prosperity and success in his future field of labour, the Presbytery closed with the benediction.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—A regular meeting of this court was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 9th inst. There was a large attendance of members. The session records of Fullerton and Avonbank, and those of Avonton and Carlingford, were presented for examination. The committee appointed to arrange the roll of Presbytery for the appointment of commissioners to the General Assembly reported, which report was adopted by the Presbytery. Mr. Boyd reported that he had preached at North Mornington, and declared that pulpit vacant. Mr. Kay called attention to the fact that some arrears are due to him by North Mornington, and the Presbytery instructed its Clerk to correspond with the congregation anent payment of the same. The committee appointed to meet with Mr. McPherson and the representatives of Knox Church, Stratford, regarding the retiring allowance, reported that they had met with both parties, but had not been able to effect a settlement. Their report was received, when it was moved and seconded, That we, as a Presbytery, in view of all the circumstances, resolve that the sum of \$2,000 in full of all claims past and present be considered an equitable settlement as between Mr. McPherson and Knox Church congregation in retiring allowance granted to Mr. McPherson by said congregation, with the recommendation of an addition of \$250, which whole sum Mr. McPherson has expressed his willingness to accept. This motion was unanimously agreed to. It was moved and seconded, That this Presbytery express the utmost confidence in Rev. Mr. Wright, and regret the many unkind charges made against him before the public. This motion was carried. Rev. Mr. Garabed Nargarian, a Presbyterian minister of Nicomedia, Turkey, being present, was invited to correspond with the Presbytery. Mr. Penman tendered his resignation of Nissouri. A deputation, consisting of Messrs. Grant, Turnbull, Hamilton, Chrystal, Parker and A. Smith, was appointed to visit these congregations. A petition from the Session of Elma Centre congregation, praying that Mr. Kay be restrained from preaching at Donegal, was read. This matter was left over till next meeting. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at half-past ten a.m., on the second Tuesday of January, 1887.—A. F. TULLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

MONTRÉAL NOTES.

THE Session of Knox Church, on the evening of Tuesday last, entertained the members and adherents of the congregation at a social gathering in the lecture hall. There was a large attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Short addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Fleck, the pastor, the Rev. James Patterson and Messrs. Aikman and Paul. There was also music and refreshments provided. The greater part of the time was passed in happy social intercourse. A similar entertainment is to be given by the Session of Erskine Church a fortnight hence. Social gatherings of this kind bring the families of a congregation together, and exercise a most beneficial influence in many directions.

THE St. Mark's Church Mutual Improvement Association have organized for the season, and the following officers have been elected. Honorary president, Rev. J. Nichols; president, Rev. G. C. Barry; vice-president, Mr. A. Lindsay; secretary, Mr. Wm. Dickson; treasurer, Miss J. Linton; committee, Misses M. and E. Reid and Messrs. H. Nichol, J. Eaken and W. Glendenning. A number of entertainments, including several lectures, will be held during the winter.

THE Cote des Neiges congregation, Rev. J. Bennett, pastor, held their annual missionary meeting last week. The congregation was well represented. Mr. Bennett presided and appropriate addresses were delivered by Messrs. R. Campbell and R. H. Warden. A good collection for the Presbyterian City Mission was taken. This congregation is in a very satisfactory state, thanks to the faithful and unwavering labours of Mr. Bennett, who is held in high esteem by his people, and deservedly so.

THE Erskine Church Young People's Association held their annual meeting on Monday, and elected the following office-bearers by ballot: Honorary president, Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D.; president, Robert S. Weir, B.C.L.; vice-presidents, James R. Lawden and Miss Janet McIntyre; secretary, Wm. M. Warden; assistant-secretary, Miss Flora McTaggart; treasurer, Charles B. Gordon; committee, Misses Grace Angus, Bella Ross, Christina Brackett and Elvira Hilton, Messrs. J. M. Milne, D. D. McTaggart, W. C. Hodgson and J. M. Mackie. This association did good work last year, as shown by its annual report. The present season promises to be most successful.

THE first lecture under the auspices of the Cote St. Antoine Young People's Association was delivered on Monday evening in Melville Church, by the Rev. Dr. Smyth, of St. Joseph Street Church. His subject was "Five Weeks in London." The lecture was most interesting and instructive, and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. Dr. Smyth took occasion to rebuke the Rev. Joseph Cook for