

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Cornwall, have resolved to give a call to Rev. James Hastie, Lindsay.

DR. COCHRANE has received the sum of £200 from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in aid of Home Missions.

THE Rev. Isaac Campbell, of Richmond Hill, has received a unanimous call to Knox Church, Listowel. The call will be disposed of by the Toronto Presbytery on the 29th inst.

DR. WARDROPE acknowledges with thanks the receipt per Mrs. Crannel of \$250 from the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of Ottawa, for the erection of a chapel in Formosa.

THE Kingston Women's Foreign Missionary Society has resolved to raise by special contribution \$250, for one of Dr. Mackay's ten churches as a memorial of their late president.

REV. A. HENDERSON, Hyde Park, begs to acknowledge the following additional sums, received in behalf of A. B. Namely, per P. A. McDiarmid, Alvinston \$8; per Rev. A. Beamer, Wardsville, \$1.

A MEETING of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, on the 31st ult. There was a good attendance, and Mrs. Harvey, of Toronto, gave a very interesting address. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation by the ladies of the society, of a life membership to their president Mrs. H. Crozier.

THE Rev. John Jamieson, who proceeds as a missionary to Formosa, has received many valuable tokens of kindly appreciation and fervent good wishes for his usefulness and prosperity. The people among whom he laboured at Maganetawan, Spence, etc., have presented an address full of generous and kindly expressions, accompanied with a handsome photograph album. Mr. Jamieson bears with him the affectionate esteem of a wide circle of friends.

THE Rev. Alexander Mackay, D.D., having completed the tenth year of his ministry as pastor of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, on Oct. 30th, 1883. Decennial services were held on the following Sabbath, in said church. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Fisher, of Elora, who was expected for that day, the pastor preached from John xiv. 6: "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?" The weather being exceptionally fine for this season of the year and the roads in splendid condition the congregation was very large. It is over ten years now since Dr. Mackay was called from Knox Church, Elmira, Illinois, U. S., to east Puslinch. The Puslinch call was very cordial and unanimous, signed by 373 names. In this age of ministerial changes few pastors remain in the one congregation for a decade.

ON Monday evening, the 5th inst., a very pleasant meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood. The Rev. John Jamieson, who with his wife is on the eve of setting out for China, to engage in the Mission work along with Dr. Mackay, being on a visit to some friends, was invited to give an address. The audience was not very large, only about 150 being present. The service was opened by the pastor, the Rev. R. Rodgers, the Rev. R. Ewing leading in prayer. Mr. Jamieson then gave an address full of living interest to all earnest Christian workers, and well-fitted to awaken fresh zeal in the Master's work. At the close of the meeting Mr. John Tait, on behalf of the friends read an address to Mrs. Jamieson and presented her with a small token of kindly remembrance and good wishes as she leaves her home for a distant land. Mr. Jamieson replied in fitting terms on behalf of Mrs. Jamieson. The meeting was closed with a song of praise and the benediction.

AS Mr. John S. Steele, of the firm of Steele Brothers, is closing his business in Oshawa to remove to Toronto, his many friends in the Presbyterian Church, where for a number of years he has been a devoted elder and Sabbath school superintendent, recently gave him a farewell social, at which he was presented by the congregation with an address and a beautiful French clock. The Sabbath school teachers also presented him with a photographic group of his co-workers. Addresses interspersed with music and refreshments were given by the ministers and some of the lay workers of the town, all expressive of the very high esteem in which Mr. Steele is held, and of regret

at his departure. The following evening the Sunday school children met and presented their esteemed superintendent with an elegant ink-stand accompanied by an address. Mr. Steele leaves with the best wishes of the entire community, whose confidence and affection he has won by his upright business life and earnest Christian character.

THE Rev. Principal MacVicar and the Rev. Dr. Potts have returned from an annual meeting of the International Bible Lesson Committee held on the 31st ult., at Nashville, Tenn. The committee, at their invitation, resolved to meet in Montreal on the 21st February next. Their work has been marked by unparalleled success, and now the lessons selected by them are used by over 6,000,000 in the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, the Sandwich Islands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Turkey, India and China. The English representatives on the committee are Mr. F. H. Hartley, and Mr. W. M. Groser. For Canada there are Principal MacVicar and Dr. Potts, and for the United States, Rev. Drs. Vincent, Hall, and Newton, New York; Dr. Randolph, Newport, R. I.; Mr. B. F. Jacobs, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. P. G. Gillett, of Jacksonville, Ill.; Rev. Dr. Palmer, New Orleans; Col Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Rev. Dr. Cunningham, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Dr. Broadus, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Baugher, Omaha, Neb., and Rev. Dr. J. A. Worden, Princeton, N.J.

THE Presbytery of Manitoba met at Carman on the 16th Oct., at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of inducting Rev. W. R. Ross, M.A., to the pastorate of Carman congregation. Rev. J. A. Townsend, of Manitoba City, presided on the occasion, and constituted the Presbytery with prayer. Rev. Messrs. Finn and Myers, of the Methodist Church, being present, were asked by the moderator to sit with the Presbytery. After reading the Word and singing, Rev. F. M. Finn, at the request of the moderator, engaged in prayer. Mr. Townsend preached, taking for his text John x. 27. At the conclusion of the sermon he put the usual questions to Mr. Ross. The questions being answered satisfactorily Mr. Townsend offered up the induction prayer. Mr. Townsend then gave Mr. Ross the right hand of fellowship, saying: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by the authority of the Presbytery of Manitoba, I induct you to the pastoral charge of this congregation, and admit you to all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining." In the absence of Rev. Jas. Douglas, of Morris, Rev. J. A. Townsend addressed the newly-inducted pastor, taking as the burden of his address 2 Tim. iv. 2. Rev. D. G. Cameron, of Nelson, addressed suitable exhortations to the congregation. Mr. Townsend informed the people that an opportunity would be given the congregation to welcome their minister as they retired from the church. After the pronouncing of the benediction the reverend gentlemen were conducted by Rev. D. G. Cameron to the vestibule, where he received the hearty greetings of the people. In the evening the ladies entertained the friends of the congregation. Speeches were delivered by the ministers, and the musical friends in Carman enlivened the proceedings with appropriate selections. The programme closed with "God Save the Queen" and the benediction.

A FEW weeks ago I had the pleasure of addressing a large gathering of ladies in the lecture room of McNab Street Church, Hamilton, Ont. At the close of the meeting many of the ladies spoke very kindly and some handed to me donations in aid of our work. Among these I would like to mention particularly the president of a ladies' missionary society in the Church of England. In the evening a general meeting was addressed by Mr. Builder and by Mr. Morton. On the collection plate was laid a small box neatly wrapped and addressed "for Mrs. Morton's work." It was accompanied by the following note: "Dear sister in the Lord, I was present this afternoon and heard your address on the wants of the women coolies of Trinidad. I looked around on the richly dressed ladies with shame for myself and them that the religion of Christ should be so misrepresented by us. Perhaps the others have not had the light of the Word so opened to them on the subject of dress as I have, so I will let my judgment begin at home with myself; as a result I send you my jewellery for your mission. Yours for the love of Christ.—One of His Saved Ones. Hamilton, Oct. 2nd." The box contained a handsome

watch chain (short), two brooches and two pairs of cuff buttons—all valuable. I have been able to realize on them, by the help of ladies in Halifax fifty-four dollars. The Helping Hands Mission Band in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Halifax generously purchased the chain and handed it to me as an accompaniment to the elegant watch which was presented to me by "A Few Friends" in Halifax. The work of that chain will never be done so long as I am spared to wear it. It will be to me a constant lesson of self-denial, and an enduring encouragement thereto—SARAH E. MORTON. [Mr. and Mrs. Morton expect to leave New York for Trinidad about the 20th of November. Their address will be Tunapuna, Trinidad, B. W. Indies.]

THE congregation of Knox Church, Vaughan, has had one of the most successful church openings among all such events taking place in these days of big churches and big mortgages on them. On Sabbath, 28th Oct., Rev. Prof. McLaren preached morning and evening with great acceptance to large and attentive audiences. In the afternoon Rev. R. D. Fraser, of Claude, preached in his usual clear, practical, and forcible manner, and was highly appreciated. But the crowd who got together could not be accommodated in the body of the building, and over one hundred met in the basement, and an overflow meeting was conducted by the pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Fenwick, of Metis, and Mr. R. T. M. Glassford, student of Knox College, and son of the former pastor of the congregation. The three collections amounted to over \$234. A tea-meeting was held on Monday evening and a splendid programme carried out with great enthusiasm. The weather in the forenoon was very unpropitious, but about half-past two, all concerned were greatly delighted that, in the Providence of God, the weather became actually fine, and from the money taken for "tea"—viz: \$205 there must have been over 500 people present. The chair was taken at 6:40 p.m. by the pastor, Rev. P. Nicol. Humorous readings were rendered in excellent style by Miss Josephine H. Graham, B.E., of Brampton, honour graduate and gold medalist of the Philadelphia National School of Elocution and Oratory. Music, selected mainly from the new Presbyterian Hymnal, was executed in a very pleasing and creditable manner by the choir of Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, under the able leadership of Mr. Wood, organist of the Carlton Street P. M. Church, Toronto. Also two pieces were given in an excellent and effective manner by Mrs. D. Idle, of Clairville, and her little daughter, aged nine years. Well-timed and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. R. Pettigrew, of Weston, Mr. J. M. Glassford, of Knox College, Rev. J. Smith, P.M., Bolton, and Rev. T. Fenwick, of Metis. But the principal speaker of the evening was the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of Central Church, Toronto, a gentleman who deserves great credit for the most friendly and enthusiastic response he and his choir gave to the invitation from Knox Church, Vaughan. So abundant was the provision made by the ladies of the congregation that, notwithstanding the fact that the numbers present were greater than the most sanguine had dared to expect, yet so much was left that a social was held on the following Thursday on behalf of the Sabbath school. The Church is of brick, 32 x 50, having a basement, and costing in money \$3,320, besides about \$500 of voluntary labour. But the most gratifying feature of the whole highly successful affair was the announcement made by the chairman at the close of the meeting that the new church was opened entirely free from debt.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at Orillia on the 17th ult. at two o'clock p.m. At the afternoon sederunt there was little business done. A plan for holding missionary meetings in the bounds during winter was adopted. Home Mission matters engaged some attention. Mr. G. B. Greig was appointed to labour at Nipissing as ordained missionary; and the Home Mission Committee were instructed to use means to obtain ordained missionaries for three fields yet unprovided for. The evening sederunt was occupied with the services designating Mr. John Jamieson, late ordained missionary at Maganetawan, as missionary to Formosa, China. There was a large attendance of the public, the church being well filled. Mr. Dawson, moderator of Presbytery, conducted the opening services. Mr. D. James preached an appropriate sermon from Isa. xl. 27: "Why sayest thou, O Jacob,