

## Ministers and Churches.

COMMISSIONERS who intend to be present at the General Assembly at Halifax are requested to send their names to Robert Baxter, Gas Works, Halifax, N. S.

DR. WARDROBE acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$200 from Mr. John Dickie, of Hespeler, viz. For Home Missions, \$100; and for Foreign Missions, \$100.

THE opening services of Blou Street Presbyterian Church are announced for Sabbath, 15th and 22nd of April. On the first named day Rev. Drs. Parsons and McLaren will preach, and the Rev. George M. Milligan and Principal Caven will conduct the services on the following Sabbath. An opening social is also announced for the 16th inst.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, the Rev. John Gray, pastor, was held on the 4th inst. All the reports presented showed the affairs of the congregation to be in a very satisfactory condition. During the year forty-eight members had been received, leaving the number in active communion 340. The Sabbath school numbers 300. The income during the year was \$13,820, of which \$722 were devoted to the Schemes of the Church.

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Willis Church, Clinton, was held lately, Mrs. Stewart reading Revelation xxii. and opening with prayer. The annual report was read and accepted as correct. A duet entitled "Go Forth" was then sung by Misses Maggie McMurray and Linnie Irwin. Missionary letters from India, China, Demerara, and the North West were read by Mrs. Coats, Mrs. T. Fair and Mrs. Irwin. Mrs. Stewart read a paper on mission work as carried on by the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Craig read a paper giving a history of the work as done by the Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Detlor gave an interesting account of the work as done by the Methodist Church. Mrs. R. Ransford gave a solo entitled "The Pilgrims." Mr. Gunn entertained the audience with an original paper entitled "What Christ has done for Women, and what they owe Him in return;" it was well written and duly appreciated. A collection was then taken up, and the envelopes opened, containing the thank offering service, and the texts of Scripture enclosed in the envelopes read. Mrs. Scott and Miss McDougall sang a duet entitled "Good News from over the Sea," and Mrs. Irwin followed with prayer. Mrs. Ransford and Mrs. C. C. Rance sang a duet entitled "Hope Beyond the Stars," followed by prayer by Mrs. T. Fair. The following officers were re-elected: Mrs. Stewart, president; Mrs. W. Coats, sen., vice-president; Mrs. Irwin, secretary-treasurer. Miss McTaggart was appointed as a delegate to attend the annual meeting of the general society, to be held in Guelph on the 11th and 12th of April. A meeting will be held Wednesday, the 12th inst., at half-past four p.m., to organize a mission band in connection with the society. There were received in fees and collection, \$19.75. This association sent away as its contribution to foreign missions last year, \$148.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Peterborough was held on the 13th March, in St. Paul's, Peterborough. Owing to the state of the roads, but few members were present. After the transaction of some routine business the Presbytery adjourned to meet again on the 22nd March, in the same place. The following are some of the more important items of business transacted at these meetings. The names of Messrs. Spears, Thompson, McArthur and Oswald were recommended for work during the summer to the Home Mission Committee at Toronto. Reports on Temperance, Sabbath Schools and State of Religion were considered, adopted and forwarded to the Committees of Synod on these subjects respectively. The Augmentation and Home Mission reports were considered and applications authorized on behalf of the Augmented congregations and mission stations. Mr. McCrae was authorized to communicate with all the congregations, and especially the non-contributing ones, with regard to the necessity of making an increased effort in the support of the Augmentation Fund. Mr. Bell was chosen Moderator of Presbytery for the next six months. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the Presbyterian Hall, Port Hope, on the second Tuesday in July, at nine o'clock in the morning. The following were appointed delegates to the Assembly, viz.: Messrs. Bennett, Duncan, Sutherland, Cameron, Torrance, Bell and Ross, ministers, and Messrs. Roxburgh, of Norwood; Henderson, Cobourg; Carnegie and Collins, Peterborough; Clark, Campbellford; James Drummond, Keene; and G. Rutherford, Colborne, elders. A conference on the State of Religion was appointed for next meeting in Port Hope. Mr. MacWilliam reported regarding the action of the committee on the Book of Forms, and that said report had been forwarded to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee as ordered at meetings in January. Presbytery considered the remit on the Constitution of the Assembly. It was agreed to recommend that the representation remain as at present. Presbytery approved of the proposal to establish a fund for the payment of the travelling expenses of delegates to the Assembly, and for a committee to be appointed annually to take charge of the same. Mr. McCrae was appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Committee of Bills and Overtures at the ensuing meeting of Synod. Mr. Bennett read the report of the Committee on Statistics. It was agreed to lay the paper on the table till next meeting, then to be re-read and carefully considered. The following resolution, expressive of the sympathy of the Presbytery with Mr. McEwen in his recent bereavement was adopted: "The Presbytery have heard with deep regret of the sudden death of Mrs. McEwen, of Lakefield. They feel that the loss of Mrs. McEwen will cause a serious blank not only in her own home and its immediate neighbourhood, but throughout the Presbytery, to which she has rendered such valuable service in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The Presbytery beg to express their sincere sympathy with their brother in the painful loss he has sustained, and their hope

that he will be supported in his time of trial by the grace and sympathy of the Saviour."

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—The Presbytery of Winnipeg met in Knox Church, Winnipeg, 27th March, at half-past seven p.m. There were present: Revs. James Lawrence, Moderator, A. B. Baird, D. B. Whimster, J. C. Quinn, A. McLaren, James Douglas, Professor Hart, C. W. Bryden, J. Hamilton, W. H. Spence, ministers, and J. D. Conklin, C. H. Campbell, J. D. Stewart, George Tocher and Hon. Gilbert McMicken, elders. Rev. W. R. Ross and Rev. J. M. Douglas were invited to sit as corresponding members. A deputation from Grassmere, consisting of Messrs. A. Matheson and J. G. McArthur, appeared and presented a memorial dissenting from the action of Presbytery at its last meeting, in regard to the amount of supply they were to receive, and urging that weekly service be continued as formerly. These were heard, and after discussion it was agreed that meanwhile services be continued as heretofore; that congregations interested in the proposed change be cited to appear in their interests at a meeting of Presbytery on May 14, and that a telegram be sent to Toronto asking that the present arrangement be continued meanwhile. The demission of Rev. J. C. Quinn, of Emerson, tabled at the last meeting was taken up. There appeared Messrs. James Thompson and Donald Fraser as commissioners from the Session and congregation. These were heard. They strongly opposed the acceptance of Mr. Quinn's demission, pointing out the good work he had done in Emerson, the serious loss not only the congregation, but also our Church generally would sustain by his removal from that district, and the warm feelings of attachment on behalf of the people toward him. They also pointed out the valuable services Mr. Quinn had rendered the Presbytery as Clerk and otherwise, and how his removal at this juncture would jeopardize the cause in Emerson. Mr. Quinn was then heard on his own behalf, reviewing the reasons which led him to demit his charge, and he expressed a wish to adhere thereto. Revs. Professors Hart, J. M. Douglas, D. B. Whimster, A. McLaren and others addressed the court, expressing in warm terms their sense of the work done by Mr. Quinn, and the loss the Presbytery must sustain if he leaves at this stage, and urgently asking him to reconsider the matter of his demission, whereupon Mr. Quinn asked leave to address the court, and said he felt constrained in deference to the expressed wish of the brethren, and for the sake of the cause of Christ, to leave the matter in the hands of the Presbytery. It was then unanimously resolved on motion of Professor Hart, seconded by Rev. J. Douglas, that Mr. Quinn's demission be not accepted and the Presbytery decreed accordingly. On motion of Rev. D. B. Whimster, duly seconded, it was agreed that the three committees appointed to report on the several sections of the Book of Forms report to a joint committee composed of said committees with Rev. A. B. Baird as Convener, and that said committee have power to issue the matter and report as soon as possible to the Assembly's Committee. Several items of routine business were transacted, and the Moderator announced next meeting to be held in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on 14th May next, at half past seven p.m.—J. C. QUINN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.—This Presbytery met on March 7 in First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, Rev. Donald Fraser, M.A., Moderator. There were eleven ministers and two elders, members of Presbytery, present. Extract minutes of Presbytery of Toronto were read and sent translation of Mr. McLeod. The Rev. Alexander Fraser, late of Orono, was appointed missionary to Comox. Messrs. Tait and Patterson reported having visited Mount Lehman, Alderport and Matsqui, on the south side of the Fraser River, and Warnock, Burton's Prairie, Nicomin and Harrison, on the north side of the river, representing a large number of Presbyterian families, and recommending the Presbytery to form these stations into a new mission field and send a missionary as soon as possible—it is believed that \$600 can be raised in this field for the support of a missionary. Hon. John Ross, on behalf of St. Andrew's Church, invited the Presbytery to attend the reception to be given to Mr. McLeod on the following evening. The invitation was accepted, and Messrs. Scouler, Patterson, Jamieson and Dunn, and the Moderator were appointed to represent the Presbytery. The Session records of Vancouver and First Church, Victoria, were examined and reported correctly kept. Mr. Thomson, on behalf of the congregation of the First Church, Vancouver, asked leave to borrow \$1,000 on the manse property, which leave was granted. A letter was read from the editor of the *Record* offering to supply his paper to mission stations at a greatly reduced rate. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered for the generous offer, and ministers recommended to avail themselves of it. Messrs. Jamieson, Scouler and J. C. Brown were appointed a committee to consider the whole question of Systematic Benevolence—prepare and distribute a circular and literature on the question. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, on September 11, at two p.m. Messrs. T. G. Thomson and John Chisholm were elected by rotation on the roll, and R. Jamieson, by ballot, commissioners to the Assembly at Halifax, and the following elders, Messrs. D. McNair, New Westminster; J. S. Potter, Halifax, and D. Ross, Barney's River, Pictou, U. S. Mr. Thomson, however, stated that owing to the character of his work, so many strangers coming to the city, and the necessity of building this summer, it was in the interests of the Church impossible for him to leave. Mr. McCrae read full and excellent reports on the State of Religion and Temperance; these were received and recommendations adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's Convener. The recommendations are as follows: On State of Religion: That all Sessions, and in cases where there are no Sessions, ministers in charge be enjoined to send answers to questions, to the Convener of the committee, so as to reach him not later than four weeks before the March meeting of the Presbytery; and that at least a part of an evening sederunt be devoted to a conference on the State of Religion, to which the public may be invited. The recommendations to the Temperance

report are: One, that office bearers and members be earnestly enjoined to continue in the use of every legitimate means for the restriction and entire suppression of the liquor traffic. Two, that the Presbytery petition the Legislature now in Session, in favour of passing the amendments to the Liquor License Law now before it. Messrs. Fraser, McCrae and McLeod were appointed to draft a petition in the line of the recommendation, to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk. The draft is as follows: To the Honourable Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session now assembled. That whereas the Presbytery of Columbia, now convened in the city, are aware that a bill is at present under consideration before your honourable house, revising the laws relating to the liquor traffic, and whereas your petitioners are in sympathy with all efforts in the direction of the restriction of a traffic which has ever proved the greatest hindrance to the progress of religion and morality in our cities and districts, and whereas they recognize the practical difficulties in the way of such legislation in the present circumstances of the Province, they humbly pray that your honourable House will be pleased to pass a measure providing: First, The closing of all places for the sale of intoxicating liquors from midnight until six o'clock in the morning on all week days, and during the whole of Sundays. Second, that the maximum number of licenses to be issued be fixed so as to be fewer than at present in proportion to the population. Third, that efficient machinery be provided for enforcing such regulations as may be enacted. In the evening the Presbytery met in St. Andrew's for the induction of Mr. McLeod. No objections being offered, Mr. Cormack proceeded to the pulpit and preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from Mark vii. 14. He was assisted by Messrs. Tait, Chisholm and Miller, of Nanaimo. Mr. Fraser narrated the steps taken, put the questions, and by prayer and the right hand of fellowship inducted Mr. McLeod into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's. Mr. Thomson then delivered the charge to the minister and Mr. McCrae to the congregation. Thereafter Mr. McLeod's name was added to the roll of Presbytery. Mr. Jamieson drew the attention of the Presbytery to the importance of the observance of religious exercises in our public schools. After some discussion it was agreed that members of Presbytery be requested to pay special attention, and see that religious exercises were observed in all our public schools in accordance with the law on the subject. The treasurer was instructed to pay \$10 to the convener of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, expenses for postage and stationery. Mr. Fraser read correspondence with Convener of Foreign Mission Board, on which a Foreign Mission Committee consisting of Messrs. Fraser, McCrae, McLeod, Thomson and Scouler, with Mr. McLeod, Convener, was appointed to take into consideration the whole question of mission work among the Indians and Chinese in this Province, corresponding with the Foreign Mission Committee and any available agents who might engage in the work. Mr. Scouler was asked to prepare a report on Sabbath Observance and forward. After the Presbytery had discussed the wants of the various mission fields, it was agreed to ask the following grants: Spillamachee, \$400; Kamloops, \$400; Chilliwack, \$400; Langley, \$300; Richmond, \$300; Comox, \$150; Victoria District, \$500; Alberni, \$500; and the new field at Mount Lehman, \$400. Mr. Dunn was appointed to this field from 1st April, and the committee to secure the services of a catechist for Alberni. Mr. McLeod's name was added to the Home Mission Committee.—T. G. THOMSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

### KNOX COLLEGE.

A large assemblage gathered in Convocation Hall of Knox College on the afternoon of Thursday last to "assist" at the closing exercises of the session. Principal Caven presided. On the platform were Rev. Drs. Caven, Gregg and McLaren, President Wilson, of Toronto University, Rev. Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe College; Rev. Principal Castie, of McMaster Hall; Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. H. M. Parsons, Rev. Dr. Torrance, Guelph; Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Brantford; Rev. Dr. Beattie, Brantford; Rev. R. Y. Thomson, Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education; Rev. Peter Wright, Stratford; and Rev. W. G. Wallace, George town. There were also a large number of ministerial brethren from all parts of the Province. After the opening religious services, Principal Caven made a short address, in the course of which he referred to the excellent health which had prevailed in an unusual degree in the college during the session. The scholarships awarded this year, he said, were all for general proficiency, and not for special subjects. It therefore required the highest aggregate in each branch to carry off the honours. At a later stage in the proceedings Professor Caven spoke of the condition of the library. He was glad to know that the subject of the library was "in the air," and he hoped that generous friends would lay the matter to heart. One gentleman had offered to contribute \$500 if \$5,000 was raised this summer. There were, he said, between 9,000 and 10,000 volumes. During the year the college had added 375 volumes to the collection, of which all but seventy had been donated. In mentioning the endowment fund the Principal stated that the amount subscribed to date was \$207,583, of which \$165,235 had been paid. In regard to study, attendance, etc., the session had been a most successful one.

Principal Caven then proceeded to present graduation diplomas to the following gentlemen, who have completed their theological course: H. R. Fraser, B.A.; A. R. Barron, B.A.; C. A. Webster, B.A.; J. G. Shearer, George Dempster, Donald McGillivray, M.A.; Donald McKenzie, B.A.; David Perry, J. C. Tolmie, B.A.; A. J. McLeod, B.A.; J. J. Elliott, B.A.

The announcement was then made that the Senate had decided to confer the degree of B.D. upon Rev. W. A. Duncan, M.A., of Churchill, Messrs. D. McGillivray, M.A., and D. McKenzie, B.A., of the graduating class, and that the Rev. W. Ness, of Gibson, Penn., had been successful in passing the first examination for this degree.