

In a letter to the Witness on the 20th inst. the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, of St. Andrew's church, administers a dignified and timely castigation to the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, a sheep-stealing Anglican, who is seeking to turn to account for denominational ends the recent services of the Rev. G. C. Grubb held in Erskine church. Mr. Hill rightly charges him with fostering the very unspiritual ecclesiasticism which he professes to deplore, and challenges him to reciprocate the liberality of the Presbyterians by inviting a Presbyterian clergyman in good standing to hold a week's services in his own church. It is safe to say the challenge will never be accepted.

London Notes.

INFLUENZA has been epidemic for some time in this city and has laid its restraining hand on the ministers of our church. Rev. W. J. Clark was unable on a recent Sabbath, for the first time in his ministry, to perform his usual work; his brother from Knox College supplied the pulpit most acceptably. Mr. Clark is again in his usual health. Rev. M. P. Talling of St. James' church has had a more protracted illness; for three weeks he has been laid aside and is not yet able to resume duty.

THE resignation of Rev. D. Robertson, of King street Presbyterian church, has caused much regret, not only in his own congregation, but in the city generally. Mr. Robertson's health has not been the most vigorous, but he is in hopes that a short rest may enable him to recuperate fully. The King street congregation is hoping for the re-establishment of the G.T.R. shops in that part of the city, the removal of which to Brantford some years ago affected the congregation so seriously.

THE Presbyterian Council held its bi-monthly meeting on the 16th inst. in the Bible Class room of St. Andrew's church. Rev. M. P. Talling, B.A., of St. James' church, was elected president to succeed Mr. A. S. McGregor, and Mr. R. A. Gray, B.A., chairman of St. Andrew's Board of Management, was elected secretary. The subject of discussion for the evening was "Church Praise"; Rev. Robt. Johnson introduced the subject in an address in which he dealt with praise from the congregational and from the choir standpoint; a general discussion followed. The discussion emphasized throughout the desirability of congregational praise receiving more attention and the impression seemed to be that solo and quartette singing, so much railed against, is in most cases preferable to the usual rendering of anthems.

MR. PETER SCOTT, B.A., of Knox College, will take charge for six months of the Waterloo street mission under the auspices of First church and Knox church; he will commence work on April 1st, and will be given a welcome at a social gathering to be held on Good Friday.

MR. GEORGE GILMORE, of Montreal, will take charge of the work in the north part of the city under the auspices of St. Andrew's church. He will commence work about the middle of April, and will continue for a year at least. The prospects are bright for the growth of Presbyterianism in London.

THE members of St. Andrew's church W.F. M.S. gave a most enjoyable "At Home" to the ladies of the congregation, to which also the officers of the other societies of the city were invited. The reception was given in the Bible Class room which had just been re-furnished. The managers of St. Andrew's have not spared expense in making the room the most comfortable of its kind in the city, and with the abundant floral decorations on Thursday it presented a very home-like appearance. Between two and three hundred ladies were present. Afternoon tea was served, a few few musical selections were interspersed, and the ministers who were present gave short addresses.

North-West Notes.

AT an adjourned meeting held last week the Presbytery of Glenboro' declined to accept the resignation of the Rev. A. McD. Halg. A re-arrangement of the field has been effected by which Cyprus is disjoined from its former connection, and Mr. Halg, much to the gratification of his people, remains the pastor of Glenboro'.

ON the evening of the 11th inst. the Presbytery of Winnipeg held a conference on "Church Life and Work." The meeting was

held in Knox church, which was well filled by an audience representing all parts of the city. The moderator, the Rev. Don¹² McLeod, of Balmoral, presided, and the topics for consideration were "Church Organizations" introduced by the Rev. Wm. McKinley, and "The Development of the Spiritual Life of the Congregation" introduced by Dr. W. A. Dunbar, elder. These subjects were discussed in brief, spirited and practical addresses in which the elders took a commendably conspicuous share.

Mrs. JEAN LECKIE, of Fergus, Ont., entered last week upon her duties as matron of the Indian Boarding School, at Lakesend, in the Qu'Appelle valley. Mrs. Leckie had already given faithful service as assistant matron in the Birtle school, and as matron in the Regina school, but was obliged by the impaired condition of her health to retire from work about a year and a half ago. The Church is under great obligation to women like Mrs. Leckie who consecrate lives full of quiet zeal and patient heroism to the Lord's work.

THE congregation of Union Point, in the Winnipeg Presbytery, intends to build a new church during the coming summer to take the place of the building which has been in use since the congregation was organized and which is now entirely out of repair.

THE Slate River congregation, near Fort William is building a new church. A site with valuable building material has been given by the family of the late Hon. Alex. Morris.

General.

CONGRATULATIONS of the Presbytery of Picton, N.S., are extended to the Rev. Alexander Sutherland, Ripley, Ont., on his ministerial jubilee.

REV. NEIL McPHERSON, B.D., of Petrolia, who was recently called to Knox church, Guelph, left the decision to Sarnia Presbytery. The Presbytery refused to grant translation.

DR. TORRANCE, Guelph, wishes to remind Presbytery clerks that the date has passed for returning the statistical reports of congregations and stations. Only a few of these have reached him. Presbytery sheets must be in the hands of the printer by April 20th. He asks prompt attention on the part of those in default.

Presbytery of Saugeen.

THE Presbytery of Saugeen met in Palmerston on March 10th. Mr. McVicar was appointed moderator for the next six months and took the chair. Mr. Young reported that he had met with the congregations of Amos and Knox at Normanby, that Amos again expressed its willingness to unite with St. Andrew's, Proton, but that Knox, Normanby, was not willing to separate from Amos, and unite with Ayton and East Normanby. It was agreed that no change be made in the representation to General Assembly. Cards were read intimating that the Presbyteries of Picton and Orangeville will respectfully apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive the Rev. John P. McPhee and the Rev. D. A. Hamilton, ministers of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. Messrs. Thom, Cameron, Ramsay and McKellar, ministers, and Messrs. D. Hamilton, John Burns, R. Fotheringham and H. Montgomery, elders, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. Mr. Grier, on behalf of Mildmay, Ayton, and East Normanby, requested that Mr. Hastie be continued in the field for the summer. The Presbytery was willing to accede to the request provided the decision be sustained by the Home Mission Committee. Mr. Miller asked that Mr. Buchanan be continued in Cedarville and Esplin for the summer; and Mr. Hardie from St. Andrew's, Proton, asked for a student for the summer and \$3.50 per Sabbath from the Home Mission fund. Messrs. Aull and Munro were appointed to visit St. Andrew's, Proton, Cedarville and Esplin, to ascertain if said congregations would accept one man for the three stations, as supply in the meantime. In the event of not being able to agree to this, the convener of the Home Mission Committee was empowered to ask a grant for St. Andrew's, provided the deputation be satisfied that the station is not able to pay for the student supply. Mr. Malcolmson on behalf of Moorefield and Drayton asked that three ministers or graduates be sent them from whom they might choose one

to supply them till they were in a position to call. The matter of supply was left with the convener of the Home Mission Committee. Mr. Munro read a very full and carefully prepared report on Church Life and Work. The report was received and adopted and instructions given to forward it to the Assembly's convener. The Presbytery expressed its very deep sympathy with Mr. Aull and family in the death of their only boy. Mr. McKellar expressed his deep sense of gratitude to the Presbytery for its expression of sympathy with him and family in their affliction, also for supplying his pulpit. Honor certificates were granted Maggie Bella McKenzie from the Sabbath school of Cedarville; Cecilia Taylor, James Taylor, John Taylor, and Maggie Benson from the Sabbath school of Rothsay. Messrs. Aull and Jason were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures, and Messrs. Cameron and Thom on Assembly's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Mr. McVicar was appointed moderator of Cedarville and Esplin. It was agreed to spend the first hour of the afternoon seditur of next meeting in devotional exercises, Mr. McVicar to lead the meeting with an address on any subject he deems suitable. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox church, Harrison, on the 14th July next, at 10 a.m.—S. YOUNG, Clerk.

Presbytery of Peterborough.

THIS Presbytery met on 17th of March, seven teen ministers and four elders present. Mr. Jamieson is moderator for next six months. Very encouraging reports were received from the Committees on Young Peoples Societies, Sabbath schools, Church Life and Work, Statistics, Home Missions and Augmentation. The call to Mr. MacWilliams was accepted. Pulpit of St. Andrew's, Peterborough, to be declared vacant on the 19th April. Dr. Torrance is moderator of session, congregation permitted to find its own supply for three months. A committee was appointed to consider the question of church extension in the town of Peterborough. Mr. McKnight was recommended to make application in person to the General Assembly for re-entrance into the ministry of the Church with the promise of hearty support on the part of the Presbytery. Obituary notices in connection with the deaths of Rev. Thos. Alexander, William Reid, D.D. and D. J. Macdonell, B.D., all of whom had been at one time pastors of congregations now within the bounds of this Presbytery, were adopted and ordered to be put on record. The following are the delegates to the Assembly: Messrs. Ololand, Kwing, Bennett, Duncan, Sutherland, Torrance and R. Laird, ministers, and Messrs. Riddell, Fife, Roger, Brown, Fairbairn, Clark, Roxburgh, elders. Professor Gordon was nominated Moderator of Assembly. Dr. G. D. Robinson and H. W. Hogg, B.D., were nominated for the vacant chairs in Knox College. Next meeting of Presbytery in St. Andrew's church, Peterborough, on 1st Tuesday July, 9 o'clock. A committee was appointed, with Presbyterial powers, on the reconstruction of the stations of Centerville, Springville, Bethany, Ballyduff, Pontypool and Janetville to report at next meeting.—WM. BENNETT, Clerk.

Presbytery of Orangeville.

THIS Presbytery met March 10th at Orangeville, Mr. Bell was appointed moderator in place of Mr. Fleming, resigned. The Presbytery decided that a station should not be organized at Wareham, and Dr. McRobbie was instructed to correspond with Knox College Students Missionary Society ament occupying Proton Station, and in case they could not do so, he should procure a student and ask the Home Mission Committee for a grant of three dollars per Sabbath. Mr. Farquharson reported that the proposed re-arrangement of Cheltenham, Mount Pleasant, Norval and Union congregations could not be effected at present. The Presbytery nominated Dr. McChoyne Edgar, of Dublin, for the chair in Apologetics and Church History, and Dr. G. L. Robinson for the chair of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis in Knox College. A suitable minute of the Presbytery's high esteem of Rev. A. Wilson, resigned, and Rev. R. Hughes who has accepted a call at Worcester, Mass., was adopted and ordered to be engrossed in the minutes. Messrs. Fowle, Campbell, Harrison, Neilly and Morrison, ministers, and Irwin, J. H. Hunter, J. R. Dodds and J. P. Young, elders, were appointed Commissioners to the General As-