

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

MR. ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY lately presented to the New Richmond Sabbath school a very fine organ. The presentation was for the Sabbath school and Ladies' Missionary Society, in each of which Mrs. Montgomery takes a leading part.

THE Presbyterians in Metis are proposing to build a new church more in harmony than their present building with "this age of progress." They need outside help, however, for they are neither numerous nor rich. Contributions for this purpose will be thankfully received by the pastor, the Rev. T. Fenwick. The nearest Presbyterian station to Metis is on the one side, 100 miles distant, and on the other, 220. Many, we have no doubt, will be happy to assist in such a work, especially those who visit that locality during the summer.

THE Rev. A. Stewart, the pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of North Easthope, having obtained leave of absence from the Presbytery of Stratford for three months, to enable him to take a trip to the old country for the benefit of his health, which for some time past has been declining, was waited upon at the manse by a few of the leading members of his congregation on the evening before his departure, and was presented with an address which was accompanied with a purse containing \$155 to help to defray the expenses of his journey. Mr. Stewart made an appropriate and feeling reply.

ON Friday evening, 22nd ult., Rev. John Ferguson, B.D., of Chesley, was made the recipient of a beautiful present of a horse, buggy and set of harness, by Messrs. Milne and Boyd, two young men of his congregation, who acted on this occasion as the representatives of the whole congregation. Mr. Ferguson thanked them, and through them the congregation, very heartily, for this renewed token of their kindness, it being, he said, only a little while ago since the ladies of the congregation had presented him with a purse of \$70, and he and Mrs. Ferguson had received many kind favours from friends in the congregation since. After taking a short drive, Mr. Ferguson was very much pleased with his present, and now hopes that every congregation whose pastor needs a horse and rig may go and do likewise.

LARGE congregations attended the services at Knox Church, Winnipeg, on Sabbath, the 24th ult., both morning and evening. In the morning, Rev. George Bruce, of St. Catharines, preached from Acts. iv. 13, a thoroughly practical and stirring sermon; and in the evening the church was densely packed with an audience assembled to hear the pastor, Rev. James Robertson, preach his farewell sermon. The text was Philippians i. 27. The reverend gentleman gave a brief outline of the progress made by Winnipeg during the seven years of his pastorate there. Describing the city as it was then, and contrasting its present position with its position at that time, he shewed that the congregation of Knox Church had kept pace with the times. In closing his discourse he affectionately bade farewell to the people to whom he has ministered so long. On the following Tuesday evening Mr. Robertson was installed as Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in Manitoba and the North-West. Rev. Prof. Bryce presided over the meeting, which was held in Knox Church. Rev. Dr. Cochrane addressed the minister, and Revs. George Bruce and Prof. Hart the congregation, others taking part in the services. A collection was taken up in aid of the fund for wiping off arrears due to missionaries. The occasion was one of peculiar interest.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held in the Lutheran Church, Ernestown, on the 26th day of July. A call to the Rev. Colborne Haney, from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Trenton, was presented and sustained. The call was largely signed, and was accompanied by a guarantee of stipend to the amount of \$800. The people are very enthusiastic in their desire to obtain Mr. Haney's services. Pursuant to arrangements made, the Presbytery proceeded with the ordination of Mr. David Kellock. Mr. Wilson presided, and put the usual questions, after which Mr. Kellock was duly ordained by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Mitchell preached, Rev. Mr. Young addressed Mr. Kellock, and Dr. Smith the people. Although the

farming community were greatly pressed in their work, the fields being white to harvest, still the church was thoroughly filled. Mr. Kellock is appointed to labour as an ordained missionary for a term of years in a district of country fraught with historic associations dear to Presbyterians. It was in this region that the Rev. Robert McDowall erected the Presbyterian standard at the close of the preceding century, and gathered around him a band of attached followers. May this revival of the cause redound to the glory of God and the welfare of many souls.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.—This Presbytery met at Portage la Prairie on the 20th ult. After certain routine matters had been disposed of, Mr. Robertson's appointment as Superintendent of Missions in the North-West was taken up. The minute of Assembly was read, the representatives of Knox Church, Winnipeg, heard, and the following minute on the subject finally adopted: "That this Presbytery, having decided to sever the tie heretofore existing between Rev. James Robertson and the congregation of Knox Church, Winnipeg, would express its high appreciation of the services rendered to the congregation over which Mr. Robertson has been placed for nearly seven years. That, in looking at the very great increase that has taken place in the membership of Knox Church, at the active part taken by Mr. Robertson in the erection of a creditable church building, built during his pastorate, at his general Christian influence in his earnest personal dealing with inquirers, his successful teaching of the young, the hearty reception giving to incoming settlers belonging to our Church, at the earnest advocacy of all movements of social amelioration, such as education, temperance and the like, the Presbytery is of the opinion that the congregation was most wisely guided in the choice of a pastor, and would earnestly wish Mr. Robertson the enjoyment of every blessing in the wide and honourable sphere of usefulness to which he has been called by the highest court of the Church." Application was also made on behalf of Knox Church, Winnipeg, to find its own supply during the vacancy, the rate of payment to be \$40 per Sabbath to ministers coming from other Presbyteries, and \$20 to those who might be members of Manitoba Presbytery. The congregation also asked for leave to sell the present church if it should be thought best, promising if it did that the proceeds should be equally divided between the members that might agree to form two congregations in the city, the one to the north and the other to the south. In accordance with instructions of the General Assembly for the drawing up of a code of rules for the guidance of the Superintendent of Missions, certain suggestions were then made by Dr. Cochrane and submitted to the Presbytery for consideration. These, with some amendments suggested by the Presbytery, are as follows: Designation—Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West Territories. Duties of the Superintendent: (1) His duties shall include the oversight and visitation of all the mission stations and supplemented congregations within the aforesaid territory; the organization of new stations and the adjusting of the amounts to be paid by the different stations and congregations for the support of ordinances, and the amounts to be paid by the Home Mission Committee; and in general the supervision and furtherance of the entire mission works of our Church in Manitoba and the North-West. (2) In the prosecution of his work he shall consult with and act under the direction of the Presbytery of Manitoba. He shall transmit from the Presbytery of Manitoba or such other Presbyteries as may be hereafter erected, to the semi-annual meeting of the Home Mission Committee in March and October, a detailed statement of the progress of the work, including the adaptability of the missionaries to the fields assigned to them, and the fulfilment on the part of stations and supplemented congregations of the engagements entered into for the support of the missionaries. (3) He shall transmit to the Home Mission Committee an annual report for presentation to the Assembly, containing complete statistics of the membership, families and adherents in each mission station and supplemented congregation; also the additions made during the year, the amount of contributions for the support of ordinances and for the Home Mission Fund during the year, and the extent of new territory occupied during the same period, with any other information and recommenda-

tions that may be deemed important for the Committee and the General Assembly to know. (4) All moneys shall be paid by the Superintendent of Missions to the stations and supplemented congregations, and he shall be empowered, should he see cause, to withhold payment of grants promised by the Committee in cases where the stations and supplemented congregations have not fulfilled their monetary engagements, or where statistics have not been regularly furnished. (5) Payments shall be made to the stations and congregations quarterly. (6) No draft shall in any case be drawn by the Superintendent of Missions until he has sent to the Convener of the Home Mission Committee a detailed quarterly statement of the amounts due to each station and congregation, and until he has received his sanction to draw for said amount upon the treasurer of the Church. (7) In the meantime the missionary at Prince Albert shall receive his payments directly through the Convener of the Home Mission Committee. (8) The Superintendent of Missions shall spend three months of each year as directed by the Home Mission Committee, in the other provinces, with a view to enlist the sympathies and evoke the liberality of the Church in the mission work of Manitoba and the North-West. (9) The Superintendent of Missions in his dealing with stations and congregations shall be guided by the rules passed by the last General Assembly for mission work in Manitoba and the North-West, and any other rules that may from time to time be enacted by the General Assembly. (10) The Superintendent shall report his travelling expenses every six months to the Presbytery, to be passed by it before being paid by the Home Mission Committee. It was duly moved, seconded, and agreed to, that these resolutions, as amended, become the judgment of the Presbytery, Rev. Mr. McKellar, however, entering his dissent from the word "oversight," contained in the first suggestion as to the duties of the Superintendent. Dr. Cochrane then stated that a request for the payment of certain arrears due to several of the missionaries of this Presbytery had been presented to the Home Mission Committee, and that the question of arrears had been referred back to the Presbytery with the request that a full statement be prepared and brought before the Presbytery at its July meeting, when it was expected that the Convener of the Home Mission Committee would be present to consider the whole matter with the Presbytery; and that according to this arrangement he was now present, ready to enter into the consideration of this subject. Each of the missionaries whose salary was in arrears presented a statement of the amount due to him. The total amount of the arrears was found to be \$1,789.67. A settlement of this question was finally reached in the following manner. The missionaries agreed to forego about one-third of the whole amount; the Superintendent agreed to raise \$500; Dr. Cochrane agreed to recommend that the Home Mission Committee pay a similar amount; and the remainder, some \$200, is to be raised by individual effort in different portions of the Presbytery. The committee appointed to strike standing committees for the year then presented a report, which, with several changes suggested by the Presbytery, was duly adopted. A call from Selkirk and Little Britain in favour of Mr. Matheson was taken up. It was signed by thirty-six members and twenty-two adherents. Reasons for Mr. Matheson accepting the call were given in, and all parties were cited to appear for their interests, when the whole matter would be settled at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery on the 3rd of August. Reports of visitations to different congregations were given in and disposed of, and other appointments for visitation by the Superintendent of Missions or by some members of Presbytery arranged for. This took up all the second day of meeting. On the third day, after some other matters had been disposed of, Mr. Stalker presented a certificate from the Presbytery of London, Ont., stating that he had been licensed by that Presbytery on the 11th day of May, 1881, as a preacher of the Gospel. After the delivery of a lecture on a passage chosen from the Epistle to the Romans, and a popular sermon on 1 Peter ii. 7, and a very satisfactory examination on subjects prescribed by the General Assembly, it was moved by Mr. Borthwick, seconded by Mr. Mullins, that the Presbytery having heard the trials of Mr. Stalker, taking a conjunct view of the whole matter, sustain him, and appoint his ordination to take place on Sabbath next at the Court House, Portage la Prairie, Mr. Bell to preside, Dr.