

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

DR. WARDROPE acknowledges with thanks the receipt from the Sunday schools of Glengarry Presbytery, per. Rev. Alex. McGillivray, of \$250 for the erection of a chapel in Formosa; also from the same Sunday schools, of \$128.10 for the maintenance of a native preacher.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's, Toronto, preached at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at Ottawa last Sunday on behalf of the Augmentation of Stipends Scheme. The collection amounted to \$800, and this will be supplemented by special collections in all the churches.

THE Rev. H. A. Robertson, missionary from Eromanga, who recently visited Toronto, left Montreal on the 30th ult, with Mrs. Robertson for Nova Scotia, where they will stay some time previous to returning to their field of missionary labour. A farewell meeting was held on the evening of the 29th, at the house of the Rev. R. H. Warden, when Mrs. Robertson was presented with a purse of \$427, subscribed by friends. Several hundred dollars were also received by Mr. Robertson on behalf of his work in Eromanga.

SUNDAY school anniversary services were held in Erskine Church, Toronto. The Rev. T. Goldsmith, of Hamilton, preached in the morning and evening. In the afternoon Mr. John A. Paterson, superintendent of the Sunday school, conducted the services, and addresses were delivered by Rev. John McEwen and Rev. T. Goldsmith. Mr. McEwen addressed himself chiefly to the children, and showed an unusual power of interesting and fixing the attention of the little people. Mr. Goldsmith spoke principally to the teachers and parents of the children.

THE Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, being in Toronto, attending the meeting of the Hymnal Committee, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, on Sabbath week. The previous Sabbath, the pastor, the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, made an appeal on behalf of the Augmentation of Stipends Scheme, stating that a collection of \$1,500 ought to be made. In response to this appeal the sum of \$2,360 has now been received. It may also be stated that the Congregational Board of Management have agreed to devote one fifth of the ordinary income since the 1st July to the same praiseworthy object.

A LECTURE was delivered last Thursday evening in the Western Congregational Church by the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of the Central Presbyterian Church, entitled "That Young Man." The lecture was well attended, and being delivered in a very pleasant style, which combined interest with instruction, was very well received. Mr. McLeod dealt especially with that period of life between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five, and argued that it was divided into three portions. The first is that in which the young man is ruled by the imagination; the second that in which self conceit holds sway over him; and the third and last that in which he soberly settles down to his life work.

ON the evening of Friday week Messrs. Peter McMillan and Geo. Grant, both young men of Knox Church congregation, Beaverton, waited upon their pastor Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., and made him the presentation of a valuable horse. The presentation was made in the name of the young men of the congregation by Mr. Grant, in a very neat and pointed speech. Mr. Patterson made a suitable reply in which he acknowledged the kindness to himself personally, and expressed his hope and confidence that it had a higher source, namely a regard for the duties of his office, and was therefore happily indicative of the religious prosperity of the young men of the congregation.

THE Rev. Samuel Houston, M.A., was inducted by the Presbytery of Kingston into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Brock Street Church, Kingston, on Thursday, Dec. 6th, at three o'clock p.m. There was a fair attendance of people. Mr. Mitchell presided, Mr. Gallaher preached, Mr. Wilkins addressed the minister, and Principal Grant the people. In the evening a public reception was extended to Mr. Houston in the form of a tea-meeting. The city hall, which is very capacious, was packed to the door. There were on the platform ministers representing different denominations, some of whom gave addresses. The proceedings were enlivened by music from several parties. During the evening an address of welcome was presented to Mr. Houston on behalf of the congrega-

tion accompanied by a gift. To this he made a fitting reply.

THE difficulties in which the missionaries of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, recently became involved at Indore, in Central India, owing to their maintaining that they wanted equal rights with the Mahomedans and the Hindoos to prosecute their work, have elicited a letter from Capt. Robertson, the First Assistant Agent of the Governor-General for Central India, in response to the petition forwarded to the Viceroy. The letter says:—The Agent of the Governor-General desires me to inform you that his action in regard to direct interference on your behalf, must be confined to requiring for you, if necessary, perfect religious freedom as far as the exercises of your personal religion is concerned, and security from molestation in your own house and on your own property in Indore city, should you possess any. He will, however, take an early opportunity of pointing out to the Indore Durbar the immunity from molestation which obtains in British India in regard to missionary work, and it is hoped that His Highness may be inclined to approve a more conciliatory policy than he has hitherto considered necessary to adopt.

LATELY was held the sixteenth anniversary social of West Church, Toronto since the settlement of the present pastor, Rev. R. Wallace. Interesting addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. H. M. Parsons, T. W. Jeffrey, and A. Gilray. It was stated that the church finances were in a better state than ever before. On the following evening the annual social of the Sabbath school was held—Mr. John Gordon, superintendent. It was stated that there are now 515 scholars on the roll, with over thirty teachers and officers, and that there had been an increase of eighty scholars during the year. The funds of the Sabbath school were also in a better state than ever before. On Tuesday evening, 4th Dec., a very interesting meeting of the Y. P. A. of West Church, was held in the lecture room, which was filled by a large audience. Mr. R. S. Gourlay, president of the association, in the chair. After the ordinary routine business was disposed of, several pieces of music were rendered on the piano, songs were sung, and readings were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent; one interesting feature being a reading from a M.S. paper, the organ of the association, edited by the president. The objects of the association are threefold—to promote literary and social culture and also the spiritual profit of the young people of the Church.

A CORRESPONDENT sends us several extracts from a letter he has lately received from a friend in Barkerville, B. C. In condensed form they may be interesting to many readers of THE PRESBYTERIAN. "By the way we want a minister here very much. I have written Rev. Mr. McDonnell in reference to sending a Presbyterian—also Dr. Cochran last year. We have a very High Church 'English-Catholic Priest,' as he calls himself—who is more of a Romanist than a Protestant....He has a small following here. Then we have a Methodist local preacher—a miner formerly, and yet interested in mining specs....The bulk of the people, as I have learned, are Presbyterian or lean that way, and a good Presbyterian minister would get a better support than one of any other denomination. Perhaps \$800 or \$1,000 could be raised by subscription, and if the Home Mission Committee would supplement, a good man ought to be had. Our population is small compared with years ago and seems decreasing, but yet there are hopes that another year or two will considerably increase it, for the mines are not yet worked out. I think the Presbyterian Church should make an effort to possess this field. The district is large and there are no churches worthy of the name in it. We have lots of heathen Chinese to operate upon too—to say nothing of the heathen white folks and Indians."

THE following minute relating to Rev. Mr. Christie's resignation of his charge of Beachburg and Front West Meath was recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew: "The Presbytery, in dissolving the pastoral tie between the Rev. Wm. M. Christie and the congregation of Beachburg and Front West Meath, and in connection with his removal from the bounds desire to put on record their appreciation of the personal qualities which marked their brother in the ministry. They will ever remember with satisfaction and pleasure the kindness, amiability and courtesy which characterized his

whole intercourse with them. They bear ready and united testimony to his piety, earnestness and fidelity in preaching the Gospel, and to his conscientiousness in standing to his post in the midst of discouragement and difficulty to the last. His brethren of the Presbytery express their appreciation of his services rendered by his counsels in transacting the business of the Church. They gratefully acknowledge his readiness at all times to discharge whatever duty was laid upon him in carrying on the work of the Church within the bounds. In parting from him as a fellow presbyter his brethren would follow him with their prayers for the welfare of himself and family, and to their prayers they would add their hopes, that the Lord of the vineyard may, in His own time and way, direct him to a sphere of work where still by his labours he may advance the cause of the Master, and further the interest, the glory, and the kingdom of our common Lord."

THE Presbytery of Manitoba met in St. Andrew's Church, Nelson, on Thursday, 22nd ult., Rev. W. R. Ross, M.A., presided. Rev. T. N. Wilson and Rev. Mr. Colpitts being present were invited to sit as corresponding members. The Rev. James Farquharson, M.A., of Pilot Mound, preached an appropriate sermon. The moderator narrated the steps which had been taken by the congregation and Presbytery for the purpose of bringing about the settlement of Rev. D. G. Cameron. The questions of the formula having been put and answered, after the induction prayer, Mr. Cameron was solemnly inducted into the pastoral charge of the Nelson congregation. Mr. Ross addressed the newly inducted minister, reminding him of his duties, necessity of prayerful study, and faithful visitation, especially of the sick. The Rev. J. A. Townsend, of Archibald, then addressed the congregation in terms suitable to the occasion. During the singing of a doxology, the pastor was conducted to the door by Mr. Townsend, where, after the pronouncing of the benediction, he received the hearty congratulations of his congregation as they passed out. The welcome social in the evening was a success in every sense of the word. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Ross. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. James Robertson, superintendent, James Farquharson, J. A. Townsend, Colpitts; Messrs. J. B. McLaren, Duncan, Dr. Wilson, M.P.P., and the newly inducted minister, Mr. Cameron. The musical part of the programme added much to the enjoyment of the evening. During the day \$550 were raised to pay off a part of the church debt.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO'.—This Presbytery met in Port Hope on the 21st Nov. to dispose of two calls to the Rev. R. J. Beattie, one from Orangeville and one from Knox Church, Guelph. Several representatives from both congregations were heard in support of their respective calls. Mr. Beattie was heard on his own behalf, as well as several members of the Port Hope congregation on theirs. The Presbytery after lengthened consideration agreed to translate Mr. Beattie to Guelph. Mr. Carmichael was appointed to declare the charge vacant on the 9th December. Mr. Cleland was appointed moderator of session during the vacancy.—WM. BENNETT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Uxbridge, on Tuesday, 27th November, Rev. A. Currie, moderator. The Rev. J. Smith, of Toronto, addressed the Presbytery on Knox College Endowment, when it was moved by Rev. E. Cockburn, seconded by Rev. A. Ross, and agreed that the Presbytery having heard the Rev. J. Smith, of Erskine Church, Toronto, in behalf of the Endowment Fund of Knox College, tender him their thanks for the able manner in which he has laid the matter before them, resolve to take immediate steps to canvass all the congregations within their bounds, and that the following persons be and are hereby appointed to do so—viz.: Lindsay, Principal Caven; Woodville, one of the professors; Uxbridge, one of the professors, Cannington, Rev. A. Currie; Fenelon Falls, Rev. D. McDonald; Brock and Manilla, Rev. G. C. Patterson; Uptergrove, Rev. A. Currie; Beaverton and Gamebridge, Rev. A. G. McLachlin; Glenora, Rev. A. Ross; Wick and Greenbank, Rev. D. B. McDonald; Leaskdale and Zephyr, Rev. S. Acheson; Bolsover, Kirkfield and Victoria, Rev. H. Sinclair; Sunderland and Vroomanton, Rev. E. Cockburn; Cambray, Rev. W. Lochead; Scott and Uxbridge, Rev. J. R. Scott. In the afternoon the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell was heard in support