

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. R. SCOBIE, Strathroy, has declined the invitation to the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

REV. DR. BELL, of Walkerton, is at Kingston, for the purpose of lecturing in Queen's College, on the relation of science to religion.

REV. A. Y. HARTLEY has succeeded in forming a Presbyterian congregation in Hensall. Services are held each alternate Sabbath evening in Purdy's Hall.

THE REV. L. G. MacNeil, M.A., of Maitland, N.S., has received a unanimous call from the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St. John's, Nfld. The salary is \$2,000, with a manse.

THE "Mercury" pronounces the Rev. R. N. Grant's lecture in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on "Mischievous Mistakes," "one of more than ordinary interest." Mr. Guthrie, M.P., at the close of the lecture moved a cordial vote of thanks.

REV. MR. YOUNG, of Napanee, has declined the call tendered to him by the Presbyterian congregation of Picton. A local paper says: "Rev. Mr. Coulthard, formerly of Gananoque, who stands next on the list, will now be called, and he has intimated his intention to accept. As he is at present without a charge, little delay will take place in carrying out the settlement, and he will move his family hither before navigation closes."

ON the evening of the 24th ult., a large number of friends manifested their appreciation of Mr. A. Leask's services as superintendent and teacher of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, Wick, by calling at his residence and presenting him with a beautiful portrait of himself, richly framed, valued at \$25. The portrait is the production of Mr. McKenzie, artist, Port Perry, and is a very fine one. Mrs. A. Leask was also presented with a beautiful album. The articles were accompanied with addresses expressive of much esteem and good wishes for Mr. Leask and family. A very enjoyable evening was spent.—COM.

THE anniversary services of College Street Presbyterian Church, in this city, were held last Sabbath. Rev. J. A. R. Dickson preached in the morning and Rev. Dr. James, of Hamilton, in the afternoon and evening. The church was crowded at all these services.—On the following Tuesday a social was held, which was highly successful. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Smith and Inglis of Toronto, and Frizzell of Newmarket. The presence of the Gould Street choir ensured the success of the musical part of the programme. The good things provided by the ladies seemed to be duly appreciated; and the large company assembled appeared to find the occasion both pleasant and profitable.

A MEETING of the Presbyterian congregation of Cookstown was held on the 21st ult., to consider the organ question, when, after much deliberation and interesting speeches on both sides, a motion to use the organ in the service of praise in public worship was carried by a large majority. The minority, to their great credit, at the earnest entreaty of the pastor, the Rev. Stuart Acheson, to follow those things that make for peace, very cordially fell in with the majority. And now, after two Sabbaths' use of the organ, the unanimous opinion is that the congregational singing was never so good before. The young people meet and practise the psalmody of the Church, and as things look now the service of praise in the congregation promises henceforth to be much more hearty and general.—COM.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery held its last regular meeting in Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, the 5th November. Fourteen ministers and four elders were present. The Rev. Dr. Kemp, Rev. Frederick Home, and Rev. Geo. Coul being present, were invited to correspond. Dr. Kemp subsequently presented a Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Paris, and it was resolved that it be received and placed on file, and that the Rev. A. F. Kemp, LL.D., be recognized as a minister within the bounds of the Presbytery, and that as such his name be placed on the roll. And whereas, the Rev. A. F. Kemp, LL.D., has come within the bounds as the Principal of the Ottawa Ladies' College, we hereby tender to him our best wishes for his success in this important position. We also cordially commend the Institution over which he so worthily

presides to the confidence and patronage of our people. It was resolved to try and procure the services of two ordained missionaries—the one for Cantley and Portland, and the other for Aylwin and the Desert, and a committee of which Mr. Armstrong is the Convener was appointed to secure the former, and the clerk was instructed to advertise for the latter. Mr. Carswell, the Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, called the attention of the Presbytery to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Home Mission Committee in reference to the present state of the Home Mission Fund, and missionary deputations were enjoined to bring the condition of this fund prominently before the congregations within the bounds, and urge the necessity of increased contributions towards it. The Convener was instructed to secure the services of students for two or three Sabbaths at the Christmas holidays for all the mission fields who desire them and agree to meet the necessary expense. Ministers in charge of mission stations were instructed to secure what supply they could for them during the winter. A deputation from the congregation of New Edinburgh appeared before the Presbytery, and stated that owing to the continued illness of their pastor, and removals, the revenue of the congregation had been greatly reduced, and requesting that a committee of Presbytery be appointed to meet with the congregation and confer with them in regard to what should be done in the circumstances. The Presbytery agreed to express sympathy with both pastor and people in the distressing circumstances reported by the deputation, and appointed a committee to confer with the Session and managers of the congregation. It was resolved that a rate of twelve cents per family be levied for the Presbytery Fund for the current year. It was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting at Aylmer, on Monday, the 25th inst., at three p.m., when another of the Presbyterial visitations shall be held. The next regular meeting is to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on the first Tuesday of February, at three p.m.—J. CARSWELL, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 5th current, Rev. Dr. Robb, Moderator. The attendance of members, particularly of ministers, was good, and a fair amount of business was brought up and disposed of. The following items are given to the public. An application was made by the congregation of Bay street, Toronto, for power to borrow an additional sum of \$10,000, making a total of \$20,000, to enable them to proceed with the erection of their new church. The power applied for was granted. An application was also made by the congregation of Zion Church, Orangeville, for leave to borrow \$7,000 for a period of ten years, that they also may be able to proceed with their new church. Leave was given in this case also. Rev. J. Carmichael of Markham, as Convener of a committee previously appointed, submitted and read a plan for holding missionary meetings throughout the bounds. The plan was adopted, and printed copies were ordered to be distributed to the various Sessions. Rev. J. Alexander reported that he had moderated in a call from the congregations of Georgetown and Limehouse, which was given unanimously in favor of Rev. John Pringle, preacher of the gospel. The call was read, and was found to be signed by eighty-one members and 110 adherents. The stipend promised is \$800. The conduct of Mr. Alexander in this matter was approved of. The call was also sustained and put into the hands of Mr. Pringle, who was present, and by whom, at a subsequent stage, it was accepted. Trials for ordination were then assigned him, and for hearing these a meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Georgetown on the 26th current, at ten a.m.; and if the trials should be sustained that the ordination services be proceeded with at two p.m. of the same day; the Moderator to preside, Rev. G. Milligan to preach, Rev. J. Alexander to address the minister, and Rev. E. D. McLaren to address the people. The annual report of the Presbytery's Treasurer was read, and after being examined by auditors was found to be correct, leaving a balance in hand of \$20.22. The balance, however, is more than required for existing claims; and defaulting congregations—quite a number of them—were instructed to pay in without delay. The Treasurer, Rev. J. Cameron, was continued in office for the current year. A draft minute, prepared by a committee anent Rev. R. D. Fraser, late of Charles street congregation, was unani-

mously adopted, and stands as follows: "The Presbytery, in accepting the resignation of his pastoral charge by Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., desires to bear testimony to the high estimate which it entertains of his character and attainments as a minister of the gospel, to the diligence and success with which he has laboured in the field assigned to him, and to the fidelity and zeal with which he has discharged Presbyterial work from time to time entrusted to him. It would place on record also the sense which it entertains of his unwearied kindness and courtesy as a member of this court; the regret with which it views his severance from its membership; its sympathy with him in the domestic affliction which has made this severance necessary; and its earnest hope that in the providence of God a field may be opened up to him in which, with the prospect of restored health to the members of his family suffering from illness, he may resume the work of the ministry, which he has carried on with so much fidelity, diligence and success in the congregation of Charles street." On application made by said congregation, authority was given to call another minister when they may be ready to do so; and Rev. Dr. Gregg was appointed to moderate. Mr. J. McDonald, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. M. McGregor, Mr. D. Bannerman, and Mr. R. Y. Thomson applied for examination that they might rank as students at Knox College. They were examined accordingly, and ordered to be attested to the Board of Examiners. There was read a remit of the General Assembly anent the oversight of Sabbath school work. After some deliberation a committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. J. M. Cameron, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Mr. T. W. Taylor and Mr. W. Rennie, to consider said report, and report thereon at next ordinary meeting. In fulfilment of another Remit from the Assembly, the deputies appointed to attend the missionary meetings throughout the bounds were instructed to make enquiry anent the existence of a Missionary Association in each congregation, and to report in due time. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held on the second Tuesday (the 14th) of January, 1879, at eleven a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO MISSIONARY MEETINGS—1878-79.

GROUP I.—DEPUTATION—Revs. D. Mackintosh and M. Macgillivray, M.A. Sutton, Dec. 2; Mount Albert, Dec. 3; Ballantrae, Dec. 4; Stouffville, Dec. 5.

GROUP II.—DEPUTATION—Revs. A. Gilray and R. P. McKay, B.A. Markham Village, January 6; Cedar Grove, January 7; Melville Church, Jan. 8; Brown's Corners, Jan. 9.

GROUP III.—DEPUTATION—Revs. G. M. Milligan, M.A., and R. Gray. Scarboro', Knox Church, Dec. 9; Highland Creek, Dec. 10; Scarboro', St. Andrew's, Dec. 11; Markham, St. John's, Dec. 12.

GROUP IV.—DEPUTATION—Revs. J. Carmichael (King), and I. Campbell. Queensville, Dec. 9; Ravenshoe (2.30 p.m.), Dec. 10; McMillan, Dec. 10; Newmarket, Dec. 11; Aurora, Dec. 12.

GROUP V.—DEPUTATION—Revs. J. Smith and W. Frizzell. King, East, Dec. 2; Laskey, Dec. 3; Nobleton, Dec. 4; 11th Concession King, Dec. 5.

GROUP VI.—DEPUTATION—Revs. J. M. Cameron and R. Pettigrew, M.A. Vaughan, St. Andrew's, Jan. 6; King, 3rd Concession, Jan. 7; King, St. Andrew's, Jan. 8; King, 10th Concession, Jan. 9.

GROUP VII.—DEPUTATION—Revs. J. M. King, M.A., and Wm. Aitken. Richmond Hill, Dec. 2; Thornhill, Dec. 3; Fisherville, Dec. 4; York Mills, Dec. 5.

GROUP VIII.—DEPUTATION—Revs. D. Mitchell and A. McFaul. Shelburne, Dec. 9; Horning's Mills (2.30 p.m.), Dec. 10; Primrose, Dec. 10; Mono Centre (2.30 p.m.), Dec. 11; Camilla, Dec. 11; Orangeville, Zion Church, Dec. 12.

GROUP IX.—DEPUTATION—Revs. Dr. Robb and A. MacIntyre. Orangeville, Bethel Church, Jan. 6; Alton, Jan. 7; Charleston, Jan. 8; Melville Church, Caledon, Jan. 9.

GROUP X.—DEPUTATION—Revs. R. Wallace and E. D. McLaren, B.D. Mono Mills, Dec. 2; Mono East, Dec. 3; Caledon, St. Andrews, Dec. 4; Sand Hill (2.30 p.m.) Dec. 4; Munsie's Corners, Dec. 5.

GROUP XI.—DEPUTATION—Revs. J. Breckenridge and — Tait. Bolton, Dec. 9; Knox Church, Vaughan, Dec. 10; Woodbridge, Dec. 11; Weston, Dec. 12.

GROUP XII.—DEPUTATION—Revs. J. R. Gilchrist,