

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. GEORGE SUTHERLAND, of Fingal, clerk of the London Presbytery, has been granted four months' leave of absence to visit the Old Country.

REV. JOHN McEWEN, of Ingersoll, has received the appointment of Secretary of the Canada Sabbath School Association, and will move to Toronto in May.

THE Galt "Reformer" says: The many friends of the pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church will be pleased to learn that he passed his final examination at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, last week, and had conferred on him the degree of Bachelor of Divinity at the Convocation on Wednesday last. Mr. Dickson is one of our most popular and energetic preachers, and we congratulate him upon the acquirement of such an honourable distinction.

THE first degree of B.D., given by the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was conferred on Rev. Geo. Burnfield, M.A., Brockville, at the recent Convocation in Morrice Hall. Mr. Burnfield passed the examination with distinction a few months after the charter was granted to the College. At that time he was preparing for an extended visit through Egypt and Palestine, and only recently received the degree formally, which was also the first theological degree conferred in Morrice Hall.

THE Presbyterians of Wendigo have sold out their interest in the Union Church in that village to the Regular Baptists for \$200. They intend putting up a new building soon which will afford better accommodation than the old one did. Over \$1,100 have already been subscribed towards the new building, besides the amount received for their share in the old one. The manse which they at present own is in a fifteen acre lot about a mile and a half from the village, and which they are offering for sale. If they are successful in selling, a new manse will be built in the village along with the church.

ON the evening of March 30th about sixty of the members and adherents of the Fenelon Falls and Somerville congregations met at the manse and presented their pastor, the Rev. Wm. Lochead, with a handsome and suitable horse, a fine set of silver-mounted harness, and a driving whip; also an address, expressive of their appreciation of his labours among them, and of their kindly feelings toward Mrs. Lochead and family. Mr. Lochead replied in suitable terms, thanking them kindly for their valuable presentation. After partaking of refreshments, provided by the ladies, the company spent an exceedingly pleasant evening.

THE teachers and scholars of St. Andrew's Sabbath school, Chatham, N.B., had a very pleasant time together in their hall, on March 19th. The ladies of the congregation provided a capital tea, in their usual first-class style, to which ample justice was done. After tea, the evening was spent in short addresses, readings and recitations, by the teachers and scholars, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The literary and musical programme being over, Daniel Ferguson, E. Q., exhibited a magic lantern, which greatly pleased the children. All present agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening, and hearty votes of thanks were passed to those who had in any degree contributed to such a lively and interesting programme.

REV. ALEX FRASER, Wendigo, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, March 25th, taking for his text Deut. xxx. 19—"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." He left on Monday, April 2nd, for Beulah, Manitoba, where he intends residing in future. He has been at Wendigo for the last five and a half years, and was well liked by the congregation. Before leaving he was presented with a sum of money by the congregation, and the friends at Longwood, where he preached of his own accord, got up an entertainment for his benefit. Miss Jennie Fraser was made the recipient of a silver neck chain by the scholars in her Sunday school class.

REV. MR. MARTIN lately preached his farewell sermon to a very large congregation in the Presbyterian church, Norwich. The discourse was based on the words of Paul in Acts xx. 32—"And now brethren I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." The sermon was quite

appropriate. Mr. Martin is now in his new field of labour. The Woodstock "Times" says: "We feel sure that the people of Exeter will find him to be a learned minister, courteous and friendly, and a Christian gentleman. Mr. Martin was highly esteemed, not only by the members of his own congregation, but by the whole community, and he carries with him valuable presents to remind him of his warm friends in Norwich. We feel safe in saying that no minister enjoyed more universal respect than Mr. Martin during a sojourn here of eight years. The help of his esteemed better half will be missed by the ladies of the congregation in their work, and her friendly countenance and ways will be missed by all. May the blessing of their Master rest upon them."

THE annual congregational report of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N.B., is highly gratifying in every respect, and shows steady progress during the year. The communion roll has been increased by the addition of thirty five names, bringing the total up to 335. The number of families at present in connection with the congregation is 260. This does not include sixty single persons, not connected with families. There have been forty-three baptisms during the year. The average attendance at the prayer meetings is 100, and at Sabbath services 600. There are 200 in Sabbath school, and twenty-two teachers and officers. The financial statement shows that the balance of debt on Sabbath school hall of \$338 has been paid off during the year, and that \$2,165 has been expended in placing a new organ in the church, and other improvements. \$1,210 of this amount has also been paid off. The minister's stipend was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,300. Upwards of \$300 were collected for the different mission schemes; \$127, removal expenses for minister; and \$150, on the manse property; also \$150, for Sabbath school purposes. There are 850 sittings in the church, nearly all of which are taken.

THE Rev. E. Wallace Waits preached last Friday evening (March 16th) at Johnston's school house Napan, N.B., to a large congregation. After public worship, he organized a business meeting, for the purpose of taking into consideration the question of building a church in the section. The difficulty had always been to decide upon a site to suit the whole district. By the following report, copied from the "Chatham World," it will be found that Napan is united at last, and the new church is now to be erected, and all parties are enthusiastic about it. "After considerable agitation the site for the building of a new Presbyterian church in Napan has at last been settled. The executive committee appointed to select a site have concluded to place their new edifice on an elevation south side of Napan River, opposite the Wilson Bridge. The lot has been generously denoted by Mr. James Dickson. The site has the advantage of five roads leading to it. A better selection could not have been made. Some \$600 to \$700 have been promised. It is calculated the proposed edifice will cost \$2,500. It will be Gothic style of architecture, and is size about 35x75, seated with circular pews, slightly elevated. One gentleman has offered \$200 towards a new organ, when the edifice is finished."

THE evangelistic meetings in Acton, Ont., conducted by Rev. Mr. McIntyre for three weeks, resulted in very much good. Three of the denominations—Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist—of the town largely attended the services, and very much interest was manifested. Scores were led to take a great interest in their soul's salvation, and it is believed that a very large number have been hopefully brought to Christ. The chief means used being the preaching of Jesus Christ, and personal dealings afterwards in the enquiry meeting; also conferences with the anxious in their homes. The Saviour said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." Mr. McIntyre has been invited by five of the churches in Georgetown to go there, and engage in evangelistic work. Last Sabbath he preached to a mass-meeting in the M.E. Church, which is the largest in the place, having a seating capacity for several hundred, and was filled to its utmost. Little children and the young generally are not overlooked in connection with these special efforts. In Acton there was a mass meeting held for the children, which, doubtless, from the nature of the Gospel truths presented in a simple manner and suited to the young mind will, by God's blessing, bear fruit to the glory of the grace of the Redeemer. Pray for the peace and prosperity of Zion.—COM.

THE induction of the Rev. W. M. Martin, late of Norwich, to the pastoral charge of Exeter, took place on the 3rd inst. Rev. Mr. McCoy, moderator of Presbytery, presided; Mr. Carriere, of Grand Bend, preached; Mr. Cameron, of Kippen, addressed the newly inducted minister, and Mr. Thompson, of Brucefield, the congregation. In the evening a very successful social was held. Rev. Colin Fletcher, moderator of session during the vacancy, presided. Eloquent addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Gundy (Canada Methodist), Carriere, Webber (Bible Christian), Macadam and Martin. Before the close of the meeting, Mr. Moncar, elder, on behalf of the session and congregation, presented Mr. Fletcher with an eulogistic address and a very handsome silver water pitcher, in token of the appreciation of the interest he took in the congregation as moderator of session during the vacancy. Mr. Martin enters on his work in Exeter with very promising prospects. The congregation, as yet, is not large numerically, but it is large in liberality, and earnest and united in the work. Indeed they have done nobly during the year, besides meeting running expenses, they liquidated \$600 of their church debt, and a few days before the induction they covered by subscription, payable in January next, the remaining debt of \$1,600 and also provided a large sum for erecting horse sheds and other improvements. The new minister in assuming the charge of Exeter, has not, like many others, to assume also a burdensome church debt.

THE session of the Presbyterian congregation of Columbus and Brooklin at a recent meeting resolved to put on record the following minute relative to the death of the late James Burns, of Raglan, who departed this life on June 30th last, after a long and painful illness, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. "Mr. Burns was a native of Scotland. He joined the Church and partook of his first sacrament in the Relief Church at Strathaven, Scotland, in February, 1823. He came to Canada in the year 1834, and joined the Secession Church the same year near Oshawa, and was ordained to be eldership in the same in the year 1837. When the Columbus and Brooklin stations were united into a separate charge he was elected by the united congregation to the eldership of the new charge, and by the newly formed session to the clerkship, he continued to discharge his duties as an elder and clerk of the session with great fidelity until laid aside by his last illness. As a clerk he was careful and painstaking, as an elder he was considerate of the rights of others. Firmness and gentleness were joined in a marked degree in his character, he was hopeful for the success of the Church, and adorned the doctrine of his Master by a blameless life. He took a deep interest in the Sabbath school of which he was the superintendent at Columbus for many years. He was like a parent among the children. His kindly manner and genial bearing won the love and respect of the school. He followed with a father's eye the career of the scholars after they left the school and removed from the congregation, and often remarked with gratitude that there were very few who proved in after life unworthy of the school and unfaithful to what was taught. The session deeply feel the loss of one so faithful in duty, so able in counsel, and so esteemed in the Church; and, while putting on record a sense of their own loss, would also express their deep sympathy with the family who are left to mourn the loss of so loving and faithful a parent."

THE fifth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw to the pastorate of St. Paul's Church Hamilton, having been publicly marked by the very successful sacred concert given in the church on 12th March, under the auspices of the Ladies' Association, the annual social gathering of the congregation was held recently in the lecture room, under the direction of the Young People's Association. The attendance was very large, and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. After prayer and opening remarks by the pastor, and delightful music, both vocal and instrumental, by members of the choir and others, a brief review of the work of the church during the past five years was read, containing, amongst other interesting statements, the following evidences of remarkable progress; 394 new members have been added to the church since March 12th 1878. The actual membership has increased from 237 to 438. The benevolent contributions have risen steadily from \$200 in 1878 to \$1,830 in 1882. The ordinary revenue has advanced from \$3,465 in 1878 to \$5,549 in 1882.