

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan, M.A., leaves for the sea-side in a few days.

THE Rev. D. L. Munro, M.A., will conduct the services in Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, next Sabbath.

THE Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., of Cheltenham, has been unanimously and cordially called by the congregation of Lancaster.

REV. MR. YOUNG, having accepted the position of agent for Knox College, preached his farewell sermon at Picton on the 27th ult.

REV. J. R. BEATTIE, of Port Hope, conducted the services in connection with the communion in the Orillia Presbyterian Church last Friday.

AT the special congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church, Orillia, held on the 30th ult., it was resolved to proceed with the re-seating and other alterations in the church at once.

THE new structure erected by the Leeburn Presbyterian congregation to replace the building destroyed by fire last November was opened with appropriate services on the 27th ult., Rev. J. Sieveright, pastor of the congregation, preaching in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Graham, Egmondville, in the afternoon. The attendance on both occasions was large. The collection in aid of the building fund was \$30.

ON Sabbath evening, 27th ult., the pulpit of Division street Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound (Rev. Mr. Somerville's), was occupied by Mr. McIntyre, Principal of the Ladies' College, Brantford, who preached, says the "Tribune," an earnest sermon from John vii. 37: "If any man thirst let him come unto Me and drink." A large congregation listened very attentively to the sermon, which was excellent in its simplicity of language and earnestness of purpose.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., the Rev. D. L. McCrae was inducted to the pastoral charge of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Osnaburck, by the Presbytery of Glengarry. Rev. Mr. Lang, of Lunenburg, preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon from Gen. ix. 37, 38. Rev. Dr. McNish, of Cornwall, conducted the ordination and induction services, thereafter addressing Mr. McCrae in suitable words. Rev. Mr. McGillivray of Lunenburg addressed the congregation in words brimful of kindly Christian advice.

AT a meeting of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, held in Calvin Church, Pembroke, on Wednesday and Thursday, 30th and 31st ult., Mr. M. H. Scott, M.A., was licensed to preach, having been appointed to a charge in Bristol. On Thursday evening a large congregation was present to witness the ordination of Mr. Taylor, B.A., who has been appointed to the Mattawa District as a missionary. Among the reverend gentlemen who took part in the proceedings were Crombie, of Smith's Falls, Christie, of Beachburg, and Ballantyne, of Pembroke.

THE scholars of the Sabbath school in connection with the Bank street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, had their annual excursion on the 29th ult. They went down the river, by steamer, as far as Ottawa. The weather was all that could be desired, the trip, both down and up the river, being thoroughly enjoyable, whilst everything possible had been done to ensure the comfort and pleasure of the children during their stay at Buckingham. A little girl named Graham during the day fell from a swing and was severely injured. She was tenderly cared for and is out of danger.

SHORTLY after the settlement of the Rev. M. MacKenzie, formerly of Inverness, Que., as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Richibucto, N.B., in August last, the ladies of his present charge resolutely and enthusiastically formed themselves into two sewing circles with the view of aiding in raising a fund for the building of a manse. With a perseverance worthy of all praise they met week after week for months, getting up all manner of useful and ornamental articles. It was deemed best to hold two bazaars instead of one for the disposal of the accumulated assortment of varied and beautiful articles, the one in the town of Richibucto, the other in Kingston, the one being the shire-town, the other the centre of the congregation. The bazaar in Richibucto was held first, on the 24th of June, and that at Kingston on the 9th of July. The amount realized after defraying all expenses was at Richibucto \$325, and at Kingston \$935—jointly the very handsome sum of \$1,260; forming a striking

proof of how much may be done, even in hard times, when people are truly earnest in their resolutions. A. evidence of the state of peace and goodwill pervading the community here, it should be mentioned the bazaars were generously and liberally patronized and aided by all classes and denominations, Catholic and Protestant. A few days after the bazaar at Kingston a very beautiful lot consisting of one half acre was most generously presented for the proposed manse, by William Bowser Esq., of Kingston. Advertisements for tenders for the building are now published, and, judging from the plan, the manse will be a decided credit to the congregation, and an ornament to Kingston."

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Court met at Alexandria, on the 1st of July. Dr. McNish was re-appointed Moderator, and Dr. Lamont Clerk. It was agreed to add Mr. Ferguson's name to the Home Mission Committee, and that the regular time for appointing same be at the March meeting. There was produced and read a call and relative documents from the congregation of Martintown and Williamstown in favour of the Rev. Peter McDiarmid, promising a stipend of \$700 with manse and glebe, and the same was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. McDiarmid. A reference from the session of Indian Lands was duly considered, and on motion of Dr. Lamont, seconded by Mr. Hay, was disposed of as follows. "The Presbytery having heard parties in the case, hereby resolve to send it back to the session, with instructions to deal with the matter in accordance with the laws of the Church." The Rev. Finlay McLennan, Moderator of the Roxborough session, asked leave to moderate in a call, which was granted. The report of the Committee on Statistics was ordered to be forthcoming at next ordinary meeting. The Rev. D. H. McLennan, M.A., gave notice "That inasmuch as certain irregularities in the conducting of religious services within the bounds have come to the Presbytery's notice, the matter will be taken up and fully discussed at next ordinary meeting. The Presbytery met at Cornwall by adjournment on the 17th ult. Dr. McNish reported that he had moderated in a call at Osnaburck in favour of Mr. David L. McCrae. The call was sustained, and Dr. McNish thanked for his diligence in the matter. Mr. McCrae, who was present, signified his acceptance of the same, and the Moderator was authorized to prescribe trials to him, to be heard on the 29th inst. The Presbytery appointed Dr. McNish to preside, the Rev. W. A. Lang, M.A., to preach, Dr. Lamont to address the minister, and the Rev. Alex. McGillivray the people. The edict of ordination was appointed to be served on the two following Sabbaths by the officiating minister. The Clerk reported he had received notice from Mr. Peter McDiarmid intimating his declination of the call from Martintown and Williamstown. The Presbytery again met at St. Matthew's Church, Osnaburck, on the 29th July, for the hearing of Mr. McCrae's trials, with a view to his ordination and induction. After subjecting Mr. McCrae to a rigid examination, his trials were sustained as highly satisfactory, and it was agreed to proceed with Mr. McCrae's ordination and induction at two o'clock p.m. Leave was granted to Rev. John Fraser to moderate in a call at Martintown and Williamstown on an early day. The Rev. Alex. McGillivray reported he had moderated in a call at Lancaster in favour of the Rev. Ebenezer D. McLaren, M.A., B.D., signed by 152 members and thirty-six adherents, and promising a stipend of \$1,000, with manse. The call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Toronto, and the Rev. Mr. McGillivray of Scarborough was appointed to represent this Presbytery before the Presbytery of Toronto. After the usual notices given to the assembled congregation and the edict having been returned as duly served, the Rev. W. A. Lang, M.A., proceeded to the pulpit and preached an able and appropriate sermon from the text, "The harvest truly is plenteous," etc. After sermon, Dr. McNish put to Mr. McCrae the questions appointed by Assembly, offered the ordination prayer, and addressed the minister on his duties and responsibilities, and the Rev. Mr. McGillivray addressed the congregation in suitable terms. The Presbytery appointed the next ordinary meeting at Martintown, (Burns' Church,) on the third Tuesday of September, at one o'clock p.m.—HUGH LAMONT, Pres. Clerk.

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## REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU ON THE HYMN BOOK.

The Committee appointed to examine the Hymn Book sent down to Presbyteries by the General Assembly, have to report as follows:

1. We regard the draft hymn book submitted to the Assembly as vastly superior to the draft hymn book originally sent down to Presbyteries. We approve generally of the omissions made in it.

2. Whilst, however, we consider the draft hymn book in its amended form a great improvement upon the original draft hymn book, we are far from deeming it as satisfactory. We are strongly of opinion that several omissions and alterations should yet be made in it.

3. The further omissions and alterations which we consider desirable are as follows:

(1) That the following hymns should be omitted: 8, 29, 38, 43, 46, 64, 82, 83, 86, 100, 125, 157, 190, 204, 243, 248, 254, and 258.

We admit that the 86th is a hymn of much grandeur; still inasmuch as it teaches, if not directly at least by implication, that the resurrection of the righteous shall take place before that of the wicked, we cannot approve of retaining it. We have no special objection to the 254th hymn; as it is, however, a version of the 121st Psalm, and as we have already a very excellent version of that Psalm, we see no reason for giving it a place in our hymn book.

(2) That the following verses should be omitted: 105: 3—136: 3—138: 3—148: 2—162: 3—224: 5—229: 4—240: 3—and 250: 3.

136: 3 is omitted in Schaff's "Christ in Song," "Hymns Ancient and Modern" and the Wesleyan Hymn Book. It is not a part of the original hymn. It was composed by Cennick. The last line, however, is not as Cennick left it. It was altered by Madan. 148: 2 is omitted in the English Presbyterian Book. 240: 3 is also omitted in that book.

(3) That certain alterations should be made in the following hymns:

1, 2, 28, 34, 39, 41, 49, 84, 115, 135, 159, 185, 195, 217, 220, 265, and 273.

The alterations which we consider desirable are as follows: That No. 1 be given as in the Free Church Hymn Book. That book omits verses 3, 4, and 5, and gives the first line of the last verse thus,—"Keep Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes." Hymns "Ancient and Modern" and the U. P. Book also omit verses 3, 4, and 5. We think the 5th verse should at any rate be omitted. The E. P. Book gives the last verse in the same way as the F. C. Book. Instead of "Thy testamental cup I take," it has "Thy cup of blessing I will take."

That in 28 the 3rd verse is omitted and that "Jesus God's exalted Son" be put in the place of "Jesus Christ, your Father's Son." These changes are made in the E. P. Book.

That 34: 2 be given as in the Wesleyan Hymn Book. It reads thus:

"Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! the sun's eclipse is o'er,  
Lo! He sets in blood no more."

That 39 be given as in Duryea's Presbyterian Hymnal and the Andover Collection. It is given almost in the very same way in the Wesleyan Hymn Book. The first verse runs:

"Come, Holy Spirit, come,  
Let Thy bright beams arise;  
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,  
The darkness from our eyes."

The verses are also given in a different and better order. That the last four lines of 41 be given as in the Andover Collection and the Old U. P. Book, or as in the E. P. Book, or as in "Hymns Ancient and Modern." In the Andover Collection it is given as follows:

"Lord Jesus, be our constant guide,  
And when the word is given,  
Bid death's cold flood its waves divide,  
And land us safe in Heaven."

That 49 be given as in the E. P. Book. The second verse is omitted, and the verse beginning, "Let not conscience make you linger," retained. That 84 be given as in the E. P. Book. That in 115 the last two verses be omitted and the following verse added:

"Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far  
Let evening blush to own a star;  
He sheds the beams of light divine  
O'er this benighted soul of mine."

That 135 be given as in Duryea's Book, or else