

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterians of Ailsa Craig have placed an organ in their church; it was used for the first time last Sabbath.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane has received £150 from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, for the Home Mission Fund.

THE Barrie St. Andrew's Society's annual service was conducted by the chaplain, Rev. D. D. McLeod, in the Presbyterian Church last Sabbath.

THE Rev. W. A. Mackay's work on "Immersion," to which is appended "A Reviewer Reviewed," is now in its fourth edition, revised and enlarged.

A VERY successful entertainment in connection with Bank Street Church, Ottawa, was held recently. Music and recitations were among the chief attractions.

THE Rev. E. W. Panton, the esteemed pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, preached an appropriate sermon to St. Andrew's Society last Sabbath afternoon.

THE Rev. Joseph Annand, of Ancitum, New Hebrides, has been delivering, in a number of places in Ontario, most interesting addresses on the work in which he is engaged.

IT is probable, says the Peterborough Review, that the St. Paul's Church congregation in that town will have their church illuminated with electric light outside as well as inside.

HAMILTON St. Andrew's Society attended Knox Church on Sunday evening last. Rev. Mungo Fraser preached the annual sermon. The sister societies turned out on the occasion.

LAST Sabbath evening the Rev. John James, D.D., who has agreed to occupy the pulpit of St. James Square Church till the induction of Dr. Kellogg, began a series of lectures on the Book of Revelation.

THE Rev. W. S. Ball, who was chaplain of the 7th Fusiliers in the North-West campaign, gave a very interesting lecture on Monday evening week, in the Sarnia town hall regarding the late rebellion.

THE Rev. D. B. McRae met with the congregations of Molesworth and Trowbridge on the 20th ult. for the purpose of moderating in a call to a minister. The call came out unanimously in favour of the Rev. A. Stevenson, late of Sunderland.

MRS. KEER, who was for some years a resident in Hindostan, addressed a meeting for women and children in St. Andrew's Church, London, last week. There was a special interest in her addresses, as she appeared in the costume of a high caste Hindoo lady.

THE Rev. J. K. Smith, of Knox Church, Galt, preached in Zion Congregational Church, Toronto, and addressed the Sabbath school in the afternoon of Sabbath last. The special services were held in celebration of the fifty-first anniversary of Zion Church.

AT the meeting of the Guelph Presbytery last week a committee was appointed to consider and suggest some appropriate way of celebrating the approaching jubilee of Dr. Smellie, of Fergus, who in March next will have completed his fiftieth year since his ordination.

THE first open meeting of the Literary Society of Knox Church, Hamilton, was held last week in the basement of the church, which was well filled by an attentive and appreciative audience. The president of the society, Rev. Mungo Fraser, M.A., occupied the chair. The meeting was very enjoyable.

THE Presbyterians at Carp presented their minister's wife, Mrs. Thomas Bennett, on the eve of her departure for Montreal, an address expressive of their appreciation of her, especially as a Sabbath school teacher and organist. The address was read by Miss Emily Wilson, and a purse was presented by Miss E. A. Carruthers.

THE Rev. E. N. B. Millard, M.A., was inducted at Lansdowne on the 17th of November. Mr. Mackie preached, Mr. Houston addressed the minister, and Mr. Gracey the people. Three settlements have taken place in the Presbytery of Kingston since the meeting of Assembly, namely, at Consecration, St. Andrew's, Kingston, and Lansdowne.

THE young people of Knox Church, Cannington, have formed a Mutual Improvement Society with the following officers: President, J. C. Windell; vice-president, F. Chester; secretary and treasurer, Harry Horne; lady committee, Misses Ross, Dunoon and McDougall. The society will meet weekly, and no doubt much good will result from the lectures, debates, etc. Mr. McLaren, the pastor of this church, although only a short time in the village, is very popular with all classes.

AT the morning service in the Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, N.B., Sunday week, the pastor, Rev. G. S. Allen, A.B., delivered an able temperance sermon. This is in accordance with the request of the Synod to the clergymen within its bounds to deliver at least one sermon in the year in furtherance of the principles of temperance. In the afternoon the Sabbath school was visited by Mr. Thomas Kerr, of Toronto. His address to the pupils and teachers was practical and edifying.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Havelock, was dedicated for public worship on Sunday, the 22nd of November. The Rev. A. Bell, of Peterborough, preached a sermon in the afternoon, and the Rev. Mr. Carmichael, of Norwood, preached a sermon in the evening. At both services the church was filled to overflowing, and the collections were very liberal. The congregation at Havelock was inaugurated but two years ago, and at the present time they have a handsome new church, capable of comfortably seating 300 people. The new congregation is in a prosperous condition.

THE Berlin Telegraph says: A meeting of the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, was held in the school room recently, to meet Mrs. Smellie, of Fergus, and Mrs. D.

McCrae, of Guelph, president and secretary of the Guelph Presbyterian Society in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. The attendance was good. The chair was taken by Mrs. Smellie, the president, and after a few remarks in which she explained the object and methods of the society, a beautiful address was given by Miss McCrae, and listened to with much attention.

THE Rev. J. McMechan, of Port Perry, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit, Uxbridge, on Sabbath week, Mr. Cockburn being in Port Perry, conducting anniversary services there. On Monday evening, the ladies of Port Perry Presbyterian Church provided an excellent tea in the town hall, after which addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, Carmichael, of Columbus, Cockburn, of Uxbridge, and Dr. Carey and Mr. Oakley, of Port Perry. The addresses were interspersed with excellent music by the choir. The entertainment was in every respect a success.

THE Young People's Literary and Missionary Society recently formed in connection with the Presbyterian Church, St. George, is progressing admirably. A splendid audience assembled on Tuesday evening last to listen to a debate on the question, "Resolved that the Church would be benefited by the abolition of tea meetings, bazaars and socials." A spirited and enthusiastic debate resulted in a decision for the affirmative. The session and managers of the congregation are greatly encouraged by the steady progress of all branches of the work, under the able and earnest oversight of their recently inducted pastor, Rev. W. S. McTavish.

A "MITE" meeting, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was held at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Torrance, pastor of St. Paul's, on Thursday evening week. The attendance was large and the evening passed off most pleasantly. Messrs. C. Brown, P. E. S. Cooper and the Rev. Mr. Torrance gave readings during the evening, and several ladies present contributed vocal and piano solos. The proceeds netted \$14, which, it must be understood, was the result of purely voluntary contribution, all who felt like giving having dropped their "mites" in the mite box.

THE sad tidings have been received that Dr. A. J. Dodds, medical missionary of the Syrian Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States, was lost from the Cunard steamer *Sidon* in the Mediterranean on October 27. The steamer was caught in a cyclone and was wrecked on the coast of Spain, about fifty miles from Coruna. The crew and all on board were saved, except four passengers, one of whom was Dr. Dodds. He was one of the most valuable missionaries in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, having been born in Syria while his father, Rev. R. J. Dodds, D.D., was stationed there, and the Arabic language and customs of the country were as familiar to him as the English.

THE reception accorded to the Rev. Mr. Grant, M.A., on the evening of the day on which he was inducted to the charge of Knox Church, St. Mary's, must have been very gratifying to that gentleman and was such that he cannot but have drawn therefrom happy auguries of his future residence in St. Mary's. A large congregation assembled to welcome him and welcoming and congratulatory addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Crystal, Boyd, Scott, Turnbull, Dr. James, Henderson and Hincks. Mr. Grant responded, reciprocating the kind remarks of the previous speakers, and thanking the people of St. Mary's for the warm welcome extended to him. Excellent music was furnished by the church choir under the able leadership of Mr. Johnston. Rev. R. Hamilton, Motherwell, occupied the chair.

THE Young People's Association of Knox Church, Cornwall, which was recently organized, held its first meeting on Tuesday evening, 17th November. An inaugural address was delivered by the hon. president, the Rev. James Hastie, on "Wit and Humour," and was followed by an interesting programme of readings and music. The officers are: Honorary president, the pastor; president, Henry C. Patterson; vice-presidents, Robert McKay and P. E. Campbell; secretaries, John Copeland, jun'r, and Miss Hastie; treasurer, Mark Hamilton; committee on meetings and entertainments, J. P. Watson, J. H. Porteous, P. E. Campbell, William Hodge, Miss Mary Smart, and Miss Daye; committee on invitation and reception, J. C. Alguire, W. J. Sennott, Alex. Bruce, Miss Hodge, Miss Smart and Miss Miller. The meetings will be held every alternate Friday evening.

THE Brantford Witness says: The last of the old pioneer settlers of this section has passed away in the person of Mr. Donald Sutherland, of the Scotch Settlement. He was one of the old Selkirk settlers that emigrated from Scotland about the year 1814, and after sojourning there a few years he, in company with a number of others, who have since "passed over to the majority," came to this part of the country and settled in West Gwillimbury. He endured the same privations and hardships which attended his companions in those days, the history of which has already several times appeared in these columns. Deceased attained a ripe age, ninety-one years, and died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was for many years a staunch member. The funeral took place on Tuesday and was largely attended, Rev. Mr. Bryant performing the last solemn rites.

THE Rev. W. A. McKenzie, B.A., was inducted over the congregations of Grafton and Vernonville at Grafton on Wednesday last week. Although it rained all day, the reception was most enthusiastic. The church was crowded during the day, and the town hall filled to overflowing in the evening, and all were well pleased with the interesting services held. Everybody thought the reverend gentlemen that had to do with the induction ceremony did their part well. It is seldom we hear the duties of pastor and people so ably defined. The feast given by the ladies of the congregations was sumptuous. The speakers of the evening were Rev. Messrs. Duncan, Beatty, Hay, Mitchell, McKenzie, Smith, Marvin and Percy. The speeches were excellent, and all more or

less on the theme of Christian unity. The music rendered by the choir of the Cobourg Presbyterian Church was highly appreciated. The receipts were \$107.

A VERY novel and pleasing entertainment was recently held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Whitby. The chief characteristic was the entire absence of formality in the proceedings. The room had previously been made as home-like as possible. Tables decked with prettily-arranged bouquets of flowers, and strewn with interesting books and magazines; groups of ladies and gentlemen in all parts of the room, some reading, some conversing seriously, others in more airy strains, some singing and all looking thoroughly happy, formed a pleasing scene. A neat repast of good things had also been supplied by the good ladies of the church, and was heartily enjoyed by those present. Occasionally the hum of conversation was hushed and some one would enliven the meeting with singing and music. Misses Mustard, Madill, Crosby, Ross, Perry, Lawder and Wilson, and Messrs. Fotheringham, Wilson and McGillivray and others contributed to the evening's programme. Altogether it was a most enjoyable entertainment.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—This Presbytery met at River Charlo on the 10th inst. A circular letter from the Senate of Knox College, Toronto, anent the work of an additional professor in that institution, was read. Mr. Campbell's report of mission work in Caraquet was read and adopted, and his balance of salary and travelling expenses were recommended to be paid by the Home Mission Board. Mr. Johnstone's report of mission work in Kouchibouguac was also read and adopted. A report was presented anent the supply of Douglastown; the arrangements made by the Session and congregation were not deemed by the Presbytery adequate to meet the necessities of the case; the Moderator was therefore instructed to hold a joint meeting of the Session and congregation for the purpose of making more satisfactory arrangements. The Bathurst congregation presented a petition for moderation in a call and a guarantee for stipend of not less than \$750 per annum, with manse. The date of moderation was fixed for the 24th day of November, at eleven o'clock a.m. Mr. James Andrew appeared in support of the petition. The Presbytery recommended the congregations of Bathurst and Bellfleur to confer together, for the purpose of adopting some means by which Bathurst may secure unbroken Sabbath morning service. The Presbytery met at New Mills in the afternoon of the same day at half-past two o'clock. The Rev. E. Wallace Waits, and Messrs. W. S. Loggie and John Nicholson, Newcastle, were appointed a committee to audit the Presbytery fund. The resignation of Rev. Thomas Nicholson was considered. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery thereanent. The elders and managers were then heard, and the congregation being assembled, several of them expressed their opinions on the subject. The Moderator asked at this stage what would be the probable retiring allowance that they would give to their minister. The elders and managers after consideration, brought in a unanimous recommendation for the sum of \$1,000. This was deemed satisfactory to the Presbytery and, therefore, the resignation was accepted, to take effect on and after the 1st day of December, the charge to be declared vacant on the first Sabbath of December, by Rev. James Murray. Mr. Nicholson was appointed *interim* Moderator of the Session of his former charge. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held at Newcastle on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1886, at eleven o'clock a.m.—E. WALLACE WAITS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, November 24. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders. The Rev. Messrs. Annand, foreign missionary, T. Nixon and H. Currie were present and invited to sit with the Presbytery. A call from Penetanguishene and Wyebudge to Rev. H. Currie was sustained and accepted by him. It was arranged that he be inducted to the charge on Tuesday, December 8, at 7 p.m., at Penetanguishene—Mr. D. James to preside, Mr. G. A. Morrison to preach, Messrs. Moodie and Leishman to address the minister and the congregation respectively. A call was sustained from Bracebridge and Monck to Dr. W. Clarke, and arrangements made for his induction if he should accept. Interesting reports were given in by Mr. R. N. Grant on the statistics of the Presbytery for last year, and by Mr. D. D. McLeod on the various methods adopted by congregations in the bounds in managing their finances. These reports were remitted to a committee for consideration, in order to frame a scheme on the financial work of the congregations to be recommended for their guidance. A circular was received from the Board and Senate of Knox College, intimating that in their judgment Church History, Homiletics and Pastoral Theology are the subjects to be committed to a fourth chair in the college. Mr. S. Acheson gave notice that at next regular meeting he would submit the name of a person to fill the new chair. Mr. Dawson was authorized to moderate in a call from Huntsville and Allansville when desired. Petitions from First and Second Tecumseth were received, asking for separation from Adjala, and for a change from their present designation to that of Fraser Church, Tottenham and Beeton. Commissioners were heard in support of the petition. Mr. N. Drummond, elder, represented the Adjala congregation, and stated that he was instructed not to oppose the petition. After deliberation the Presbytery agreed to grant the petition, and authorized Mr. Carswell, the Moderator of the vacant Session, to moderate in a call from Tottenham and Beeton when required. It was further agreed to request Rev. Mr. Tant, of Mono, to give supply in the meantime to Adjala until, if it be found that Adjala can be taken in as a part of his charge, arrangements may be made for transferring it to the Presbytery of Toronto, and the sanction of the Synod obtained. The circular of the Augmentation Committee was duly considered, and a committee appointed to arrange for visiting the congregations in the interests of the fund, and specially for raising the amount expected from this Presbytery. Owing to the continued indisposition of Mr. Fairbairn, the Presbytery expressed sympathy with him, and Mr. Grant was appointed to arrange for supply of the pulpits of Esson, Willis and Mitchell