

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

NEW bells have been placed in Zion Church, Carleton Place, and the Presbyterian Church, White Lake.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Ayr, are making preparations for the erection of a manse forthwith.

THE induction of the Rev. Mr. McGregor into the pastoral charge of Tilsonburg will take place on the 2nd of May.

THE Rev. A. Y. Hartley, of Hensall, has received a unanimous call from the congregations of Bluevale and Eadie's.

THE Rev. J. C. Cattnach, of Dundee Centre, Que., has received a call to St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

THE call from Kirkhill to the Rev. W. Ferguson, of Glamis, has been accepted by Mr. Ferguson, and his translation has been agreed to by the Presbytery of Bruce.

THE congregations of Norwood and Hastings have been declared separate and vacant. The Norwood congregation have decided to give a call to the Rev. Mr. James.

THE Rev. F. M. Dewey, B.A., pastor of Chalmers Church, Richmond, Que., has been presented, by his people, with a very kindly worded address and \$130, in view of his departure for a few months tour in Europe.

A SOCIAL, held in the lecture-room of Zion Church, Brantford, on the evening of the 14th inst., was well attended. Brief addresses were given by Messrs. Kerr, Spence, Bradley, Montgomery, and Rev. Dr. Cochrane.

THE Cobourg congregation are presenting a call to the Rev. D. L. McCrae, of St. Matthew's Church, Osnabruck. It is being very largely signed, and a hearty reception will be given to him should he see his way to accept.

A PETITION, signed by over 200 members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church, London, has been presented to the Session, praying that a meeting of the congregation be called at an early date to consider the advisability of introducing an organ into the services.

THE opening services of Knox Church, Stratford, which took place on the 16th inst., were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford. A musical entertainment was given on the Monday evening following. The receipts, including Sabbath collections, amounted to \$300.

THE congregation of New Carlisle, Clarke county, Ohio, have extended a call to the Rev. W. J. Smyth, B.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Quaker Hill, Uxbridge. The salary offered is \$1,000 and manse, with one month's leave of absence every summer. The congregation pay all expenses to the field.

THE congregation of College Street Presbyterian Church, in this city, have added \$300 to the salary of their pastor, Rev. A. Gilray, making it \$1,500 per annum. This is a pleasing indication of prosperity on the part of the congregation, and it also shows their appreciation of Mr. Gilray's earnest and devoted labours.

THE REV. J. SCRIMGER, M. A., of St. Joseph street Church, Montreal, was presented by the members of his congregation with a purse of \$450, and an address, on the occasion of his leaving for the south of France. We are sorry to learn that the state of Mr. Scrimger's health has rendered a temporary absence necessary, and hope that a brief sojourn in a milder climate may be the means of his speedy recovery.

THE following amounts were collected by the united congregations of Fullarton and Avonbank, during 1881, for extra-congregational purposes: For Colleges, \$73.16; Home Mission Fund, \$75.91; French Evangelization, \$51; Foreign Missions, \$94.50; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$17.18; Presbytery Fund, \$19.25; Assembly Fund, \$17; by Sabbath schools, for boy, \$34.25; for Bible Society, \$15.80; for burnt-out people, \$44.67: total, \$442.67.

THE PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met at Ingersoll on the 10th inst. The call from Tilsonburg and Culloden was accepted by Mr. M. McGregor, licentiate. The Presbytery appointed Tuesday, May 2nd, at two o'clock p.m., in the church at Tilsonburg, for hearing his trial discourses for ordination. Mr. D. D. McLeod, commissioner to the

Presbytery of Peterborough, reported that the translation of Mr. F. R. Beattie from Baltimore and Cold Springs to First Church, Brantford, had been granted. Mr. Beattie's induction into First Church was appointed to take place on Tuesday, May 9th, at eleven o'clock a.m. Application was made to the Synod for leave to take Mr. McKinlay, student, on trials for license. The remit on standing orders was approved of, with the exception of the clause relating to the evening sederunts of the Assembly. The committee on the proposed regulations of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund gave in a report disapproving of said regulations. The report was adopted, and the Presbytery overtured the Synod in terms of said report. The Presbytery resumed consideration of Mr. Hume's resignation of his pastoral charge, tendered at last meeting. Delegates from the congregation were heard, and a resolution adopted at a congregational meeting was read. Mr. Hume was again heard, and still adhered to his resignation. Thereafter the following motion was unanimously adopted: "That the Presbytery decline to accept Mr. Hume's resignation, impress on him the duty and importance of retaining his position as pastor of the congregation, and assure him of the support of the Presbytery in the work of the Lord at St. George. The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in Tilsonburg May 2nd, at two o'clock p.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Court met in Morrin College, Quebec, on the 12th inst. The Rev. T. Charbonnel, French missionary of the Methodist Church, appeared before the Presbytery and applied to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. After due consideration of his case, the Court agreed to apply to the Assembly for leave to receive him as such. Messrs. S. A. Carrière and John Morrison, graduates of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, appeared and applied to be taken on trials for license. Their examination was sustained, and it was agreed to apply to the Synod for leave to take them on trials for license. In connection with this matter it was moved by Dr. Mathews, seconded by Mr. W. B. Clark and agreed to, "That this Presbytery will not, in the future, take on trials for license any student who has not been connected with it, or is not transferred to it in the regular way." A petition was presented from the congregation of St. Sylvester and Lower Leeds, praying that Mr. John Pritchard, B.A., be licensed so as to become their pastor. It was agreed to apply to the Assembly for leave to license Mr. Pritchard, although his theological course is not yet completed. Dr. Weir and Dr. Mathews were appointed to support the application before the Assembly. Mr. James Allard, licentiate, appeared before the Presbytery and delivered trial discourses with the view of being ordained to the Gospel ministry. His examination was sustained, and his ordination appointed to take place in the French Church, Quebec, on the 13th inst., at half-past seven p.m., Mr. C. E. Amaron to preach and preside. A call from the congregation of Leeds in favour of Mr. McCollough, probationer, was presented. The call was signed by 225 members and eighty-seven adherents, and was accompanied with a guarantee of stipend to the extent of \$700, with manse and glebe. The call was sustained, and should Mr. McCollough accept the same, his ordination and induction were appointed to take place on the 27th inst., at two p.m. Mr. Haskin applied to be released from the charge of the congregation of Inverness on account of family affliction. His application was granted, to take effect on the 1st of May, and the clerk was instructed to prepare a suitable minute anent his resignation, and to give Mr. Haskin a certificate of standing. Dr. Cook was appointed as delegate to the Assembly, in the stead of Mr. Haskin, who resigned. The remits from the Assembly were taken up. The Presbytery approved of the general principle of the Sustentation Fund, without committing itself to the details of the scheme as sent down to the Presbyteries. The overture anent proposed changes in standing orders was approved of, also the changes in the regulations of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Mr. C. E. Amaron read the annual report on the State of Religion within the bounds of the Presbytery. The report was more encouraging than that of last year. A committee was appointed to prepare an overture to be transmitted to the Assembly, praying that the interests of Morrin College be considered in the distribution of the College Fund. The overture, when

submitted, was approved of, ordered to be transmitted to the Assembly, and Dr. Mathews, Dr. Weir and Æ. McMaster were appointed to appear in its support. Mr. McMaster reported that there was prospect of building a church at the Chaudière, and requested that trustees be appointed to hold property for the church in that locality. Mr. McMaster, Mr. J. McDonald and Mr. Ross were appointed trustees for that purpose. Mr. Ross, of Lake Megantic, was authorized to solicit aid from persons outside of his own congregation towards the payment of a debt on his manse property. Dr. Cook, Dr. Weir, Dr. Mathews, W. B. Clark and J. McDonald were appointed as a standing Committee on the examination of students, with instructions to submit a scheme of examinations at the next regular meeting. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to take place in Scotstown, on Wednesday, 6th Sept, at ten a.m. At half-past seven p.m. on the 13th the Presbytery met in the French church, Quebec, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Jas. Allard as French missionary. Mr. C. E. Amaron presided, and Mr. Clark addressed Mr. Allard on the duties of the sacred office to which he had been set apart.—F. M. DEWEY, Pres. Clerk.

THE COLLEGE FUND.

The General Assembly in June last established a common fund for the support of Knox, Queen's, and Montreal Theological Colleges.

A careful estimate was made, showing that for the maintenance of these Colleges this year the sum of \$19,000 was required from the congregations of the Church in Ontario and Quebec. Though the ecclesiastical year ends on Saturday first, only about \$14,000 have thus far been received, leaving a balance of \$5,000 yet to be obtained.

As it is exceedingly desirable that the full amount required be got, I have arranged to keep my College cash book open until TUESDAY, 23RD MAY, for three purposes:—

1. To give an opportunity to contribute to those congregations and mission stations that have not yet done so. Ministers and Missionaries are earnestly requested to announce a collection on Sabbath, 30th inst., or 7th May, and to see that it is taken and forwarded prior to the 23rd May. It is hoped that we may be able to report to the Assembly every congregation and mission station as contributing to the College Fund. It is surely not too much to ask that Sessions give their people at least the opportunity to contribute to the fund.

2. To enable those congregations that have already contributed to supplement their contribution by a special collection or grant on behalf of the fund. It is believed that there are many such congregations so interested in the welfare of our Theological institutions that they will gladly give an additional contribution when they know that \$5,000 are still required to end the year free from debt. From not a few congregations having a membership exceeding 150, an average contribution of some 5 or 6 cents per communicant is all that has this year been received for the College Fund. Surely it is not too much to ask an additional contribution from these before the 23rd May.

3. To give an opportunity to private individuals to show their interest in the work of Theological education. The past year has been one of great prosperity to many of the members of our Church. God has blessed them in their undertakings. He has given them health and strength for the daily duties of life. He has prospered them in business. He has made their cup to run over with temporal and spiritual blessings. Is it too much to ask that, in addition to their ordinary contributions through congregational channels, they forward a special contribution—a thank-offering—to aid in making up the \$5,000 still required to free the College Fund from debt?

At present there does not appear much prospect of the amount being got unless a considerable portion of it is obtained in contributions from private individuals. It is earnestly hoped that this may be the case, and that many of those to whom God has given the ability will respond to this appeal before the 23rd of May.

All contributions received up to that date will be acknowledged in the report to be presented to the General Assembly in June.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Agent of the Fund.

260 St. James St., Montreal, 24th April, 1882.