

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. James Ballantyne, M.A., has been ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of London South. His and the congregation's prospects are most encouraging.

THE following gentlemen have been elected and inducted to the eldership of Charles Street Congregation, Toronto: Revs. William Hamilton, D.D., G. H. Hault, Messrs. James Knowles, William Hendry, T. R. Haig, and G. T. Ferguson.

At Rosemont, March 31, Mr. R. B. Smith, Licentiate, was ordained and inducted to Mulmur and Rosemont. At Guthrie Church, Oro, on March 2nd, Mr. J. A. Morrison, late of Sault Ste. Marie, was inducted to Knox and Guthrie Churches, Oro.

MESSRS. GEORGE SPENCE, Thomas Yellowlees, William Blakely, and James Park, have been elected and inducted elders in Erskine Church, Toronto. Mr. J. A. Peterson, M.A., was also elected, but on account of the multiplicity of congregational work in which he is already engaged, he declined the office.

THE *Advocate* says:—As a result of Father Chiniquy's labours among the French Catholics in Chicago, in connection with Pastor Seguin's French Mission, twenty-five families have signed a paper accepting the Protestant faith and renouncing Romanism. Sixteen converts were recently baptized in the Jefferson Park Presbyterian Church.

SINCE the settlement of the organ and hymn question, Chalmers Church, Woodstock, has enjoyed a season of wonderful prosperity. We notice from the *Sentinel Review* that special evangelistic services are being held at the present time. Each evening the large lecture-room of the church is crowded with apparently devout worshippers, and many are coming out on the Lord's side. On Sabbath, 5th inst., the Lord's Supper was observed, when thirty-two partook of it for the first time. This makes an accession of seventy-six to the membership during the year.

THE *Brookville Recorder*, in a recent issue, gives the outline of a very able discourse preached in St. John's Church there, by Rev. Dr. Jardine, on Rom. ii. 14, 15, in which he says: The world has a long way to go before it reaches the standard of Christ's preaching and example; and until this standard is reached the world will have need of the Gospel. To lead the world on from the carnal to the spiritual, from faith to faith, from hatred to love, until the image of the Eternal Father is stamped upon the children of men was the object of Christ's coming and is now the object of His Church's efforts. That this object will ultimately be accomplished, we cannot doubt.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in Guthrie Church, Harrison, on the 17th ult. Messrs. McLennan, formerly of Charlottetown, and Muir, of Fordwich, being present, were asked to sit and deliberate. Mr. Wilson was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Mr. Straith reported that he had preached in Durham and declared the two congregations united. Mr. Aull read a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery anent the resignation and retirement of Mr. Park, which was adopted. The clerk was instructed to send a copy to Mr. Park. Mr. Aull read the report on Sabbath schools, which was received, adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod and Assembly. Mr. Campbell was appointed to moderate a call in Mount Forest and Mr. Straith in Durham as soon as the congregations are prepared. The remits were duly considered. Nos. 3 and 5 anent Aged and Infirm Ministers were approved of. No. 4 was so altered that all who paid into the Fund should receive equally out of it. The Presbytery recommended that only two copies of the Assembly's minutes should be given gratuitously to each congregation. The Presbytery agreed to the recommendation of the Assembly's Committee anent marriage with a deceased wife's sister. A letter was read from Mr. Middlemiss anent increased liberality towards the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. It was resolved that a liberal collection be required from all congregations that have not contributed to the Fund this year. A letter was read from Mr. John A. Ross intimating his willingness to go to Dundalk and Fraser settlement for two years as an ordained missionary; Mr. McGregor intimated that it was the wish of the congregations to secure Mr. Ross. The Convener of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was advised in accordance with the offer of Mr. Ross and the wish of the congregations to secure the services of Mr. Ross. Mr. Straith read the Home Mission report which was received and adopted. Mr. McLeod presented an overture signed by several members of Presbytery anent the formation of a new Presbytery. It was received and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod. Mr. Campbell presented an overture anent the supply of mission fields during winter. The overture was received and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly. The Presbytery resolved to ask the General Assembly to grant leave to the Rev. Wm. Park to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The following commissioners were appointed to attend the next General Assembly: Ministers—Young, Aull, Campbell and McLeod, Elders—Rev. S. C. Fraser, Messrs. James Scott, Peter McGregor and Wm. Feickun. —S. Young, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—This Presbytery met at Port Hope on the 17th March. Mr. Craigie was appointed Moderator for six months. On motion of Mr. Cleland it was agreed that an exposition of our Church Policy be an exercise in connection with all future inductions into pastoral charges. Presbytery agreed to a minute in connection with the resignation of Mr. Clark, of Lakeside, expressive of the high appreciation in which he was held, for his own and his work's sake. Mr. Jamieson was appointed to declare the Lakeside pulpit vacant on the 29th March, and Mr. Bennett was appointed Moderator of session during the vacancy. Reports on the mission fields and on the ang-

mented congregations were read by Mr. Cleland and adopted and certified to the Home Mission Committee in Toronto. The Committee on the State of Religion and Temperance were invested with presbyterial powers in order to complete their work in the preparation and forwarding of reports to the Synod. On the subject of temperance, the following resolution was adopted on motion of Mr. Bell. That the Presbytery acknowledges with thankfulness the growing healthy public sentiment on the subject, approve the Canada Temperance Act, so far as it goes; recommend it to the favourable consideration of our people wherever it may be submitted for adoption; and express the hope that we shall soon get such legislation as shall effectually deal with the evils involved. The Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of the Assembly. The following ministers were chosen as delegates to the Assembly: Messrs. Fleming, Craigie and Thompson by rotation and Messrs. Cleland, Duncan and Bennett by election. The elders chosen were Messrs. Roxburgh, of Norwood; Clarke, of Port Hope; Johnston, of Grafton; Kennedy of Bethesda; Riddell, of Cobourg, and Wilgan, of Coldsprings. A telegram having been received from the Clerk of the Toronto Presbytery to the effect that a call had been given to Mr. Fleming by the congregation of West King and Laskay, it was agreed to cite the congregation of Warsaw to appear for their interests at a special meeting of Presbytery held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, on April 14th, at two o'clock. Mr. Bell gave notice of a motion for next meeting anent a change in the mode of appointing delegates to the General Assembly. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Cobourg on the first Tuesday of July, at eleven o'clock a.m. The remit on finance was considered, and its recommendations approved of. A circular from the Presbytery of Glengarry was read, giving notice that they will apply to the Assembly for leave to receive as a probationer of the Church, Mr. Donald A. McLean, B.D., a licentiate of the Congregational Church, United States. Mr. C. H. Lowey was recommended to the Home Mission Committee as a catechist with a view to employment in the mission fields. The Sabbath school report was read by Mr. Carmichael. The report was most interesting and satisfactory. The Committee and especially the Convener were heartily thanked for their diligence. The Committee was re-appointed. Mr. Smith presented a letter of request for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry. Mr. McCrae was appointed to visit the congregation and cite them to appear at the meeting of Presbytery to be held at the time of the meeting of Synod. Mr. Duncan was appointed to take the usual steps to erect the station at Lakeport into a congregation. Mr. Bennett presented the claims of the Assembly Fund, and urged the payment of the rate levied upon the membership of the Church. Messrs. Mitchell and Cleland, ministers, and J. W. Clark, elder, were appointed a Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund and urged to take steps to promote greater liberality on the part of the people. Mr. Carmichael gave notice of a motion for rearrangement of Presbytery. —Wm. Bennett, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Presbytery met at Alexandria on the 10th inst., Rev. John Ferguson, Moderator. Rev. D. McCrae, of Neepawa, Presbytery of Brandon, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Mr. Junod, the Presbytery's French colporteur, was introduced to the Court. After preliminary business, the Presbytery received reports from deputations appointed to visit and receive congregations, and recommended grants as were thought necessary. After discussing the remit on marriage with deceased wife's sister, the Presbytery adopted the first finding of the Committee of Assembly, expressed its belief in regard to the second, that the proposition quoted therein from the Confession of Faith is fully sustained by the Scriptures; and rejected the third finding. The remit on printing was also considered and the Court recommended that the Minutes of Assembly be printed as formerly. Some discussion was given to a scheme proposed for the support of a missionary in India or elsewhere in addition to what is already given to Foreign Missions by the Presbytery. It was agreed to send this matter down to Sessions, the Moderators to report at next regular meeting. Commissioners to next General Assembly were elected as follow: Messrs. J. Matheson, B.A.; J. A. G. Calder, Geo. MacArthur, B.A., and Wm. Ferguson, ministers, and Messrs. J. Simpson, J. R. McKenzie, G. H. McGillivray, and Alex. P. Ross, M.P.P., elders. The Treasurer's report showed that when all the congregations had paid their assessments, there would be sufficient to meet all liabilities. The Committee on the State of Religion, through its Convener, Mr. John Ferguson, presented a report in which there was a great deal of information concerning the spiritual life and work of the different congregations. While there was much to cause humility, there was also a great reason for thankfulness. The returns showed that the work of God is progressing among the people. The report recommended the Presbytery to overture the General Assembly to give the work of the Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Schools, the State of Religion, and Temperance to one Committee in order to save time and lessen labour and expense. The report was received and its recommendations adopted. An application from students that the Presbytery take them on trial for licence was granted, and the Presbytery will apply to the Synod for leave to do this. East Lancaister and Dalhousie Mills ask for students for the summer. Mr. MacArthur tendered his resignation of Finch. It was laid over until the Presbyterial visitation of Finch on the 25th inst., and the congregations cited to appear before the Presbytery then and there. The Home Mission report was presented by the Convener, who stated that three vacancies had been supplied by students during the Christmas holidays, and that, in accordance with instruction of Presbytery, a French colporteur had been employed to labour among the French settlers within the bounds. The Committee recommended that in order to meet the salary of the colporteur all the congregations be asked to take up a liberal collection. The report was received, the recommendation adopted, Rev. J. Matheson appointed to receive the above money, and the Committee re-appointed with Mr. Lang as Convener. Rev. F.

A. McLennan and Mr. D. D. Ross were appointed representatives on the Synod's Committee on Hills and Over-tures.—The report on Sabbath Schools was given in by Mr. Matheson, but owing to the returns not having come in, the report could not be completed. A petition from Knox Church, Roxborough, asking to be disjoined from St. James' Church, was laid on the table, and the congregation was cited to appear at the Presbyterial visitation on the 24th inst. A report from the Presbyterial Women's Foreign Missionary Society was read showing that that Society now comprises fifteen auxiliaries and six mission bands, that \$155 had been raised during the past year, and that much useful information had been disseminated by these branches. A resolution expressing satisfaction with the work done, sympathy with the Society in its efforts and good wishes for its future efficiency and success was carried unanimously. Next regular meeting, at Lancaster, on July 7th, at one o'clock, p.m.—W. A. LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

CONVOCATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The annual convocation, in connection with the Presbyterian College, for conferring degrees in divinity, and awarding medals, scholarships and prizes, determined by the sessional examinations, was held in the David Morrice Hall on Wednesday, April 1st., the Rev. Principal McVicar presiding. The Senate and alumni entered the hall at eight o'clock, and constituted convocation. Amongst those on the platform were:—Sir W. Dawson, the Rev. Professor John Campbell, the Rev. Professor Scrimger, the Rev. Professor Cousirat, B.D., B.A.; the Rev. J. Barclay, M.A.; the Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., B.A.; the Rev. G. G. Heine, B.A.; the Rev. A. B. McKay, the Rev. W. Dey, M.A.; the Rev. J. J. Casey, B.D.; the Rev. G. T. Rayne, the Rev. G. D. Hayne, B.A.; the Rev. J. A. F. (McLean), Rev. R. Campbell, M.A.; Dr. Kelly, D. Morrice, chairman of the College Board, and others. The hall was filled with an appreciative audience, amongst whom was a large number of students. Devotional exercises having been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Heine, the presentations took place as follow:

I.—PHILOSOPHICAL AND LITERARY PRIZES.

(a.)—Philosophical and Literary Society's Prizes.—1. Public speaking, Mr. R. Johnston; 2. English essay, Mr. J. H. Graham, B.A.; 3. French essay, Mr. J. L. Morin, B.A.; 4. English reading, Mr. J. Murray Watson, B.A.; 5. French reading, Mr. P. N. Cayer. Presented by Mr. M. L. Leitch, President.

(b.) Sacred Music.—1. First Prize (year only), Mr. J. H. Graham, B.A.; 2. Second Prize (all the years), Mr. J. T. Barron, B.A. Presented by Mr. J. McLaren, Lecturer.

(c.) Sacred Rhetoric.—1. First prize (first and second years only), Mr. J. McLaren; Second prize (all the years), Mr. J. Murray Watson. Presented by the Rev. A. B. McKay, Lecturer.

II.—SCHOLARSHIPS (SPECIAL).

(a.) University Scholarship gained after the close of the session 1883-4: The George Stephen, first year, Mr. R. Johnston; 2. The Stirling, second year, Mr. A. MacWilliams; 3. The Drysdale, third year, Mr. J. H. MacFarlane; 4. The Slessor, fourth year, Mr. S. Rondeau. Presented by the Rev. W. J. Dey, M.A.

(b.) French Scholarships.—The Hamilton (McNab street) Theological, Mr. J. L. Morin, B.A.; 2. The Guelph (Chalmers Church) Theological, Mr. S. Rondeau, B.A.; 3. The Galt (Central Church) Literary, Mr. P. N. Cayer; 4. The College, Literary, Mr. A. J. Lods; 5. For English Students preparing for French Work, Mr. J. H. Graham, B.A.; 6. For the same, second Scholarship, Mr. G. J. A. Thompson. Presented by the Rev. Professor Cousirat, B.D., B.A.

(c.) Sacred Rhetoric Scholarship—Awarded to Mr. A. B. MacWilliams. Presented by the Rev. A. B. MacKay, Lecturer.

(d.) Gaelic Scholarship.—1. The H. MacLennan, \$25, Mr. J. C. Martin; 2. The K. Campbell, \$25, Mr. D. A. McCrae; 3. The J. K. Ward, \$25, Mr. M. MacKenzie; 4. The A. Campbell, \$25, Mr. J. W. MacKenzie, B.A. Presented by the Rev. Neil MacNish, B.D., LL.D., Lecturer.

(e.) The North-West Scholarship, \$25, awarded to Mr. W. T. D. Moss. Presented by the Rev. J. J. Casey, B.D.

(f.) The Alumni Scholarship, \$50, awarded to Mr. J. H. Graham, B.A. Presented by the Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., B.A.

III.—SCHOLARSHIPS (GENERAL).

(a.) Pass Work. 1. First year Greenshields' Scholarship, \$50, Mr. G. A. MacLennan; 2. Third year, 1st, H. MacKay Scholarship, \$60, Mr. George Whillans, B.A.; 3. Third year, 2nd, J. Robertson, \$25, Mr. J. L. Morin, B.A. Presented by the Rev. Professor Scrimger, M.A.

(b.) Pass and Honor Work. 1. First year, Anderson, \$100, Mr. S. Rondeau, B.A.; 2. First year, John Redpath, \$50, Mr. N. Waddell; 3. Second year, College, \$100, Mr. J. H. Graham, B.A.; 4. Second year, Peter Redpath, \$75, Mr. A. Ogilvie, B.A. Presented by the Rev. Professor Scrimger, M.A.

IV. GOLD MEDAL.

The highest prize of the year for all the work, pass and honor. Awarded Mr. George Whillans, B.A. Presented by the Rev. Professor Campbell.

CONFERRING DEGREES IN DIVINITY

And announcing results of preliminary examinations for the same.

(a.) Bachelors of Divinity.—Rev. Samuel Lyle, Hamilton, Ont.; Rev. D. Currie, B.A., Three Rivers, P.Q.

(b.) Have passed the first examination.—Mr. J. H. Graham, B.A.; Mr. A. Ogilvie, B.A.

A valedictory address was delivered by Mr. J. L. Morin, B.A.

Presentation of diplomas to the graduates of the year then took place, by the Rev. the Principal, as follows: Mr.