

Ministers and Churches.

THE address of the Rev. J. W. Bell, M.A., will be Niagara, Ont.

THE congregations of Mount Pleasant and Burford have not yet extended a call to a minister, as has been mistakenly intimated.

AT the half-yearly communion of Free St. John's Church, Walkerton, on Sabbath last, the Rev. Dr. Moffat and Session received nineteen new members into the fellowship of the Church.

COMMUNION services were held last Sabbath at Boston Church, Esquimaux, of which Rev. M. C. Cameron, B.D., Milton, is pastor. A number of persons joined the fellowship of the Church on the occasion.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Ancaster, at their prayer meeting a few weeks ago, presented an address and a purse of \$20 to Miss Eliza Jackson, their organist, for her voluntary services for some time past.

SPECIAL meetings were begun last week at Alberton, under the pastoral care of T. T. Johnston, that promise to be very successful. Neighbouring ministers are giving their services freely, and much interest is manifested by the people.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: The Rev. J. S. Hardie, who was ordained and inducted in Stanley Street Church, Ayr, on June 2, performed his first marriage ceremony on the following day. The good people of this congregation, after according their pastor a very warm reception, are evidently desirous of losing no time in utilizing his services.

THE ordination and induction of Rev. J. B. McLaren took place in Knox Church, Cannington, on the 8th inst. The Rev. Mr. Currie presided, Rev. Mr. Stevenson preached, Rev. A. Ross, M.A., addressed the minister, and Rev. Dr. McTavish the people. Mr. McLaren enters on his ministerial labours with encouraging prospects of success.

AT the Presbyterian Sabbath School Convention held recently at Sonya, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with their secretary, Mr. J. C. Gilchrist, and his family in the trying position in which they are placed owing to the uncertainty of the death of their son William C., who is supposed to have been killed in the North-West.

A FLATTERING address, accompanied with five handsomely bound and illustrated volumes of the poets, containing the complete works of Shakespeare, Byron, Moore, Milton and Scott, were presented by the Presbyterian students of the Normal School of this city, on Friday, the 5th inst., to Rev. G. E. Freeman, of Deer Park, who was their religious instructor during the present session.

A MEETING of the Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian Church, St. Hyacinth, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., at which the Rev. E. F. Seylaz was inducted as minister of that charge. Rev. R. P. Duclos presided, Rev. Professor Scrimger, M.A., preached and addressed the congregation, and Rev. James Patterson, of Montreal, addressed the minister. Mr. Seylaz was cordially welcomed by the people on entering on his ministry among them.

IN competing for academic honours ladies have successfully vindicated their claims to share in the privileges of University education. It is pleasing to note that at McGill College, Montreal, and Toronto University, they have taken a prominent place in the honour list. At the latter institution several ladies have taken a distinguished position, among them the two daughters of the late Hon. George Brown. Miss M. N. Brown carried off the gold medal, being first in the study of Modern Languages.

AT a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston held on June 2, there was tabled a call from the congregations of Concession and Hillier, in favour of Mr. A. K. McLeod, licentiate. The amount promised for support was \$500 per annum, together with a manse or rented house. The call was sustained and accepted. Mr. McLeod is to be ordained and inducted at Concession on Tuesday, July 7th, at three o'clock p.m., Mr. Chambers to preach, Mr. Robertson to address the minister, and Mr. Cumberland the people.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford, on the last Sabbath in May, when the pastor, Rev. L. Cameron, was assisted by Rev. Messrs. Stewart, of North Easthope, and Cameron, of Kincardine Township. There were ten members added to the Communion roll. Rev. Mr. Little, of Princeton, officiated on Thursday and Friday. The services were pretty well attended; although the number of old friends who come from the neighbouring congregations is getting gradually smaller every year, a good many who used to be always with us are now surrounding the table in the upper sanctuary.

THE Rev. A. Blair, B.A., who delivered trial discourses characterized by maturity of thought and clearness of expression, was ordained and inducted to the pastoral charge of Nassagaweya and Campbellville on the 2nd inst. The Rev. Robert Torrance, D.D., presided; the Rev. Hugh Rose, of Elora, preached an able and appropriate sermon from John x. 14. The newly inducted pastor was addressed by the Rev. D. B. Cameron, and the congregation by the Rev. Evan Macaulay, B.A. There were also present Revs. Dr. McKay, Puslinch, Messrs. Strachan, Rockwood, and Mullen, of Fergus. At the close of the service Mr. Blair was accompanied to the door by his predecessor, the Rev. John Neil, B.A., where he received a most hearty welcome by the people.

ON Tuesday afternoon, 26th inst., Rev. J. W. Bell, M.A., was inducted to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Niagara, in the presence of a fair congregation. The delegation from the Presbytery of Hamilton consisted of Revs. Messrs. Laidlaw, Burson, Ratcliffe and Robertson. Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Watertown, preached the sermon. Rev. Mr. Burson put the usual questions to Mr. Bell, which he answered satisfactorily and was received cordially by the

members of the Presbytery, after which Rev. Mr. Laidlaw addressed the newly inducted pastor very appropriately, and tendered some wholesome advice. Rev. Mr. Ratcliffe, of St. Catharines, then addressed the congregation, instructing them as to their duties in regard to their minister, saying that they should assist him all they could; not to expect too much of him, but in every way to strengthen his hands and heart by doing all in their power to relieve him from over-anxiety in regard to financial matters, and to do all they can to assist him with his work. Rev. Messrs. Laidlaw and Campbell then introduced the congregation to Rev. Mr. Bell, who extended to him the right hand of fellowship.

A SERIES of evangelistic meetings have been held in St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, for the last three weeks, conducted by the Rev. J. M. McIntyre, and the pastor, Rev. J. MacNabb. Very marked interest has been manifested in these meetings throughout. Mr. McIntyre who has devoted his time and talents to evangelistic work for some years past, came to Lucknow from Ripley where the Lord has owned and blessed his labours in a very signal manner and great blessing has attended his work in this place as well. Many have decided for Christ; and are rejoicing in His salvation. Scarcely a service was held in which there were not some anxious seeking souls. The professed people of God have been refreshed and cheered by God's gracious visitation to them, and the display of His grace in the conversion of sinners. During last week the ordinance of Baptism was administered to three adults in the church, and on Sabbath last the Lord's Supper was dispensed to a large number of communicants, many of them sitting at the table for the first time. The deep solemnity and prayerful attention which characterized these meetings, as the Gospel of the Grace of God was clearly and forcibly preached night after night, were evident tokens of the presence of the Spirit of God, and all felt that Christ was the glory in the midst. After a pleasing and profitable experience, we can testify heartily as to the benefit of special evangelistic services, and Mr. McIntyre, whose vivid and earnest representation of Christ and Him crucified cannot fail to impress the hearer, is conspicuously in his element in such meetings. Now that the meetings are over in St. Andrew's and a fresh impetus given to the work of Christ, it is earnestly expected that a deeper and more pronounced interest will be taken by all in the things of Christ's kingdom. A very interesting feature in this congregation is the women's prayer meeting, which is well attended. Rev. Mr. McIntyre is to leave for his home in Prescott, Ont., in a day or two to rest from his abundant labours for a few weeks. For nearly five months he has been engaged night after night, and as he rests he will indeed rejoice in spirit that in these labours hundreds were hopefully converted to Christ, and many more led to concern.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—At the meeting of this Presbytery held at Sonya, on Tuesday, 26th May, a call from Cannington congregation, addressed to Mr. J. B. McLaren, probationer, was sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by Mr. McLaren. Arrangements were made for his ordination on Monday, 8th June, at Cannington, at eleven o'clock a.m. for trials and half-past two o'clock for ordination. The following resolution, moved by Mr. Cockburn, seconded by Mr. McKennie, was passed: "That the Presbytery record their gratitude to God for the rapid spread of Temperance and Prohibition sentiments throughout Canada during the past year, especially as seen in the unparalleled success of the Temperance Act of 1878 at the polls. That we express our surprise and indignation at the recent unwarrantable action of the Senate of Canada in passing amendments destructive of the Act in total disregard of strongly-expressed public opinion embodied in numerous petitions and in overwhelming majorities at the polls—and inasmuch as said Act was adopted by the Senate and accepted by friends of Temperance in good faith, we declare these radical amendments to be a stultification of their former action and a flagrant breach of faith with the Temperance people of the Dominion—and specially those municipalities where the Act has been adopted, and has, or is yet to come into operation. The Presbytery would therefore most respectfully call upon the Honourable the House of Commons, the real representatives of the people, not to assent to these amendments so reactionary in their character and so clearly at variance with the well-understood sentiments of the people of this Dominion, and to make no changes in the Act except in the direction of stringency and as may assist in its more effective enforcement. The Presbytery held a conference in the evening with the congregation of Brock, and on Wednesday a Sabbath school convention, all of which were well attended and interesting. A vote of thanks was tendered to the people for their hospitality.—JAMES SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery by leave of the Synod met at Cobourg on 6th May. A call from Singhampton and Maple Valley to Mr. D. McLeod of Priceville was sustained. The last ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held at Barrie, on Tuesday, 26th May. Congratulations were conveyed to Dr. Gray on the occasion of the honour recently conferred on him by the Senate of Knox College. Leave was granted to the congregation of Orillia to mortgage the church property to provide funds for the erection of the new manse. Mr. H. C. Howard, who was transferred at his own request by the Presbytery of Toronto for license to this Presbytery, appeared to be taken on probationary trials. The trials were very cordially sustained and thereafter Mr. Howard was licensed to preach the Gospel. A call from Second Innisfil to Mr. T. McGuire was withdrawn on intimation received from Mr. McGuire that he did not see his way clear to accept it. Mr. Cochrane, Moderator of Session, was empowered to moderate in a call, and sympathy expressed for the repeated disappointments of this congregation. Mr. John Gilmour, lately a minister of the Baptist Church, applied for admission to the membership of the Presbyterian Church and for employment as a catechist. On report of the committee which was appointed to confer with Mr. Gilmour, cordially recommending that he be received and employed in the mis-

sionary work of the Church, the Presbytery agreed to grant his application and to send up his name as an approved catechist to the Home Mission Committee. On motion of Mr. Burnett, it was agreed to petition the House of Commons not to sanction the amendments of the Senate of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, or any amendment looking to the destruction of the prohibitory principle which is the basis of the Act. In consequence of the difficulty had in getting probationers for supply, it was resolved to replace Penetanguishene and Wybridge on the list of mission stations and to endeavour to obtain an ordained missionary for them at a salary of \$750 of which the stations will pay \$500. Being informed that the Chaplaincy of the Reformatory Prison at Penetanguishene is about to become vacant, the Presbytery agreed to represent to the Executive Council of Ontario that no Protestant Chaplain should be appointed or any arrangements made for conducting religious services at the Reformatory without consulting the several Protestant Churches which have places of worship in the village of Penetanguishene. In addition to commissioners elected at previous meeting, Mr. S. Acheson, M.A., and Mr. John Allan, elders, were elected. Messrs. G. Crawford and R. M. Grant, ministers; Dr. Gray and Mr. Forbes, elders, resigned their commissions; Messrs. D. D. McLeod and J. Lieshman, ministers; W. Black, J. A. Mather, elders, were elected instead. It was agreed to unite with the Juelph Presbytery in an application to the General Assembly for leave to ordain Mr. Henry Knox, who has laboured efficiently for more than four years as a catechist in Muskoka and Parry Sound. Next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in Barrie on the last Tuesday of September, at eleven o'clock a.m.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church recently, Dr. Bryce, Moderator *pro tem*. Dr. Bryce reported that he had moderated in a call at Dominion City and Green Ridge; that the congregation had guaranteed \$500 of the stipend, and that the call had come out unanimously in favour of Mr. P. F. Langill, a student graduating this session from Princeton College, U.S. There appeared Messrs. N. Stewart and John Reich as commissioners in the matter. The call, with relative documents, was laid on the table. After some discussion it was resolved that, owing to the want of definite information on the part of the Presbytery as to the present status of Mr. Langill, the call lie on the table until such information is furnished. The Superintendent of Missions read a report of his visit to Port Arthur as instructed by the Presbytery in the matter of moderating in a call there. The report furnished interesting information of the circumstances of the congregation and its financial position, and paid a high tribute to the good work done by the missionary in charge, Rev. James Herald. It also stated that the congregation at present is not ready to proceed with a call. The report was received, the action of the Superintendent sustained, and he was thanked for his diligence. The Superintendent read his report on Fort William and Oliver, Meadow Lee, Poplar Point and Posen, and Headingly and La Salle mission fields. The Presbytery received and adopted the report, and instructed the clerk to communicate to the parties interested in the action of the Presbytery in regard to Posen. On motion of Mr. Lawrence, duly seconded, the Rockwood congregation was authorized to collect a note of \$50 due them, being amount for a church building sold by them in 1879, and to apply the same in payment of their debts. Mr. R. Dickson and Prof. Hart resigned their commissions to the General Assembly. The Presbytery accepted their resignations and appointed Mr. E. Thomson, Winnipeg, and Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, as alternates. A petition from Rat Portage asking for a moderation in a call was read and its prayer granted. The Superintendent was appointed to moderate at an early date. Rev. A. MacLaren was appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. The clerk was instructed to issue a Presbyterial Certificate to Rev. A. Matheson, and Dr. Bryce and Prof. Hart were appointed to draft a suitable minute on his translation. The clerk read circular notices from other Presbyteries intimating that application to the General Assembly is being made to receive as ministers of the church, Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of the American Presbyterian Church; Rev. T. J. McClelland, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, U.S.; Rev. John Antoine Vernon, of the French Canadian Missionary Society; Rev. John Robbins, of the Methodist Church in Canada; Rev. John Brown and Rev. Robert Brown, of the Congregational Church, and Rev. D. Lauthrow, of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church. The supply of the congregation of Little Britain and Selkirk was remitted to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. Rev. Messrs. D. M. Gordon, A. McLaren and D. B. Whimster were nominated as representatives of the Presbytery of Winnipeg on the Synod's Home Mission Committee. On motion of Prof. Hart, seconded by Mr. Copeland, the Clerk was instructed to prepare a condensed statement from the statistical and financial returns sent to the General Assembly showing the number of families and communicants connected with the congregations and mission fields within the bounds of the Presbytery, the amounts promised and paid for stipend, the amounts contributed for Schemes of the Church, and also all arrears of salary now due, and to have said statement printed, and a copy sent to each member of Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed that at its next regular meeting it would consider such statement, and adopt some action with the view of wiping out all arrears of salary. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on Tuesday, the 7th day of July next, at half-past seven p.m., in Knox Church, Winnipeg.—D. B. WHIMSTER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met in the usual place on the 2nd inst., Rev. R. D. Fraser, Moderator. The fact was submitted that on the previous day Rev. James Dick, sen'r, minister of Richmond Hill and Thornhill, had died; and a committee was appointed to draft a minute on the deceased, and submit the same to next meeting. The case was brought up of Rev. A. Murdoch, LL.D., who wishes to be received as a minister of our Church. A committee was appointed to confer with him, examine his documents, and report thereon. Said committee reported in due