

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal, occupied the pulpit of Zion Church, Brantford, last Sabbath.

THE Presbytery of Glengarry nominated the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, as Moderator of the General Assembly.

THE Rev. John S. Burnet, of Martintown, has been appointed Clerk and Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Glengarry in room of the late Mr. Lang.

THE Communion was observed in First Church, Brantford, on the 21st, in connection with the morning service. Twenty new members were received into fellowship, making forty-eight for the year. The membership is now 224.

KNOX College Students' Missionary Society beg to acknowledge thankfully the receipt of the following amounts: Knox Church, Scarborough, \$30; Knox Church, Kingstons, \$30.50. These amounts were received too late for insertion in the annual report.

THE statistical and financial returns of all the congregations and mission stations throughout the Church, are due on the fourth of next month; and these should be sent to the Clerks of the Presbyteries with which the congregations and stations are respectively connected. Moderators of Sessions are reminded accordingly.

At last Sabbath's services of Carleton Street Methodist Church, now being held in the Toronto Horticultural Gardens Pavilion, the Rev. Dr. Cochran, Brantford, preached powerful, eloquent and impressive sermons. Liberal collections were taken in support of the educational institutions of the Methodist Church. On Monday evening Dr. Cochran delivered his famous lecture, "Across the Rockies," in Shaftesbury Hall.

A VERY interesting meeting was held last week in Knox Church, Guelph, under the auspices of the Temperance Association of that congregation. Dr. McGuire occupied the chair. Opening exercises were conducted by Revs. Dr. Griffin and R. J. Beattie. Excellent readings were then given by Miss Maddock, Miss Orr and Miss Murray. Messrs. James Mills, Hugh Walker and James Law sang solos that were well received by the audience. Miss Jessie Walker played the accompaniments. Dr. Lett, managing physician of the Homewood Retreat, read an address on "Inebriety Resulting From Physical Causes."

ON Sabbath evening, March 7, the people of St. Andrew's, New Westminster, B. C., had the pleasure of listening to an eloquent and appropriate sermon from the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., of Winnipeg. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and a number went away, unable to gain admittance. The following Wednesday the rev. gentleman lectured in the drill-shed to a large and attentive audience. At the close a vote of thanks was moved by Rev. C. Watson, Methodist, and seconded by Rev. R. Lennie, Baptist, in very cordial terms. Rev. R. Jamieson occupied the chair. The proceeds—\$67—were handed to the building fund of St. Andrew's manse.

THE Building Committee of the University College Y. M. C. A., desire to acknowledge a contribution of \$47.50 from St. Paul's Church (Presbyterian), Bowmanville. Some weeks ago, with the kind consent of the pastor, Rev. R. D. Fraser, and his session, a member of the committee made a statement of the work and needs of the University College Y. M. C. A., and the congregation responded with this liberal collection. This, with a subscription of \$10 from Dr. McLaughlan, M.P.P., a member of the session, makes a total of \$57.50 from St. Paul's Church. There is still an amount of money needed, and the committee would gladly accept an invitation from any congregation in Ontario to present the claims of the University College Y. M. C. A. Address to A. J. McLeod, Knox College.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on March 16, twenty-six ministers and sixteen elders being present. A commission was appointed to meet at Hagersville on the 6th April prox., to decide upon dividing the charge of Oneida, Cayuga, Indiana and Hagersville into two charges. It was reported that the St. John's Church congregation in Hamilton had sold the mission house to the Wentworth Street mission for \$350. It was agreed to supply Welland for the summer by a student. The Clerk was instructed to correspond with the Presbytery of Paris regarding the possibility of forming a union between Delhi and Wyndham, so as to provide for dividing the united charge of Lynedoch, Silverhill and Delhi. Reports were given in regarding the Presbyterial conferences, and a committee was appointed to consider the formation of a Presbyterial Sabbath School Association. It was also resolved at next meeting to consider a scheme for the periodical visitation of all the congregations within the bounds. The reports on applications for augmentation and missions were considered. It was resolved to apply for three students for the summer. Messrs. Edgar and W. C. Matthews were commended to the Home Mission Committee for employment as student catechists. It was agreed to apply to the Synod for leave to license Mr. W. H. Simpson. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly:—By rotation: G. Crombie, J. Wells, J. Hamilton, W. I. Bell, Wm. Fraser; by ballot: J. Black, J. G. Murray, S. Lyle, R. J. Laidlaw, ministers, and J. Charlton, R. McQueen, W. D. Beadle, J. Osborne, W. Henderson, R. Laurie, J. Gibson, W. R. Leckie, A. J. Mackenzie, elders. Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, was unanimously nominated for Moderator of the General Assembly.—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held in Seaford on the 9th of March. Session records were examined and attested. The report on the State of Religion was presented by Mr. Musgrave and adopted. The report of the committee to consider the remit on vacancies was read by Mr. McDonald. The report was received

and consideration thereof delayed till next meeting. Mr. Thomas P. Calvert, M.A., a licentiate of the U. P. Church of Scotland, applied to be received as a minister of this Church. On the recommendation of a committee appointed to meet with him on the matter the Presbytery unanimously resolved to apply to the Assembly for his reception in the usual way. The report on Sabbath Observance was submitted, concluding with the following recommendations: First, that the committee be re-appointed; second, that Sabbath funerals and all public processions on the Lord's Day be condemned, except in cases of necessity. A committee was appointed to consider the last recommendation, and draft a deliverance thereon in the direction indicated. The following were appointed commissioners to the Assembly: Messrs. Danby, McDonald, Pritchard, Thomson and Stewart, ministers; and Messrs. Kerr, Broadfoot, Riddell, Murray and Scott, elders. The report of the Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Mission Society was read and the following deliverance given thereon: The Presbytery, having heard the report of the Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Mission Society, express great satisfaction with the efficient manner in which this work is prosecuted by the said society, would bespeak for it the hearty co-operation of all our people, and recommend that auxiliaries be formed in all the congregations in which they are not already organized. The report showed that there are now six auxiliaries in this Presbytery, viz: Clinton, Seaford, Thames Road, Goderich, Brucefield and Blythe. The reports on Temperance and Sabbath Schools were ordered to be forwarded to the Synod's Conveners of said committees. Messrs. Carriere and Carnie were appointed members of the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. The following deputation was appointed to visit the congregations of Bayfield Road and Berne—Dr. Ure, Convener; Messrs. Fletcher, Acheson and Fotheringham, elders. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Londonborough on the second Tuesday of May, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.—A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Morris College on the 9th March. Mr. McCulloch, Moderator, presided. Mr. Love reported that several congregations had contributed the amount asked from them in aid of the Augmentation Fund. It was agreed to make further efforts to secure the full amount asked from the Presbytery. An encouraging report was received from the French missionary of the Presbytery. He stated that he was not able to overtake the work of his very extensive field without a horse, and it was agreed to petition the Board for an additional grant of \$100 per annum for this purpose. The Conveners on Temperance and the State of Religion stated that they had not received a sufficient number of sessional returns to enable them to prepare reports for this meeting. Mr. Sym presented a very full and carefully-prepared Sabbath school report. It was ordered to be transmitted to the Synod, and Mr. Sym was thanked for his diligence in preparing the same. After a lengthy discussion as to the method of securing permanent supply for our vacancies it was agreed to confer with Mr. John McGregor, catechist, with the view of his licensure as a preacher of the Gospel. After said conference was held it was decided to ask leave of the General Assembly to license him. This decision was come to because of the pressing need there is for men to occupy the destitute fields of the Presbytery. The congregation of Sherbrooke was given leave to moderate in a call to a minister. Mr. Sutherland, student of the second year in divinity, appeared before the Presbytery, and applied to be taken on trials for license. After making inquiry into his case and examination upon the prescribed subjects, it was agreed, in view of Mr. Sutherland's proved fitness for the practical work of the ministry, to recommend him for licensure to the Assembly. In connection with this case an application was read from the congregation of Inverness praying that steps be taken toward the early settlement of Mr. Sutherland as their pastor. Mr. Jos. Allard, pastor of the French Church, Quebec, having accepted an appointment in Fall River, Mass., was released from his pastoral charge. His work in Quebec is to be continued by Mr. Lefevre, a gentleman known and esteemed by the congregation. The following delegates were appointed to the General Assembly: Ministers, Rev. A. T. Love and Dr. Lamont, by rotation, Dr. Mathews and F. M. Dewey by ballot; elders, John Whyte, M.P.P., Dr. Thomson, Alex. Baptist and Wm. Morrison. Dr. Lamont and J. R. McLeod were appointed to visit the congregation of Lake Megantic with the view to the settlement of all arrears due the estate of their late pastor. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Sherbrooke on the 25th March at eight o'clock p.m.—F. M. DEWEY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—This Presbytery met in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, on the 9th March. There were present sixteen ministers and two elders. Mr. Duncan was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The committee on the care of the church property at Oak Hill were instructed to enquire into the character of the deed of the property and to report at next meeting. The report of the committee on Home Mission work was adopted, and arrangements made for the supply of the different fields during the summer. There was a lengthened discussion arising out of the report of the Committee on Augmentation. The report was adopted. Delegates to augmented congregations reported regarding the condition of the charges visited. These reports were transferred to the Committee on Augmentation to prepare a report from them for presentation to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. Reports were received also as to the state of self-sustaining congregations. It was resolved, on motion of Mr. Bell, to instruct all delegates who had failed to fulfil their appointments to enter upon the work assigned them at the earliest opportunity. It was also resolved that the work of visitation in connection with Augmentation be done in future not later than the month of September in each year. In connection with the communication of an overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the mode of the election of Moderator of the General Assembly it was agreed to recommend that the practice of the Church since the time of the union, which was somewhat disturbed by the action of last year, be reverted to, and that, in future, nomination be made

by Presbyteries. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the First Church, Port Hope, on the 6th July, at ten o'clock a.m. The following ministers were appointed as delegates to the General Assembly, as in order of the roll: Messrs. Sutherland, Cameron, Torrance, Bell, White and Ross; elders: Messrs. J. Russell, Cobourg; Gabriel Orr, Coldsprings; W. E. Roxburgh, Norwood; John Aitken, Bobcaygeon; R. C. Martin, Garden Hill, and R. Tully, Peterborough. Messrs. Cleland, Mitchell, Cameron, ministers, and Messrs. Craik and Tirdale, elders, were appointed a committee to consider the remaining remits of Assembly, and to report to the meeting of Presbytery to be held at the time of the meeting of Synod in May next. The committee on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperance were invested with Presbyterial powers to prepare reports on their respective departments for presentation to the corresponding committee of the Synod. Mr. McCrea was authorized to moderate in a call at Brighton, so soon as the people are prepared for the step. The Presbytery agreed to recommend Mr. Rumble, a Bachelor of Arts of Victoria College, and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Cobourg, to the Home Mission Committee, for work in the mission field. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly. The congregation of Dunsford obtained leave to sell their manse property, and apply the proceeds to the enlargement of their church grounds. Messrs. Cameron and Roxburgh were appointed as members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Mr. R. M. Knight, after the usual trials and examinations, was in due form licensed to preach the Gospel.—WM. BENNETT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Paisley, on March 9. It was agreed to apply for a grant of \$70 for North Prant and West Bentinck and \$150 for Hanover and North Normanby. It was reported that Elsinore had added \$50 to the minister's stipend, and that Allenford had resolved to put forth an effort so as to make a grant from the fund unnecessary. Mr. Beamer tendered his resignation of the charge of St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, with a view to the union of the two congregations in that town. Commissioners were heard who expressed the satisfaction of the congregation with Mr. Beamer, and their desire to retain him as pastor, unless the effect of his resignation would be the union of the two congregations. The resignation was accepted, and Mr. Duncan appointed Moderator of Session. The Presbytery declined to make any nomination to the new chair in Knox College, and recommended that in view of the financial state of the College Fund the present arrangement as to lectureships be continued and that no further expense be incurred by the college board without consulting the Church. A call from the congregation of First St. John's, Walkerton, to the Rev. John Campbell, B.A. Ph.D., of Harriston, signed by 142 members and 103 adherents and promising a stipend of \$1,000 a year was sustained and forwarded to the Saugeen Presbytery. Messrs. Anderson, Wardrope, Paterson, Greig and Duncan, ministers, and Messrs. Johnston, Burgess, McLagan, Eckford and Craig, elders, were appointed as commissioners to the General Assembly. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, was nominated for the Moderatorship of Assembly. A call from the congregation of Glanville to the Rev. John McMillan, of Mount Forest, signed by seventy-eight members and 109 adherents and promising a stipend of \$600 a year with manse, was submitted and read. It was agreed to sustain the call and apply for a grant of \$150. The Home Mission report was presented by Mr. Tolmie, and having been considered its recommendations were agreed to and forwarded to the Assembly's committee. Mr. Morley tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Balaklava in order that the proposed arrangement for supplying Balaklava in connection with St. John's, Walkerton, might be carried out. The resignation was allowed to lie on the table till next meeting when all parties are cited to appear. The same action was taken in connection with Mr. Greig's resignation of the charge of Knox Church, Paisley. A telegram was read from the Clerk of the Presbytery of London intimating that Mr. Cameron had declined the call to North Bruce, and that the Presbytery had refused to translate. Leave was granted to moderate in another call. A minute annulling the resignation of Mr. Currie was adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to him. Mr. Ferguson was appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Synod's committee on bills and overtures. Mr. Eadie submitted the treasurer's report together with an estimate of the expenditure for the current year and the rate per member necessary to meet the same. The report was adopted, and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to the treasurer. Mr. Currie's application for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry and for a grant from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was forwarded to the Assembly with the Presbytery's recommendation. Mr. Ferguson submitted an elaborate and carefully prepared report on the State of Religion which was adopted and forwarded to the Synod's committee. The Presbytery agreed to meet within St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, on Monday, July 12, at two o'clock p.m., for a conference of members on the state of religion and congregational work, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. for a public conference on the state of religion, and on Tuesday at nine o'clock for ordinary business.—JAMES GOURLAY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The Presbytery of Guelph held its usual bi-monthly meeting on the 16th March in Chalmers Church, Guelph. The attendance was large both of ministers and elders. It was moved, and unanimously agreed, that the Presbytery express its deep sympathy with the Rev. Dr. Smellie under the dispensation of Divine Providence that has laid him aside for a time from the active discharge of pastoral work. Its trust and belief that he is realizing the sustaining and comforting presence of the Master whom he has so long served under all the affliction he has been called to bear; and its earnest prayer that he may be speedily restored to such a measure of bodily health and vigour as will enable him to resume active service among the people of his charge to whom he has been spared to minister for so many years in holy things. In consequence of the state of Dr. Smellie's health it was resolved to postpone the