

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. A. Stevenson, of Molesworth, has returned from his visit to Scotland.

THE Presbytery of Maitland will hold a Sabbath School Convention at Wingham on the 28th and 29th of October.

THE Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Toronto, gave an address at Carruthers' close Mission, Edinburgh, while visiting that city.

MR. ROBERT F. CAMERON, of Cranbrook, was received by the Presbytery of Maitland as a student with a view to the ministry of the Church.

THE Presbytery of Maitland accepted the Rev. G. B. Howie's resignation of the charge of Knox Church, Brussels, at its meeting on the 6th.

AT a recent communion held in Souris and its associated stations, of which Rev. William McKay, of Omand, is the earnest, hard-working pastor, thirty seven new members were added to the communion roll.

MR. J. R. ANDERSON, a beloved member of the Session of the Presbyterian Church, Flesherton, laid farewell to congregation and Session the first Sabbath of September, before leaving with his family for Moosomin.

THE corner stone of the new Knox Presbyterian church, in course of erection by the Presbyterians of Waterford, was laid on Tuesday evening week, with appropriate ceremonies. Rev. A. K. Caswell, formerly of the Wentworth Street Presbyterian Mission, is the pastor.

THE Rev. Dr. Campbell, Montreal, is expected to return from Scotland at the end of the month. Sunday week the Rev. Mr. Heine, who has returned from his holidays, exchanged with the Rev. Mr. Goldsmith, who is filling St. Gabriel Church pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

THE Rev. Mr. Barclay, of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, lately, and preached two very able sermons to large congregations. In his sermon in the evening he made a powerful and eloquent appeal for a closer union among the various denominations, and more charity towards one another.

THE parlours of the Young Men's Christian Association, London, were filled to overflowing Sunday afternoon to listen to an address by the Rev. W. J. Clark, of Park Avenue Presbyterian Church. Mr. J. Frith Jeffers presided. Mr. Clark spoke on "True Manliness" from Cor. xvi. 13, and gave a stirring address which was listened to with rapt attention.

MR. JOSEPH BLACKBURN, an active elder and Sabbath school superintendent in the Presbyterian Church, Flesherton, is suffering a severe affliction. Over seven months confined to his room and under medical treatment for disease—effects of several attacks of la grippe. Mr. Blackburn has the prayers and sympathy of the church and entire community in which he lives.

THE Rev. P. A. Macleod, minister of St. Andrew's Church, Sonya, has gone to spend a four weeks' vacation in his native place, Prince Edward Island. The reverend gentleman will receive a warm welcome from many friends, and the more so because his short career has been not only successful but brilliant. Mr. McGillivray, of Knox College, Toronto, has acceptably supplied the pulpit since Mr. Macleod's departure.

THE Rev. Mr. Galloway, Presbyterian minister, who has resigned the pastoral charge of Crumlin and Dochester Station congregations, was taken by surprise the other evening, when the good people of his flock in Crumlin, presented him with a thirty-five dollar set of silver-mounted harness (single) and a beautiful whip. Mrs. Galloway, who is held in high esteem by all classes, was the recipient of a set of silverware. Mr. Galloway made a neat and fitting reply.

IN Presbyterian churches Sunday week was known as children's day which each congregation was expected to recognize with a special children's service. This was done in St. Andrew's and St. Paul's churches, Smith's Falls, in the morning, in both of which the services were very appropriate and pleasant. In St. Andrew's the pastor, Rev. Mr. Cooke, Rev. Mr. Mylne and the Sabbath school superintendent, Mr. J. D. McBeth, gave short addresses which were interspersed with music fitting the occasion. St. Paul's Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Nixon, gave an excellent address appropriate to the day. In both churches the children were out in full force, and in both the service was most inspiring and helpful.

THE Brantford Courier says: At the First Presbyterian Church recently the pastor rebuked his congregation in severe terms for "their lack of reverence to God." Said he: "If the Queen, the Governor-General, the Lieut.-Governor, or even Lord Aberdeen were to walk into the church you would all rise to show your reverence, but although there is one here who is greater than any of these yet when you are praying to Him many of you sit bolt upright in your seats as though you were listening to a lecturer." He deplored the fact that the "good old Presbyterian custom of rising during prayers was not followed now." At the next prayer every member of the congregation bowed the head, evidently having taken the words of the pastor to heart.

MR. TOTO OHM, a graduate of Tokio University, lectured in the Presbyterian Church, Berlin, two weeks ago, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, on mission work in his native land. Mr. Ohm is the oldest son and heir of a high military family, but because of his conversion and adherence to the Christian faith he was disinherited by his father and cast out of the home. He is in this land for the purpose of furthering his studies and preparing himself for enlarged usefulness among his wide-awake countrymen. Mr. Ohm is a young man of good address and can make very good use of the English language for one who has been in America less than two years. His lecture was much appreciated by the large audience which filled the Church.

THE services held in Wentworth Presbyterian Church, corner Smith Avenue and Barton Streets, Hamilton, on Sabbath week, by Rev. James Murray, B.A., B.D., the pastor, were, the *Times* of that city says, of more than usual interest. Baptism was administered in the morning and the Lord's Supper in the evening. In the morning Mr. Murray preached from Proverbs xiv. 13: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." Two of the ways which seemed right but the end of which were the ways of death were illustrated upon a large blackboard. The first of these was the way of "Good Works Alone." Many had an idea that salvation could be obtained by good works, but although it seemed right, the end thereof were the ways of death. The second way which seemed right but was not was "Do Good Works." This was different from the other way in that those who walked in it did not believe they could be saved by good works alone, but that salvation could be found in them and the cross combined. The last way depicted was God's way. Salvation was by the grace of God and was to be found at the cross alone. Works or merit could not buy salvation, because it was not for sale; it was a free gift. Man need not perform good works with a view to being saved as that could not save him, but once saved he would do good works because he was saved. The service was very interesting throughout. There was a large congregation present and the choir sang well.

CHALMERS CHURCH, Guelph, has been the last in the city to introduce instrumental music into its church services, but last week the service of song there was led by the fine pipe organ which now adorns the end of the church, and hereafter it will be in constant use. The decision of the congregation to have a pipe organ placed in the church to lead the service of song, necessitated an extension of the recess behind the pulpit, and other changes in the interior arrangements. These were undertaken this summer. The back wall of the recess was extended about six feet, the pulpit was taken away and a neat choir gallery built in front of the organ. Before this on the platform stands the handsome reading desk, which takes the place of the old pulpit. At the re-opening services Rev. Dr. Wardrop preached a sermon bearing more especially on the approaching communion. In the afternoon Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., of Galt, preached. There was a very good attendance considering that at that hour the different churches hold Sabbath school, which prevented teachers and scholars from being present. Mr. Dickson chose for his text the third verse of the 1st chapter of Ephesians, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." The sermon was a practical one and full of instruction. In the evening he preached a most impressive sermon from 1 John, 3rd, 5th and 6th verses, to a large congregation, the church being completely filled, a large number being present from other congregations. The organ was most ably presided over by Prof. Shaw at all the services, and in the evening he gave as voluntaries an Andante in G, Baptiste's Psalm's Song of Hope and a hymn, "Morning Light." The musical service was much appreciated.

THE Brantford *Expositor* says that the corner stone of the new Knox Presbyterian Church, in course of erection by the Presbyterians of Waterford, was laid on Tuesday, 9th, with appropriate ceremonies. There was a large gathering, both from the village and from the surrounding country. Among the clergy present were: Rev. Dr. Cochrane and Rev. J. C. Tolmie, Brantford; Rev. W. J. Dey, of Simcoe; Rev. R. J. Sinclair, Mount Pleasant; Revs. A. Slaght and W. H. Porter, Rev. Mr. Aikens, Rev. Rural Dean Davis, of Waterford, and Rev. A. K. Caswell, pastor of the congregation, with Mr. John Charlton, M.P., of Norfolk, who laid the corner stone. After devotional exercises Dr. Cochrane offered an appropriate prayer and Mr. Charlton then proceeded to lay the corner stone in the usual way. An adjournment was then made to the opera house, which was filled to overflowing, when addresses were given by the above named reverend gentlemen and others. The greatest part of the evening was given up to the addresses of Dr. Cochrane and Mr. Charlton, who spoke at considerable length to a highly delighted audience. The Waterford instrumental band was present and gave several interesting selections and also the choir from the Simcoe Presbyterian Church. A collection was taken up in aid of the building fund of the church. The Presbyterians of Waterford have shown considerable pluck and enterprise in the building of the church. It is only a few months ago since some twenty names were enrolled as the nucleus of the congregation. Now the church is being contracted for to be ready on the 3rd of November next, when doubtless a large representation of the friends in Brantford will be present at the opening. Much praise is due to the Rev. A. K. Caswell for his wonderful exertion in bringing the new enterprise to its present stage.

THE Rev. J. M. McLaren was recently ordained and inducted to the pastoral charge of Blenheim congregation in the Presbytery of Chatham. The Rev. Neil Shaw, Tilbury, preached from Act. ix. 31. The newly-ordained minister was addressed in earnest and affectionate terms by the Rev. William Walker. The Rev. G. G. McRobbie, of Ridgetown, gave the congregation solid and sensible counsel. In the evening an entertainment of welcome was held. The building was beautifully decorated with flowers. After opening prayer by Rev. Mr. Walker, and a selection by the choir, Rev. Mr. Shaw gave an address of striking interest, impressing upon his hearers the advantage of high prayer, earnest prayer, pluck, perseverance and prosperity. Rev. Mr. Walker, in a pleasing address, gave some interesting reminiscences of Blenheim over thirty years ago; he closed by words of earnest and prayerful counsel to minister and congregation on the occasion of this their union. Rev. Mr. Godwin, in a humorous and lively address, welcomed Mr. McLaren to Blenheim, and extended his best wishes for the prosperity of pastor and congregation. The chairman, Mr. A. Denholm, introducing Rev. Mr. McLaren,

referred briefly to the long pastorate enjoyed by Rev. Mr. Waddell, to the high character he had built up, to the harmony which had always characterized the congregation. In thirty-five years there had been many changes, and but few who had welcomed Mr. Waddell were able to welcome his successor, but speaking for the congregation he expressed the hope that Mr. McLaren's pastorate might be as successful and as long as that of his predecessor. Rev. Mr. McLaren, who was warmly received, made a favourable impression. He adverted briefly to his boyish days. He expressed his determination to do faithful work, and felt confident of the support of the congregation. Rev. Mr. McRobbie made a rattling speech, which closed by giving some good advice, and with kindly expressions of good will, after which the meeting came to a close with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Johnson. The addresses were interspersed with excellent musical selections.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 2nd inst., Rev. W. Frizzell Moderator. On behalf of a committee previously appointed, Principal Caven submitted and read a minute anent the late Rev. John Dunbar, which was adopted and ordered to be engrossed on the Presbytery's Record. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Barrie was read, granting the translation of Rev. J. Leishman, and it was agreed to meet for his induction in the church at Chester on the 18th inst., at half-past seven p.m., the Moderator to preside, Rev. G. Burnfield to preach, Rev. J. M. Cameron to deliver the charge and Rev. A. Gaudier to address the congregation. Rev. W. A. Hunter reported moderating in a call from the congregation of Oakville, which was given in favour of Rev. S. S. Craig, minister of first and second congregations, Chingwacousy. The stipend promised was \$1,000, together with manse and glebe. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted, together with relative documents, to the Presbytery of Orangeville. Mr. Hunter was entrusted with preparing reasons for translation, and was also appointed to represent the Presbytery in prosecuting the call. A letter was read from Rev. D. J. Macdonnell setting forth that he had moderated in a call from the congregation of West Church, Toronto, in favour of Rev. Dr. George, minister of John Street Church, Belleville. The call was found to be signed by only 251 members, and concurred in by forty-four adherents. A guarantee for stipend was read, promising \$2,000, to be given in monthly payments. After hearing commissioners and getting certain information from them, it was moved and unanimously agreed that on the ground of being inadequately signed the call be not sustained; and it was therefore set aside. It was also agreed at the same time that power be given to the interim Moderator of Session to moderate in another call as soon as the congregation may be ready for the same. Rev. Peter Nicol reported that he had met with the congregations of Laskay and West King, and moderated in a call, which was given in favour of Rev. W. Robertson, late minister of Waterdown. The call was found to be comparatively well signed, and promise was given in writing of \$655 as stipend, together with the use of a manse and glebe. After hearing commissioners, it was agreed to apply to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee for a supplement of \$100, and, in hope of said supplement being granted, to sustain the call, as also to order its being transmitted to Mr. Robertson, with request that he intimate his mind thereon in due time. A minute of the General Assembly was read, instructing the Presbytery to induct in the usual manner Rev. R. Y. Thomson, M.A., B.D., as Professor of Apologetics and Old Testament Literature in Knox College. The Presbytery agreed to meet for said purpose in Convocation Hall of said college on Wednesday, the 1st of next month, at half-past seven p.m., the Moderator of the Presbytery to preside, the Moderator of the General Assembly to be asked to address the new professor and Rev. Dr. Parsons to address the audience. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Cochrane, setting forth that the Assembly's Home Mission Committee had allocated \$7,000 to be raised this year by this Presbytery for Home Missions, and \$5,000 for the Augmentation Fund. The Presbytery agreed to take suitable steps for meeting or exceeding the said requirements. A committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. R. Wallace, W. Meikle, W. Burns, W. A. Hunter and the Clerk, to hear the summer exercises of students within the bounds, with power to attest them, if satisfied with their exercises, to their respective colleges. Mr. Andrew Jeffrey, on behalf of the Executive of the Foreign Mission Committee, requested steps to be taken by the Presbytery for the early ordination and designation of Rev. N. H. Russell, B.A., as a missionary of the Church to Central India. The Presbytery agreed to comply with this request, and resolved to meet for the purpose named in Central Church, Toronto, on the 22nd inst., at half-past seven p.m., the Moderator to preside, Dr. Kellogg to preach, Dr. McTavish to deliver the charge, Dr. Wardrop to be asked to address, also Mr. Russell, and Principal Grant, of Kingston, to be asked to address the assembled congregation. Standing committees for the current year were duly nominated and appointed, the following being the names of the several Conveners: Home Missions, Rev. A. Gilray; Augmentation Fund, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell; Foreign Missions, Rev. Dr. Kellogg; French Evangelization, Rev. Dr. McTavish; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Rev. Dr. Parsons; Sabbath Schools, Rev. John Neil; Temperance, Rev. W. Frizzell; State of Religion, Rev. Walter Amos; Systematic Benevolence, Rev. J. A. Grant; Colleges, Rev. J. Mutch; Sabbath Observance, Rev. Walter Reid. Deputies were appointed to the various mission fields within the bounds; but the names of these, with some relative explanation, will be found in another column. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the 7th of October, at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held on Tuesday,

September 2, in Dumfries Street Church, Paris, Rev. R. H. Myers, B.A., presiding as Moderator. There was a very full attendance. Rev. R. Pettigrew was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months. Rev. W. A. McKay submitted a call from Innerkip and Ratho in favour of Mr. A. Cook, probationer. The call was signed by 128 communicants and thirty adherents, and was accompanied by a promise of \$800 stipend with manse. Messrs. Dickie, Sylvester and McLean, commissioners, were heard on behalf of the session and congregation. On motion of Dr. McMullen, seconded by Rev. J. S. Hardie, the call was not sustained, being declared insufficiently signed by the members of Innerkip and Ratho congregation. Thereon Mr. McKay applied for leave to hold a moderation at an early day in said congregation, which was granted. The Rev. W. Robertson reported a call from Princeton and Drumbo in favour of Mr. W. K. Shearer, probationer, stipend \$800 with \$100 additional from Drumbo for rent of a residence. Messrs. McCrow and Hunter were heard in support of the call, which being found unanimous and hearty and being signed by almost all the members and adherents was, on motion of Dr. Cochrane, sustained as a regular Gospel call, and notice thereof sent to Mr. Cook. Mr. Edgar, student, who has been labouring within the bounds during the summer, read a discourse which was sustained as satisfactory, and it was ordered that he be furnished with the usual certificate to the Senate of Knox College. Mr. Cockburn addressed the court on the amount required for Home Missions this year, the proportion expected from this Presbytery, and submitted a proposed equitable allocation of amounts expected from the several congregations, which was approved. Next meeting is to be held in Brantford, December 2; at 10.30 a.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

## OBITUARY.

ALEXANDER DAVID FERRIER.

This much-respected member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and for many years an office-bearer in it, has passed away, his death having taken place at his sister's residence, South Park, Campbellton, Scotland, on August 4.

He was a native of Edinburgh, where he was born November 13, 1813—a grandson of the eminent anatomist and professor of that branch of science in Edinburgh University, Dr. Alexander Monro (*secundus*). It may be interesting to notice that a sister of his paternal grandfather was mother of the late Dr. Robert Burns, of Knox Church, Toronto, and grandmother of Dr. Robert F. Burns, minister of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Educated at the Edinburgh Academy and University, Mr. Ferrier came to Canada in 1830, his father who died three years later having been appointed collector of customs at Quebec. In 1834 he settled in the close neighbourhood of the newly commenced village of Fergus, and there, with two exceptions, his whole after life was passed. On June 12 last he left Fergus for Scotland.

During his lifetime he had occupied various public positions with benefit to all concerned, first as a magistrate in the earlier years of the settlement, afterward as a member of the Wellington County Council, and for more than twenty years its Clerk. He also represented the Centre Riding of the county in the first session of the Provincial Legislature after the Confederation of the Provinces.

He was thoroughly honest, no matter how much his opinions differed from those held by others, and possibly he was occasionally somewhat blunt in expression of them.

He was one of the first elders appointed in Melville Church, Fergus, leaving St. Andrew's on the Disruption, with his pastor and friend the now venerable Dr. Smellie. With interests of that congregation, both temporal and spiritual, he was thenceforward closely identified, but his sympathies were far from being narrowed by denominational preference of attachment. He was a lover of all that was good, and of good men, of whatever name, colour, class or clime, and delighted in uniting with all such. A more faithful attendant on the weekly prayer-meeting in his own Church there could not well have been; and his part in the exercises the monthly united prayer-meeting with other churches in the place was always acceptable and profitable. He was to the very last a faithful Sabbath school teacher, and his visits to the sick, aged and infirm of his own Church were greatly prized. He was a warm friend of the Bible Society and of missions, those of his own Church to the foreign field and to the French-Canadians of the Province of Quebec having a special place in his regards. The condition and prospects of God's ancient people he was noted for remembering. His benefactions were extensive and judicious.

He had been married in 1850 to Magdalene Dingwall Fordyce, of Fergus, whose death in 1873 was a cause of lasting sorrow, borne, however, in a true Christian spirit.

The characteristic expression of the old friend who presided at a farewell leave-taking in Melville Church: "Eh, man, we'll miss you sair!" found an echo in many a heart in Fergus. He was going home but "he desired a better country than Scotland—dear as it was—even a heavenly," and sooner than he or relatives anticipated he was to reach it. The heavier part of his baggage had not been unpacked, and though opposed to wandering from one Church to another, he had not finally selected a sanctuary in which to worship, but was taking a round before deciding in which he should feel most at home, be most likely to be edified and spiritually strengthened.

He was in his seventy-seventh year, but for some years had not been in his previously robust state of health. He was spared a lingering, wasting sickness, and in his last hours he was tenderly and affectionately ministered to by his sole surviving sister, and his remains laid to rest in the quiet cemetery at Kilkerran, close to Campbellton.

"His end was peace," and his memory will long be cherished, whether in his native land or that of his adoption.