

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. R. B. Smith, late of Rosemount, has received a unanimous call from the congregation of Ashburn and Utica.

THE theological classes in Manitoba College will be resumed on Thursday, October 30. The opening lecture will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. King.

THE Rochester Union and Advertiser contains a lengthy obituary of the late Mrs. Mary McColl, widow of the late Rev. John McColl, who was a former pastor of the Central Church, Hamilton, many years ago. Deceased was in her 55th year. Her children and an only sister survive.

THE communion service was held in St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, corner of King and Tecumseh Streets on Sabbath, the 12th inst., and was largely attended. Rev. James G. Stuart conducted the service, which was held in the evening. Thirty-seven persons were admitted to the membership.

AN interesting meeting was held in St. Mark's Church on Thursday evening last, the occasion being to bid farewell to Mr. John Joss on his leaving the congregation. Mr. Joss has been superintendent of the Sabbath school for thirteen years, and an active worker in the congregation; an illuminated address and a valuable marble clock was presented to him as a token of esteem. Able addresses were given by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Church; Rev. Alfred Gandier, of Brampton; Mr. Robb, the first superintendent of St. Mark's, and others. All expressed regret at the loss of so valuable a worker, and good advice was given to others to follow his example in so far as he followed the Master.

THE Brantford Ladies' College and Conservatory of Music has had a most encouraging opening. A large number of students are already entered and are manifesting an interest and enthusiasm that has not been surpassed. Under the directorship of Mr. G. H. Fairclough, the department of music is making rapid progress, the number of pupils having so increased as to require an additional governess as well as a specialist in voice culture. A like interest is taken in all the departments. The students express themselves as delighted with the social life in the college and with the kindness and efficiency of the entire teaching staff. The next term opens November 17. Calendars may be had on application to Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener; or Miss Mary F. Lee, Lady Principal.

A CONGREGATIONAL meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, recently, to consider the best means of increasing the seating capacity of the church, applications having been made for more sittings than could be supplied. The question of enlarging the edifice was discussed at some length, when it was finally decided to postpone the enlargement until next year. In the meantime the present seats, which are too wide apart, are to be moved closer, which will add considerably to the number of seats. It was also decided to enlarge the present Sabbath school building, which has become too small for the greatly increased number of scholars attending the school. It is expected the building will be so enlarged that it will answer for a lecture room for social gatherings of the congregation, etc.

COOKE'S CHURCH, Toronto, recently presented a striking evidence of the growth of the Christian Endeavour movement. Over 400 were present, representing many of the other churches of Toronto and vicinity, the occasion being the first annual meeting of Cooke's Church Endeavour Society. Mr. McConnell, the president of the society, reported an increase in membership during the past year from twenty-four to 185. The pastor, Rev. William Patterson, in endorsing the movement, characterized it as a powerful force in the life of the Church. Rev. James Grant, of Parliament Street Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. Scott, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, also gave short addresses. The several presidents of the societies represented spoke briefly on the value of the movement as a direct agency for the Church of Christ.

THE Rev. J. McP. Scott reported at the meeting in St. James Square Church on Friday evening for the committee appointed by the Presbyterian Sabbath School Association of the city to look into the feasibility of procuring scenes illustrative of the work in the foreign fields of our Church and their exhibition by means of a limelight lantern. The members of the committee are of the opinion if the interest of the teachers and officers of the association can be secured that the scheme proposed cannot but prove a forcible factor in the education of old and young in the work of the missions of our Church. They submitted the following recommendations: 1. That the association sanction the undertaking as contemplated in this report. 2. That the field for study be Home Missions and Foreign Missions. 3. That certain of the missionaries in each of the foreign fields as well as the missionaries of some of the home fields be communicated with at once with a view to securing negatives from which lantern transparencies can be made. That an effort be made to secure scenes illustrative of the nature of the missionaries' work and, where necessary, that they be accompanied by statements explanatory of the relation borne to their work. That transparencies be secured of all our missionaries in every one of our foreign fields, also maps, charts, missionary hymns, etc. 4. That the purchase of a lantern be deferred in the meantime. 5. That the money necessary for this work be secured by voluntary contributions from the Sabbath schools of the association and from individuals in sympathy with the scheme. That an effort be made to secure in this way the sum of one hundred dollars. 6. That the Sabbath schools of the association shall have the use of these aforesaid views without further expense. 7. That a committee of six be appointed which shall be representative of the Sabbath schools of the association, and which shall be charged with the whole work of the undertaking. The report was adopted without change on motion of Mr. R. S. Gourlay and Mr. Hamilton Cassels. The committee appointed and charged with the development of the scheme is com-

posed of the following: Rev. J. McP. Scott, chairman; C. H. Couen, East Church; Thomas Rennie, Cooke's Church; Thomas Drummond, Parkdale Church; George Wilkie, Knox Church; James C. Moyes, West Church.

MARTIN LUTHER Icelandic Church on Kate Street, Winnipeg, was completely filled recently on the occasion of the licensure and ordination of Mr. Jonas Johnson as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church. The public services preceding the licensing and ordaining were conducted by the Rev. C. D. McDonald, pastor of the Kildonan Church, who preached a thoughtful sermon from Proverbs xxii. 6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The Presbytery was then constituted for the licensure and ordination, the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Duval, offering prayer. Other ministers who took part in the ceremonies were Revs. Dr. Robertson, Dr. Bryce, Dr. King, Professor Hart, A. B. Baird, Joseph Hogg and C. D. McDonald. The Moderator put a number of prescribed questions to the candidate; and on these being answered satisfactorily he licensed Mr. Johnson to preach the Gospel. After prayer by the Moderator Mr. Johnson was then ordained by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery; and he was afterwards given the right hand of fellowship and received into the brotherhood of the Christian ministry. Rev. Dr. Duval addressed the newly ordained minister in reference to his work and the conditions of his success. Rev. Dr. Bryce addressed the congregation. He congratulated the people on the fact that so many of them had learned to speak the language of the country. He asked them to rally round their minister. Hitherto, he said, they had only had a student; now they had one who had all the rights and privileges of a minister. Mr. Johnson had been with them in season and out of season, visiting those who were sick or in trouble and helping the afflicted. He was particularly fitted to do that work, having great sympathy of heart. Dr. Bryce congratulated the people on the way they kept up week evening meetings, and the readiness with which they took part. He asked that they co-operate with their minister and give him a reasonable amount of financial support. After the closing of the service the members of the congregation remained to extend a welcome to their minister.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 7th inst., Rev. William Frizzell, Moderator. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Orangeville was read, granting the translation of Rev. S. S. Craig, as applied for. And it was agreed to meet for his induction at Oakville on the 11th proximo, at 2.30 p.m., the Moderator to preside; Rev. W. A. Hunter to preach; Rev. D. J. Macdonnell to deliver the charge, and Rev. J. Neil to address the congregation. It was stated by Rev. R. P. McKay that Rev. W. A. Hunter, acting as his substitute, had met with the congregation of West Church, Toronto, and moderated in a call which was given in favour of Rev. Dr. J. H. George, minister of John Street Church, Belleville. The call was signed by 345 members and 109 adherents. Respective papers were handed in and read. Messrs. R. S. Gurlay, A. McCall, and others appeared as commissioners and were severally heard. On motion made, the call was sustained, and ordered to be sent together with relative papers, to the Presbytery of Kingston, and Revs. D. J. Macdonnell and R. P. McKay were appointed to prosecute the call before the said Presbytery. Reports of a very favourable kind were given by almost all the deputies appointed at last ordinary meeting to visit the mission stations within the bounds. From one of these mission stations—Ruth Street Mission, Toronto—an application was brought up for the appointment of one to moderate in a call. In connection therewith Messrs. Stuart and Grant appeared as commissioners, who supported the terms of said application, viz.: that the congregation undertake to raise \$500 for stipend, and hope that a supplement of \$300 may be got in the meantime from the Augmentation Fund. The Presbytery granted the prayer of the application, appointing Mr. McKay to moderate in a call and agreed to ask the supplement named. In regard to another mission station, namely, at Port Credit, it was learned that the people there are desirous of regular organization, and the Presbytery instructed Rev. R. Glassford and his representative elder to meet again with the people referred to, and form them into a regular congregation of the Church. On behalf of Rev. John McKay it was stated that his health had been falling off late and that mainly on that ground he wished to have leave of absence for six months. The Presbytery sympathized with Mr. McKay and granted him at once the leave wished, with the understanding that his pulpit will be supplied during his absence. A letter was read from Rev. W. Robertson declining the call from Laskay and West King. It was stated, however, by Rev. P. Nicol that, after ascertaining that Mr. Robertson had accepted another call, he had moderated in a call to another man, for which involved irregularity he asked and obtained condonation from the Presbytery. It was then stated by Mr. Nicol that the new call in which he had moderated was given in favour of Rev. Joseph Watt, a minister of the Church without charge. The call was sustained, and being put into his hands was accepted by him. It was then resolved to meet for his induction in the church on the ninth concession of King, on the 21st instant, at 11 a.m., the Moderator to preside; Rev. J. Leishman to preach; Rev. P. Nicol to deliver the charge; and Rev. Walter Reid to address the people. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Whitby was read setting forth that a call from Columbus and Brooklyn to Rev. G. C. Patterson of St. Enoch's Church, Toronto, had been sustained by said Presbytery, and that Revs. S. H. Eastman and R. D. Fraser had been appointed to prosecute the same before this Presbytery. The call and relative papers were produced and laid on the table. The clerk reported as to what action he had taken for the hearing of all parties concerned at this meeting and his conduct was approved of. The parties were then heard as follows: Messrs. Eastman and Fraser for the Presbytery of Whitby. Mr. W.

Smith, M.P., and three others for the congregations calling. Mr. John Carlyle and six others for the people of St. Enoch's, and Mr. Fraser again in reply. The call was then put into the hands of Mr. Patterson and his judgment was requested thereon, when he stated in substance that with the consent of the Presbytery he would remain in his present charge. It was then moved by Dr. Parsons, seconded by Dr. Reid, and agreed to: That the Presbytery do not grant the translation applied for. The Conveners of Committees on the Schemes of the Church were instructed to prepare schedules, as in previous years, exhibiting the pecuniary contributions to said Schemes which might reasonably be expected from the pastoral charges and mission stations within the bounds for the current year; said schedules to be submitted at next ordinary meeting. A number of young men appeared before the Presbytery who wished to be taken on examination in order to their being admitted as students at Knox College. A committee was appointed to deal with them, and eventually, on recommendation of said committee, they were ordered to be variously attested to the Senate of said College. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held in the usual place on the fourth of November, at 10 a.m.—R. MONTATH Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met on September 16, in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. Mr. R. J. Beattie, Moderator. There was a large attendance of members, only one of the ministers whose names are on the roll being absent. Several commissions from Kirk Sessions to ruling elders were produced, and the names were added to the roll. The names of young men who declared their intention to study for the ministry were submitted, and the parties were instructed to meet with the Committee on the Superintendence of Studies, that they might undergo the examination prescribed by the Assembly, the committee to report on their application in the afternoon. In connection with this there was produced and read a minute of the General Assembly at its last meeting, instructing Presbyteries to determine whether young men applying for certification to our colleges, with the view of entering the preparatory course, should take that rather than a complete university course, and to decline to certify to the Senate those whose literary attainments are manifestly insufficient to enable them to pass the entrance examination. At the afternoon sederunt the committee reported recommending the status to be given by the Senate to each of the applicants, and also respecting the students who were residing or labouring in the bounds, to the effect that they had fulfilled the exercises prescribed them, and recommending them for certification to the college authorities. Mr. Mullan reported that he had preached, according to appointment, in St. John's Church, Gairafra and Mimosa, and, after sermon, declared the charge vacant in the usual way. Dr. Torrance reported that he had visited these congregations to learn what steps had been taken in the way of granting a retiring allowance to Mr. Millican, and stated what had been done, and what was proposed. The report was received and the committee charged with the matter was continued. The committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute on the retirement of Mr. Millican submitted a report which recognized the diligence and fidelity with which he had discharged his pastoral duties, sympathy for him in his affliction, and kindly well-wishes for his and his partner's welfare in coming years, and expressing the hope that the General Assembly would permit his name to remain on the roll as a member of Presbytery. The minute was approved and adopted. Mr. Strachan reported that after due notice he had moderated in a call in the First Church, Eramosa, which had come out in favour of Mr. J. K. Craigie, one of the ministers of the Church, without charge. Mr. Strachan's conduct in moderating was approved. The call was then produced, but at this stage a letter was read from Mr. Craigie, stating that, after due consideration, he had decided not to accept it. Commissioners from the session and congregation were heard, after which it was agreed that the call be set aside, and that sympathy be expressed with the commissioners and congregation. Leave was granted to Mr. Strachan to hold another moderation as soon as the people declared themselves ready to proceed. Dr. Torrance and Mr. Smith reported that they had, on September 9, moderated in a call in the congregations of Duff's Church and Knox Church, Puslinch, respectively, which had come out unanimously in favour of Mr. William Robertson, M.A. The call was produced and commissioners from sessions and congregations were heard. It was then sustained and the Clerk was instructed to send notice of it to Mr. Robertson, and ask him to signify his mind regarding it, and, in the event of his acceptance, to fix a date for his induction, which should take place in Duff's Church, Dr. Torrance to preside, Mr. Winchester to preach, Mr. Smith to address the minister and Dr. Wardrope the people. Mr. Davidson, Convener, reported from the Finance Committee the state of the ordinary fund of the Presbytery, the congregations in arrears to it, and the estimated expenditure for the current year, and recommended that a rate of eight cents per family be asked from the congregations in the bounds to meet the sum. The report was received and the recommendation adopted. The Clerk was instructed to ask the congregations in arrears to pay them as soon as possible. A long time was spent over a petition from Drayton asking to be set apart as a mission station independent of its present relations, and to be recommended to the Home Mission Fund for a grant at the rate of three dollars per Sabbath. After much discussion it was moved by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Rae, that in accordance with the spirit of the petition the Presbytery dissolve the union existing between Drayton, Moorefield and Rothsay, and give Drayton the standing of a mission station. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the petition be received, and that those interested be cited to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery. On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried. From this decision Mr. Smith protested for leave to complain to Synod at its next meeting, reasons to be given in due time.

Mr. Elmsior was appointed Moderator of Session in the meantime, and parties were directed to furnish the necessary information to the Clerk that he may present it to the Committee on Home Missions when making application for the grant. After deliberation it was agreed that one-half supply for the next quarter be asked from the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers, for the vacancies in the bounds. The claims of the congregations receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund were considered and passed for transmission to the proper committee. In connection with this the case of Mr. Armstrong, of Hawkesville and Linwood, was taken up, who had been settled upon a promise of the then minimum salary, but who, even with the grant of two hundred dollars from the Augmentation Fund, was not getting within one hundred dollars of the amount. After full consideration it was agreed that an allowance of one hundred dollars be made from the ordinary fund of the Presbytery in the present emergency, covering the year since Mr. Armstrong's settlement, and the Finance Committee was charged to devise means for raising the same. The Committee on the Schemes of the Church presented a report in the form of a circular to families connected with congregations in the bounds, describing the object and claim of each scheme, with the amount required according to estimate of expenditure for the current year. On motion it was agreed that the report be received, that thanks be given to the committee for preparing it, and that a sufficient number of copies be printed for circulation, as recommended. Dr. Middlemiss presented and read a scheme of Presbyterial visitation, covering three years. After deliberation it was resolved that it lie on the table till next meeting. The Clerk read an estimate of amounts required for the Schemes of the Church for the current year, as furnished by the treasurers, and submitted a calculation of the proportion that should be paid by the congregations and stations under the Presbytery. It was agreed that the table containing the calculations be printed, and a copy furnished to the Sessions and Boards of Management of congregations for their guidance, when appropriating their contributions to the different objects. The business arising from the proceedings of the late General Assembly requiring the attention of Presbyteries was next introduced, and a committee composed of the ministers who attended the meeting of Assembly was appointed to consider the same and report. Attention having been called to the precarious state of the health of Mr. Craig, Melville Church, Fergus, arrangements were made for the supply of his pulpit by brethren over the third Sabbath of November next. Next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of November, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery met in the hall of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the 16th and 17th ult. The attendance of ministers was, on the whole, pretty good. Elders' commissions were presented and received and the Presbytery roll adjusted accordingly. The Clerk reported that since last regular meeting the congregation of Camden and Newburgh had been declared vacant. The report was received and the name of the minister affected thereby was removed from the roll of the Presbytery. Mr. Young was empowered to moderate in a call in that vacancy as soon as the people are prepared for such a step. Mr. Cumberland, Convener of the Examining Committee, reported that, as appointed at last meeting, subjects for written exercises had been prescribed to all the student missionaries labouring within the bounds; that with one exception he had received returns from all; and laid said exercises on the table of the Presbytery. These papers were received and distributed among the members of the Court for them to read and report thereon before the close of the present meeting. A letter from Mr. S. Childerose was presented and read, intimating his acceptance of the call from the congregation of St. Columba and St. Paul, Madoc. His induction was appointed to take place in the church at St. Columba on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon; the Moderator of Presbytery to preach and preside; Mr. D. Wishart to address the minister, and Mr. J. Steele the people. Arrangements were made to serve the edict in the usual way. Mr. McLean submitted an interim report, respecting arrears at Roslin and Thulow, and asked that the committee be continued. The report was received and the request granted. Reports were given and received, intimating that arrangements had been given for the dispensation of ordinances in the mission stations within the bounds. Mr. Wilkins gave notice that at next regular meeting he would move that the matter of the proposed division of this Presbytery as referred back by the General Assembly be taken up for discussion. Session records were tabled for examination, and committees appointed to examine them. Mr. Craig resigned his position as a member of the examining committee, and Mr. Porteous was appointed in his stead. Mr. Houston requested to be relieved from the Home Mission Committee, and from the Committee on Statistics, which was agreed to, and Mr. McAulay was appointed on the Home Mission Committee, and Mr. Fairlie on the Committee on Statistics in his stead. Mr. Galaher asked to be relieved from acting as a member of the Committee on Temperance. His request was granted, and Mr. Wilkins was appointed in his stead. Mr. McLean, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, presented and read a detailed report from which it appeared that there were eighteen missionaries labouring within the bounds; that returns had been received to date from sixteen of these; and also submitted several recommendations for the consideration of the Presbytery. The report was received and adopted as a whole; and thanks tendered to the committee and especially to the Convener, for their diligence. The subject of opening a new mission station in the village of Tweed was taken into consideration; whereupon Mr. Houston was appointed to visit that place in the interest of the Presbytery and report at next regular meeting. The Committee on the erection of a new mission on Pine and Division streets in the city of Kingston gave in an interim report which was re-