

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. John Ferguson, probationer, has intimated his acceptance of the call to Chesley.

THE Presbyterian church at St. Thomas, of which Rev. Mungo Fraser is pastor, have resolved on building a new church.

REV. A. B. SIMPSON, formerly pastor of Knox Church, Hamilton, has accepted the call to Thirteenth street Presbyterian Church, New York.

THE Rev. Hugh Thomson has accepted the invitation of the Presbytery of Barrie to labour as ordained missionary in the Maganetawan mission district.

THE "Record" states that Rev. G. L. Mackay, our missionary in Formosa, is on his way home for rest. He will be cordially welcomed. Few men have worked harder than Mr. Mackay has for the past eight years.

THE West Truro Presbyterian congregation, Nova Scotia, are erecting a fine new church at that place, which is rapidly approaching completion. The church, when completely finished, is expected to cost about \$16,000.

THE missionaries of our Church in the New Hebrides have sent in to the Committee a representation to the effect that their present salaries are inadequate for meeting any extra claims upon them, such as sickness in their families, the education of their children, and the necessary furloughs for a longer or shorter time in Australasia. The Mission Committee has recognized the reasonableness of these representations, and is of opinion that the present rate of £150 should be increased to £175, besides £10 for each child while at home. Before, however, asking the Assembly to sanction this increase, it has been agreed to lay the facts before the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, so that that body may express its mind on the subject, before any reference is made to the Assembly. In the meantime, it was agreed to send mission goods to all the stations. Contributors to these are requested to send their donations before Christmas, addressed to Rev. P. G. McGregor, Halifax.

ON Thursday, Nov. 20th, a very pleasant occurrence took place at the Bluevale manse. Rev. D. G. McKay, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Bluevale, was presented with an address, accompanied by a very large family Bible for himself, and a valuable and handsome set of silver for Mrs. McKay. The address was engrossed on parchment and artistically illuminated. The presents cost about \$30, and were the spontaneous offerings of the members of the Bible Class and Sabbath school under Mr. McKay's inspection. The address was read by Miss Susan Robinson, and the presentation was made by Miss Jane Black. These splendid gifts testify most strikingly to the high esteem in which Mr. McKay is held by the young people of the congregation. All present will no doubt ever remember the kindly reception they received from Mr. and Mrs. McKay. The address was couched in the most kindly and affectionate terms, and was responded to by Mr. McKay in a most appropriate manner.

THE induction and ordination of the Rev. Hugh Cameron, B.A., to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Glencoe, took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. A large number attended the services. In the evening a numerously attended tea meeting was held in the town hall, in connection with the induction. The hall was crowded in every part. Everything went off in the most successful manner. The tea served was all that could be desired, the music excellent, and the speeches eloquent and appropriate. After the programme was disposed of, congratulations were extended to the congregation of St. Andrew's Church on their excellent choice of the Rev. Hugh Cameron as their pastor. After a vote of thanks was tendered to the audience, the speakers, the ladies, the chairman and the Dutton choir, the meeting came to a close at a late hour. The proceeds amounted to over \$110. On the following day the pupils of the different Sabbath schools in the village were given a free dinner and entertainment, at which nearly 200 children were present and thoroughly enjoyed the treat.

THE annual tea meeting of Erskine Church, Toronto, was held on Monday evening last, in the church in Caer-Howell street. It was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. From the verbal report given by the pastor, it appears that the progress of the con-

gregation, especially since the opening of the new church, had been most gratifying. As many as thirty-seven additional families had taken sittings, and at last communion forty-three individuals had joined the fellowship of the church. The attendance at the Sabbath school had doubled, and there was an attendance of about eighty at the Bible class taught by Professor Gregg. The financial condition of the congregation was equally satisfactory, so that all connected with it had good reason to thank God and take courage. The Rev. Messrs. Hogg and Lyle gave very appropriate and stimulating addresses, while the church choir added its most efficient assistance to the general success of the meeting. The meeting for the children on the subsequent evening was, in its way, equally gratifying. Altogether, the prospects of Erskine Church are very bright. A spirit of harmonious action and praiseworthy liberality prevails in the congregation and there is every likelihood of great good being done in the locality through its instrumentality.

THE Young Men's Association of St. James' square Presbyterian Church held their first open meeting for the season on Monday evening last, in the lecture room of the church. The audience was respectfully large, but not so much so as the excellence of the programme deserved. Rev. Mr. King, in a few opening words, spoke in terms of praise of the objects of the Association, and commended it to those young men of the congregation who had not yet become members. The Association afforded an excellent opportunity for the cultivation of literary tastes, and he was aware of many who in past years had derived good from their connection with it. The following programme was then executed in good style: (Part I.) Song, Miss M. Douglass; reading, Mr. James S. Inglis; song, Miss Caven; song, Mr. Ross; reading, Mr. W. Gordon; song, Mrs. Taylor. (Part II.) Song, Miss Carrie; essay, "Pleasures," Mr. R. Adamson; song, Miss McIntosh; reading, "The Young Desperado," Mr. J. Monteith; song, Miss Douglass; reading, "A Woman's Question," Mr. Wightman; song, "An Englishman," Mr. Ross. There was an intermission of about thirty minutes between the first and second parts of the programme, which was improved by the audience in social intercourse. It is the intention of the Association frequently to entertain their friends in a like manner during the course of the winter.

THE manse of South Georgetown was for many years the undisturbed home of domestic happiness, but in 1877 it became the scene of much sorrow and suffering. First, the beloved wife of our pastor was called to the rest that remains for the people of God. Two amiable and accomplished daughters, aged respectively twenty and twenty-five years, followed their mother within six months. The congregation was deeply moved with sympathy for the sorrowing husband and father, and the bereaved family. Mr. James Elliot, one of the oldest and most respected members of the congregation, presented a very kindly expressed petition to the Session, praying them to call a meeting of the congregation, to give expression to their sympathy and condolence, and also to take into consideration the "erection of a monument to the late Mrs. Muir, as being both an ornament to her household and the congregation; and also as a token of a sense of the Lord's goodness to us. Dr. Muir has been our minister for forty-one years, and during the whole of that time we have scarcely had a silent Sabbath." The prayer of the petition having been granted, a public meeting was called, when it was unanimously resolved "to erect a monument in remembrance of the late Mrs. Muir, whose long life of usefulness and Christian example exerted an influence for good, not only over the hearts of the congregation, but a large circle of friends, and being dead yet speaketh." The Kirk Session, with Mrs. J. Elliot, Mrs. J. Brodie, Mrs. J. McKell, Mrs. A. Ogilvie, Mrs. J. Cunningham, Mrs. J. Crutchfield, Mrs. W. Elliot, Mrs. C. McDonald, Mrs. J. Rutherford, Mrs. J. Cowan, Mrs. D. Thomson, Mrs. R. Elliot, Mrs. W. Kerr, Miss Isabella Hamilton and Miss Martha Turner, were appointed a Committee to give effect to the resolution of the congregation. The Committee did their work well, and there now stands in the South Georgetown cemetery, near the main entrance, and about seventy-five yards from the church, an elegant obelisk of Peterhead granite, thirteen feet six inches in height, with the following inscription: "In memory of Jacobina McDonald Nicolson, a native of Rosshire, Scotland, wife of J. C. Muir, D.D., died April 4th, 1877, in

the 62nd year of her age. Erected by the Presbyterian Church of North and South Georgetown, P.Q."—COM.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Court held a special meeting at Williamstown on the 18th ult. There was a full attendance of ministers—one clerical member only being absent. Leave was granted to the Moderator of Knox Church Session to moderate in a call. The Rev. John Matheson, B.A., was taken on trials for ordination. These were sustained and the Presbytery proceeded to ordain and induct him to the charge of the Martintown and Williamstown congregations. Rev. John Ferguson preached; Dr. McNish put the usual questions and offered ordination prayer; the Rev. Robert Binnie addressed the newly ordained minister, and the Rev. Alexander McGillivray the people.—HUGH LAMONT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Woodville, on the 25th ult. Request of Cannington congregation granted to effect a mortgage and dispose of their old church and building lot. A paper was read from Uxbridge congregation in regard to arrangement of hours for public worship in the two branches of the congregation; and was sent back to the congregation to endeavour to come to a friendly solution of the difficulty among themselves. Reasons of dissent from finding of last meeting, and Mr. A. McLeod's protest and appeal, were read by the Clerk and ordered to be held *in retentis*. The Home Mission Committee reported a visit to Sunderland, Vroomanton, and Manilla with a view to uniting the three stations in one charge. It was found that Manilla wished to be connected with Brock congregation, and that it would not advance the cause at Sunderland to have Manilla united with them; when it was agreed to notify parties and decide on the case at next meeting. Appointments were made for supply of mission stations. Missionary meetings were left to be arranged by each minister for his own charge and report at next meeting. The Moderator called attention to the rule that the representative elders be duly certified to the Clerk. The additional hymns were before the court but no suggestions were made for the Committee. It was found that nearly all the ministers had brought the Rev. Dr. Reid's paper on Home Missions before their congregations.—J. R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—At the last meeting of this Presbytery on the 25th and 26th ult., there were nineteen ministers and eight elders present. Among the matters of business were the following: A petition from Bracebridge, Monck, and South Falls was received, asking to be removed from the list of stations and placed on that of supplemented congregations. Documents shewing the financial and numerical strength of the congregations accompanied the petition, which was supported by Mr. J. G. Beattie, commissioner. The Presbytery found in considering the petition, a difficulty arising from the relation of Mr. Findlay, ordained missionary, to the whole Muskoka Mission district as well as to the petitioning congregations, and deferred the matter for further consideration. Reports, from members present, were received respecting the reading of the appeal of the Moderator of the General Assembly on behalf of Home Missions, and the steps taken in the several congregations to follow it up. Members not present were required to send in reports on this matter. Mr. J. A. McConnell resigned the charge of First and Second Tecumseth and Adjala. The resignation was laid over till next ordinary meeting, and the Sessions and congregations were cited to appear for their interests. Mr. Millard was loosed from the charge of Singhampton and Maple Valley in order to take the charge of the mission district comprising Craighurst, Midhurst, Minesing McCrae's and Hunter's Settlements. Mr. Alex. McDonald, B.A., was appointed to preach the pulpits vacant at Singhampton and Maple Valley on the second Sabbath of December, and to act as Moderator of the vacant Session. A committee was appointed to consider the additional hymns sent down by the Assembly's Committee and report at next meeting. The Court very kindly agreed to reimburse the Clerk twelve dollars expended for a papyrograph, which for some time has been in frequent use in forwarding the Presbytery's work. This item is published with the hope that it may be profitable to brother Clerks. The induction of Mr. W. Anderson, formerly of Kincardine, to the charge of Mulmur and Tossoronto, was appointed for Tuesday, 2nd December, at one o'clock p.m., within the church at Rosemont. Mr. D. McDon-