

Ministers and Churches.

MR. JAMES GILLEAN, an esteemed elder of St. Andrew's Church, London, passed through Toronto on Monday en route for Scotland.

REV. MR. CAMERON, of Knox Church, Lucknow, preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation lately. Many of the congregation were deeply touched with the minister's last words. The congregation presented him with some beautiful presents, showing their appreciation of his services.

EVANGELISTIC services were held in the Presbyterian Church, Elmira, during last week. The Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Winterbourne, has charge of that station. He was assisted by the Rev. H. Knox. The meetings were interesting and profitable, and were largely attended. Mr. Knox goes with Mr. Hamilton to Winterbourne for next week's meetings. It is hoped that these services may be resumed at Elmira later on. They did much good.

ON the 24th inst. a handsome clock, presented as a memorial of the late Sheriff Davidson, was placed in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin. It bears this inscription: Presented to St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, by Margaret Davidson, in memory of her husband, the late Sheriff Davidson, who died April 27, 1881. Referring to events in the congregation's history, the Berlin *Telegraph* says: Of the first twenty members of the Presbyterian body in Berlin four only survive, viz. Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. M. A. Kadder, Berlin; Mrs. H. F. J. Jackson, Brockville, and Mrs. J. C. Colquhoun, the widow of the late respected Deputy Clerk of the Crown for this county. All the others have long since passed away, and a new generation of worshippers fills the church pews.

A NEW mission school in connection with the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was opened last week. The house is situated on the corner of Locke and Herkimer Streets. Dr. Macdonald presided at the meeting, and gave a short history of the inception and continuation of the mission up to the present time. The lot secured by the church is large, and an extension can be made at any time when needed. The chairman spoke highly of the work now being done by the Baptist body in this locality, and expressed the hope that all Christians would co-operate in the good work. Spirited addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, Rev. Thos. Scouler, Rev. Mungo Fraser, Rev. Mr. Lyle and Rev. D. H. Fletcher, and the pastor, Mr. J. C. McKeand presided at the organ, led the singing, and was assisted by the members of the MacNab Street choir. Mr. J. McMaster, the superintendent, at the close, moved a vote of thanks to those who had given words of advice and encouragement. The mission was largely what it is on account of the devotion and regularity of the teachers associated with him in the work. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKeand in a few remarks, and duly carried, and a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close. The collections at this and the previous meeting were very gratifying to the promoters of the mission.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Pembroke Observer* is led by certain recent changes in the McNab congregation to give some reminiscences of Presbyterianism in that locality. He says: From the third chute, in the then far west, where now stands the village of Douglas, one fact I remember to have seen in the McNab church was that of R. R. Smith. Coming downward, the Campbells, of Adamston, and their neighbours met there, the Fergusons and their neighbours from Bonnetiere Point, the McNies and McNals from near Amprior, the McNabs of Waba Lake, the Hallidays and others of Springtown, all gathered in the McNab Church to hear the Word expounded by the Rev. A. Mann. And what is now the state of that field occupied forty-five years ago by divine service once in three weeks in the old church, which the onward march of Presbyterianism has just annihilated? Why, there are now weekly services held in the churches in Douglas, Adamston, Renfrew, White Lake, Amprior, Burnstown, Lochwinnoch, Dewars and Stewartville. A noble progress! A splendid record! A good family. Nine daughters all set up for themselves, all sprung from the old log church erected in 1841. The church referred to has, in connection with that at Renfrew, been for some years under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. Campbell, a young man who was brought up in Brockville. He is hence forth to devote his entire attention to Renfrew.

A VERY valuable presentation was recently made to the Rev. J. Ross, B.A., pastor of Melville Church, Brussels. Mr. W. R. Wilson read an address from the congregation, expressing warm attachment to their minister, and a high appreciation of his abundant and successful labours for the promotion of their spiritual welfare. In the address a generous tribute of respect was also paid to Mrs. Ross. Mr. Alexander Stewart then presented Mr. Ross with a purse containing \$200. The address and its accompaniment were heartily acknowledged. On Thursday evening, says the *Brussels Post*, the Brussels Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held an entertainment in Melville Church. Rev. J. Ross occupied the chair. After the opening exercises the chairman stated that this organization was first set on foot in Canada in April, 1876, with a membership of fifty, which has now increased to 5,050. At the end of the first year there had been \$1,005 collected. This has increased until for 1885 the large sum of \$13,493 is credited to the society. Thirteen thousand dollars had been asked for, and that amount had been overpaid by nearly \$500. During last year three schools for Indians, one girls' school in Formosa, six schools in India, an hospital and other institutions had been founded. During the past ten years the very handsome sum of \$58,861 had been raised. Brussels Branch was organized in May, 1884, and commenced with twelve members. The first six months they collected \$35. They now have forty-four members enrolled, and raised \$90 last year. A very interesting programme was gone through with as follows: Choral Society, "Tell it out among the Heathen;" reading, "The Cameronian's Dream," W. B. Dickson; "Paper on Missions," by Mrs.

(Rev.) Ross; music, "Wake, Isles of the South," D. Stewart and family; reading, "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," Mrs. Graham; solo, "What shall the Harvest be?" Mrs. Hutchinson; address, Rev. J. Ross, B.A.; reading, "The Missionary," Miss Richardson; music, Choral Society. A collection amounting to over \$13 was taken during the evening.

THE *Hamilton Times* says. At St. Paul's Church the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw preached a sermon for the times, which was listened to by a large audience with rapt attention. Taking for his text 1 Timothy ii. 2, "That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty," after referring to present disturbances in the world over the labour question, and to the cry that has come over the sea from the Churches in Ireland for sympathy and help in their hour of fear and trouble, the preacher unfolded the scriptural method of securing social order and national peace. This was shown to be by the use of spiritual means, not drawing the literal sword, but the sword of the Spirit; not giving special attention to the righting of particular wrongs, by means of secular appliances, to the neglect of the Gospel, but seeking to have nations and communities so permeated by the spirit of the Gospel that mankind would naturally attend to the adjusting of grievances and the righting of wrongs in accordance with the principles laid down in Scripture. Jesus was no politician. When asked about the payment of tribute at a time when there was great objection to paying taxes to the Roman government his memorable reply was "Render unto Cesar the things that are Cesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." Nor did He interfere in any direct way in the settlement of social disputes over property. When one of the company said unto Him, "Master, speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me," He answered, "Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?" and then He preached the sermon on this subject contained in the twelfth chapter of Luke from the fifteenth verse to the end, in which the importance of having all such questions settled on spiritual principles is emphasized. Paul, laying the foundations of the Christian Church in the midst of social and national disturbance and hostility, followed his Lord's example and refused to turn aside to make use of secular means, but said, "I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie, on Tuesday, 25th May. There were twenty-two ministers and ten elders in attendance. Mr. Moodie was appointed to declare the pulpit of Collingwood vacant on the 20th June, and to act as Moderator of Session during the vacancy. It was agreed to apply to the General Assembly on behalf of Mr. W. Neilly, that he be allowed to enter on a course of theology, and on behalf of Mr. A. G. Jansen, missionary, that he be recognized as a student in the second year of the theology; also to apply for leave to ordain Mr. W. J. Hewitt to the ministry (Mr. Hewitt is an elder of the Church, and has been labouring as missionary at North Bay, etc.); also to transmit a petition of the congregation of Vasey, asking that Mr. John Gilmour be recognized as an ordained minister of the Church. Messrs. A. H. Drumm and Thomas Wilson were taken on public probationary trials, they having been transferred at their request from the Presbytery of Toronto. The trials gave much satisfaction, and were sustained. Messrs. Drumm and Wilson were then licensed to preach the Gospel, and at a later hour Mr. Drumm, who was appointed missionary to Port Carling, etc., was ordained to the holy ministry. Some Home Mission matters were attended to. Mr. A. McDonald received leave of absence for four months, to enable him to visit his native land. Messrs. G. Craw and H. Currie resigned their commissions to the General Assembly, and Messrs. W. McConnell and W. A. Duncan, M.A., were elected instead. Dr. Gray addressed the Presbytery on the movement to adorn and preserve the church at Fredericksburgh as a memorial of the Rev. Mr. McDowell. The Presbytery expressed its approval, and commended the movement to the generous consideration of ministers and congregations in the bounds. — ROBERT MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—This Presbytery met at Newcastle pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, May 25, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Wm. Aitken, Moderator. The Rev. Ghosen Al Howie, late of Mount Lebanon, Syria, and Rev. James Murray were invited to sit as corresponding members. The petition from Nelson asking for regular supply, laid over from a former meeting, was again read, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Waits, McKay and Aitken, was appointed to meet the congregation at Nelson, on Monday, the 31st inst., at half-past seven p.m., for the purpose of maturing arrangements for Mr. Clay's settlement there; or otherwise provide for the supply of that station. The Rev. James Murray was appointed to Charlo for the next two Sabbaths, May 30 and June 6. A report of the catechists appointed to the various mission fields was submitted by the Clerk, and he was thanked for his diligence in the matter. A communication from Escomine, Quebec, was read, signed by all the elders, requesting that Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown be appointed Moderator of their Session in place of Rev. Peter Lindsay, solely on the ground that the former is more conveniently located, and would be able to visit the field without involving such a considerable journey. In making this change the Presbytery desired not only to convey to Mr. Lindsay the hearty thanks of the Session of Escomine, but also their grateful appreciation of his past services there. Several circulars on the reception of ministers were read. The Presbytery resolved to make application to the next General Assembly to receive, as a minister of "the Presbyterian Church in Canada," the Rev. Ghosen Al Howie, a licentiate of the Church of Scotland. The Clerk was instructed to issue the usual circular thereon. The following resolution, moved by Mr. Aitken, was also adopted in the case: "That this Presbytery, while not ignoring the serious drawback of blindness, are of opinion that Mr. Howie is perfectly competent to discharge a pastor's duty. His labours within the bounds, as well as his numerous certificates, abundantly

justify this resolution, and encourage the hope that the Assembly will see it their duty to admit him to the status of a minister of this Church." The Rev. F. W. George was appointed commissioner to the General Assembly, in place of Rev. John McCarter, who resigned the appointment. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Convener of the Augmentation Committee stating that, in view of certain explanations forwarded to him, from Redbank, Black River and New Carlisle, the grants in full would most likely be made to those congregations. The Presbytery resolved to meet in the Hall of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, the 13th day of July next, at eleven o'clock a.m., of which public intimation was made, and thus secedent was closed with the benediction.—E. WALLACE WAITS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—An adjourned meeting of this court was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 25th inst. Rev. J. McClung presided. Circular letters from the Presbyteries of Toronto and Hamilton were read, showing that application would be made to the General Assembly to receive Mr. Wm. Whitfield, M.A., of the U.P. Church of Scotland, and Mr. J. A. Bloodworth, of the Methodist Church, as ministers of this Church. The petition presented at a former meeting by Rev. T. McPherson was taken up for consideration. The Clerk stated that he had cited all the parties. The documents relating to the case were laid on the table. It was moved and seconded that the investigation be conducted with closed doors. The vote being taken, the motion was lost. Parties were then called to the bar, when Mr. McPherson appeared for himself and Messrs. Adair, McDonald and McTavish on behalf of the delegation appointed by the congregation of Knox Church. After a full hearing of the case the parties were removed, and the Presbytery proceeded to deliberate. The following was submitted: "The Presbytery, having carefully considered the petition of Rev. T. McPherson regarding the arrears he claims due him by Knox Church congregation, finds that his claim is valid, which is founded on the unanimous vote of the congregation at the time of his resigning the pastoral charge, and on the fact that during these years the congregation has punctually paid him yearly \$500, also by the report of the Board of Management in stating the amount unpaid as arrears in their last annual report; and further in view of the fact that one of the chief grounds of dissatisfaction in Knox Church, viz., the disposition of the manse property, cannot be fully examined, be it resolved that this matter be considered at next meeting of Presbytery, with the view of not only securing the payment of the arrears of Mr. McPherson's retiring allowance, but also of restoring peace and harmony in the entire congregation." It was moved in amendment that "the Presbytery, having heard the parties in the case and weighed carefully the evidence submitted, come to the following finding: (1) The evidence adduced does not sustain the statement that a previous and secret agreement existed between Mr. McPherson and responsible representatives; (2) They find that the evidence proves this congregation bound in equity to pay Mr. McPherson \$500 per annum; (3) In view of the difficulty which is asserted stands in the way of paying the allowance of \$500 per annum, the Presbytery would remind the congregation that there is a better and more Christian method open to them of adjusting the difficulty." The vote having been taken the motion was carried. The parties were recalled, and asked if they acquiesced in this decision, when Mr. McPherson dissented and appealed the case to the General Assembly. Messrs. Hamilton, Turnbull and Wood were appointed to appear before the Assembly in behalf of the Presbytery. A paper addressed to the Presbytery, and signed by the elders and managers of Knox Church, expressing sympathy for, and confidence in, their pastor in his present position on account of the cowardly attacks upon his character by certain newspaper writers, was read. The Presbytery expressed its strong disapproval of the course pursued by these writers, and its pleasure at the action of the elders and managers. Presbytery then adjourned till the 2nd Tuesday of July at half past ten.—A. F. TULLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met in St. James Square Church, Toronto, on the 20th inst., Rev. H. M. Parsons, Moderator. A certificate was read from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, in connection with the American Presbyterian Church, representing Rev. Dr. S. H. Kellogg as a member in good and regular standing in said Presbytery, and dismissing him, at his own request, to unite with this Presbytery, to whose fraternal affection he was cordially recommended. On motion made by Dr. Caven, it was agreed to receive Dr. Kellogg as a minister of our Church, and, being present, he was also invited to sit with the Presbytery and correspond. The case was introduced of Mr. William Wallace, a young man who has undergone a good English and classical education, who also possesses testimonials as to Church membership and qualifications for Christian usefulness, and wishes to prepare for the work of the ministry. A committee appointed to deal with him reported afterwards in his favour, and a was agreed to give him such employment as a catechist in the Home Mission field, and to send up his case to the General Assembly, that said court may dispose thereof as may be deemed expedient. The case was brought up of Rev. Wm. Whitfield, M.A., a minister in good standing of the U. P. Church in Scotland, who wishes to be received as a minister of our Church. The committee aforesaid, after conferring with him and examining his certificate, reported in his favour, and the Presbytery agreed to ask leave of the General Assembly to receive him as a minister of our Church; the Clerk being also instructed to issue circular letters. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Montreal was read, setting forth that, after hearing all parties and the call from Knox Church to Rev. J. Ross, of Brussels, said Presbytery had refused to translate. A committee previously appointed to draft an overture for the guidance of sessions in dealing with candidates for Church membership who are called to railway work on the Lord's Day, submitted an overture thereon; the overture was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly. On behalf of the committee previously appointed to draft an overture