

Ministers and Churches.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Dr. Reid has received from Anonymous: \$4. Foreign Missions \$2, Home Missions: \$2, French Evangelization: \$2, Knox College Fund.

WESTMINSTER Church, Teeswater, is now a vacancy. Probationers wishing to be heard in said vacancy will please write to Rev. D. Warlopie, Teeswater, Moderator of Session.

THE Presbytery of Glengarry nominated the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, as Moderator of the General Assembly, and Rev. John Fraser, of Indian Lands, as Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

THE annual sermon of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society was preached before a large audience, in All Saints Church, by the Bishop of Algoma, on Sunday, 13th inst. The sermon was an eloquent one, and in every way sustained the high reputation of the reverend preacher, and at the conclusion of which a liberal collection was taken up.

ANNIVERSARY services will be held in College Street Presbyterian Church on Sabbath, the 27th inst. The Rev. J. K. Smith, Moderator of General Assembly, will preach morning and evening. Mr. Goforth will address the Sabbath school in the afternoon, and on the following evening Dr. Cochran will deliver his attractive lecture, "Across the Rockies."

A SERIES of evangelistic services has been held during the past four weeks in the Presbyterian Church, Rosemont, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. B. Smith, assisted by Rev. James Bryant, of Bradford. Meetings have been very largely attended, and very highly appreciated by the whole community. Much blessing seems to have followed these services.

THE Brantford Young Ladies' College is enjoying a most prosperous session. From the large attendance it is evident that this institution is growing in favour and popularity every year. A number of students will present themselves for full matriculation at the ensuing university examinations. The music department, under Professor Garratt, is in a most efficient and well-organized condition. Easter concerts on the 5th of April, and classes will resume work after Easter, on the 12th.

SPECIAL services in Brandon, Man., have been held for seven weeks. Through the Dominion elections the attendance and interest continued unabated. The religious life of the city has been greatly deepened, and the membership of the churches increased. Union weekly services are still held by the Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches, with additional prayer meetings for young men and young women. Many homes have been made glad, and the joy of the Lord fills many hearts. The meetings were thoughtful, orderly and intensely earnest. The people generally seemed open to conversation on the all important subject of personal religion. To God's name be all the praise for His promised Spirit.

THE Knox College Students' Missionary Society has appointed eighteen missionaries to engage in Home Mission work during the coming summer. The following are the fields selected, and the names of the missionaries: Riverside, A. R. Barron, B.A.; Red Deer, Mr. Neilly; Long Lake, J. Conning; Arden, T. R. Shearer, B.A.; Cut Arm Creek, William Haig; Cobocok, David Perrie; Sebright, James Gilchrist; Little Current, A. E. Mitchell; Spanish River, Thomas Nattress; Blind River, G. W. Fortune; Morrison and Ryde, William Cooper; Baysville, G. W. Logie; Byng Inlet, George Needham, B.A.; Bethune, J. Gould; McConkey, G. Ross; French River, Peter McLaren; Franklin, James Borland; Frank's Bay, P. J. Pettinger. The first five fields are in Manitoba and North-West, the remaining fields are in Muskoka, Algoma, etc.

FOR the past week, Mr. Schiverea, with the aid of the three Presbyterian ministers, has been holding special services in Chatham. The services have been growing in interest every day, and a good work of grace is in progress. Last Friday evening the first enquiry meeting was held, and between thirty and forty anxious ones remained to be dealt with. The morning and afternoon services are held in the First Presbyterian Church, and the evening services in St. Andrews. On a recent afternoon, a meeting was held for men only, when about 900 were present. About fifty or sixty stood up expressing a desire to make Christ their personal Saviour. In the evening St. Andrew's Church was packed upstairs and down. There must have been between 1,400 and 1,500 present. A sermon was preached on Heb. ii. 3, showing the greatness of the salvation procured in its price, deliverance, saving power and fulness. The second part dealt with the impossibility of escape to those who neglect. An enquiry meeting was held at the close, when at least fifty anxious souls were dealt with, some of whom went home rejoicing.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.—This Presbytery met on the 8th inst., Rev. A. McFaul in the chair. There were present twelve ministers and seven elders. Mr. Gilchrist submitted the report of the committee appointed to draft a minute anent the resignation of the Rev. A. Tait, late of Mono Mills—now in British Columbia—as follows: As a Presbytery, we have been called, so soon after the formation of the court, to take leave of one of our number, especially when he cannot well be spared. But God doeth all things well, and we cordially accept his departure as part of His wise dealing. In Mr. Tait we ever found a man who was kind, obliging and ever faithful to all engagements. His life was simple and earnest, his manner quiet and unobtrusive. Those who knew and felt his work in Mono Mills, etc., cannot but be impressed with the earnest missionary spirit which filled him; and which, no doubt, urged him to accept the call presented to him from the

Home Mission Committee. They, perhaps, could not have chosen one who would be more devoted in such a sphere, and we sincerely hope and pray that his work there may grow as well as it has done in the field which he has left to our care—even more; and that he may be endowed with bodily health and spiritual strength to pursue it with the same earnestness and faithfulness, and be blessed amongst them for their good, which will receive the "well done" from the lips of the Master, the crown of glory which fadeeth not away. Messrs. Ross (Convener), McIelland and P. McGregor, were appointed a Sabbath School Committee. Rev. R. Fowlie submitted the report of the committee appointed to visit Knox Church, Caledon, Vanatter and Black's Corners anent rearrangements. On the recommendation of the committee, the Presbytery decided to procure a student for the summer, who shall preach each Sabbath at Black's Corners, and alternate with Rev. Mr. Hunter, of Orangeville, at Knox Church and Vanatter. The Presbytery decided to organize a mission station at Proton railway station, and connect with St. Andrew's Church, Proton; Mr. Ross to organize said station. The report of the Woman's Foreign Mission Presbyterial Society, then in session, was presented, which showed that the society had, during the past six months, collected \$283. Messrs. Crozier and McFaul presented respectively the reports on Temperance and the State of Religion, which were considered seriatim, and adopted by the Presbytery. The following commissioners were appointed to attend the General Assembly—all the ministers by rotation and the elders by ballot, viz.: Rev. Messrs. McFaul, Crozier, Ballantyne and Hamilton; and Messrs. J. C. Shook, Corborton; R. Wood, Erin; D. McMurchy, Hillsburgh; and Barclay, Mono Centre. On motion of Mr. McDonald, the Presbytery decided to pay one half of the railway fare of the delegates. The Presbytery agreed to hold the next regular meeting in Orangeville, on Tuesday, May 3, at eleven a.m.—H. CROZIER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on the 22nd February. Rev. A. Currie, M.A., Moderator *pro tem*. Five ministers and four elders present. Owing to the smallness of the meeting little business was done. Deputations were appointed to visit augmented congregations. A letter was read from Barrie Presbytery anent the union of Uptergrove with Longford. It was agreed to cite Uptergrove to appear at next meeting to express their mind on the union. The remit on co-operation with other denominations was considered, and the following motion made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Dr. McTavish, was carried, That the Court approve of any particular Presbytery of our Church entering into negotiations with the representatives of other evangelical bodies with the view of ecclesiastical co-operation within their bounds. The remit on the marriage question was also considered and motions made, when it was agreed to leave the decision till next meeting. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet on 8th March in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, at eleven o'clock a.m. On 8th March the Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted by the Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., Moderator. Nine ministers and nine elders present. Former minutes read and sustained. The remit on the marriage question was taken up, and after discussion the vote was taken up, when Dr. McTavish's motion, "approve of the remit," was carried by a majority of one, over Mr. Ross's motion, That discipline be exercised in the case of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, a deceased wife's aunt or a deceased wife's niece. Mr. Ross, Mr. McLachlin and others recorded their dissent. Reports were given in on missionary meetings held, also on augmented congregations by the deputations appointed. It was agreed to propose the Rev. Dr. Burns, Halifax, as Moderator for next General Assembly. The following commissioners were duly appointed for said Assembly, Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., Rev. A. G. McLachlin, B.A., and Rev. Dr. McTavish, M.A., and elders, Mr. J. C. Gilchrist, Mr. James Leask and Mr. Alexander Leask. Rev. Mr. McLaren gave notice of a motion for next meeting in regard to the Presbytery paying the expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly. The care of vacancy, mission stations and augmented congregations was fully considered and arranged. In the case of Uptergrove, Rev. Mr. Patterson, Moderator of Session, and Mr. Peter Thompson, elder, were heard, when it was agreed that action in regard to union with Longford be delayed, the congregation be reduced to a mission station, and the Home Mission Committee's Convener be instructed to secure, if possible, a Gaelic speaking student for summer, and aid from the Home Mission Fund. The following reports were received and adopted, and thanks tendered to Conveners, viz.: On the State of Religion, Rev. A. G. McLachlin, B.A.; on Temperance, Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A.; on Sabbath Schools, Rev. Dr. McTavish, M.A. The Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., read the annual report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Presbyterial Association, then in session in the class room, when it was moved by Dr. McTavish, seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried, That the annual report now read be received, and that we express our hearty commendation of the manifest progress made by this important auxiliary of our church's work. We cannot speak too highly of the blessed influence this noble association is having on the life and activity of the Church as a whole by circulating information and discussing questions in regard to the great Foreign Mission work; and our hope is that they may go on with the blessing of God to yet higher and nobler attainments. The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Glenarm Church on the last Tuesday of May at half-past one o'clock p.m. The Presbytery's Sabbath School Convention to be held at the same place next day, Wednesday.—JAMES R. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held at Moosejaw, on the 1st of March. There was a good attendance of ministers and missionaries, and a considerable amount of business was transacted. The Rev. Alexander Urquhart, of Regina, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year. A minute was adopted in reference to

the death of Mr. McKay, missionary teacher at Fort Pelly. It is as follows: That we hear with deep sorrow of the death of our co-labourer, Mr. C. G. McKay, who has been engaged in teaching and mission work among the Indians of Crow Stand, Fort Pelly; that we express our high appreciation of the service rendered in that remote field; that we recognize the self-denying labours in the midst of discouragement, and shut out from the blessings and comforts of civilization, and pray that God may follow with a rich blessing the work now brought to a close; we further wish to express our sympathy with the bereaved wife and child, and commend them to the prayers and sympathy of the Church, and to the care of our Heavenly Father. A report from the Home Mission Committee was received, and a deliverance passed upon a proposed reduction of salaries, on travelling expenses and reported deficits. Standing committees for the coming year were appointed as follows: Synod's Home Mission Committee—Messrs. Urquhart, Taylor and H. McKay. Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures—Messrs. Urquhart and Hamilton. Presbytery's Home Mission Committee—Messrs. Taylor (Convener), Hamilton, Nicholl, Urquhart, ministers, and Alexander, elder. Foreign Missions—Messrs. H. McKay (Convener), Dr. Jardine, Geddes, Urquhart, ministers, and McCuaig, elder. Sabbath Observance—Messrs. Robson (Convener), Moore and Herald. Temperance—Messrs. Hamilton (Convener), Dr. Jardine, Geddes and Nicholl. Sabbath Schools—Messrs. G. McCuaig (Convener), Goldie and Matheson. Finance and Statistics—Messrs. Taylor (Convener), Hamilton and Ferguson, elder. State of Religion—Messrs. Herdman (Convener), Geddes and McMillan. Examination of Students and Licentiatees—Messrs. Hamilton (Convener), Dr. Jardine, Baird, Herdman, A. Robertson, Taylor, Nicholl, Geddes and Moore. Presbytery Fund—Messrs. Alexander (Convener), Robson and Ogilvie. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly meeting at Winnipeg in June: Messrs. Fotheringham, Herald, Dr. Jardine, Herdman, and H. McKay, ministers, and Messrs. McCuaig, Alexander, Laidlaw, with C. M. Copeland and Justice Taylor, of Winnipeg. On the evening of Tuesday there was a good attendance at the services held for the ordination of Mr. Ogilvie, of Whitewood; Mr. Urquhart presided, Mr. Moore preached, Mr. Nicholl addressed the minister, and Mr. Robson, the assembled congregation. After ordination Mr. Ogilvie was received by the Moderator and members of Presbytery, and his name placed upon the roll. The Rev. W. C. Bunt, of the Methodist Church, Moosejaw, was invited to sit and correspond with the Presbytery. A petition from Prince Albert, asking for a loan of \$2,000, to aid in building, was placed in the hands of the Home Mission Committee, with the recommendation that it be granted, if advisable, on receipt of necessary information. Intimation was given of applications for the reception of Messrs. Birrell and D'Argent as ministers of the Church. A petition in favour of the division of the Presbytery was received, and Messrs. McKay, Herdman and Herald were appointed to draft an overture in favour of the prayer of the petition, and support the same at the meeting of Synod and Assembly. An overture in reference to the standing of elders labouring as catechists was received, and Messrs. Herdman and Fotheringham were appointed to support the same in the higher courts. A resolution was passed, calling upon all congregations to support as liberally as possible the various Church Schemes. The name of Mr. Moore was ordered to be sent to the Foreign Mission Committee, with the recommendation that he be employed in foreign work. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Qu'Appelle Station on the first Tuesday in May next.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.—The regular quarterly meeting was held in Zion Church, Carleton Place, on the 28th ult., and following day. The Rev. James Ross, of Perth, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Owing to the bad state of the roads, the attendance was smaller than usual. The business of public importance transacted included the following items. The ministerial delegates appointed to the General Assembly were Messrs. Joseph Gandier, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Bennett, R. Knowles, J. B. Edmondson, Ballantyne, McKechnie, A. A. Scott. A very full, interesting and encouraging report was presented by the Rev. S. Mylne upon the State of Religion, which was followed by a conference in which many members of Presbytery took part. Special prominence was given in the conference to the importance of parents co-operating at home with teachers in Sabbath schools in the preparation of lessons, and by religious influence brought to bear upon their children, evangelistic services and Sabbath desecration in various ways, but especially by the practice of holding funerals on the Lord's Day. A circular was read on the latter subject from the Presbytery of Ottawa, and it was recommended to ministers to take an early opportunity of bringing this subject before their respective congregations. A committee was appointed to take into consideration, and report at next meeting upon Sabbath desecration, amusements and evangelistic services. A report was received from a commission appointed to attempt a re-arrangement of the stations of Toledo, Newbliss and Irish Creek, but action was deferred to a subsequent meeting. The report of the Home Mission Committee was given in by Dr. Campbell, Convener, and provision made, after full consideration, for grants to mission fields and supplemented congregations for the ensuing year. The deputation appointed to visit Union Church, Smith's Falls, reported, and after hearing it and commissioners from the session and congregation, and also the Rev. Mr. Crombie, who adhered to his resignation, it was accepted. The congregation agreed to give their late pastor an allowance of \$400 or \$430 a year for three years, with an understanding that, after that time an allowance of half the above amount be continued. The Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, of Pembroke, gave notice of his intention to demit his charge at the next regular meeting of Presbytery. After a brief statement of the reasons which had led him to take this step, the Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. D. J. McLean were appointed to visit the congregation with a view to conserve its interests to the utmost in connection with the resignation of its minister. A committee reported upon the