

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. J. C. Tibb will be inducted as minister of Ruth Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, tomorrow evening.

THE Rev. R. P. Mackay, Parkdale, in a discourse last Sabbath gave an exposition of the principles of Presbyterianism.

THE pulpit of St. James Square Church was occupied on Sabbath morning last by Professor Thomson, and in the evening by Principal Caven.

THE Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Knox Church, Galt, has issued a little four page outline of "Studies of the Gospel by Luke." It is clear, comprehensive and brief.

THE Rev. Hugh Johnston, D.D., gave his illustrated lecture on "Scotland" in St. James Square Church lecture-room on the evening of Friday last to a highly appreciative audience.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane was announced to conduct the re-opening service in the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B.C., and also to lecture the same week on "Burns and Scottish Songs."

THE Rev. Professor Mowat, of Queen's University, preached two excellent sermons in St. John's Church, Almonte, Sabbath week. The Professor, says the *Gazette* of that town, is a very earnest, polished and attractive preacher.

THE next meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Union will be held in St. James Square Church on Friday, 21st November, at 8 o'clock. The International Sabbath School Lesson, "Jesus Crucified" will be taught to a class by Mr. R. W. Murray.

LAST Sabbath evening week the Presbyterian church, Collingwood, was packed to its utmost capacity to hear Dr. Campbell lecture on "Purgatory." It created a great deal of talk in town. The Doctor takes little stock in Purgatory.

THE fifth lecture of the course being given in Central Church, Hamilton, school-room was delivered last week by Rev. G. Burnfield, B.D., the subject being, "A Night at Jerusalem." There was a good audience, and the lecture was most interesting. The lecturer described the journey from Joppa to Jerusalem—the country, the roads, means of travel and the people to be met.

THE Presbytery of Quebec has sustained a great loss by the removal in one day of Revs. A. Lee, of Sherbrooke, D. L. Dewar, of Scotstown, and G. R. Maxwell, of Three Rivers. These congregations are now vacant. Communications regarding these should be addressed to the Rev. A. T. Love, B.A., Quebec. Metis will become vacant in December.

THE Ladies' Society in connection with the Presbyterian Church at Johnson's Crossing held a very successful pie social in the hall at that place recently. There was a large attendance, including a number of visitors who drove out from Truro. The sale of pies was liberally patronized. A good literary and musical programme including a short address from Rev. T. Cumming on travels in Palestine was much appreciated.

A VERY successful social was held in the Presbyterian church, Barrie, under the auspices of the Mission Band. Mr. Hay occupied the chair, and a pleasing programme, consisting of music by the choir, solos by Misses Dymont and Forsyth, and Mr. Lane, a clarinet solo by Mr. English, a short speech by Rev. Mr. McLeod, and recitation, by Mrs. McKeggie, Miss Harper and Mr. Milden, made the evening both pleasant and profitable.

A CHATHAM contemporary states that at the First Presbyterian Church on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, Mr. Yellowlees, of Toronto, preached an excellent discourse. Mr. Yellowlees is a lay worker. At St. Andrew's in the evening service was held, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Murphy, of Holy Trinity; Rev. Mr. King, and Rev. Mr. Going, of North Chatham Methodist Church.

A LECTURE was delivered last week in the school-house attached to St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, by Professor Alexander, of the University, on the subject of "The Chief End of Man." The chair was occupied by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, who introduced the lecturer to the audience. Professor Alexander, as was expected, treated his hearers to a really fine address. The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion.

THE Rev. J. R. Johnston, who is about to leave Alvinston, was on the evening of Thanksgiving Day presented with an address expressive of the high appreciation in which he is held by the congregation and the community among whom he so acceptably laboured. The address was accompanied by a handsome gold watch for himself, another for Mrs. Johnston and a purse of money. The presentation was made by Mr. M. McIntyre. Mr. Johnston made a suitable and affecting response.

A CHRISTIAN Endeavour Society in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Seaford, organized last March with thirty members, now numbers 104. Forty-five of these are active members, and two, Rev. A. D. McDonald and D. D. Wilson, honorary members. The money raised by the society during the first six months amounted to over \$50. What was left of this fund after defraying a few necessary expenses was given to missionary purposes.

THE social under the auspices of Knox Church, Acton, Ladies' Aid came off last week in the town hall, and was well attended. After generous refreshments a very pleasant evening was spent listening to an address on "Our Pleasant Faces," by the Rev. W. Mullan, of Vergara, who had exchanged places with Rev. J. W. Rae. Mr. Mullan is always welcome to an Acton audience. His easy, off-hand style always leads up to some idea that is fine and touching. An address from Dr. Gifford and suitable music by the choir added to the evening's pleasure. Mr. D. Henderson occupied the chair in his usual acceptable manner. Proceeds, about \$25.

ARNOT LEISHMAN, the young son of Rev. J. Leishman, of Chester, who was accidentally shot on Thanksgiving Day, is progressing favourably. At a meeting of the united congregations of Angus and New Lowell, where the Rev. Mr. Leishman laboured for some years, Robert Paton, M.P.P., moved, seconded by William Gollon, that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Leishman, expressing their warm feeling for the little lad who had been so unfortunate, and praying that he would soon be restored in health to his estimable parents. Many letters of sympathy have been received from ministers throughout the country during the past few days by Mr. and Mrs. Leishman.

THE Plattsburgh, N.Y., *Telegram* of November 8, says that the Rev. G. B. Howie, of Palestine, will lecture here on Monday and Tuesday evenings next. He comes among us very highly endorsed as an interesting and instructive speaker by eminent people on both sides of the Atlantic where he has invariably received the most flattering encomiums, having fully sustained the enviable reputation accorded him. All denominations flock to hear him and are equally impressed with his deeply spiritual eloquence and forcible presentation of Bible history and Oriental life. A rare treat is in store for all who may be privileged to listen to this distinguished student of Palestine.

ANNIVERSARY services were recently held in the Presbyterian Church, Crosshill, and were conducted by Rev. J. Campbell, M.A., of Listowel. The church was well filled both morning and evening, and the people listened with rapt attention to the excellent addresses given on that occasion. On the Monday evening following the service was held, which was a decided success—the best, in fact, ever held in that church. The speeches and recitations were both amusing and instructive. The music furnished by home talent was very good and well received. Proceeds of the evening were \$85. The chair was filled by the pastor, Rev. W. M. McKibbin, M.A., to the satisfaction of all present.

THE Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Waterloo, has written to the management of Erskine Church, Hamilton, stating that he would be unable to accept the call to that church, now in course of preparation, and the matter has been dropped. Mr. Mitchell gives as his reason for declining that he has only been with the Waterloo congregation a little over a year, and that it would not be doing justice to his people to leave them now. The congregation at Waterloo has prospered greatly under the reverend gentleman's care, and the people there are deeply attached to their pastor. There will be a congregational meeting at Erskine Church on Wednesday evening to take steps towards securing a pastor and to consider other matters of importance to the congregation.

THE ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Knox Church, Shelburne, held a very successful "Thanksgiving Service" on Tuesday evening, 11th inst. There were selections of music by a choir of the ladies, assisted by the leader of the church choir, Mr. S. Irwin. Mrs. Colwell Graham acted as chairman. Rev. H. T. McTavish gave a pleasing address on "Missions." The pastor gave a brief history of the Society, and at the request of the president opened the envelopes containing the thank-offerings, read the text of Scripture accompanying, and offered the dedicatory prayer. Rev. D. C. Hunsack then followed with a most powerful persuasive missionary address, after which two ladies came forward and joined the Society. Total contributions of the evening amounted to \$20.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Cote St. Gabriel, in the north-west of the county of Terrebonne, in a glen among the Laurentian hills, known as Knox Church, is the most northerly Presbyterian Church in the Province of Quebec. The settlers there are chiefly Protestants for the North of Ireland, who went there fifty years ago. The dedication services were conducted recently by the Rev. R. Campbell, D.D., of St. Gabriel Church, Montreal, assisted by the pastor of the Church, Rev. S. McCusker. On the following Tuesday evening the opening services were concluded by a social gathering, which was attended not only by the people of the Church, but also by their friends of neighbouring congregations. Rev. Mr. McCusker occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. Mr. Brown, of the Lakefield Methodist Church, and Rev. Mr. Fynch, of the Methodist Church of Shawbridge and Morin. The building was opened free of debt.

THE St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Young People's Literary Society held their first meeting for the season last week. Mr. McGregor, B.A., was elected president, and Miss Butterworth, vice-president. After thanking the Society for the honour of being selected president, Mr. McGregor read an address on the "Literary Society." The following was the programme: Piano solo, by Miss M. Bartlett; selection by the choir; recitation by Mr. Gault; solo by Mr. McDonald; selection by the choir; recitation by Mr. Gault; solo by Mr. McDonald and a piano solo by Miss Bartlett. The prospects for the success of the society are very bright. With such an energetic president and indefatigable staff of officers the meeting will no doubt partake of the old-time fervour.

THE ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Hemmingford, Quebec, gave their annual tea-meeting in the town hall recently. A substantial supper was served in the lower hall, and the good things on the table were highly relished by the guests. After supper the company assembled in the large hall, which was completely filled. The pastor, Rev. William Robertson, presided, and introduced the Rev. John Nichols, of St. Mark's Church, Montreal, who delivered a lecture on "Our Girls." In speaking of the spheres of employment which are now open for women, he said that while in sympathy with the movement, he feared that the women themselves would, in the end, be the sufferers; inasmuch as many of the positions which they were now filling formerly belonged to men, and for want of work the men could not afford to marry. He said the question was not now as it used to be: "What shall we do with our boys?" but rather: "What

shall we do with our boys?" The lecture was thoroughly practical, with a rich spice of good humour running through it, and eloquently delivered. It was appreciated by the audience, and was highly applauded. Several pieces of music were sung in the course of the evening by the congregational choir. The ladies realized \$75, which will be devoted to repairs on the church.

THE missionary re-union of the Brooklin Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, November 6th, in the Presbyterian Church, proved to be a very happy and enthusiastic affair. Liberal friends devised liberal things, and good gifts and a bountiful supper resulted. The church was well filled, and the exercises of the evening ably presided over by William Smith, M.P., of Columbus. Rev. G. C. Patterson, of St. Enoch's, Toronto, fully sustained his reputation as a man of strength, sound doctrine and great usefulness. Rev. J. Abraham, of Whitby, spoke with his usual comprehensiveness, information, and practical helpfulness. We wonder that the great mental whirlpool of Toronto has not drawn him into its vortex—Toronto, the "great Leviathan," that engulfs the needs of country and town. Rev. J. Harris represented the Missionary Society of the Church of England, Rev. G. Leech that of the Methodist, and addressed the meeting with true Christian courtesy. Hon. John Dryden spoke with great earnestness of the consecrated lives of missionaries, and made suggestions that we hope to see carried out. The musical part was well sustained by friends from Whitby, Scarborough, Uxbridge and the Church at home. The recitations by Miss E. Murray, of Whitby, were more than well received. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society expressed their thanks through the chairman which were followed by earnest and grateful words from Elder Smith. The choir sang the doxology, closing a delightful evening. Proceeds \$121.85.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 4th inst., Rev. W. Frizzell, Moderator. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Kingston was read, declining to grant the translation of Rev. Dr. George, of Belleville. And authority was given to Rev. R. P. Mackay to moderate in another call from the congregation of West Church, when they may be ready for the same. Agreeably to application made, a moderation was granted for the congregations of Fairbank and Fisherville; and Rev. Walter Reid was appointed to preside therein. It was reported by Rev. R. P. Mackay that he had met with the congregation of Ruth Street Church and moderated in a call, which was given in favour of Rev. R. C. Tibb, B.A., who has laboured among them for months past. The call was signed by forty-two members and concurred in by twenty-seven adherents. Arrangements had been made at the previous meeting in regard to stipend. The call was sustained, and put into the hands of Mr. Tibb, when he accepted of it. The Presbytery then agreed to meet for his induction on Thursday, 20th inst., at eight p.m., the Moderator to preside, Rev. J. G. Stuart to preach, Rev. R. P. Mackay to deliver the charge, and Rev. W. A. Hunter to address the congregation. On behalf of the Session and congregation of Deer Park, Mr. Joseph Gibson applied for six months' leave of absence to their minister, Rev. G. E. Freeman, whose health has been failing again, as also for the appointment of Rev. W. Burns as Moderator of the Session during Mr. Freeman's absence. The two applications thus made were cordially granted, with expressions of sympathy toward Mr. Freeman, and earnest prayer for his speedy recovery. A letter was read from Rev. A. H. Drumm, tendering the resignation of his pastoral charge, stating as his reason for so doing that he found himself unable to undertake the work demanded of him. A committee was appointed to confer with him, and after their reporting thereon Rev. J. Argo was appointed to preach on an early Sabbath to the congregation of Georgetown and Limehouse, and cite them to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. It was reported by Rev. R. Glassford that he and Mr. Steen had met with nineteen members and twenty-six adherents of our Church at Port Credit, and had organized them as a regular congregation, under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery. The report of the Committee was approved of, and an interim Session was appointed for the new congregation. Schedules of apportionments for the Schemes of the Church were severally read and approved of, setting forth the amount of contributions to said schemes which might reasonably be expected from the congregations and mission stations throughout the bounds, and the Clerk was instructed to notify Sessions accordingly. Application was made by Rev. J. N. I. to be relieved of his appointment as Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Sabbath Schools. The application was granted, and Rev. J. G. Stuart was appointed Convener instead. On behalf of a number of ministers and elders, a proposal to hold a conference on Missions, in connection with an early meeting of Presbytery, was brought up for consideration by Rev. Dr. McTavish. The proposal met with general acceptance, and after some discussion on minor points it was resolved to hold such a conference, both on Home and Foreign Missions, in connection with the meeting of Presbytery in December, that an invitation be extended to brethren in other Presbyteries, and that Revs. R. P. Mackay, D. J. Macdonnell, Dr. Parsons, Dr. McTavish and Messrs. J. A. Patterson, R. S. Goulay and J. Milne be appointed a committee to carry out the details and make all necessary preparation. Rev. Dr. Caven submitted and read a resolution, which was duly seconded and agreed to, and ordered to be transmitted to the Honourable, the Minister of Justice, the terms of which resolution are as follows: The most terrible punishment inflicted by the law is the deprivation of life. The death penalty, which in the case of murder, may be vindicated on grounds of Scripture, of justice and of the necessary protection of society, should, in all circumstances, be so carried out as to honour the law and produce the most salutary impression in regard to the sacredness of human life.

Nothing can more tend to lessen the moral effect of capital punishment, or indeed is more shocking than to select a person, as has sometimes been done, of hardened and debased character as the instrument of justice in so awfully solemn an act, or to persuade any man to take away the life of another by the inducement of a pecuniary reward. The Presbytery would strongly pronounce against the dishonour done to public justice in connecting any but reputable, recognized public officials with an act which is the supreme vindication of the majesty and authority of the law. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the second Tuesday of December at ten a.m.—R. MONTRATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met at Bowmanville on October 21, Rev. S. H. Eastman, Moderator. Mr. R. D. Fraser was appointed Clerk *pro tem* owing to the continued ill-health of Mr. Drummond. The call from Columbus and Brooklin to Mr. G. C. Patterson was set aside, as the Toronto Presbytery declined to grant his translation. A call from Ashburn and Utica in favour of Mr. R. B. Smith was presented and sustained, and provisional arrangements made for his induction on November 18; Mr. Chisholm to preach, Mr. Kippan to address the minister, and Mr. McMeekan the people. The remit on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was referred to a committee to consider the same and report at next regular meeting. The remit on the "marriage question" was approved. In response to an appeal made by the Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Observance the following motion was passed: "That sessions be again requested to take action at an early day in regard to the signing of petitions to be presented to the House of Commons urging the passing of an act to secure better Sabbath observance; that the co-operation of the other Churches in the various localities be sought; and that a petition signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Presbytery be also forwarded. An address on Systematic Benevolence presented by Mr. Fraser was adopted and ordered to be printed and circulated in the congregations of the Presbytery. A committee consisting of Messrs. McKee, Leslie, Fraser, Ballagh and McClellan was appointed to prepare answers to the Reasons of Protest and Appeal by Mr. McLaren and report at next regular meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Allan was appointed the delegate to address the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's annual meeting, to be held in Whitby on the evening of the third Tuesday of January next.—A. A. DRUMMOND, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met in Stratford on the 11th inst., Rev. J. M. Campbell, Moderator. Several items of routine business were disposed of. The following minute averted the death of Mrs. Thomas McPherson was ordered to be engrossed in the record: The members of Presbytery desire to record their deep sympathy with our venerable father, Rev. Thomas McPherson, in the great affliction through which he has been called to pass, in the loss of his dear wife, who has been the faithful and much beloved partner of his joys and sorrows during their long wedded life. Through her long life she ever manifested a deep interest in all that pertained to the advancement of the Master's kingdom, and especially in the more recent years took an active part in the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society within the Presbytery, and faithfully discharged the duties of treasurer so long as her health permitted. The earnest prayer of the brethren is that our heavenly Father who spared them so long to each other, will now, in His loving kindness, minister comfort and support to our afflicted father in his great bereavement. Mr. Turnbull reported that the call from Knox Church, Stratford, to Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Lindsay, had been declined, and asked for leave to again moderate in a call, which was granted. Mr. McKibbin was instructed to forward copies of lessons in higher religious instruction to the Sunday schools within the

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