

## Ministers and Churches.

THE proceeds of the opening of Knox Church, Ayr, were over \$700.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls, are about to build a \$2,500 manse.

THE Rev. Mr. Tolmie has declined the call of the Ailsa Craig and Carlisle Presbyterian congregations.

THE Rev. J. A. McKeen is giving a course of Sunday evening lectures in Orono Church on the Life of Paul.

THE Rev. C. S. Lord, of Nova Scotia, has received a unanimous call to the Presbyterian Church, Pickering. The same gentleman is also called to Grafton and Vernonville, which latter call he has intimated his intention of accepting.

THE Rev. Dr. Wardrope acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$100 for Home Missions from the same friend "Unknown" who, a little while ago, sent him \$200 for Foreign Missions. This sum will be applied to the object specified by the donor, as the former has been.

THE Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, has been appointed lecturer on Moral Philosophy for the coming session in Morrin College, Quebec. The appointment is a good one, as Dr. Campbell was the gold medalist in Mental and Moral Philosophy in Edinburgh, where he took a post-graduate course after graduating at Queen's.

THE Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, of the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, has been presented by the congregation of Knox Church, Galt, with a handsome gold watch as a slight recognition of his services as Moderator of the Session during the interval between the resignation of Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith and the induction of Rev. Mr. Jackson.

THE Rev. Ghosn Branch Howie, late of Syria, now pastor of Knox Church, Brussels, has taken the oath of allegiance to the British throne. Some journals state that it is the first case of a Turkish subject being naturalized in Canada. Mr. Howie lectures in Wroxeter on the 25th, and is expected in Toronto on the 29th. His marriage with Sarah Spur, late of England, it is hinted, takes place on the 1st of November.

THE Cobourg *World* says: The congregation of the Presbyterian Church in this town enjoyed a rich treat on Sunday, the 7th inst., in listening to two eloquent sermons from their old pastor, Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas. The size of the audience at both services was an evidence that the preacher was highly appreciated and esteemed in Cobourg. Although many years have elapsed since he left town, his friends here were delighted to find that in every respect he is still in the full vigour of his prime.

THE Rev. Professor McLaren, of Toronto, opened the beautiful and commodious new church at Powassen, Muskoka, on the 16th ult, by preaching two substantial evangelical sermons, and that in his usual terse, vigorous and logical style. Mr. W. B. McMurrich, ex-Mayor of Toronto, was to have been chairman at the following Monday evening entertainment, but was prevented at the last moment by urgent business. He atoned for his absence however by satisfactory explanation and a liberal subscription. The cause at Powassen, in charge of the Rev. J. Gilmour, is in a very happy and hopeful condition.

THE fine new Presbyterian Church, built by the congregation of Georgetown, was formally dedicated to the worship of God on Sabbath last, when sermons were preached morning and evening by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, and the Rev. W. G. Wallace, of Toronto, who was formerly pastor of the congregation. Crowded audiences attended all the services. Dr. Cochrane chose for his text in the opening service Genesis xxvi 18, "And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them."

MISS A. McLAREN, daughter of Mr. James McLean, Lakeside, Ontario, and sister of Rev. A. McLaren, of Springfield, Manitoba, has been appointed, with another brother, Mr. G. G. McLaren, to take charge of the Indian Boarding School to be established at Birtle, Manitoba. Miss McLaren has lived with her brother at Springfield since his settlement there three years ago. On Monday evening, October 8, the congregation quietly took possession of the manse, spent a pleasant evening, and before leaving presented Miss McLaren with a feeling address, together with a dressing case, a clock and a reticule well-filled with bills. She will be much missed in the congregation, but enters an important sphere of Christian usefulness.

THE first meeting of the American Executive of the Presbyterian Alliance, appointed at the meeting of the Council in London last July, was held in New York last Thursday, and was largely attended. The Canadian members present were Rev. Drs. Cochrane, Warden, Burns and Mathews. Dr. Waters, of Newark, N. J., was appointed recording secretary to the commission. A considerable amount of business was transacted with reference to the recent London meeting and a committee was appointed to make an estimate of the amount required for the future working of the Alliance, and to suggest a basis for the raising of this from the several branches of the Church in America. The next meeting of the commission was appointed to be held in New York, on Tuesday, 9th of April next.

ON Thursday evening last meetings were held in Toronto to say farewell to three labourers for the Foreign Mission field. One meeting was held in the University Y. M. C. A. building, when Sir Daniel Wilson presided, and addresses were delivered by Mr. J. McP. Scott, J. H. Hunter, H. J. Cody, H. B. Fraser, J. D. Spence, W. H. Graham, C. A. Stuart and A. T. Tracey. The missionaries, Messrs. Gale, sent by the University Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Harkness, by a committee of gentlemen, also addressed the meeting. Mr. Gale was pre-empted by his fellow-students with a useful writing apparatus. In the evening a well-attended meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at which Mr. Robert Kilgour presided. Messrs. H. B. Gordon, Gale, Harkness, Rev. T. C. Desbarres, W.

H. Houston, M.A., Rev. G. Burnfield, and Dr. Parsons delivered addresses. Dr. Kellogg, Rev. John Neil and the Rev. Mr. Du Vernet took part in the devotional exercises.

A MEETING was held in one of the halls of St. Andrew's Church last Wednesday evening in connection with the departure of Dr. J. H. Buchanan, who will shortly leave for Ujain, Central India, to work as a medical missionary. Dr. Buchanan is a graduate of Queen's College, and has been selected for the work by the Willing Workers' Society of St. Andrew's congregation, who will defray his expenses. The meeting was well attended. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, pastor of the church, presided. Dr. Buchanan, in the course of a short address dealing exclusively with his past efforts in the Home Mission field, showed that he was thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the true missionary. Dr. McCurdy, chairman of the Willing Workers' Society, then made a few remarks showing how the suggestion of sending a missionary to India had been brought to a successful result. He said that some twenty or thirty years ago only from two or three per cent. of theological graduates offered themselves for missionary work, while now the proportion who volunteered was something like twenty-five or thirty per cent. and it might soon increase to fifty. A pleasant social hour was afterwards spent, most of those present making the personal acquaintance of the missionary and wishing him God-speed.

A PUBLIC service for the designation of Miss McKay, M.D., for medical missionary work in Central India, was held last Thursday evening in Knox Church, Toronto. Miss McKay is a native of Stellarton, Nova Scotia. For some time she has been a member of Knox Church, and now goes among the Hindu women under the direction of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Rev. Dr. Parsons presided, and conducted the opening religious exercises. Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, delivered an eloquent address on the vital importance of the work of women, and pointed to her vastly improved condition under the teachings of the Gospel. He presented Miss McKay with a Bible on behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and formally designated her for mission work. The Rev. Dr. McLaren offered up the designation prayer, after which Dr. Buchanan, designated at St. Andrew's Church the previous evening, described some of the difficulties and triumphs of the medical missionary in India. W. Mortimer Clarke presented Miss McKay with a handsome travelling bag from the Topp Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Rev. J. Wilkie gave further particulars of the needs of the work in India. After some words from H. B. Gordon, the meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell.

ON Sunday, the 7th inst., the neat, pretty church erected by the Presbyterian congregation at Crosshill, was opened in very favourable circumstances. The services were conducted by the Rev. Messrs. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., of Galt, and McKibbin, B.A., of Millbank, and were largely attended and much appreciated. On Monday evening was held a very successful tea-meeting. The church was crowded to the doors, and the whole proceedings were highly interesting and seemed to be enjoyed by all present. The chair was ably and acceptably filled by Mr. D. McDougall, Berlin, who, in a brief opening address, congratulated the congregation on the erection of such a beautiful place of worship. Addresses appropriate to the occasion were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Pepper, of the Methodist Church, Peter Wright, of Stratford; D. Tait, of Berlin; McKibbin, of Millbank; J. A. R. Dickson, Galt, and Mr. W. Baibour. Not the least pleasant feature in the proceedings of the evening was the music furnished by the excellent choir. The chairman, as well as the other speakers, made fitting and appropriate reference to the character and work of the late minister of this congregation, the Rev. James Boyd, who laboured so long and faithfully in this charge. The financial results of the Sunday services as well as the meeting on Monday evening were very satisfactory, and highly creditable to the liberality of the congregation and of the friends who attended on these occasions.

AT the recent meeting of Montreal Presbytery the Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., gave notice of the following motion to be considered at next quarterly meeting: (1.) That in the judgment of this Presbytery the time has fully come when the various female workers in our Presbyterian congregations shall in some way be officially recognized both by Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries; and (2.) That as a first step towards the end just indicated, the Moderator of this Presbytery nominate a committee whose duty it shall be to consider this important question in all its bearings, alike in the light of early primitive practice and of present pressing necessities: said committee to recommend some method by which women's work in the Church may at once be deliberately organized and then judiciously developed. The following resolutions formulated by the committee appointed on motion of Principal MacVicar, to consider the gift of \$400,000 to the Jesuits of Quebec were adopted by the Presbytery: That whereas by recent legislation of the Province of Quebec a large sum of money was voted out of what is known as the "Jesuits' Estates," which upwards of a century ago became public property and have since been available for educating the people of the Province, irrespective of race or religious belief, \$400,000 to the "Society of Jesus," and \$60,000 to the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction; The Presbytery of Montreal avails itself of this opportunity of expressing strong disapproval of the same and of declining, so far as it has a right to voice public opinion, to be a party to it. The Presbytery further expresses astonishment that the Provincial Legislature, not content with granting powers of incorporation to the Jesuits, should have gone out of its way to foster in a mixed community a society which has proved itself the enemy of civil and religious liberty all over the world, and which even the Governments of Roman Catholic States have found it necessary to expel. The Presbytery, also, protests earnestly against the action of the Government of Quebec in violating the principle of religious equality, which was established in Canada many years ago, by bestowing public

money upon a society of a distinctively religious character like that of the Jesuits. Therefore, be it resolved that this Presbytery memorialize the Governor-General-in-Council to take the foregoing preamble and resolutions into consideration, and adopt such measures as will protect the rights of the people of this Province in the premises.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met at Bowmanville on the 16th October. A unanimous call to the Rev. C. S. Lord, of Nova Scotia, from the congregations of Pickering was sustained. Salary \$900 with a manse. Arrangements were made to supply the pulpits of Ashburn and Utica for two months, Dr. McClelland, their pastor, being laid aside by a serious illness. The travelling expenses of the delegates to the General Assembly at Halifax, were ordered to be paid to the amount of \$31.25 each. It was agreed that a missionary meeting be held in each congregation some time during the winter, and that the claims of the Schemes of the Church be presented in a form prepared by a committee, composed of those members who have charge of the several Schemes. The Presbytery took up the remits sent down by the General Assembly and appointed the following committees to consider them and report, viz., Messrs. Kippan, McClelland and R. McLaughlin, on the Marriage Question; Messrs. Drummond, Frazer, McKeen, Blakely, and Renwick, on the Book of Forms; Messrs. Abraham, Carmichael and Anderson, on Vacancies and Settlement; Messrs. Craig, Abraham, Carmichael and Holmes, on Travelling Expenses. Mr. Doudiet, of Montreal, being present, was invited to correspond. He gave a short address, setting forth the claims of Point-aux-Trembles School and the great need for enlarging the building. The Presbytery thanked Mr. Doudiet for his address and commended it to the liberal consideration of our congregations. Mr. Eastman brought the effort that is now being put forth to increase Knox College library before the Presbytery, gave its hearty commendation and committed the matter to Mr. Eastman, to take such steps as he thought would best secure the object contemplated. Mr. McKeen, of Orono, was appointed to address the Presbytery's Women's Foreign Missionary Society at Bowmanville, on the evening of the third Tuesday of January next. Mr. Leslie gave an interesting address before the Presbytery on "Sacramental Wine," for which he received the thanks of the Presbytery. A message was received from Mr. Macdonnell, stating that the amount expected from this Presbytery for the Augmentation Scheme next year was \$650. At the request of the congregation of Enniskillen and Cartwright, the Presbytery had applied for \$205 from the Augmentation Fund, but \$100 only had been granted. It was agreed to hold a meeting of Presbytery at Bowmanville, on the 19th of November, at ten o'clock, to take this whole subject into consideration and all other business that may arise.—A. A. DRUMMOND, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Napanee, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. There was a good attendance of ministers. In the absence of the Moderator, Mr. S. Houston, A.M., was appointed Moderator pro tem. The Presbytery took up the resignation of Mr. T. S. Chambers of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Wolfe Island. Parties were called when Mr. Chambers appeared for himself. Mr. McGillivray presented and read a paper from the congregation of Wolfe Island, setting forth "that he had been requested to preside at a meeting of the congregation, when resolutions were unanimously passed to the effect that the members and adherents of the congregation had heard with pain and regret of Mr. Chambers' purpose to resign the charge; that their feeling at parting with himself and family is one of sorrow; that they hereby express their deep and abiding gratitude for the good and the comfort they have derived from his faithful, yet tender, sympathetic ministry among them; and would also remember gratefully the ever ready and generous helpfulness of his family in every department of the Church's work. Were Mr. Chambers only changing his field of labour in this country, the congregation would strenuously oppose his resignation, but the reason for the change being the health of Mrs. Chambers, necessitating a residence in a warmer climate, is too grave to be resisted, and for this reason alone, they offer no opposition. In parting with Mr. Chambers and his family, the congregation pray that the divine blessing may rest upon them, and that Mrs. Chambers may find under sunnier skies the health and strength she needs." Mr. Chambers adhered to his resignation, which was regretfully accepted by the Presbytery, to take effect after the 18th of November next; Professor Ross to preach on the 25th and declare the congregation vacant; and Mr. S. Houston to be interim Moderator of Session. Thereafter Mr. Chambers tendered his resignation of the office of Presbytery Clerk, which was accepted, and Mr. Young appointed Clerk pro tem., till the next regular meeting of Presbytery. A committee consisting of Messrs. McLean, Gracey and Young, ministers, was appointed to prepare a suitable minute agent Mr. Chambers' removal from the Presbytery, and report at next regular meeting. A call from the congregation of Wallacetown, in the Presbytery of London, to Mr. Donald Kelso, of Roslin and Thurlow, was taken up. Parties were called and heard. The commissioner from Roslin and Thurlow bore favourable testimony to Mr. Kelso's faithfulness and diligence, and expressed regret at the prospect of his departure. The call having been put into Mr. Kelso's hands, he intimated his acceptance thereof. The Presbytery agreed to his translation to Wallacetown; enjoined him to wait upon the Presbytery of London as to the time of his admission, and appointed Mr. McLean, of Belleville, interim Moderator of the Session of Roslin and Thurlow, with instruction to declare the congregation vacant on being notified by the Clerk that Mr. Kelso has been inducted into his new charge.—A. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk, pro tem.

### MONTREAL NOTES.

The Rev. Principal MacVicar gave an address last Sabbath evening in Crescent Street Church, on the missionary Conference held in London, in June of this year. The ad-