

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

ON Wednesday, 24th ult., Rev. Mr. McClung was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Balaclava.

REV. PROF. GREGG will preach the Anniversary sermons in connection with Knox Church, Shelburne, on Sabbath, Nov. 18th.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Toronto, will deliver a lecture on Monday, the 19th inst., in Zion Church, Brantford; subject: "Business, Culture, Recreation."

MR. R. MCINTYRE has been labouring successfully at Bowling Green during the summer. In eight months eighty-one members were added to the congregation. On the occasion of his departure a tea-meeting was held, bounteously provided for by the ladies of the place, and at the close of the meeting Mr. McIntyre was presented with the sum of \$30.

A YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, has been organized. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Honorary President, Rev. J. Gray, M.A.; President, P. Murray; Vice-Presidents, J. T. Jack and Miss Sutherland; Secretary, P. McGill; Treasurer, Miss B. Leask; Directors, Messrs. Jno. Perry, E. B. Alport, H. Cooke, Mrs. J. B. Thompson, and Mrs. Hunter.

THE teachers of the Norwood Presbyterian Sabbath school have organized themselves into a Normal class, and meet at the manse every Friday evening. From 7.15 to 8 o'clock the lesson for next Sabbath is studied as hitherto, and from eight to a quarter to nine is devoted to Bible study, with occasional exercises on practical work and history of Sabbath schools. The course adopted embraces the usual topics, and the class is conducted by the pastor, the Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A.

ON Tuesday evening, 30th ult., a social was held in the Town Hall, Port Perry, in connection with the Presbyterian congregation in that place. There was a very large gathering, many coming from a considerable distance. Rev. Mr. Douglas occupied the chair, and the several local ministers present having made short and appropriate remarks, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell of Toronto delivered a lecture on "The Model Family," replete with instruction, and at the same time lively and cheerful in the mode of treatment. The C.M. choir furnished the music.

A PLEASANT social was held in connection with the Presbyterian congregation at Utica on the evening of Wednesday, the 31st ult. After the large company present had partaken of an ample repast in the school house, an adjournment took place to the church, and Rev. Mr. Rogers, the pastor, having taken the chair, the audience enjoyed the pleasure and profit of listening to an address from Rev. Mr. Richardson on "Home Piety," and another from Dr. Sangster on "The Tendencies of the Times." The Prince Albert C.M. choir enlivened the proceedings with excellent music.

By appointment of the Presbytery of Stratford, Rev. J. K. Hislop, of Avonton, preached in Knox Church, Stratford, on Tuesday afternoon, and afterwards moderated in a call to Rev. Patrick Macfarlane McLeod, M.A., of Liverpool. The call was unanimously and cordially agreed to. It will be submitted to the Presbytery at its meeting on Tuesday next, and if sustained, will be forwarded to the Presbytery of Liverpool. Rev. T. Macpherson and Mr. A. Macnair were appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery. The congregation have agreed to give the new pastor a stipend of \$2,000 a year and a manse.

THE members of the Bible class conducted by Mrs. McKay gathered at the manse of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, last Friday night, and presented her with a piece of handsome silver plate and an address read by Miss Susan McGibbon. The Rev. A. McKay, D.D., replied on behalf of his wife, cordially thanking them for the valuable present, and especially for the kindly feelings expressed towards Mrs. McKay and himself. It afforded them both much pleasure to see so many of the young attend the different Bible classes and Sabbath schools connected with the congregation, and they hoped that the instructions received would be greatly blessed to them.

REV. D. J. MCINNES was inducted into the charge of the congregations of Erin and Ospringle on the 24th ult. Rev. Mr. Dryburgh, of Hawksville and Elmira,

preached; Rev. D. Strachan, of Rockwood, presided; Rev. Mr. McPherson, of Nassagaweya, addressed the newly inducted minister, and Rev. D. Strachan addressed the congregations. At the close of the services Rev. D. B. Cameron, of Acton, conducted Mr. McInnes to the door where a hearty welcome was given to him by the retiring congregation. In the evening a tea meeting was held when appropriate addresses were given by the members of Presbytery and others, and the treasurer placed in Mr. McInnes' hands a quarter's stipend in advance.

THE meeting of the Galt Knox Church Temperance Association held on the evening of the 31st ult., was a decided success, a large audience being gathered together. Rev. J. K. Smith occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Adams. The Rev. R. N. Grant, of Ingersoll, gave a lucid, persuasive and powerful address, and placed the question on unsailable Bible ground. Rev. J. Hillocks, Superintendent of Christian union for Christian work, of London, England, followed in a clear, telling, and graphic speech, reciting thrilling incidents from his experience in his mission work in London, and closing with an earnest appeal to all to occupy Temperance ground. The choir of the church, under the able leadership of Mr. McCrae, added great attractiveness to the services by their excellent rendering of several choice anthems. A liberal collection was taken up to assist Mr. Hillocks in his noble mission work in London, and a large number subscribed their names to the Congregational Temperance Pledge at the close.—COM.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—At an adjourned meeting of this court held on Nov. 1st., at Port Dalhousie, Mr. McBain intimated his acceptance of the call from St. John's Church, Chatham, N.B., and the translation was granted. Mr. Laing was appointed to prosecute the call from Waterdown before the Presbytery of Lindsay. Committees were appointed to consider what should be done in reference to Ayne's Avenue Church, St. Catharines, Merritton, Fort Erie, Ridgeway, and Victoria. Rev. J. Porteous was inducted into the pastoral charge at Port Dalhousie, and a committee was appointed to consider the proposal of the Foreign Missions Committee to send deputations to visit congregations within the bounds in the interest of that scheme.

STRATFORD.—This court met on Tuesday of last week. A call addressed to the Rev. Thomas J. Johnston from the united congregations of Molesworth and Trowbridge, was sustained as a regular gospel call put into his hand. He intimated his acceptance thereof, and his induction was appointed to take place at 11 o'clock, a.m., on the 30th inst. Mr. Renwick to preside and address the minister, Mr. Scott to preach, and Mr. Bell to address the people. On petition of the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, for a moderation in a call, Mr. Hislop was appointed to that duty at two o'clock p.m., on the 30th inst. The congregation promises \$2,000 stipend. Mr. Robert Watt appeared and underwent his trials for ordination, which were sustained, and his ordination appointed to take place at Shakespeare, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., the 6th proximo. Mr. McPherson to preside, Mr. Mann to preach, Mr. Boyd to address the minister, and Mr. Stewart the people.

BARRIE.—A special meeting of this Presbytery was held at Barrie, on Wednesday 23rd October, at which Mr. Wm. McConnell of Innisfil, intimated his decision not to accept a call from Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia. Mr. Burnett was authorized to moderate in a call from Congregations of Tossorontio and Mulmur when desired. There was read a communication from the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, intimating that deputies had been appointed to address the Congregations at their Missionary Meetings in the interests of that scheme. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Committee that the Presbytery had left it to the congregations to make all arrangements for the Missionary meetings, and could not definitely arrange for the deputies being heard, but that the Presbytery invited the deputies to the Presbytery meeting of December 4, at Barrie, to address the Court if they choose, and to arrange with the members for being heard at the Missionary Meeting. A Committee, consisting of the Clerk, Messrs. W. McConnell and Gray, was appointed to prepare a plan for facilitating such arrangements.

It is expected that a number of meetings will be arranged for the convenience of the deputies during the week, beginning December 3rd. Members of Presbytery who desire to have their Missionary meetings that week will please correspond with the undersigned. Mr. Gray gave notice of intention to submit at next general meeting a plan for bringing specially before the congregation the claims of Queen's and Knox College.—ROBT. MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

MANITOBA.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Winnipeg, and was constituted with devotional exercises. There were present the Rev. Mr. Matheson, moderator, Dr. Black, the Rev. Mr. Scott, Emerson; Profs. Bryce and Hart, the Rev. Messrs. Donaldson, Woodlands; McKellar, Springfield; J. S. Stewart, Palestine; P. Straith, Battleford, and the clerk. After the minutes of the former regular meeting and a special meeting had been read and sustained, Prof. Bryce read a statistical report that had been prepared and transmitted to the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly. The report was received and adopted, and the convener thanked for diligence. Dr. Black stated that the teacher of the Roseau school had been informed by the local Indian agent that in future the Government would contribute to the support of the school at the rate of \$12 per pupil per annum up to \$250, and not by giving \$250 as agreed on when the school was started. After discussion, the Foreign Mission Committee of Presbytery was charged with the duty of writing the Government and directing their attention to the conditions on which the school was started, and protesting against a change and the imposing of conditions on which the school might not have been started. It was stated that steps had been taken to have the Rev. S. Tangkamsinciye begin his labours among the Sioux refugees at Fort Ellice this fall. The Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbytery was charged with the duty of arranging for the ordination of Mr. McKay, catechist, at Prince Albert. The Presbytery appointed Dr. Black and Mr. Sutherland to visit the Rockwood and Grassmere group of stations to arrange financial matters in these stations. The Rev. Mr. Campbell who has been appointed missionary to the Presbytery is to be stationed at Rockwood, etc. The Rev. Mr. Robertson was appointed to visit the Springfield and Caledonia groups of stations to arrange certain financial matters. The Rev. Mr. McKellar was continued in these fields. Prof. Hart was appointed to have the oversight of Headingly and Riviere Sale stations and confer with the people of the latter station about the erection of a church. It was agreed that after Mr. Campbell's arrival Mr. Matheson should preach every Sabbath at Selkirk, and that he be assisted by the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery in the supply of Park's Creek. Steps were taken to secure a suitable minister at once to labour among the employees on Sec. 15, C.P.R. Mr. Robertson gave an interesting report of his visit to the road and urged immediate action. Prof. Bryce was appointed with Mr. Matheson to visit Selkirk and confer with the people about the feasibility of erecting a church. The Rev. Mr. Ross having been appointed missionary to the Presbytery it was arranged that he labour at the Boyne and Pembina Mountain district till the next meeting of Presbytery. It was agreed to recommend congregations and mission stations to take up collections as suggested by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane on Thanksgiving Day in aid of the fund of the Home Mission Committee of the Assembly, where such a collection would not interfere with other arrangements. It was recommended that a collection in aid of the college be taken up on the last Sunday of December. The Rev. J. S. Stewart was appointed to take steps to have a session elected and ordained at Palestine. It was arranged that the clerk of the Presbytery correspond with the students' missionary societies of all the colleges with the view of obtaining assistance from them to labour in this Presbytery. Messrs. McKellar, Stewart and Straith were appointed a Committee to correspond with Knox College Society. The report of Prof. Bryce as commissioner to the General Assembly was received and adopted. The Committee appointed to present an address to Lord Dufferin reported, and the report was received and adopted.

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