

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE congregation of St. David's, in St. John, have extended a call to the Rev. G. Bruce, St. Catharines.

COMMUNICATIONS intended for the Presbytery of Bruce should be addressed to Rev. James Gourlay, M.A., Port Elgin.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell has gone to Britain for his health. Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, will occupy the pulpit part of the time.

THE new manse in course of erection at Ayr for Rev. Mr. Thompson is progressing rapidly. The brickwork is finished, and is of commanding proportions.

THE S. S. Teachers' Association in connection with the River Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, have presented Miss Mary Robertson, one of the members, with five volumes of Frances Ridley Havergal's noble works, in a neat case, on the occasion of her departure from the town.

THE Rev. H. McKay, who for seven years has been laboring and successfully doing the work of an ordained missionary, last week delivered an interesting address in College street Presbyterian Church on the satisfactory results and hopeful prospects of missionary enterprise on Manitoulin Island.

THE Rev. Robert Moodie has received from the Presbytery of Barrie leave of absence for three months, in expectation of making a visit to the North-West. The Presbytery appointed that during his absence the Rev. John Gray, M.A., Orillia, should act as clerk, and the Rev. A. Findlay, as convener of its Home Mission Committee. Parties who have business with the Presbytery during that time will please address Mr. Gray or Mr. Findlay, as the nature of their correspondence may require.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—This Presbytery met at Coldsprings on the 3rd of October, according to adjournment. There were nine ministers and one elder present. Mr. Bell reported that he had declared the pulpits of Cartwright and Ballyduff vacant, as instructed by Presbytery. Mr. Windell was appointed Moderator of Session of Cartwright and Ballyduff during the vacancy. Mr. Ewing's name was added to the list of the Committee on Arrears of Stipend. The date of the induction at Norwood was changed from the 12th to the 19th October, at 11 o'clock a.m. The Rev. Mr. Beattie, of Brantford, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery. The Home Mission Committee gave in their report, ordered at last meeting in Port Hope. After discussion, the report was received and its recommendations adopted. The trials of Mr. Cooke, prior to ordination and induction, were sustained. At 2 o'clock the Presbytery entered upon the services in connection with the ordination of Mr. Cooke. Mr. Beattie, of Port Hope, presided, Mr. McCrea, of Cobourg, preached, Mr. Cleland addressed the minister, and Mr. J. M. Douglas, late of Indore, the people. At the close of the services Mr. Cooke received the congratulations of the congregation, being introduced to each when passing out of the church by their late pastor, the Rev. F. R. Beattie, of Brantford. Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Garden Hill on the 10th of October, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the induction of Mr. Jamieson.—W. BENNETT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met on the 26th Sept., in St. Paul's Church, Walkerton. Mr. Scott was granted leave to withdraw his resignation, as the main reason for his tendering it did not now exist, and his health has been restored. Mr. McLennan gave a very interesting report of his visit to the mission stations at Bruce Mines, St. Joseph's Island, Manitoulin, etc., for which he was thanked, and his report handed over for the use of the Home Mission Committee. The Presbytery also recorded thanks to Messrs. James Cameron, Charles Cameron and J. Somerville, for the service rendered by them in the same fields, while on a holiday tour, and expressed the hope that their example might be followed by other ministers interested in the mission work of the Church. Regret was expressed that the state of Mr. Hugh McKay's health necessitates his withdrawal from Manitoulin Island, where he has done excellent work. It was resolved to ask ordained missionaries and grants for the following fields: Two for Manitoulin, one for Bruce Mines district, and one for Sault Ste. Marie, and also to ask the usual grant for Kinloss and Ber-

rie. The resignation of his charge by Mr. Forbes was accepted, to take effect on the second Sabbath of October, and Mr. Wardrope was appointed Moderator of Session. Mr. Tolmie was appointed Moderator of Session of Knox Church, Paisley. A Presbyterial certificate was granted to Mr. Forbes, who has received an appointment to Minnesota, from the American Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gourlay was elected to the office of Clerk. The Presbytery appointed its next meeting to be held at Chesley on the 19th Dec., at 2 o'clock p.m.—JAS. GOURLAY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, on the 19th Sept. Commissioners from St. Andrew's Church, Proton, also from Ayton and East Normanby, appeared before the Presbytery, requesting a rearrangement of stations, so that they might all have regular supply, and be self-sustaining. The Presbytery, after long deliberation, agreed to take no definite action in the meantime. Messrs. Sommerville, Gaudier and Hall, students, each gave a report of his work during summer, and read a discourse. The Presbytery expressed their satisfaction with the same, and instructed the clerk to grant them the necessary certificates. The Presbytery accepted of the resignation of Mr. Eakin, expressed their esteem for him, their sorrow in parting with him, and their wish for his prosperity in the future. Mr. Morrison was appointed to preach in Dundalk and Fraser Settlement, and declare the pastoral charge vacant, and Mr. Wilson was appointed Moderator of Session. Mr. Straith, with his Session, was appointed to ordain elders in St. Andrew's Church, Proton, and then to act as Moderator of Session. Mr. Brown, with his Session, was appointed to a similar duty in Black's Corners and Gaudier Station, and also to act as Moderator. Mr. Niven read a carefully-prepared report on statistics, showing the average contributions per member and per family. The report was received, and ordered to be printed. The Presbytery agreed to make application for supplements to Dundalk, etc., South Luther, etc., North Luther, etc., Ayton, etc. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Mount Forest, on the 19th December, at 11 o'clock a.m.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

## OBITUARY.

Died Sept. 19th, 1882, Mr. Adam Martin, an elder of West Flamboro' congregation, in the eighty-second year of his age.

The subject of this notice was born in Scotland, near Hawick. He came to Canada in 1840, and settled on the farm on which he died. He at once connected himself with the congregation here, and in 1850 was elected to the office of ruling elder, being ordained on the 8th December; and had thus been a member of Session for nearly thirty-two years.

Of him it could be truly said, "He was a good man." He loved the ordinances of God's house, and was regular in his attendance, even when greatly enfeebled by infirmities incident to old age. During his short illness he was cheerful and confident. He spoke of heaven, and his anticipation of its joys, with most pleasing simplicity and assurance. He forgot all the anguish of separation from children and friends, while his faith took hold of Christ. His death was peaceful. "He died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered unto his fathers."

At a meeting of Session, held in the church on Sabbath, 24th, the following resolutions were adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to the surviving daughters of the deceased:

"Whereas it hath pleased God that death should again (for the third time in five months) enter this Session and remove our venerable father and brother, Mr. Adam Martin,—

"Resolved: That in the death of our venerable father and brother, we have lost a judicious and wise friend, an earnest Christian, and a father and brother beloved. Yet we submissively bow to the Divine will, and heed the repeated warning, 'Be ye also ready.'

"Resolved: That our sympathies are with the relatives and friends of our deceased father and brother, especially with his two daughters, his only surviving children."

*West Flamboro', Sept. 29th, 1882.*

A CHRISTIAN is like a statue of glass lighted up within—the smallest flaw is apparent.

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

GAGE'S SCHOOL EXAMINER AND STUDENT'S ASSISTANT for this month is a very useful publication, and cannot but prove very helpful to teachers and students. Address—W. J. Gage & Co., 11 Wellington street, Toronto.

THE PROOFS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION—FROM A LAWYER'S STANDPOINT. By Charles R. Morrison. (Andover: W. Draper.)—This is a masterly work on a vital question of evidence which concerns everyone. "If Christ be not risen our preaching is vain, and your faith is also vain," says the apostle. The author has been at great pains to collect testimonies and arguments from ancient and modern authors, and events which throw much light on the subject, especially on those points challenged by infidels and sceptics. The book is written in a clear, convincing style, and is creditable alike to the head and heart of the learned lawyer.

## GOSPEL WORK.

SWANSEA.—Messrs. Moody and Sankey have returned to Britain, and begun work in Wales.

On Thursday the evangelists paid a flying visit to Neath, a town at a few miles' distance. The Market Hall was crowded, and on the platform were the Venerable Archdeacon of Llandaff and many other clergymen and ministers.

The Vicar of Swansea (Rev. S. C. Morgan), and many of the clergy and ministers of Swansea and the surrounding districts, took a very active interest in the work, helping in the meeting and in the inquiry room.

People from all parts of Wales, north, south, east, and west, came to the meetings. Many of these were Christians, and we know of several instances in which a day with Messrs. Moody and Sankey have stirred them up wonderfully to work for Jesus, so that not only Swansea but the whole of Wales will be blessed by this visit.

At first there was a hesitancy on the part of inquirers to avail themselves of the privilege of quiet converse with Christians in the after meeting. Nevertheless, the workers were cheered and encouraged by the number of anxious ones. The first inquirer was a German sailor, who knew nothing of Jesus and His love. The way was explained to him, and he, simple as a little child, accepted Jesus as his Saviour. One night a worker was asked to speak to a woman who had been the subject of many prayers. For a long time he earnestly and persistently pressed the matter home, and at last he had the joy of seeing her unreservedly cast herself, body and soul, at the feet of Jesus, asking and receiving pardon. He heard next day that this woman's husband, who had been a member of the Gospel Temperance Union for the last nine months, had broken the pledge,—the very night on which his wife had been converted. Alas! he had not taken Jesus as his strength and guide. The home was visited and a sad scene was presented.

The poor woman's heart seemed almost broken. When spoken to, she burst into a fit of weeping, and rocked herself to and fro in agony of spirit. She had returned from the meeting overflowing with love and gladness. She would tell her husband of the great change that had been wrought in her heart, and try to win him for Jesus. But it was not until the early hours of the next morning that he appeared, and then it was in a state bordering on idiocy. He had been induced to drink, and on his return home he commenced to abuse his wife. Let us pray that God may bring this poor man to see that neither ribbon nor pledge, but only the grace of God, can save him and keep him from falling.

In the meeting one evening a baby began to cry, and Mr. Moody, noticing the forbidding looks that were directed from all parts of the hall towards the little offender, endeavoured by a few kind words to put the mother at ease. Her heart was touched, she remained to the inquiry meeting, and left rejoicing in her Saviour.

One striking feature of the work has been the number of elderly persons who have entered the inquiry room. These people have attended churches or chapels all their lives, but the tidings of salvation in its simplicity, when explained to them, have appeared like a new revelation. One night an old man asked Mr. Moody how he could be saved. The way of sal-