

Ministers and Churches.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, Kingston, has commenced the work of the session with every indication that it will be a prosperous one.

MISSISSIPPI CORBETT and Annie Webster, of Florence Village, have collected \$5.40 for the Knox College Students' Missionary Society.

THE annual tea meeting and concert of St. Andrew's congregation, Chatham, under the pastorate of Rev. J. R. Battisby, M.A., which took place last Thursday, was a grand success.

THE session of Manitoba College has begun. There will be a larger attendance of students than ever before. This institution is now open to ladies who intend to pursue academic studies.

THE Presbyterian College, Montreal, has begun its season's work with most encouraging prospects. The opening lecture was delivered by Professor Campbell, on "The Phenomenal God."

At the meeting of Knox College Board, a committee, consisting of Principal Caven, Professor McLaren, Dr. Reid and Rev. John Thompson, Sarnia; Messrs. W. Mortimer Clark, James A. Mather, New Lowell, and George M. Roger, Peterboro', was appointed to observe the progress of University Legislation.

THE congregation of Comber and West Tilbury has recently contributed the sum of \$29 in aid of Knox College Students' Missionary Society, Comber giving \$15.30 and West Tilbury \$13.70. Mrs. Hargrave, Misses Annie Allen, Rebecca Ainslie, Mary J. McAlister, Jane McDowell and Jessie Morris set to work with missionary zeal and collected the money.

A VIOLENT type of fever has been raging during the past summer among the members of "K" and "D" Divisions, North-West Mounted Police, who are stationed at Battleford. During their illness the men were attended by Mr. Gardiner, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. In recognition of his services the officers and troops presented him with an address, accompanied by a costly jewelled ring.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed recently in the vacant congregations of Melrose and Lonsdale, by the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Centreville. Both churches were filled, notwithstanding the unpromising state of the weather. Mr. James Rattary, of Queen's, was the student missionary in charge this summer. He is beloved by the people, who marked their appreciation of his services by numberless acts of kindness.

At the opening of Knox College session, Principal Caven spoke of the encouraging position of the Endowment Fund. He stated that Rev. R. Y. Thomson had been appointed to lecture on Old Testament Introduction, and that a very large number of students were in attendance. The opening lecture on The New Theology and its Sources, by Professor McLaren, which was greatly appreciated, appears in this number of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN.

THE Presbytery of Rock Lake are anxious to engage three students or efficient catechists for three fields in that Presbytery, viz., Riverside, Killarney and Boussevain. Killarney and Boussevain are two most promising points on the railway. Riverside is a most promising field, though removed a short distance from the railway. An engagement for a year or six months will be entered into as preferred. Those desirous of engaging in this work can correspond with the Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, Winnipeg.

A LARGE number of friends, representing the various city churches, assembled on Monday evening at an "At Home," given by Mr. and Mrs. Teller, St. Alban's Street, Toronto, to bid adieu to Miss Oliver, M.D., who is on her way to engage in the arduous work of a medical missionary, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in Central India. In the course of the evening Rev. Professor McLaren, on behalf of the Women's Foreign Mission Board, presented Miss Oliver with a valuable copy of the Sacred Scriptures, which gift was neatly acknowledged on her behalf by her pastor, Rev. Robert Hamilton, Motherwell. In the name of the assembled friends, Rev. Dr. Kellogg gave expression to kindly and fervent good wishes for her welfare and success in her important work. The Rev. J. M. Cameron concluded the meeting with prayer.

A MEETING of the Alumni Association of Knox College was held on Tuesday, when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. W. Burns, president; Rev. Mr. MacQuarrie, Wingham, vice-president; Rev. G. E. Freeman, Deer Park, secretary and treasurer; Revs. A. Gilray, R. M. Craig, John Mackinlay, John Mutch and W. G. Wallace, committee. The advisability of a representation of the Alumni serving on the Senate Board of the college was favourably considered. A resolution expressing satisfaction with the missionary spirit of the *Monthly College Journal*, and with its general excellence, and pledging continued support, was passed. The question of appointing a missionary for the foreign field, to represent the Alumni and Students' Missionary Association, was discussed and referred to a committee. On Wednesday evening almost agreeable reunion was held, when addresses were delivered by Dr. Kellogg and others.

THE Canadian Auxiliary of the McAll Mission met in the parlour of the Metropolitan Church on Thursday afternoon, the President in the chair. The Treasurer reported \$11 on hand, having sent \$144 to the Mission in July. A lady who has been resident in France for some years gave a very interesting address, quoting Gustave Monod: "That it is hard just now to gauge with exactness the mind of France regarding religion. Rival forces are striving for the mastery, and for the time, at least, the greatest show of progress is on the side of the opponents of the Bible." Mr. McAll endorses this statement, and adds that the inroads of

worldliness and immorality keep pace with those of atheism. He recognizes, on the other hand, contrasted elements and tendencies, which, under God, may yet become a healthful and saving leaven to the nation. There is a section of the French people, both among the higher and lower orders, in whom the religious principle retains deep root, and it is amongst these that the evangelistic work of Mr. McAll finds access. Every new station that is opened gathers around it a band of thoughtful persons, who say: "This is what we have been waiting and longing for. Never before did we hear teachings like these. They meet our deepest needs! Among the instrumentalities used by Mr. McAll is the "Société Fraternelle," which gathers together all those who profess to have been brought to a knowledge of the truth in Christ through attendance at the ordinary meetings, as well as those who have ceased to be infidels or indifferent to religion, and who, though not actually converted, desire to become Christians. In this "Société Fraternelle" are combined a Sunday school, a Bible class and a catechism exercise for adults. The communication of knowledge, however, is not its sole object. It is intended to cultivate a devotional spirit, much of the time being spent in prayer and thanksgiving. As an evidence of the good effected by the ordinary meetings, it has been found that, on two-thirds, of the habitual hearers request to become members of this "Société."

THE congregation of Division Street, Owen Sound, removed into their new church on the 19th September. The opening services were conducted by Dr. MacVicar on the 19th, and by Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, on the 26th. Nothing need be said of the opening services. Both ministers are known to all, and their very names are a suggestion both of spiritual and pulpit power. Although both days were wet, yet the church was filled to overflowing, especially at the evening services. Dr. MacVicar lectured on Monday evening, the 20th, to a large and appreciative audience. The collections nearly reached \$700. The church is a very massive stone building, with tower on the north-west corner, occupying a lot 210 x 210 feet on the corner of Murdoch and Division Streets. There are three main entrances, two from Murdoch, and one from Division Street. The building stands high, so that the grounds in front and on the sides are laid out in three ranges of terrace. The terraces are soddled, so that the surroundings are assuming a homelike appearance. The interior of the church is amphitheatric in form, and will seat comfortably 900. The ceiling is arched and grained, and the walls and ceiling are tinted a pale blue gray, the ribs and cornices being cream colour. The windows are of stained glass; the large triple one in the front is a very rich design in geometrical pattern. The wood work of the interior is of clear pine, with light stain and varnished. The pulpit is of unique design, to harmonize with the rest of the building, and finished in cherry and walnut with crimson plush panels. The pulpit chairs are finished in accord with it. The iron fretwork of the gallery front, and the iron columns which support the gallery and the roof are painted in two shades of green and bronzed. The church is upholstered throughout, and the aisles carpeted. The building is lighted with a large central gasolier of twenty-four lights, with brackets under the galleries, the fixtures throughout are polished brass. It is heated throughout with steam, with registers in the floor, and a pipe under every pew. The ventilation and acoustics, according to the testimony of both ministers who conducted the opening services, seem to be perfect. The ladies of the congregation worked nobly, and have fitted up the church and minister's vestry with every comfort and in excellent taste. They have raised nearly \$2,500. The whole cost is in the neighbourhood of \$18,000. The design was furnished by Gordon & Heilwell, of Toronto, and the work carried on under their superintendence. Mr. D. Chalmers, of Owen Sound, had the contract for the whole work, and the manner in which the building is finished certainly does him credit. The pastor, Mr. Somerville, and the congregation are to be congratulated on the successful completion of their labour, and now that the congregation has enlarged facilities, it is only to be expected that a larger measure of success will crown their work in the Master's cause.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met in Wingham on September 21. A call from the congregation of Walton to the Rev. F. Ballantyne was sustained and accepted, the induction to take place on October 5, at two o'clock, Mr. Ross to preside, Mr. Law to preach, Mr. Jones to address the minister, and Mr. McRae the people. Mr. Harrison reported regarding Kincardine Township congregations. Mr. Ross reported regarding aid receiving congregations. It was agreed to ask the same amounts as last year for their congregations. Mr. McRae reported regarding the holding of a Sabbath school convention. A letter was read from Dr. Middlemiss, regarding the state of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, asking for more liberal contributions from congregations. In accordance with the action of the General Assembly, the Clerk was instructed to notify all congregations to close their year with the calendar year. Each Session is instructed to make its own arrangements for holding missionary meetings. Messrs. McDonald, Leask and Gordon were appointed to visit South Kintosh congregation regarding arrears. The Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Knox Church, Rirley, on October 26, at two o'clock in the afternoon.—R. LEASK, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.—This Presbytery is a "little sister" in the family of the Synod of the North-West. It is healthy, however, and growing. At the late meeting of the Presbytery on the report of the Superintendent of Missions, the whole mission field was considered and adjustments made. The construction of the railway has developed new centres, and the brighter outlook in farming operations has inspired confidence. In the reconstruction of its fields the Presbytery has selected promising centres on the railway as mission centres, and have associated with them the territory tributary to these centres. The fields will be eighteen miles wide, and between eighteen and twenty-four miles long. There is ample elbow room

and plenty of work. Cartwright and four other stations will constitute the first group west of Pilot Mound, Killarney, with four or five other stations, the second. Boussevain and Deloraine follow with an equal number. A slice comprising only 396 square miles was cut off the Deloraine field and made an independent group. With efficient supply Killarney, Boussevain, Cartwright and Deloraine ought to call ministers, and take their place as pastoral charges. On the recommendation of the Superintendent the Presbytery agreed to endeavour to unite Nelson and Clegg stations with Morden, and unite Mountain City with Darlingford. This will render Lintrathen compact, and enable it to call a minister, and will strengthen Darlingford and Morden. The Darlingford field have suffered through removals. Three active catechists or students are urgently required for this winter.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—This Presbytery met on September 21. There were eighteen ministers and six elders present. Mr. Donald Sutherland, of Warkworth, will occupy the Moderator's office for the next six months. It was reported by the Clerk that Mr. Howard had declined the call to Warsaw. Presbytery agreed to ask for a supplement of \$300 on behalf of this field, and in view of this Mr. Howard was requested to reconsider his declination. The reports from the several mission fields showed great progress. Many additions to the membership were reported as having been made during the year. Several of the fields are now able to ask for winter supply. Two stations have been organized into congregations, viz.: Apsley and Clydesdale. Messrs. Miller and McArthur were recommended as catechists, and leave was requested to employ them in the mission fields during the winter. Mr. Borsland was examined with a view to his entrance into Knox College, and was certified to the Senate. Three missionaries read discourses in open Presbytery, viz.: Messrs. Mowatt, McDonald and Haig. These discourses were highly approved of, and the students named certified to their respective colleges. Steps were taken to reunite Oakhill with Gaidenhill and Knoxville. The steps were taken through the kindness of Mr. Leslie, of Newtonville, who had been supplying the station for some time past. Mr. Leslie was thanked for his interest in the station, and asked to continue in the meantime the former supply as far as convenient. Messrs. Mitchell and McCrae, ministers, and Mr. Clark, elder, were appointed to visit the whole field, and confer with all the parties interested in proposed union. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the Mill Street Church, Port Hope, on the second Tuesday of January, at ten o'clock a.m.—WM. BENNETT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met at Chatham on September 21. The attendance of both ministers and elders was good. A new congregation at Richmond school house was organized in connection with Dover and Chalmers Church. Congregations were enjoined to make their year coincide with the calendar year. Ministers were enjoined to lay the claims of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund before their congregations. The next regular meeting of this Presbytery was appointed to be held in First Church, Chatham, on Dec. 14. Messrs. Walker, Russell, Fleming and McRobbie, ministers, and Messrs. Urquhart and Bartlett, elders, were appointed as the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery. Mr. Gray was appointed to take charge, within the bounds of the Presbytery, of the Foreign Mission Fund. Mr. Walker, of the Home Mission Fund; Mr. J. Currie, of the French Evangelization Fund, Mr. Becket, the Widow and the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Funds, and Mr. McRobbie, the Augmentation Fund. Mr. Tallach was appointed to prepare the report on Temperance, Mr. Fleming, the report on Sabbath Schools, and Mr. Becket, the report on the State of Religion. Mr. Paradis brought before the Presbytery the state of the French-speaking Roman Catholic population of the county of Essex, and particularly of Amherstburgh. It was agreed to ask the Board of French Evangelization to send a labourer into these parts. Mr. Tallach gave notice that at next regular meeting he would move that the Presbytery overture the General Assembly to take into consideration the subject of academic degrees, with a special reference to degrees conferred by institutions in the United States on certain ministers of our own Church. Mr. Becket gave notice that he would move an overture to the General Assembly to appoint or authorize the appointment of an agent to canvass for subscriptions to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. It was agreed to petition the Augmentation Committee for a grant to Leamington.—W. WALKER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held in the usual place on the 5th inst. Rev. P. Nicol presided. It was stated by Rev. M. C. Cameron that the united congregations of Hornby and Omac had recently agreed to offer a salary of \$750, together with the use of a rented house, and wished to obtain a suitable supply of candidates from whom they might choose a pastor. The Presbytery were gratified in hearing this; instructed their Home Mission Committee to send supply as so desired, and authorized Mr. Cameron to moderate in a call as soon as the congregations may be ready for the same. In connection with a circular from the General Assembly's Committee on Statistics, the Presbytery agreed to enjoin all the Sessions within the bounds to send in full returns at the proper time, and instructed them also to make their year of reporting to coincide with the calendar year, as recommended by the General Assembly. Pursuant to notice previously given, Mr. Wm. Adamson moved the appointment of a committee to look out for another place in which to hold the meetings of Presbytery, not so liable to noise from without, and named the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church. In amendment it was moved by Rev. W. Frizzell, That next ordinary meeting of Presbytery be held in the place just specified. The motion and the amendment being both seconded, they were severally put to the vote, when the amendment carried; and the Clerk was instructed to write to the trustees of St.