

Church News.

ABOUT fifty have professed to have been converted under the ministry of Mr. M. Bethune, the student missionary at Longford.

REV. A. T. LOVE, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at St. Stephen, has been appointed professor of philosophy and political economy, in Morrin College, Quebec.

In November Record, Rev. Joseph Annand acknowledges contributions from seventy congregations for the work on Santo, New Hebrides. The largest amount contributed is from Knox church, St. Thomas, of which Dr. Archibald is pastor.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Cooke's church, city, Sabbath last, 31st October, when there were added to the membership of the church twenty eight, making a total of forty-four since Rev. Mr. Patterson took charge of the congregation a few months ago.

THE November monthly meeting of the "Topp Auxiliary," took place in the social room of Knox church on the 9th inst. Quite a number of missionary leaflets were read by different members of the society. Mrs. Parsons, the President read a very graphic and accurate paper on "Africa, Past and Present." A large number attended.

MRS. HARVIE and Mrs. ROLL, Toronto, recently organized an auxiliary of the W.F.M.S., at Newmarket. About thirty members were enrolled—an unusually large number for the inception. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Stocking; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Bastedo; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Dickson; Secretary, Miss Irwin; Treasurer, Miss Doan.

REV. HUGH ROSE, of Elora, recently delivered his lecture on "A Tour through the Highlands of Scotland," in the new gymnasium of the Collegiate Institute, Guelph. The Mercury, describing the lecture, says: "There was a good attendance, considering the distance the Institute is situated from the centre of the city. The proceeds of the lecture are to be devoted to the Highland Brigade Uniform Fund. Principal Tyler of the Collegiate Institute, introduced the speaker, who for over two hours claimed the undivided attention of the audience. The scriptural views, with a few exceptions, were first-class, and represented over a hundred places of note famous in Scottish song and story. At intervals during the lecture appropriate Scottish songs were sung, having reference to some special view presented."

REV. MR. ROBBINS, of Glencoe, and his family were pleasantly surprised the other evening by the members of the Presbyterian congregation assembling at the manse and showing them some tangible proof of esteem and good will. Mrs. Robbins has taught a Bible class for ladies, and has been very active in promoting the interests of the Ladies' Aid Association. Mrs. McClean, on behalf of the Bible class, read an address, and Miss Hyndman presented Mrs. Robbins with a silver cake basket and a butter cooler. On behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Duncan Cameron read the address, and Mrs. Wilson presented a silver water pitcher. The gifts were all handsome and valuable specimens of the silversmith's art. A musical programme by the choir, Mr. J. A. Young in the chair, and the people took an affectionate leave of the pastor and his wife, who leave shortly for their new charge in Truro, Nova Scotia.

REV. JAMES QUINN, Emerson, writes us on Nov. 6th. Union evangelistic services are being held in Emerson in connexion with the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches. These services have been held now for two weeks (five evenings each week, Monday to Friday inclusive). Each pastor delivers an address or sermon which, with reading of scripture and praise, occupies one hour. One of the pastors in turn, takes charge of the after-meeting for prayer, praise, testimony and inquiry. The interest has steadily increased from the beginning. Several have been led to Christ Jesus, and some who have been walking afar off from Jesus have been led back to Him, and to their first love. The spiritual life of God's children is being deepened, and their interest in God's word extended. We expect to continue these meetings at least two weeks longer. We are daily witnessing the forthputting of God's power to save and lead nearer to Jesus. To God be all the glory.

THE Hamilton presbytery met in the church at Niagara Falls South (Drummondville), on 2nd November, to ordain and induct into the pastoral charge of Drummondville and Chippawa, Rev. John Young, Mr. Barson, St. Catharines, presided; Mr. Bell of Niagara, preached. Dr. Laing, Dundas, addressed the minister, and Mr. Laidlaw, Hamilton, addressed the people. The whole services were very interesting and edifying, but not the least interesting was the evening "social" held to welcome the new minister. The ladies of the congregation provided an abundance of good things. After tea had been served to about 400 persons, the meeting was addressed by several members of presbytery and all the local ministers, who seemed to vie with one another in offering hearty congratulations. Much credit for the happy settlement must be given to Mr. Barson, for the interest he manifested in this congregation during their brief vacancy. The charge had been vacant only three months when the congregations were able to unite, without one dissenting voice upon Mr. Young as their pastor. Mr. Young is a graduate of Queen's, and he spent two years in attending lectures in Glasgow and Edinburgh, whence he recently returned. This congregation has, we believe, entered upon a new era of prosperity.

THE corner stone of the Presbyterian church at Campbellton, N.B., was laid recently with Masonic honours. The pastor, Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown, said that it was just fifty-five years ago that very day since the first Presbyterian minister, the Rev. James Stevens, planted the banner of Presbyterianism on Restigouche soil. Fifty-five years ago there landed at Ferguson's point the Rev. James Stevens, a young man of thirty years, and the pioneer of Presbyterianism in northern New Brunswick, and in the adjacent parts of what is now known as the Province of Quebec. From that time until his death, a period of thirty-three years, he laboured faithfully and arduously, and he now sleeps within sound of the murmuring rattle of the Restigouche, surrounded by many of those whom he taught, and whom he loved in life. The Rev. James Stevens died on 22nd January, 1864, and was succeeded by the Rev. Wm. Wilson of Scotland, who remained in charge from 1866 to 1868. Mr. Wilson was succeeded in 1868 by the Rev. William Murray, who was for eight years minister of the congregation.

After a short vacancy, the Rev. J. C. Herdman, B.D. was ordained and inducted into the charge, in which he faithfully and acceptably laboured during a period of seven years, until June, 1885, when he was invited to go as a missionary to Calgary, N.W.T. He was succeeded by the Rev. Alex. Ogilvie Brown, January, 1886. Rev. E. W. Waite, M.A., Chatham, delivered a brilliant oration. Rev. G. W. Fisher, Methodist, offered a few well chosen remarks. Rev. A. Russell of Dalhousie, also spoke briefly.

POINTE-AUX-TREMABLES SCHOOLS.

THE mission schools at Pointe-Aux-Trembles opened for the current session on the 15th October. About two hundred and eighty applications for admission were received,—fully one hundred and sixty more than the present buildings can, with due regard to health, accommodate. The attendance at present is one hundred and eleven, and a few more are expected next week. Last year the attendance was ninety-four, so that there is this year an increase of about twenty. Of the present pupils a large number are studying to become teachers, colporteurs and missionaries. The expense of the schools this session will be in the neighbourhood of one thousand dollars in excess of last year. At this season there is always a great scarcity of funds to carry on the work. The expenditure thus far is nearly three thousand dollars more than at the corresponding period of last year. This is owing to the largely increased number of labourers employed by the Board. During the past summer seventeen colporteurs have been constantly employed, in addition to the usual staff of teachers and missionaries. The reports of these colporteurs are, on the whole, most encouraging, indicating a greater readiness on the part of the people to receive the Word of Life. In a purely rural French country, one of the colporteurs sold no fewer than 129 copies of the Word of God in whole or in part, in the month of August. In former years many of the congregations of the Church gave the whole or a part of their Thanksgiving collection to the Board of French Evangelization. It is hoped that this year an increasingly large number will do so, and enable the Board to meet its obligations to its missionaries and to expand the work.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

PICTOU.—Met at New Glasgow 2nd inst. Moderation in a call was granted to Prince St. Pictou, to take place on the 24th inst. Mr. Lyrd's demission of the pastoral charge of Little Harbour and Fisher's Grant was accepted. Reports of catechists were received and disposed of and it was agreed to endeavour to secure the services of an ordained missionary for Isaac's Harbour and County Harbour for one year. The \$1,350 asked for by the Synod for augmentation was allocated to the congregations within the bounds and it was agreed to endeavour to realise the amount by the end of December.—E. A. McCURDY, Clerk.

LONDON.—A special meeting of the Presbytery of London, was held Nov. 1st, in London. A call from the First Congregation of Truro, N.S., in favour of Rev. John Robbins, of Glencoe, was laid on the table and read. The call was signed by 168 members and sixty adherents, promising \$1,200 stipend. Dr. Archibald, of St. Thomas, and Mr. Murray, of London, appeared as commissioners on behalf of the congregation and Presbytery of Truro in support of the call; and Messrs. J. A. Young, A. Cameron, and John McCracken, as commissioners from Glencoe congregation. After these had addressed the court the call was put into Mr. Robbins' hands for consideration. In a few suitable statements relative to his duty in this matter, Mr. Robbins intimated his acceptance of the call. On motion of Mr. Ball seconded by Mr. Sutherland the presbytery agreed to grant the translation, the same to take effect on the 21st inst., Mr. J. S. Henderson to preach the pulpit of Glencoe church vacant on that day, and Mr. J. A. Murray, of London, to act thereafter as moderator of session. After a number of the brethren had expressed their regret at parting with Mr. Robbins, and their best wishes for his success in his future field of labour the meeting was closed with the benediction.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

OTTAWA.—Presbytery met in St. Andrew's church, 2nd inst. The session records of Rochester, Hull, Pittroy Harbour and Richmond were examined and attested as neatly and accurately kept. Mr. George Hay (convener), Dr. Moore, and Rev. Messrs. Farries, Herridge and White, with Dr. Thorburn, Messrs. E. H. Bronson, McLeod Stewart, John Hardie and C. R. Cunningham, were appointed a committee on Sabbath observance. In the matter of the union of Chelsea and Hull, it was agreed to continue existing arrangements. A resolution was passed granting Rochester leave to dispose of its present church property with a view to building in a more suitable position, and also liberty to canvass for aid outside its own bounds to rebuild. The exercises of Messrs. Cayer and Dempster were received and sustained. Drs. Moore, Armstrong and Mr. Farries were appointed a committee to assign subjects of examination to Mr. Dempster. Dr. Moore reported on French Evangelization and the report was received and adopted. Dr. Armstrong made an appeal for funds to carry on the mission to lumbermen working in the shanties. The appeal was cordially supported by Dr. Moore and Mr. D. Findlay, of Cantley and Portland. The report of the treasurer of the presbytery fund was received and adopted. Mr. Farries made a special appeal on behalf of the augmentation fund, after which Dr. Moore, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, moved the following resolution: "That after consideration the presbytery resolved to refer the matter of augmentation to the Home Mission Committee, with instructions to provide the congregations with special contribution envelopes, and also to intimate to the congregations the amount allotted to the presbytery, and to consider any other such measures as the exigency of the case may require."—JOS. WHITE, Clerk.

MIRAMICHI.—Presbytery met in Chatham 2nd November, Rev. Wm. Hamilton, moderator. The clerk read a communication from Mr. J. C. Oehler, declining the call from Tabusintac and Burnt Church. The call was set aside, sympathy was expressed with the congregation in the circumstances; and Messrs. McKay and Waits were appointed a committee to visit and confer with them as to their future welfare, and to make the best arrangement possible to give them supply during the ensuing winter season. The Rev. Thomas Nicholson tendered his resignation of the moder-

atorship of Charlo session, and Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown was appointed in his place, with power to moderate in a call there whenever the congregation is ready. The reports from the various mission fields were received and adopted, and the zeal and diligence of the respective Catechists commended. It was agreed to ask the Home Mission Board to pay the balance of the salaries. Kouchibouguac and Escumac ask no supplement. The augmentation scheme was fully discussed, and the allotments were made to the various congregations within the bounds. The clerk reported that the large sum of \$1,250 had been granted from this fund to the supplemented charges of the Presbytery, and on that ground it on no other, it was desirable that every dollar of the amount apportioned to the Miramichi Presbytery be realized. Messrs. Waits and McKay were appointed a committee for the scheme. This presbytery having considered the proposal to establish a Ladies' College in connection with the Presbyterian Church, in these Maritime Provinces, most cordially approves of the scheme and hereby commends it to the support of their people, and the members of this Presbytery agree to give it their personal support, as far as their means will allow. The Rev. Mr. McKay was heard on the subject of systematic beneficence, and thereafter he and Mr. Waits were appointed a committee to prepare a comparative statement of the contributions within the bounds, and submit it to the next ordinary meeting of the court. The Presbytery noted with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, the following signs of prosperity, that St. John's Church, Chatham, had purchased a very handsome and commodious manse for their pastor; that a new church was opened last Sabbath at North Esk in connection with the Redbank congregation; that the corner stone of a new church was recently laid at Campbellton; and that new churches were in course of erection at Mill Branch, Bass River station, and at Tabusintac. Messrs. McKay and Waits were appointed to visit Black River and Lower Napan, to preach and bring before the people the claims of the Augmentation Scheme, on the 14th Dec. prox.; service at Black River Church at 11 a.m., and Napan Church at 3 p.m.—E. WALLACE WAITS, Clerk.

TORONTO.—At an ordinary meeting of this presbytery, held on the 2nd inst., the following were the chief matters that were transacted. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Quebec was read, anent the sustaining of a call from the congregation of Levis, in said presbytery, addressed to Rev. C. A. Tanner, of St. Andrew's church, Scarborough, and St. John's, Markham, said call to be transmitted, together with relative papers, to this presbytery. The call and relative papers were laid on the table. It was then stated by the clerk that, after receiving these documents, he had taken steps (as in other similar cases) to have all parties concerned informed that they would be heard for their interests at this meeting. The conduct of the clerk was approved of. There was no commissioner from the Presbytery of Quebec, nor from the congregation of Levis. Messrs. J. T. Brown, J. Carneghan and Wm. Hood, Jr., appeared and were heard on behalf of the forestaid congregations of Scarborough and Markham. A paper was read from Mr. Tanner, setting forth in substance that, with leave of his people, he was at present in Quebec, and for four weeks had taught French classes in Morrin College; that although the relations between himself and the people of his charge were very friendly, yet in order to secure a better education for members of his family than he could get in Scarborough he was disposed to accept of the call from Levis, with the prospect of continuing as a teacher in the college aforesaid; but that if the presbytery should refuse to translate he would bow to said decision, etc. On motion made, the presbytery, while reluctant to part with their esteemed brother, and wishing him comfort in the new spheres desiderated by him, agreed to loose him forthwith from his present charge, and to grant his translation to the Presbytery of Quebec, with a view to his being inducted at Levis. The clerk was instructed to preach at St. Andrew's church, Scarborough, and St. John's, Markham, on the 7th inst. and declare the charge vacant. And Rev. F. Smith was appointed interim Moderator of the session. A letter was read from Rev. J. Alexander, tendering the resignation of his charge at Union church and Norval, and stating as his reason for taking this step that, owing to bodily infirmity, caused by a serious injury sustained by him three years ago, he felt unequal to the claims of his dear people. After hearing Mr. Alexander anent this step, it was moved and agreed to appoint a committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Gregg, Reid, John Smith, and Messrs. Carlyle and Gemmill, to visit the congregations aforesaid, and confer with them and their pastor anent the step aforesaid; the committee to report to next meeting. Rev. Aaron Matthews, a deputy of the British Jewish Society, and Rev. Goshen El Howie, formerly a missionary in Syria, were severally heard anent the duty of Christian endeavours for the conversion of Israel, and the presbytery agreed to commend these brethren to the attention of the office-bearers and members throughout the bounds. Rev. J. Mutch reported moderating in a call from Dixie and West Toronto Junction in favour of Rev. James A. Grant, probationer, and handed in guarantees for a total stipend of \$750. After hearing commissioners, the call was sustained, and put into the hands of Mr. Grant, when he stated that he would take the call into careful consideration, and report his decision in due time. A committee was appointed consisting of Revs. Dr. Caven, D. J. Macdonnell and G. M. Milligan, to prepare a minute for next meeting anent the recent bereavement of Rev. Dr. King, now of Manitoba College, but formerly a prominent and valuable member of this presbytery. Schedules were read and adopted anent the amount of contributions that might reasonably be expected from each congregation to the schemes of the Church, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps for printing and distribution, so that sessions might be duly informed there anent. It was agreed to take up the remit from the General Assembly anent marriages at next meeting of presbytery, to be held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church, on the first Tuesday of December, at 10 a.m.—R. MONTRATH, Clerk.

[The clerk's report respecting the memorial and petition of Rev. W. Inglis was given in last week's REVIEW.—Ed.]

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