

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Mr. Beatty, of Charlotte, N.Y., has been called by the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope.

THE induction of the Rev. Mr. Wilson as minister of the lately organized congregation at St. Mary's, is announced for the 19th inst.

SOME time ago the Rev. Mr. Eadie, of Milton, was presented with the munificent sum of \$100, by a gentleman friend belonging to the Boston Church congregation.

REV. MR. LAIDLAW, of Hamilton, and Dr. Cochran, of Brantford, are amongst those who will give lectures under the auspices of St. Andrew's Church (London) Literary Society this winter.

A CALL signed by 220 members and a large number of adherents of the Woodville congregation has been extended to the Rev. A. Ross, A.M., of Pictou, N.S. Stipend promised, \$1,000, payable half-yearly.

THE Kingston "News" regrets to learn that the Rev. Professor Williamson is unwell, and was unable to attend his classes last week. We trust that the reverend gentleman will soon be restored to his usual good health.

ON Wednesday evening, 30th ult., the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church, Quaker Hill, surprised their pastor, Rev. Wm. J. Smyth, with an address, accompanied by a handsomely filled purse, to which Mr. Smyth made a suitable reply.

THE social held on Friday evening, 1st inst., in St. Paul's (Presbyterian) church, Hamilton, for the organ fund, was a decided success, and no doubt, if the spirit exhibited continues, it will not be long before this church will be furnished with one of the best instruments in the city. The duties of the chair were discharged by Mr. James A. Samuel in a most satisfactory manner. After the usual opening ceremonies, Miss Crawford gave a very nice piano solo, which was followed by a song from Mr. Steele. Rev. Mr. Lyle then delivered a most interesting and instructive address, during the course of which he referred to Dr. Chalmers' efforts to establish the Free Church in Scotland, especially that portion of his work where he informed the Highlanders that the value of every tenth pinch of snuff would suffice to place the Church on a solid basis, advice which was acted upon. The Misses Johnson then gave a specimen of their musical ability, which was highly appreciated. This concluded the first part of the programme, when refreshments were served, after which those present engaged in social intercourse of a most agreeable character. The second part consisted of a cornet solo by Mr. Addison, a reading by Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, and a song by Mrs. Vallance, and some minor affairs. The entertainment was a decided success in every respect.

AS intimated in our issue of 25th ult. the new church erected on Gerrard Street by the congregation formerly known as that of Gould Street church, Toronto, will be formally opened on the 17th inst. We copy from the "Mail" the following description of the church and school buildings.—"The school building was started last fall, and opened for worship early in spring. On the ground floor of this building are the following rooms:—Infant class-room, with raised circular seat; minister's vestry, session and Bible class-room, ladies' parlour and library. There is a large and handsome lecture or school-room, with commodious galleries in the transepts on either side for visitors. Underneath the galleries are a number of class-rooms, connected with the school room by folding doors. It is estimated that it will seat between 800 and 900 people. The church building, which was started last April, is situated in front and attached to the school building. The pews are arranged in circular style, radiating from the pulpit, and rising towards the rear. The galleries are built around three sides of the church, in horse-shoe shape, and all the seating is so arranged that every one can see and hear with perfect ease. In the rear of the minister's platform is the singers' gallery, with an unoccupied space for an organ if ever required. The ceiling is very effective, being groined and arched, and filled in with fan tracery. The church has seating accommodation for over 1,000 persons. It is entered by four doors in front and two in the rear, giving an average exit of thirty-six feet. There are also four stairs of ample dimensions for access to the galleries, viz., two in the front and two in the rear. The extreme dimensions of the church and school building are 142 feet

in length and 80 feet wide. The style of architecture is the decorated gothic, and the material used is Georgetown stone, with Ohio dressings. The front, on Gerrard street, presents a very imposing appearance, having a lofty centre gable with fine tracery windows of large dimensions, flanked with two smaller ones, with buttresses and pinnacles on either side, and rising to the height of sixty-five feet. On the left-hand corner of the building is a massive stone tower, which reaches an altitude of 100 feet; it is surmounted by a twenty-foot angle turret, which rises above the stone parapet that crowns the tower. There are also two small square towers on either side of the school building, at the intersection of the church and school. The basement is fitted up with a large kitchen and pantry, also for furnace rooms and storage of coal. The cost of erection is estimated at \$40,000."

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—The Presbytery held a regular meeting on Tuesday, 29th ult., at Wingham. It was resolved to separate the congregation of Fordwich from that of Wroxeter, the latter to be self-sustaining. The application from Gorrie for organization was granted, and Fordwich and Gorrie were united to form one pastoral charge. Moderations in calls were granted to the congregations of Seaforth, Egmondville, Thames Road, etc. A call was taken up from Bluevale and Eadie's in favor of Rev. Mr. Bryant, of Glenallan, but as it had not been signed by a majority of the members of the said congregations, the Presbytery set it aside. A letter was read from Rev. D. McRae, of Grand Bend, tendering the resignation of his charge on account of continued ill-health. The congregation having been cited, appeared by delegate, and the Presbytery agreed to accept of the resignation. A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Thomson, Cameron and McRae, to draft a suitable minute anent Mr. McRae's resignation. It was agreed to organize Fordyce into a mission station, Mr. Leitch being appointed to attend to this matter at his earliest convenience. Mr. Leask read a report on finance and statistics, setting forth the average contributions of congregations, etc. It was agreed to print the report and circulate copies of it among the people. Deputations were appointed to visit congregations in arrears, with the view of having said arrears removed. A committee was appointed to arrange for holding a Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention, to be held at Blyth in the month of February. A conference on the state of religion was held during the evening sedent. Next meeting to be held in Clinton on the 14th of January, 1879.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Court met at Martintown on the 17th Sept. There was a full attendance of the clerical members' present, but only three lay representatives, owing, no doubt, to the fact that on this day the election of members to the Dominion Parliament were being held. The following answer to Mr. Burnet's dissent was read, and ordered to be entered in the minutes. "When the session met, as a matter of convenience, in the Kenyon church, they violated no standing order of the Church by doing so." (Signed,) William Ross, *Convener*. The Rev. D. H. McLennan, M.A., read the following minute in reference to Mr. Grant's resignation, which was approved of. "The Presbytery, in agreeing to release the Rev. Wm. Grant, of Vankleekhill, from his pastoral charge, wish to express their reluctance in parting with a brother so greatly appreciated for his high Christian character and worth; his uniform courtesy towards his brethren of this Court; his faithfulness, zeal, and success, as a pastor, and so highly esteemed by his people; and our prayer is that the Great Head of the Church may continue to bless his labors wherever his lot may be cast." Commissions in favor of D. B. McLennan, Q.C.; Hugh McKenzie, Simon Shaver and Charles W. Craig, from the kirk sessions of Cornwall, (St. John's); St. Andrew's, Williamstown; St. Matthew's, Osnabruck; and Summerstown, were read and sustained, and their names added to the roll. The Rev. James A. R. Hay, from the London Presbytery, being present, was asked to sit and deliberate with the Court. A call with relative documents, from the congregation of Summerstown, was laid on the table, in favor of the Rev. James A. R. Hay, promising a stipend of six hundred dollars—that is, four hundred from the people, and two hundred which the Presbytery agreed at a subsequent stage to ask of the Home Mission Committee—said call was sustained, and accepted by Mr. Hay, and his induction was appointed

to take place on 8th October. Rev. Donald Ross to preside, Mr. Lang to preach, Mr. Binnie to address the minister, and Dr. McNish the people. It was resolved, on motion of Dr. McNish, to hold missionary meetings throughout the bounds, and it was left to the Moderator to nominate a committee to make the necessary arrangements. A committee, consisting of the Moderator, (Convener) and Messrs. Burnet, Ross, (Larcaster) and Mr. McLean, was appointed to consider a circular from the Clerk of Synod anent Sabbath schools, and mature a scheme for carrying out the recommendation of the Synod, and report to next meeting. An animated and somewhat lengthy discussion took place on the question as to whether Mr. Burnet or Dr. Lamont was Clerk of Presbytery—some members maintaining that the Clerk held office *ad vitam aut culpam*—while the majority contended said officer could be removed at pleasure. The matter was finally disposed of by Dr. McNish, seconded by Mr. Binnie, moving the following resolution, which was agreed to:—"Whereas a difference of opinion prevails as to the propriety of superseding Mr. Burnet as Clerk of Presbytery; and whereas a doubt has been raised as to whether Dr. Lamont or Mr. Burnet is now Clerk; the Presbytery, while expressing regret that any difference of opinion should obtain, resolve, that having regard to the bearing of the case as it now stands, Dr. Lamont is Clerk." The Rev. Alex. McGillivray moved, seconded by Rev. Finlay McLennan, "That a committee, consisting of Mr. Donald Ross, Dr. McNish and Mr. Binnie, be appointed to draft a suitable minute in reference to Mr. Burnet's discharge of the duties of the Clerkship—the motion was agreed to. The Clerk read a communication from the elders and managers of the congregation of St. Matthew's church, Osnabruck, thanking the Rev. D. H. McLennan, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, for the constant and satisfactory supply of Probationers since they became vacant, and asking leave of Presbytery to find their own supply half the time. It was moved by Dr. Lamont, seconded by Rev. Wm. Ross, "That this matter be referred to the Home Mission Committee, to be dealt with as they see proper"—this was agreed to. Commissioners from Finch, asking the Presbytery to unite the people at the mission station of South Finch, and the congregation of St. Luke's there, into one congregation—were heard in terms of a paper—purporting to be a Basis of Union—which was read. On motion of Mr. Fraser a special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Finch, on 1st October, to deal with this matter. Mr. Fraser, on behalf of committee appointed at last meeting to visit Roxborough, read a full and exhaustive report, which was received, and the committee thanked for their diligence. Mr. Burnet moved, seconded by G. H. McGillivray, Esq., that application be made to the Home Mission Committee for a grant of Four dollars per Sabbath for Roxborough. An amendment was moved by Rev. Wm. Ross, seconded by Rev. Donald Ross, to the effect "That the Rev. Messrs. Fraser, Lang and Cameron arrange to give an evening service, in the meantime, once a fortnight, to the people at the 4th con., Roxborough. The amendment was carried. From this finding Mr. Burnet craved leave to enter his dissent, which was granted. A committee, with Mr. Fraser, Convener, was appointed to examine the statistical report of the General Assembly and report. The report of committee re delegates to the General Assembly was ordered to be forthcoming at next meeting. The Rev. D. H. McLennan read a report of the Home Mission Committee for the past six months—recommending money grants to East Hawkesbury, Alexandria and Summerstown. That to Hawkesbury was refused—the rest were agreed to. The Moderator, who left the chair, moved that Cornwall be the permanent place of meeting of this Presbytery. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burnet. An amendment was moved by Rev. Wm. Ross, seconded by Rev. D. H. McLennan, that the present arrangement be continued. The motion was carried by the casting vote of the Moderator, *pro tem*. The Rev. Wm. Ross gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration of the foregoing motion at next meeting. A motion was passed unanimously thanking Mrs. Burnet and the ladies of the congregation of St. Andrew's church for their hospitality to this Presbytery on this and previous occasions, and Mr. Burnet replied at some length and in suitable terms. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Cornwall, on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, A.D. 1879, at one o'clock p.m.—HUGH LAMONT, *Pres. Clerk*.