

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. J. SIEVRIGHT has declined the call to St. Andrew's Church, Lachine.

TENDERS for the erection of the new church for College Street Presbyterian congregation have been advertised for. Building operations will soon be begun.

DR. COCHRANE has received in addition to what has been already acknowledged for Mrs. Thirde, \$5 from a friend in New Brunswick, and \$5 from A.T.C., Toronto.

THE corner-stone of the new Presbyterian Church at Keene was laid with Masonic ceremonies conducted by the Grand Master and several officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the 24th ult. A large number of people were present.

THE Rev. J. M. McIntyre is now in Pinkerton holding evangelistic meetings in Rev. Mr. Ladie's church. The meetings are exceedingly good. After one week's effort, fully 100 persons were led to anxiety about their souls. People of almost all creeds attend the meetings. Numerous requests for prayer are handed in night after night.

A CORRESPONDENT forwards the following for publication. The late Mr. Alexander Grant, of Kenyon, has left \$300 in his will for the Foreign Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He is survived by four sons and four daughters, and left a little sum to be equally divided among them. He spontaneously considered that the cause of Christ had as good a claim on his industriously earned means. It is to be hoped many of our people, in rural congregations, possessing competency, will follow Mr. Grant's example in not forgetting the claims of the Gospel when disposing of their means. The Gospel has need of it; and it proves a blessing in many, if not in all instances, to surviving relatives.

ON Sabbath, the 18th ult., anniversary services were held in the Daly Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa. The Rev. Wm. Armstrong having completed the tenth year of his pastorate the services were an appropriate commemoration of the event. Rev. Mr. Armstrong preached in the morning and gave a resume of the life of the congregation during the last decade. He took for his text Eph. iv. 13, and pointed out (1) The true unity of the Church; (2) The goal of the Church; (3) The Christ-given instrumentalities for the attainment of this goal; (4) The spirit of holiness, meekness and love that should pervade the Church of Christ. He compared the actual life of the Church with this ideal, and in doing so referred to the congregational statistics. At the beginning of his pastorate there were on the roll of church membership 138 names. There are now 463, making an increase of 325. There have been more additions to the membership during those years than to that of any of the sister churches in the city, but it has also suffered more from removals. Of the original members only sixty remain, and of the total number only 226. These statistics suggested several lessons: (1) The mutabilities of life; (2) The duties of Church members in a fluctuating population; (3) The wide dissemination of the influence of any single church in this age. The sermon, which was throughout instructive and suggestive, was concluded by an earnest appeal to the congregation to seek more of the Spirit's indwelling and more conscientious consecration to the service of our Lord and Master. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Moore, who preached an able and impressive sermon from Ps. ix. 16-17.

AN interesting garden party took place on the evening of the Queen's birthday at the residence of Dr. Marquis, Mount Pleasant, for the purpose of bidding farewell to the Rev. Thomas Alexander, who having resigned his charge, is about to pay a visit to Scotland. The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation had prepared on this occasion, as on others, most sumptuously. The grounds so well adapted for the purpose were covered with young and old, from many a district in the neighbourhood and from different denominations, who gathered to mark the respect and esteem in which Mr. Alexander is held by the community. After partaking of refreshments, the meeting was called to order, Mr. Duncan McEwan took the chair. In the absence of Dr. Marquis, Dr. Peter Bryce read an address from the united congregations of Mount Pleasant and Barford to Mr. Alexander, in which expression was given to the zeal and devotedness with

which he had prosecuted his labours, and the success which had attended them, in the erection of two churches now free of debt. Kindly notice was also given to the long continued and protracted sufferings under which Mrs. Alexander had laboured for over eight years and to the patience exhibited by her and her husband, and a fond hope expressed that he may be carried in safety to his native land and that the evening of his days may be peaceful and happy. Along with the address a well filled purse was also presented and Prof. Bryce being unexpectedly present said he was glad to have an opportunity of bearing testimony to the arduous and faithful labours of Mr. Alexander in this and former congregations and hoped he may yet be spared to labour in the Lord's vineyard. A few suitable remarks were also made by Dr. Peter Bryce and Rev. Mr. Hobbs, of the Methodist Church. A suitable reply was given by Mr. Alexander and grateful thanks tendered for the kindness thus shown to him on this interesting occasion. The meeting was enlivened by music from an excellent brass band and from the Highland bagpipes. The meeting was then closed by Mr. Alexander pronouncing the benediction.

A CORRESPONDENT, T. E. C., sends the following: "The connection which has subsisted between the Rev. Andrew Rowat and the congregations of North and West Winchester for the last thirteen years has been broken by his acceptance of a call from the congregations of Elgin and Athelstane, county of Huntingdon, in the Province of Quebec. Their gain is great, our loss is correspondingly weighty. This was his first charge; the distance between the two churches is ten miles, his flock was spread over an area of about eight miles from south to north, by twenty miles from east to west. It will be seen at a glance that his labours have been incessant and trying to his physical frame which has never been very robust; it is not to be wondered at if he now accepts a field where his travelling will be reduced one-half, and thus secure the relaxation he so much needs. But although his pastoral work has been so extensive, the missionary spirit that burns within him has impelled him to minister to the spiritual necessities of many beyond. A church and manse at Danbar, a church at North Williamsburg, another at Crysler, and still another at Winchester Springs; all bear evidence, more or less, to his labours of love and God's blessing thereon. The question may be asked, has his own people suffered? Let the facts answer. He was settled upon the promise to pay \$500: this has been nearly doubled. The contributions to the schemes of the Church have increased as much as five-fold, and the membership has doubled. These are the visible proofs, but eternity alone can reveal all that God has wrought by and through him. He came amongst us preaching Christ and Him crucified, and ended his ministry amongst us on Sabbath, 25th May, by preaching from 1 Corinthians, i. 23., the old but ever new story of Jesus and His love. Mr. Rowat's ministry from first to last has been a proof that the preaching of the cross is the effectual means of drawing sinners to Christ. May the God whom he serves continue to bless his humble efforts in the new field to which He has called him, and may He ever bless him and his family with such things as He sees will be for their eternal good is the prayer of their many friends.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Clinton on the 13th of May. The Rev. R. J. Beattie, of Guelph, and Mr. Watt, probationer, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The question was raised as to whether the Presbytery is still entitled to ten commissioners to the Assembly, since Mr. Lohead, one of the commissioners appointed, has been translated to the Presbytery of Sarnia. A committee appointed to consider the matter, reported in the following terms: "That Mr. Lohead's name be dropped from the commissioners of Assembly, he having left the bounds of the Presbytery; the committee finding that there are still seventeen names (ministers) on the roll, recommended that the Presbytery now proceed to elect a commissioner in place of Mr. Lohead. It was moved, "that the report be received and the recommendation adopted." It was moved in amendment, duly seconded, "that the recommendation of the committee be not adopted, but that the Presbytery cancel the commission of Mr. Lohead, he having left the bounds of the Presbytery, as also

the commission of one of the elders, on the ground that Mr. Ross, whose name appears on the roll of Presbytery, is not a minister of the Church, the Presbytery being thus entitled to only eight commissioners." Votes being taken the motion was carried. From this finding Messrs. McLean and Thomson (Brucefield), entered their dissent, Mr. Pritchard, of Manchester, was appointed convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. Dr. Ure and Mr. A. Stewart with their elders, were appointed a committee to superintend students within the bounds, etc. After some time was spent in considering the report of the committee on the arrangements of a certain part of the field, it was moved by Mr. McKay and sustained as follows: That the Presbytery proceed in a constitutional way to unite the congregations of Kippen, Hill's Green, and Berne, into one pastoral charge; and the congregations of Bayfield Road, Bayfield village and Bethany into another charge. From this motion it will be seen that the aim is to reduce to two pastoral charges what formerly constituted three charges. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Thomson, of Brucefield, duly seconded, "that the thanks of the Presbytery be given to the committee for their diligence, and resolved, from the difficulties in the way of a re-arrangement, to leave these congregations in their present relations in the meantime." The motion was carried. Mr. Thomson dissented from this finding. The aforesaid congregations are to be cited to appear for their interests in the matter of union at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Brucefield in Union Church, on the 28th inst., at two p.m. A telegram was read from the clerk of the Presbytery of Stratford intimating that a unanimous call from Widder Street congregation, St. Mary's, was sustained to Rev. J. A. Turnbull, LL.B. The Presbytery ordered the congregation of Knox Church, Goderich, and associated congregations to be cited to appear for their interests at the adjourned meeting at Brucefield above specified. Messrs. Whitford and Anderson having resigned their commission to Assembly, Messrs. Dobie and Turnbull were appointed in their place. Dr. Ure was appointed as such commissioner in place of Mr. Lohead. The Presbytery agreed to hold its next regular meeting in Knox Church, Goderich, on second Tuesday of July, at eleven a.m.—A. MCLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.—A special meeting of Manitoba Presbytery was held in Knox Hall, Winnipeg, on the 14th ult., Mr. C. B. Pitblado, moderator. There was a large attendance of members. The formation of additional Presbyteries was discussed at considerable length, various proposals having been submitted. It was finally agreed that the present Presbytery of Manitoba be divided into three, *viz.*: Winnipeg, Brandon and Rock Lake, i. e. the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West. The following report, presented by Mr. Gordon, was considered and adopted *seriatim*:—That each Presbytery shall have charge of its mission work within its own bounds; that there shall be a representative from each Presbytery appointed to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee; that the amount to be expended on Home Missions be not forwarded to Manitoba in lump sum, as at present, but be allocated by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, as is done in the other Presbyteries of the Church. There shall be a Home Mission Committee in each Presbytery, and it is desirable that the convener of this committee shall be the representative of the Presbytery on the Home Mission Committee. The following regulations were adopted in regard to the position of the superintendent of Missions:—He shall still be known as the Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West. He shall choose his own place of residence, but shall be a member of some one Presbytery, to be decided afterwards, and shall be entitled to sit and deliberate with each of the other Presbyteries. He shall, *ex-officio*, be a member of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. That in regard to the oversight and visitation of the mission stations and supplemented congregations and the organization of new stations throughout the Synod, the relations of the superintendent to each of the Presbyteries be as closely as possible similar to those now borne by him to the Presbytery of Manitoba. He shall receive through the conveners of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery statistics of membership, families and adherents in each mission station and supplemented congregations. He shall, with the conveners of the various Presbyterian Home