

Ministers and Churches.

DR. MACVICAR acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$10 for Pointe-aux-Trembles School from "A Friend," Brooke, Ont., Sept. 9.

THE Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., has returned to Montreal from South Harpswell, Maine, where he has been spending his vacation.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed by the congregation of First Church, Brantford. Seven new members were received, making 106, with a gain of 116 in three years and a half.

BEFORE leaving Coborank, where he had been labouring with zeal and success in connection with the Presbyterian congregation, to resume his studies at Knox College, Mr. Perrie was, at the annual tea meeting, the recipient of a handsome presentation.

THE endowment of Knox College goes on steadily, though the friends engaged in the work would be cheered by more prompt appreciation of its claims. Friends would and local treasurers, and they in turn would enter a favour, by reporting before the 30th of this month.

THE Rev. J. S. Black, formerly of Erskine Church, Montreal, now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, preached two able and thoughtful discourses in Erskine Church, Montreal, the other week, on "The mental and moral development of man's nature."

A VERY handsome brick church has been built at Simcoe by the Presbyterian congregation of that town. The seating, carpeting, etc., is being actively pushed to completion. The seating capacity will be about five hundred. The church is expected to be finished and opened towards the end of October.

THE Ashburn congregation celebrated the Lord's Supper on the 6th inst. There was an addition of seventeen new members. This is unusually large for a small congregation. They were nearly all young people, by profession of faith. The audience was the largest seen in this church for many years. This congregation is growing rapidly under the present pastor.

THE Rev. E. Scott, of New Glasgow, lectured in Fraser's Hall, Hopewell, lately, to an interested audience on "Mahomet." The lecture was much enjoyed and was replete with information. Mr. Scott traced Mahomet's descent, and gave a short account of his life, work and religion. All felt the lecture was too short. Mr. Scott had the hearty thanks of the meeting.

THE Rev. J. Robbins, of Glencoe, lectured to a large audience at the Town Hall, Appin, on the 15th inst., on "Scotland and France." The lecture was given in the interests of the Sabbath school. Mr. Neil Campbell was chairman. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer. Since Mr. Robbins' settlement the congregation at Appin has become so large that a meeting is called to consider the advisability of proceeding at once with the erection of a church and sheds, a long felt want by the Presbyterian population in this part of Ekfrid.

THE Dundalk Herald says: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Erskine Presbyterian Church, on Sabbath, 5th inst., at eleven o'clock a.m., by Rev. J. A. Ross, assisted by Rev. J. McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre preached a very impressive sermon and addressed the communicants. About one hundred and forty sat down to the table of the Lord, of which thirty-seven were new members, twenty-nine joining the church by profession of faith and eight by certificate. Mr. McIntyre has been holding union revival services in this village and his labours have been abundantly blessed, over fifty in all profess to have found the pearl of pearls, Christ Himself.

THE Rev. Dr. McKay, of East Puslinch, is carrying on correspondence with a wealthy namesake of his in the State of Illinois, U. S., agent the endowment of a chair in Knox College, Toronto, said chair to be known as "the McKay Hebrew and Celtic chair." That gentleman has lived in Illinois for over forty years, and has recently donated a large sum to one of the American Colleges. It is to be hoped that he will favourably regard this institution, which has turned out more missionaries and pastors than all the other Presbyterian Canadian Colleges put together. Mr. George Munro, of New York City, has endowed more than one chair in the Lower Province Colleges, and if the friend in Illinois would do the same, they would set a noble example before our wealthy Canadians, to devise more liberally for our colleges than they are disposed to do.

AT Oakwood, Mariposa, on Sabbath, 15th September, the handsome church of the newly-formed Presbyterian congregation was opened by the Rev. Dr. McLaren, Professor, Knox College. In the forenoon, notwithstanding the rain, the Church was crowded, and in the afternoon many were unable to get accommodation. It is needless to state that the people were favoured with able discourses, and were highly gratified and instructed. The congregation have been favoured through the summer with the use of the Town Hall for services conducted by Mr. Wm. Patterson, student from Knox College. On Monday evening a very large company—after tea in the basement of the Methodist Church, kindly granted—met in the newly opened church and listened to many excellent addresses from a number of ministers. The choir of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, gave their valuable services on Sabbath afternoon and Monday evening. We feel certain that the friends of the new cause who have laboured earnestly must have felt amply rewarded by the success of their efforts, and glad to enter their church free of debt, and grateful to all who have aided them.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—The Presbytery of Hamilton met on the 15th September, present twenty ministers and six elders. Reports were received showing that a session had been formed, with four elders, in the Wentworth Street

Mission Congregation, and that Mr. K. Caswell was labouring there; that no arrangement for connecting Crowland with another congregation had been made, but it was resolved to supply it in winter along with Port Robinson; that Barton had appointed a committee of management, and was progressing favourably; that the Alliston difficulty had been settled as indicated at last meeting of Presbytery; that no arrangement could be made for uniting East Ancaster with any other congregation, and it was resolved, with the concurrence of the Presbytery of Paris, to give supply to it along with Onondaga, by a minister continuously for three months, and if that cannot be done, by students Messrs. McIntyre, Simpson and Rae, students, read discourses as required, which were sustained. A committee was appointed to prepare a plan for holding missionary meetings. Dr. McDonald gave notice that at next meeting he would submit an overture anent the mode of electing the Moderator of the General Assembly, and Mr. Laidlaw that he would then move the consideration of the remit anent the supply of vacant pulpits. Mr. Croll was appointed Moderator for the next six months. It was agreed to apply for augmentation of stipend for Niagara of \$230, and for a grant for Port Erie, also North Pelham and Wellandport are to be supplied together during the winter months. N. B. Any ministers or licentiates wishing to accept appointments for a period of three or six months may communicate with Rev. J. H. Kitchell, St. Catharines.—JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in Brucefield on the 8th of September. It was agreed to hold missionary meetings and arrangements are to be made accordingly. Leave was granted to the congregation of Rodgerville to change the site of the new church to Hensall. Messrs. D. M. Buchanan and Robert Henderson, Principal of the Rlyth Public School, were ordered to be certified to the authorities of Knox College as students for the literary department. Mr. John McGilvray, B.A., having read a discourse, which was cordially sustained, was also ordered to be certified accordingly. Mr. McDonald read a report on behalf of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society. The report was received with approval and the society, warmly commended to the sympathy and support of the congregations within the bounds. The following deliverance was recorded respecting the removal of Rev. T. G. Thomson to British Columbia: "The Presbytery, in taking leave of Mr. Thomas G. Thomson, for the last eight years minister of the congregation of Union Church, Brucefield, desire to place on record their high regard for him as a faithful and successful minister of the Gospel, and as one who has endeared himself to his co-presbyters, not only by his kind-heartedness, but also by the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties as a member of the Presbytery. While regretting his removal to a distant field of labour, the Presbytery would follow him with earnest prayers for his continued success in the Master's work." Arrangements were made for holding a Sabbath school Convention in Clinton on the third Wednesday of January. Provisional arrangements were made for the induction of Mr. Henderson should he accept the call to Brucefield. Next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Exeter on the second Tuesday of November at half-past ten o'clock a.m.—A. McLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met within St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, on 8th Sept., when thirteen ministers and eight elders were present. Rev. A. Tolmie reported having moderated in a call to Tara in favour of Rev. Andrew Wilson, of Markdale. The call was signed by seventy-six members and sixty-two adherents, and was accompanied with a guarantee of a stipend of \$550 per annum, with rented house. Commissioners from the congregation of Tara having been heard, the call was sustained and forwarded to the Presbytery of Saugeen; and Mr. Tolmie was appointed to prosecute it before that Presbytery. In the event of Mr. Wilson's translation being granted, the Moderator was authorized to call a special meeting of Presbytery, and the following arrangements were made in connection with the induction services, viz., Mr. Tolmie to preside and address the people, Mr. Moore to preach and Mr. Gourlay to address the minister. Mr. Duncan, on behalf of the committee appointed to draft minutes anent the resignation of Dr. Scott and the translation of Dr. Moffat, submitted suitable minutes, which were adopted. An application having been received from Mr. Daniel McClung to be appointed to the office of catechist, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Tolmie, Anderson and Nesbit, who had examined him according to instructions of Presbytery, having recommended that he be recognized as a catechist, and that his name be forwarded to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, on motion of Dr. Scott the recommendations were adopted, and Mr. McClung received the status asked for. Mr. Gourlay submitted the statistical and financial report of the congregations of the Presbytery for the past year, showing, in tabulated form, the average contributions of each congregation, per family and per member, for stipend, missions and all purposes, and also the numerical growth of the several congregations. On motion of Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Eadie, it was agreed to have the report printed for distribution among the members and adherents of the Church within the bounds of the Presbytery. Leave was granted to the Moderator of Session of North Bruce and St. Andrew's, Saugeen, to moderate in a call whenever the congregation is ready. On the reports of Messrs. Findlay and Duncan, the Presbytery ordered that the students labouring in our mission fields be certified to their respective colleges. Mr. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions in Algoma, who has just returned from visiting that whole field, gave a very interesting and elaborate report of his visit to the congregations and stations within that district, setting forth the present condition of Presbyterianism there, and the urgent necessity of having the ground occupied as far as possible in winter as well as during the summer months; and testifying to the good work which is being carried on by the students of Knox College Missionary Society. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. Findlay for the work which he had done and for the very carefully

prepared report which he had submitted. On the recommendation of Mr. Findlay, Messrs. Duncan and McArthur were recognized as catechists, and recommended for employment in the mission field. On motion of Mr. Tolmie a series of resolutions anent the Home Mission work was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly's Committee. The evening sederunt was principally occupied with a conference on Sabbath schools, when the subjects of "The relation of Children to the Church," and "The Teacher, his aim and preparation," were introduced by Messrs. Duncan and Wardrope, respectively, and afterwards discussed at considerable length by the members present. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held within St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, on Tuesday, December 8, at one o'clock, p.m.—JAMES GOURLAY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery held its usual bi-monthly meeting in Chalmers Church on the 15th inst., the Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., Moderator. The following are the principal items of business transacted: The names of three new candidates for the ministry were presented, and as the parties themselves were not present a committee was appointed to confer with them and report. The ministers, with their representative elders, of Erin, Hillsburg and Eramosa, with Mr. Blair, were appointed to make all arrangements for the usual annual conferences on Sabbath Schools, Temperance, and the State of Religion, to be held in Erin in the beginning of January next. Mr. John Davidson submitted the financial estimate for the year, which was approved, and the amount apportioned over to the different congregations in the bounds. The auditors of the Treasurer's books gave in their report, which was received. Mr. Mullan reported that according to authority granted an election and ordination of elders had taken place in West Garafnax, and a communion roll had been prepared. Mr. Hamilton stated that, for reasons given, an election of elders had not yet taken place in Elmira. The Clerk reported that he had received and paid over to the Treasurer the rent on the church in New Hamburg for the year ending 1st June last. A motion not to change the rule according to which commissioners have for some time been appointed to the General Assembly was carried by a majority over one proposing that henceforth the appointment of teaching elders should be by rotation. Mr. T. M. McIntyre, Principal of the Brantford Young Ladies' College, addressed the Presbytery on behalf of that institution, after which it was unanimously resolved to express satisfaction with the address and thanks for the information communicated, both in respect of the progress and aims in the branches of secular education and the hallowed influence of personal Christianity which seems to pervade the institution, and to lay upon themselves, collectively and individually, the sacred duty of giving serious consideration to the anomalous state of matters in many of our Presbyterian families, where, for some cause or other, young persons are sent to prosecute their education at certain institutions where they have not the same guarantee for soundness of religious instruction, nor the same attention paid to moral and spiritual training, and of embracing every favourable opportunity to recommend the claims of the college. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to visit Acton in connection with the resignation of Mr. Cameron of his pastoral charge of Knox Church there, gave in their report, which was considered; after which it was agreed to adopt its recommendation that notice of the resignation be served upon the congregation and that they be summoned to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting to be held in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, 29th September, at ten o'clock forenoon. Inquiry was made of those sessions of congregations in which there are not missionary associations, whether the stated annual collections were being taken up on the dates fixed by the General Assembly. The Clerk submitted a statement of the amounts required by the different Schemes of the Church, embracing, also, the Presbytery, Synod, and Commissioners' Expense Fund, and the proportion of each expected from each congregation in the bounds. A petition, presented from West Puslinch congregation, praying the Presbytery to secure their rightful share of the moneys realized from the sale of timber from the church lot, No. 28, in the 8th concession, and also of the proceeds of the land when sold was referred to a committee, consisting of Dr. Torrance and Mr. Charles Davidson, with instructions to make all necessary investigations and report at next regular meeting. The report of the Committee on Missionary Meetings was given in and read by Mr. Middlemiss. After full consideration it was received and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to get it printed and copies sent to kirk sessions. Mr. John R. Campbell, a student, labouring as a missionary in the bounds, was heard deliver an exercise, which was approved, and authority given to the Clerk to certify him to the Senate of Knox College, Toronto. Some other business was deferred to the adjourned meeting. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in the same place, Chalmers Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of November, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The roll was then called, and the names of those present were marked, after which the sederunt was closed in the usual way.—R. TORRANCE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—The Presbytery of Winnipeg met in Knox Church on the 8th inst. There were present Rev. Messrs. J. Douglas, Moderator; Pitblado, Gordon, Pringle, Prof. Hart, Prof. Bryce, Principal King, Rev. Messrs. McLaren, McFarlane, Bryden, McKenzie, Lawrence, Polson and Whimster, ministers, and Hon. Justice Taylor, and Messrs. Copeland and I. P. Matheson, elders. Revs. Messrs. Nairn and Quinn, who had recently arrived in this country, and are now employed in the Home Mission work of the Church, being present, were introduced and invited to sit as corresponding members of Presbytery. Principal King, Dr. Bryce, and Messrs. Pringle and Pitblado reported their attendance at the General Assembly. The following handed in their commissions as representative elders, and their names were added to the roll: Mr. C. M. Copeland, from St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg; Hon. Justice Taylor, from Knox Church, Winnipeg; Mr. J. P. Matheson, from Greenwood Church; Mr. Alex. Polson, from Kildonan Church;