

Ministers and Churches.

PRINCIPAL GRANT was to leave yesterday for Australia. RICHMOND and Sherbrooke hope to build new churches next summer.

THE Rev. William Mathieson, Winslow, Quebec, has resigned his charge.

LINGWICK and Gould congregations, Presbytery of Quebec, have been united.

THE Rev. Dr. T. G. Smith has accepted the secretaryship of Queen's University Endowment Fund.

THE Rev. W. K. McCulloch, Leeds, Que., has leave of absence for four months for the benefit of his health.

MR. R. H. HUDSON, of Parry Sound, desires to thank the many friends who have so nobly answered the call for books, papers, etc., for the camps. We have been enabled to provide the men in the lumber camps with over 3,750 books, papers and magazines. Many thanks to our friends.

A CALL to the co-pastorate of Knox Church, Goderich, signed by 395 communicants and 289 adherents, has been addressed to Rev. James A. Anderson, B.A., of Whitechurch, Ontario. The salary promised is \$1,000, with manse, for the first year, and additional \$50 each year after, till the stipend reaches \$1,200.

THE *Kinardine Review* says. At the Presbytery held in Lucknow, Tuesday week, the insinuations and rumours industriously circulated, regarding Rev. Mr. McKenzie, formerly of Kinloss (Lucknow), were shown to have been groundless; and thus Mr. McKenzie is triumphant and his name will go on the probationers' list, he having received his ministerial certificate. The Rev. J. L. Murray, Kinardine, stood fast by Mr. McKenzie.

THE officers of the Kingston Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Missionary Society elected at the annual meeting last week are. Mrs. Donald Ross, Kingston, president; Mrs. Byers, Gananoque, first vice-president; Mrs. Tannahill, Belleville, second vice-president; Mrs. Kilborne, McDonald's Corners, third vice-president; Mrs. Dickson, Miss Fowler, Kingston, secretaries; Mrs. Clark Hamilton, Kingston, treasurer. Mrs. Byers was appointed to represent the society at the meeting of the General Society in Guelph.

AT the annual meeting of the congregations of Elma Centre and Monkton, in Stratford Presbytery, Rev. Andrew Henderson, M.A., pastor, it appeared from the various reports submitted, that the work in all departments was prospering under God's blessing. The pastor had made 652 visits during the year; members received on profession, thirty-seven; by certificate, twenty-one; total, fifty-eight. Members removed, forty. Present membership, 457. Baptisms, fifty-six, of these four were adults. Funerals, twenty-two. Total receipts of money, a little over \$2,500. Of this \$320 was for the Schemes of the Church. Amount raised by the Woman's Auxiliary, \$146.

AT the annual meeting of the Petrolia Presbyterial congregation, recently held for 1887, the following reports were submitted. Receipts—managers report, money received from all sources, \$2,124 75. Of this Manitoba College received \$4; Home Missions, \$50; Augmentation Fund, \$30; Foreign Missions, \$10; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$20; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$20; French Evangelization, \$10. There were added to the communion roll on their own profession, eighteen, by letter, twelve, giving a membership of 160, including 15 families, fifteen of whom were added during the year. The Ladies' Aid reported \$500 on hand, \$442.33 of which was raised during the past year. This fund is being reserved to aid in the erection of a new church, which the congregation now have in contemplation.

THE *Tribune*, of Minot, Dakota, contains the following in reference to a popular clergyman of Manitoba who has received a call to that town: Rev. J. C. Quinn, of Emerson, Manitoba, who conducted the dedicatory services at the Presbyterian Church last Sabbath morning, and who also preached in the evening, returned to his home on Tuesday morning. Mr. Quinn paid the *Tribune* a pleasant call; he is a whole-souled, genial gentleman, who made a good impression on all who met him, and who made many warm personal friends while here. There is a possibility that he may accept a call from this church, and assume the pastorate of it. It is to be hoped that he may, for he will do good work for the church and he is just the kind of man to do good where it is most needed—outside of the church.

WE regret to learn, says the Owen Sound *Times*, that at the meeting of Presbytery on Wednesday, Rev. A. H. Scott, pastor of Knox Church, concluded to accept the call referred to in our last issue, from St. Andrew's Church, Perth, County Lanark, which decision was ratified by the Presbytery. Mr. Scott's lengthened pastorate here of over ten years has been a most successful one; and during that time he and his helpful partner in the work have so endeared themselves to the members and congregation of Knox Church, that much pain is felt both on the part of the pastor and people at severing the pleasant relations that have so long existed between them. We are sure we but voice the feelings of his people and our citizens generally, in wishing himself and family continued happiness and increased usefulness in his new sphere of labour. Mr. Scott will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday, April 8.

THE *Galt Performer* says. At the conclusion of the services in Knox Church, on Sabbath week, a telegram was read from the Rev. Dr. Smith, signifying his acceptance of the call so unanimously extended to him from the congregation of St. John's Church, San Francisco. Dr. Smith was no doubt, largely influenced in his acceptance of the call by climatic considerations affecting the health of members of his family. The relations which have existed between pastor and people in Knox Church for a quarter of a century have been characterized by the ties of genuine affection and Christian regard, and it may be depended upon

that the decision to sever those ties, which have been productive of so much good, was not reached without the most prayerful consideration on the part of Dr. Smith. The reverend gentleman intimated that it was his intention to occupy the pulpit of Knox Church on the 8th of April.

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, was held on Wednesday evening. The pastor, the Rev. A. T. Love, occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer. The secretary treasurer, Mr. Craig, read the various reports representing the different branches of Church work, all of which were most satisfactory, showing considerable progress during the past year. It must be very gratifying to all connected with St. Andrew's Church to learn that, notwithstanding the large number of Protestants that have left the city of late years, this old congregation is increasing in membership and general prosperity. New communicants, thirty five; total receipts for the year, \$4,200; Schemes of Church, \$500. The debt on church has been considerably reduced during the past year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year to compose the Board of Management: Mr. John Suange, representing the Session; Messrs. J. W. Henry, J. D. Gilmour, representing the trustees; Messrs. James Reid, John Ritchie, T. H. Oliver, representing the congregation.

THE *Ottawa Evening Journal*, in a recent issue, says: Sabbath, March 11, was a big day in the Ottawa Presbyterian Churches. It was quarterly communion Sabbath, and as a result of the revival services nearly 400 persons were admitted to full membership in five of the churches. The following figures show where they went. Knox Church, 127; Bank Street Church, 121; Erskine Church, sixty five; St. Paul's Church, forty; New Edinburgh Church (not official), twenty. Total, 373. The communion services in St. Andrew's Church will not be observed till April. A corresponding addition is anticipated in that congregation. Eight adults were baptized in Knox Church, and five in Bank Street Church on profession of faith. It will be seen by the figures that 373 joined. This number will be augmented to over 500, as there are over 200 applicants who were unable to be present on that day for various causes. A meeting of representative of Presbyterian Churches in the city was held on Wednesday evening week in Knox Church for the purpose of considering the best way of carrying on the evangelical work begun by the Rev. Mr. Meikle. It is said that an endeavour will be made to induce Mr. Meikle to again visit Ottawa.

THE *Canadian Post*, Lindsay, says. The announcement that Rev. Dr. McTavish, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, has declined the call recently given to him by St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, has been received by the people of Lindsay with great satisfaction and by his congregation with deep gratitude. St. Andrew's Church in the "Prairie City" has become one of the largest Presbyterian Churches in the Dominion. The stipend is \$3,000 per annum with a manse and the call to Dr. McTavish was given with such unanimity and enthusiasm, backed up by correspondence in which the claims of the congregation were pressed so earnestly and skilfully that the Lindsay Presbyterians seemed to be at the mercy of their brethren in the North West. The decision arrived at by Rev. Dr. McTavish is therefore all the more gratifying to his people, who have prospered remarkably under his ministry, but who feel deeply the need that exists for a continuation of his pastorate. While the Winnipeg congregation will doubtless be much disappointed, they may be congratulated on their discrimination. In making choice of the pastor of St. Andrew's they aimed well, and had they been able to secure him they would have had in Dr. McTavish a minister in every respect worthy of their honour and confidence.

SINCE the settlement of Rev. R. J. M. Glassford as ordained missionary at Waubesa, etc., on June 28, 1887, very gratifying progress has been made. At the date of appointment the total membership was forty-five; now it is 116, a net increase of seventy-one. Last September the Surgeon Bay branch of the charge opened a new building in which to worship, and now the Fesserton congregation has secured a site, and intends to build at once. Every department of church work gives evidence of increased prosperity. Both public and cottage prayer meetings are conducted, and well attended. The Sabbath schools were never so largely and regularly attended at any time in the past history of the field. When all mission contributions for the current year shall have been returned to the treasurer, it is believed that the sum of \$100 will be exceeded. This is the maiden attempt of this charge in the matter of contributing to the Schemes of the Church. To Home Mission and Augmentation Funds contributions are considerably in excess of the sums asked for by the Presbytery. Not one dollar of debt exists at present. At a recent meeting the managers unanimously decided that \$75 per annum be added to the pastor's salary. Altogether this charge gives indications of a vigorous and healthful condition.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—The Presbytery of Hamilton met on March 20. A call from Wentworth Street Church, Hamilton, to Rev. James Murray, of Streetsville, was sustained and transmitted. The call from Blackheath had been declined by Mr. Dobson. It was resolved to take steps toward organizing a congregation at Lynden, also to apply to the General Assembly for leave to license Mr. B. Pyke and to receive as a minister of this Church Rev. W. McGregor, of the Baptist denomination. Applications were made for grants, viz.: St. Ann's, etc., \$100; Dunnville, \$200; Merriton, \$100; Wentworth, Hamilton, \$94. Four students are asked for during the summer. The names of Mr. W. Souter, of Hamilton, Mr. Robertson, of Port Dalhousie, and Rev. J. S. Stewart are sent to the Home Mission Committee for employment. The commissioners to the General Assembly are Messrs. J. G. Murray, G. Burson, W. P. Walker, D. H. Fletcher, W. J. Dey, W. Mowat, J. Mordy, F. McCuaig, ministers, and W. I. McCalla, Dr. McDonald, R. McQueen, J. Charlton, M.P., D.

McLellan, A. J. McKenzie, M. Leggett, J. Boyle, elders. The names of Rev. J. S. Stewart and J. A. Bloodworth are sent to the Committee on Distribution. Reports on Temperance, the State of Religion and Sabbath Schools were received. Leave was granted to sell the old church property at Jarvis.—JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery held its quarterly meeting in Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, on the 13th and 14th March. Among the items of business transacted are the following: W. Galloway, J. A. Brown, E. H. Sowers, George Francis, Dugald Currie, George Sutherland and Dr. Prouftfoot, ministers; Hugh Omond, G. Gowanlock, D. K. McKenzie, Hugh McPherson, J. Douglas, J. A. Younge and D. Mills, elders, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. Mr. Sowers was appointed a member of the Home Mission Committee, in room of Mr. Johnston, of Lobo. A committee was appointed to attend to the difficulties in South Isleware, in regard to arrears of stipend, who afterwards recommended the payment of \$100 to Mr. McConnell by the congregation. This report was adopted. A commission was also appointed, with Presbyterial powers, to settle the difficulties between Wallacetown and Dutton. Deputations to the aid-receiving congregations reported. The reports were received; and the recommendations for grants to the various congregations were adopted. The Presbytery decided to procure a missionary for each of the stations of Springfield and Aylmer, with the view of having a settled pastor in each as speedily as possible. Messrs. Sowers, A. Henderson, J. A. Murray, and Elliott Gr.ve, elder, were appointed a committee on Systematic Beneficence, whose object is: One, to scatter literature on the subject, two, to hold meetings and give addresses to congregations on the same, three, to report annually to the March meeting of Presbytery. A call from Bethel Church was not sustained, owing to the small number of signatures attached. The Presbytery agreed to leave the matter of securing the services of Rev. Duncan Cameron for East Williams in the hands of the Home Mission Committee. It was agreed to secure a student for Tempo Station during the summer, and apply for a grant of \$4 per Sabbath from the Home Mission Committee. Lobo and St. Thomas congregations gave leave to secure their own supply for the next three months. Mr. Urquhart gave in an excellent report on the State of Religion. In moving the adoption of the report and disposing of its recommendations, the Presbytery agreed to express its entire disapproval of the employment of lady evangelists in any case. Mr. Sowers read the report on Temperance. It was agreed to receive the report and transmit it to the Synod's Convener on the subject, without taking any action on the recommendations. Mr. Ballantyne gave in the report on Sabbath Schools. The report was received, adopted and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Rutherford, Hamilton. The following motion was passed in reference to Mr. Howard's labours at Aylmer: "The Presbytery, recognizing the prosperous condition of the Aylmer Station, since Mr. Howard conducted services there, hereby commend the faithfulness and zeal with which he has attended to his duties in his mission there." A committee was appointed to draft a minute in reference to the death of Mr. McKinnon. The Presbytery adjourned to meet on 2nd, of July, at eleven a.m.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met at Lucknow, on Tuesday, 13th of March, the Moderator, Rev. George Law, of Belgrave, in the chair; fourteen ministers and sixteen elders were present. A call from South Union congregation to Rev. F. A. McLennan, of Dunvegan, Glengarry Presbytery, was sustained, and the Clerk instructed to transmit the same, with reasons for transference which were submitted to this Presbytery, to the Clerk of Glengarry Presbytery. The stipend promised to be paid annually by the congregation is \$300, and manse and glebe. The call is unanimous. Mr. Murray, of Kinardine, was appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Glengarry. The Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Mr. Brown, of Wroter, in which he tendered his resignation of his charge. Mr. Muir was appointed to cite the congregation to appear for their interests at the meeting in May. The following were appointed, by rotation, commissioners to the General Assembly: Messrs. Sutherland, Stevenson, D. G. Cameron, Law, Brown, McQueen, ministers; and elder from each of the following pastoral charges: Fox River, Whitechurch and East Wawanosh, South Union, Wingham, St. Helens and East Ashfield, Ashfield. Mr. Ross was re-appointed Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. The claims of aid-receiving congregations were considered and passed. The remit on travelling expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly was approved of. Messrs. A. McKay and D. McKinnon were appointed members of Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. The Clerk was instructed to forward the name of Rev. A. McKenzie, according to his own request, to the secretary of Committee on the Distribution of Probationers, and to grant him his ministerial certificate. A telegram was read from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Huron, stating that that Presbytery had sustained a call from Goderich to the Rev. J. A. Anderson, of Whitechurch, to be co-pastor with the Rev. Dr. Ure. The Presbytery appointed the Moderator, Rev. G. Law, to cite the congregations of Whitechurch and East Wawanosh to appear for their interests at the adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Wingham, on Tuesday, 17th day of April, at half past twelve p.m. The Clerk stated that he had received a letter, a short time after the meeting in December, from the Rev. Dr. Lang of Dundas, thanking the Presbytery for nominating him Moderator of General Assembly, but asking the Presbytery, on personal grounds, to withdraw his name. The Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, was nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. A map of the Presbytery, prepared by Mr. Harrison, was received. A report on Temperance on the basis of returns from Kirk Sessions was read by Mr. Harrison. It was moved by Rev. D. G. Cameron, seconded by Rev. A. Sutherland, that