

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Professor Kellogg, D.D., conducted the services in St. James Square Church, Toronto, last Sabbath, preaching able and thoughtful discourses to crowded congregations.

In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Evan McCauley, B.A., of West Puslinch preached in the forenoon in Chalmers' Church, Guelph. Rev. Dr. Mackay, of East Puslinch, conducted the services there at night. There was a large attendance at both diets of worship.

AFTER communion thanksgiving services on Monday, the 12th inst., the congregation of Millbank presented the Rev. James Boyd of Crosshill, with an address and a well filled purse, as a slight token of their appreciation of his care over and interest in them as "interim moderator" during their late vacancy.

THE Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto has received a letter from Rev. Dr. Kellogg, declaring his acceptance of the call from St. James Square Church of this city, and stating also that, because of his present professional engagements, he may not be at liberty for pastoral induction till after the 1st of April next.

THE resignation of the Rev. Robert Scrimgeour, of Forest Presbyterian Church, was accepted by the Presbytery of Sarnia on the 5th inst. The church is to be declared vacant on the 15th inst. by the Rev. John S. Lochhead, M.A. of Parkhill, who, having been appointed Moderator of Session, will receive applications for supplying the pulpit of the Forest congregation.

THE lecture season is opening with a good array of first-class speakers. The "Star Lecture Course" announces the names of Hon. John B. Finch, Col. Bain, Mrs. St. John, Mrs. McLaughlin, Sobieski, Lou J. Beauchamp, W. Burgess and others. Churches or societies wishing a visit from any of these should apply to the manager, Dr. Youmans, St. Catharines.

THE Rev. Alexander Bell, M.A., of Peterborough, dispensed the Lord's Supper in the Lakehurst Church last month. The attendance was large, and eight new members were added to the church on profession of faith. This mission was occupied during the past summer by Mr. J. L. Ducloux, of Queen's University, Kingston, and who is now prosecuting his divinity course in the Union Theological Seminary, New York.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed last Sabbath in Knox Church, Milton. There were present the largest number of communicants ever in the history of the church. There were twenty-three new members added to the church, mostly by profession of faith. Such a large addition must encourage their pastor, the Rev. M. C. Cameron, B.D., and the entire church. The Rev. Mr. Freeman, of Toronto, preached excellent and profitable sermons.

THE Presbyterial Woman's Missionary Society of Montreal have recently formed auxiliaries at Lachute, Russelltown and Athelstan. The Society includes in its operations home, foreign and French work—the latter being made prominent as a work which has special claims upon Canadian churches. The meetings of the central society in Montreal and of the auxiliaries are characterized by effectiveness and spiritual power. A special missionary topic is selected for each meeting; the singing, reading and praying all have reference to the subject in hand; and one or more ladies are previously appointed to introduce the subject by original papers or otherwise, while all are expected to contribute to its development. To encourage the formation of auxiliaries the Presbytery of Montreal at its last meeting commended the society to the congregations within its bounds.

THE first regular meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society was held on Wednesday evening, 14th inst. Reports were read of work done at Swan Lake, Manitoba, by Mr. A. Patterson; at Baysville, Muskoka, by Mr. M. Bethune; at Fort William by Mr. J. McKay, B.A., and Mr. J. G. Shearer. All of these reports were very encouraging, the labours of the missionaries having been greatly blessed of God to the good of the people in these fields. After attending to important general business the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, when the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.:—President, Wm. Farquharson, B.A.; first Vice President, F. Wilson, second Vice President, A. E. Doherty, B.A.; Recording Secretary, D. McGillivray, M.A.; Corresponding Secretary, J. Argo; Councillors, J. Goforth, D. McKenzie, B.A., G. A. Francis, A. Patterson and G. A. McLennan, B.A.

A VERY cordial reception and address was tendered to the Rev. W. W. Boyle, the esteemed and popular pastor of Dumfries Street Presbyterian Church, by the congregation in the town hall, Paris, on Monday evening, the 12th inst., on his return from a four months' trip to Europe. The large hall was crowded. In reply Mr. Boyle referred to the growing attachment between pastor and people, and gave a very interesting account of his travels in the Old Land. Refreshments were abundantly supplied during the evening. A very pleasing incident in connection with the affair was the presentation of an address accompanied with a well-filled purse to Mr. Smith, who so ably filled the pulpit during the pastor's absence. The choir rendered some choice music during the evening in grand style. It is gratifying to know Mr. Boyle returns to his flock with renewed health and vigour. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the doxology.

THE annual thank-offering meeting of the "Murray Mitchell Auxiliary" was held in the lecture-room of Old St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, the 20th. There was a large attendance of ladies. The room was beautifully decorated with fall leaves and flowers. Miss Haight, the president, conducted the opening exercises. Mrs. MacLennan gave a statement of what money would be required by the Board to carry on the work that had been undertaken by them. Mrs. Macdonnell read an interesting paper on "How much owest thou unto the Lord?" The treasurer announced that

the offering amounted to \$161. It was dedicated to God by prayer, a number of ladies assisting in the devotions. The music was led by a choir of young ladies from the church, assisted by Miss Gunther, who also gave a solo. This meeting was one of the most successful ever held by this society. As one has remarked: "If all our offerings were given as thank-offerings, how soon would spasmodic appeals, and spasmodic giving, bazars and all belonging to them, be for ever swept from consecrated ground!"

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Thamesford last Sabbath. The preparatory services commenced on Thursday, when Rev. Mr. Scott, of Brookdale, preached a very practical sermon. One child and one adult were baptized at the close of the service. Mr. Scott also preached on Friday and Saturday. Rev. Professor Gregg, of Knox College, preached on Sabbath forenoon and evening and on Monday, the pastor of the congregation preaching in Gaelic on Sabbath forenoon. There was a good attendance at all the services. The township fair being held in the village on Friday did not seem to reduce the attendance. It is nearly ten years since we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Gregg before, when he conducted the opening services of St. Andrew's Church, and although he may look slightly older, his natural force is not abated in the least. I heard some remark that he was better heard than he was ten years ago. While the Rev. Doctor was preaching on Sabbath evening, what is called a band meeting was conducted in the Methodist Church, while, on the corner of the street, a Plymouth Brother was holding forth the Word of Life to those who would not go into a church. If any in Thamesford neglected to make their calling and election sure we are afraid it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for them.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met in River Street Church, Paris, on the 20th inst., at eleven o'clock a.m., with a fair attendance of ministers and elders. After several items of routine business, the necessary steps were taken in connection with the translation and induction of Rev. William Wylie, lately of New York. At two o'clock, with a good congregation present, the induction services began. Rev. M. McGregor preached an able sermon, Rev. A. W. Mackay offered the induction prayer, Rev. W. Robertson gave an impressive charge to the pastor, and Rev. Dr. Beattie addressed the people. The services throughout were of an unusually interesting and solemn nature. In the evening in the town hall, which was tastefully decorated, a most successful welcome social was held. Over 400 were present. The Rev. Dr. Beattie, who was Moderator of Session during the vacancy, after supper was disposed of, took the chair. Excellent addresses were given by Revs. Robertson, Boyle, Dr. Cochran, McTavish, Hughes (Congregational) Brock (Methodist) Dr. Clark and Wylie. The church choir supplied choice music. Mr. Wylie comes with thirteen years' experience in the ministry, and enters with much encouragement upon his work in Paris.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Presbytery met at Alexandria on 22nd September—Rev. John Matheson, Moderator. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Lang, the Rev. J. S. Burnet was appointed Clerk *pro tem*. The minutes of last meeting were sustained, and elders' commissions received in favour of Messrs. James McGregor, Alex. McMillan, John Copeland, Wm. Colquhoun, Duncan Bethune, D. J. McLennan, and J. R. McKenzie. Mr. Fraser gave notice of motion for reconsideration of the decision in regard to the proposed separation between Knox Church and St. James Church, Roxborough. The scheme proposed for the raising of \$1,500 extra to support a foreign missionary was declared impracticable at present. Of the twelve sessions that reported, only one was in favour of the scheme. Rev. J. Ferguson tendered the resignation of his charge of Vankleek Hill, the same might accompany his son, who is in very delicate health, to Colorado. The resignation was laid on the table, and it was ordered that the congregation be cited to appear for their interests at a meeting of Presbytery to be held on the 6th prox. An exercise on St. John i. 35-37, written by Mr. McLean, student, who has been labouring in East Lancaster during the summer was, in his absence, read by the Clerk. The Presbytery agreed to sustain the exercise. A note from Mr. Martin, who has been labouring at Dalhousie Mills, etc., was read stating that on account of being suddenly called home he was unable to be present or to prepare an exercise. Mr. Martin's report of work done by him during the season was read and received. Mr. J. Matheson gave a report of the proceedings of the Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention held at Woodlands on the 15th and 19th inst., which was adopted. The moderators of vacancies reported as to the state of the vacant congregations under their charge. The reports were received. Mr. Calder, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit the congregations of Kirkhill and Alexandria, read a report as to the state of the congregation of Kirkhill. The report was adopted and Mr. F. A. McLennan appointed to preach at Kirkhill, to read the report to the congregation, and afterwards confer with the office bearers, with the view of aiding and encouraging them to carry out the recommendations of the report. Mr. W. J. Scott submitted a report of the visitation of Alexandria congregation by the same deputation. Among other satisfactory items, the report intimated that the congregation were now prepared to raise their contributions for stipend from \$450 to \$500. This report was adopted and Mr. McArthur was appointed to preach at Alexandria and read the report to the congregation. It was agreed to visit next in order Indian Lands and Kenyon, and Messrs. Hastie, Cameron and W. Ferguson, with their elders, were appointed a deputation to carry out this visitation and to report at next regular meeting. A call from the congregation of Alexandria in favour of Rev. Kenneth McLennan, with relative documents, was laid upon the table by Mr. Fraser, who reported that the call was unanimous and hearty, and that the congregation promised a stipend of \$500 and manse. Mr. R. Wilson and Mr. M. Munro, commissioners from the congregation, were heard in support of the call. The call was sustained and it was

ordered that it be forwarded to Mr. McLennan with the request that he reply, if possible, before the 6th prox. At the urgent request of the representatives of the congregation the Presbytery agreed to ask the Augmentation Committee for a supplement of \$300 for Alexandria. A telegram from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Brockville was read, stating that a call from Cardinal to the Rev. George McArthur, of Finch, had been sustained by that Presbytery, and asking that immediate action be taken in the matter. It was resolved to cite the congregation of Finch to appear for their own interests at the adjourned meeting on the 6th prox. It was agreed to reconsider the decision in regard to the separation of Knox Church and St. James Church, Roxborough, at the adjourned meeting on the 6th Oct., and in the meantime to notify the said congregations of the proposed re-consideration. The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Lancaster, on the third Tuesday of December, at eleven o'clock a.m. At the adjourned meeting on 6th Oct. Mr. Ferguson's resignation was taken up. The congregation and session of Vankleek Hill sent commissioners and also minutes of a meeting asking that Mr. Ferguson should withdraw his resignation, and take six months' leave of absence instead, as all were anxious to retain him as their pastor. Mr. Ferguson was asked if he still adhered to his resignation, and in the face of such strong opposition to his removal, he agreed not to press the acceptance of his resignation. The Presbytery therefore did not release him from his charge, but granted him leave of absence for six months, and also expressed much sympathy with Mr. Ferguson in the affliction of his family. A Presbyterial certificate was given to Mr. Ferguson. Mr. F. A. McLennan reported that he had preached at Kirkhill and further carried out the instructions of the court. The call to Mr. McArthur was now considered, commissioners from both charges were heard, those from Finch stating that the congregations were unanimously opposed to Mr. McArthur's removal. Mr. McArthur, on being asked to state his mind in the matter, signified his acceptance of the call, whereupon the Presbytery agreed to grant his translation, and instructed him to wait upon and obey the orders of the Presbytery of Brockville. Mr. McKenzie was appointed Moderator of Finch, *pro tem*. The Roxborough case next came up for reconsideration. Reports and minutes were handed in showing that Knox Church still adhered to the former petition for separation, and that St. James Church was now willing that the separation should take place. Delegates having been heard on the matter, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to that the separation now take place. It was further resolved that St. James' Church congregation be now recognized as a mission station, and that application be made to the Executive of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee for a grant in order that they may be able to secure the services of a missionary. Mr. J. Ferguson resigned the Convener'ship of the Committee on the State of Religion, and Mr. Finlay A. McLennan was appointed in his room. Presbytery then adjourned.—W. A. LONG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery met in David Morrice Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th inst.—Mr. William A. Johnstone, Moderator. There was an excellent attendance of ministers and elders. A memorial from the congregation of Georgetown asked the sanction of the Presbytery to certain changes which were sanctioned. Rev. R. H. Warden, Convener, read the report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, showing that all the mission fields throughout the bounds have been regularly supplied during the summer; giving details with regard to the several fields, and making recommendations as to further supplies, which were adopted by the Presbytery. The report showed also the state of the Presbytery's fund for the Augmentation of Stipends, that \$3,192.40 was the amount expected to be available for the current year ending 1st April, 1886, which, after deducting the amounts required to October, 1886, to meet the supplements in excess of the Assembly's minimum, leaves only about \$2,000 available to send this year to the treasurer of the Assembly's Augmentation Scheme. The following recommendations of the committee were adopted: 1. That deputations be appointed to visit the several supplemented congregations and mission stations in the bounds, with a view to increase the contributions of the people toward their ministers' salaries, so as to lessen the grants from the Augmentation Fund. 2. That the treasurer of the Presbytery's Salary Fund be instructed hereafter to pay the supplements to ministers half-yearly, on April and October, instead of quarterly as heretofore. 3. That the attention of sessions be specially directed to the claims of the Augmentation Scheme, and urged to contribute liberally towards its maintenance, so as to remove the indebtedness of last year and enable the Assembly's committee to pay in full for the current year the minimum salary of \$750 and manse. Messrs. Warden, Lee and Paul were appointed a committee to nominate deputations in accordance with the first of these recommendations. A minute of the Presbytery of Ottawa, at its meeting on the 29th of September last, was read, claiming that the mission stations lying within the township of Ponsonby were within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ottawa; and stating that, whilst recognizing them as for the present under the care of the Presbytery of Montreal, it reserved the right to assume the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the stations in Ponsonby whenever it may seem to be in the interests of the field to do so. The Clerk, Mr. Watson and Mr. R. H. Warden were appointed a committee to make enquiries and correspond with the Presbytery of Ottawa in regard to this matter. Mr. A. C. Hutchison made an interesting statement in regard to Cote St. Antoine, asking the sympathy and assistance of the Presbytery in establishing a congregation there. Rev. R. H. Warden, Convener, Revs. James Barclay, McCaul, A. B. Mackay, L. H. Jordan, J. Mes Fleck and Dr. Smyth, ministers; and Messrs. Wm. Robb, Walter Paul, Wm. Drysdale, Wm. Reid, Jas. Cleland and John Stirling, elders, were appointed a committee to co-operate with the friends at Cote St. Antoine. Rev. Mr. Fleck was authorized to moderate in a call at Taylor Church on Thursday next, at eight o'clock p.m. A committee consisting of Mr. Fleck,