

## Ministers and Churches.

DR. MACKAY, in his last letter, states that he has received \$10,000 as damages for chapels destroyed, etc., during the war.

Two good congregations assembled at Hyde Park and Komoka to observe Thanksgiving Day. The sum of \$13 was contributed to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

THE office-bearers of Hyde Park Church were entertained at the manse on Monday, the 16th inst., in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of the minister.

THE Rev. R. H. Warden, 198 St. James Street, Montreal, begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$10 from L. P.; and of \$100 from a friend, for French Evangelization.

AN able and appropriate sermon under the auspices of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of Toronto was preached last Sabbath in the Central Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. S. Lyle, of Hamilton.

THE Rev. T. T. Johnston has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Wick and Greenbank in the Presbytery of Lindsay. The settlement is a most cordial and harmonious one, and promises to be productive of the best results.

ON Friday evening last a numerous-attended social under the auspices of the St. James Square Church Mission Band was held at the residence of Mr. C. Blackett Robinson. An interesting address descriptive of the McAll Mission in France was given by the Rev. D. McLaren, M.A., and choice musical selections, tastefully rendered, contributed to the enjoyment of all present.

A SERIES of evangelistic sermons were begun in the Tilsonburg Presbyterian Church on Sabbath, Nov. 15, in which the pastor is assisted by Rev. J. M. McIntyre and the other ministers of the place. The meetings have been well-attended and the interest is manifestly growing. It is hoped that there will be a great manifestation of the Spirit of God in the awaking of God's children and the gathering in of the unsaved.

MR. CHILDERSHOE, a student of Queen's College, who has done excellent work at Springfield during the summer, was presented lately, at a social held at the residence of Dr. Mills, with an address expressive of the high appreciation in which his services and character were held by the people amongst whom he had been labouring. In addition to the address, Mr. Childershoe was presented with Hodge's "Systematic Theology."

THE Presbyterian Congregation at Appin, an out-station of the Glencoe congregation, have decided to build a church. This decision was reached on Thanksgiving Day. After the sermon a congregational meeting was held, presided over by the pastor, Rev. John Robb. The purchase of the lots by the committee was endorsed, trustees were appointed, and a committee to whom was entrusted the work of proceeding with the erection of a suitable edifice. The church will probably be of brick, and when finished, a credit to all concerned.

THE Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, is fortunate this year in having an energetic Ladies' Missionary Association which is doing good work. In the beginning of the year it was assigned the task of collecting the contributions of the congregations for the different Schemes of the Church. By steady, faithful work these ladies have effected much, and it is probable that the amount collected this year will be double that of last year. The officers of the Association for the current year are: Mrs. Robert Geddis, president; Mrs. Geo. Gordon, vice-president; Miss F. Davis, secretary, and Miss Stoddart, treasurer.

ON the 19th of October, the septennial of the erection of the Presbyterian Church, Gravenhurst, and the induction of the Rev. Mr. Dawson into that pastoral charge, was celebrated by a very large social gathering of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Macdonnell, of Toronto, delivered a most eloquent and thrilling address on that occasion. Mr. Dawson stated that during the past seven years some 200 persons had been received into the membership of the church, and that the number on the communion roll at date, now purged, stood at 130. The Sabbath school had not then existed quite seven years, but there were 145 names on the Sabbath school roll, with an average attendance of about 100.

A NUMBER of the friends of the Presbyterian cause in Wolsley met in the house of Mr. Angus Mackay on the evening of the 29th ult. for the purpose of showing their appreciation of the labours of the Rev. A. Robson, and bidding him a cordial farewell on the occasion of his leaving for Fort Qu'Appelle. After enjoying the good things of Mrs. Mackay's table the company was called to order by Dr. Bain, who in the name of the friends presented Mr. Robson with a purse of \$155. Suitable expression was given by several who were present to the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Robson are held, to the value attached to the services rendered and to the desire that much success may attend the missionary's efforts in his new sphere of duty.

RAINY skies, muddy roads and pitch darkness did not prevent the success of the tea meeting in the Presbyterian manse, Huntsville, on Thanksgiving Eve. The tables, groaning under the good things of this life, gave abundant proof of the energy and taste of the ladies. Music, singing and speaking were of a high order. The occasion was memorable in the history of Huntsville as the first on which the ministers of the three churches—Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian—have occupied the same platform. Net proceeds, \$31. Four hundred dollars are still needed to complete the building, which is expected to be ready for occupation about Christmas. Additional subscriptions in the locality, one or two projected entertainments and aid from outside friends, will place the building, the most substantial in the place, on a satisfactory basis.

THE Chisholm Presbyterian Church, which for some time past has been undergoing a renovation, was re-opened

for worship on Sabbath, November 15. The services were conducted both forenoon and afternoon by Rev. W. S. Ball, B.A., of London township, who preached able and appropriate sermons from Psalm lxxvi. 5-6, and Titus iii. 4-5. On Monday evening the church was again filled to listen to a lecture from Mr. Ball, on "The Men of the War, and How they Fought." Mr. Ball's position as chaplain to the forces gave him exceptional opportunities for becoming familiar with the various bodies of our troops, together with the mode of warfare on both sides, and these were described with all the vividness of an eyewitness, and the accuracy and minuteness of a close observer. The lecture was listened to throughout with absorbing interest, and a hearty vote of thanks tendered to the reverend lecturer at the close.

THE *Sentinel-Review* says: The lecture in Chalmers Church on Monday evening, 16th inst., by J. Campbell, M.D., drew a large audience. The subject was: "Scottish Character," a subject to which the lecturer, as an agreeable speaker and enthusiastic Scotchman, did ample justice. The causes which have gone to make Scottish character are (1) climate, (2) physical geography, (3) the War of Independence, (4) the Reformation under John Knox, (5) the work of the Covenanters, (6) the literature of the country, especially the poetry of Robert Burns. The lecturer was frequently applauded, and at the close of his address received a very cordial vote of thanks, which was moved by Dr. G. W. A. Ross, of Woodstock, and seconded by Dr. F. Sutherland, of Norwich, in very felicitous terms. A solo, "Where did Scotia get her Fame?" was sung by Mr. Scrimgeour, and another, "My ain Countrie," by Miss Annie Johnson. Both were highly appreciated by the audience.

THE Ministerial Association of West Durham met last week in the school room of the Church Street Methodist Church and completed its organization. The doctrinal basis of the Evangelical Alliance was accepted as that of the association. Rev. E. Roberts was chosen as President, Rev. A. A. Drummond, Vice-President, and Rev. W. H. Warriner, Bowmanville, Secretary-Treasurer. A communication from the Clarke Ministerial Association was received, offering to disband and unite with the West Durham Association on condition that the meetings be sometimes held in Newcastle. It was unanimously agreed to accept the offer and amalgamate the two associations. Rev. A. A. Drummond introduced the matter of the religious instruction of the pupils of the public schools and stated that the ministers of all denominations in Newcastle had united and arranged with the trustees and teachers for the holding of a half hour's religious service in the schools on Friday afternoons. The President and Secretary, together with the Rev. R. D. Fraser, were appointed a committee to see what could be done in Bowmanville. The next meeting is to be held in St. Paul's Church vestry on Monday, December 7th, when the Rev. E. Roberts will read a paper on Amusements.

THE Rev. H. M. Parsons delivered a most interesting lecture last week in MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on "Dispensational Truth as affecting Missions, especially Foreign Mission Work." With the aid of a large chart representing the various dispensations, he traced the course of religion up to the present time, and from the dealings of God with the human race in the past he pointed out what His dealings in the future would be. The dispensations were represented as eight in number: (1) Holiness; (2) Antediluvian, Adam to Noah, 1,650 years in round numbers; (3) Post-diluvian, Noah to Abraham, 450 years; (4) Patriarchal, Abraham to Moses, 450 years; (5) Jewish, Moses to Christ, 1,450 years; (6) Christian, ascension of Christ to His return, 2,000 years; (7) Millennial, return to final victory, 1,000 years; (8) Holiness. He gave a brief exposition of each of these periods, which he designated as dispensations. The whole lecture went to show the duty of Christ's disciples to send the Gospel to all nations and have it proclaimed to the entire world, that from all nations, kindred, tongues and peoples Christ might select His chosen nation to reign with Him—not to be His subjects in heaven, but to be co-rulers. The chairman, Rev. D. H. Fletcher, thanked the eloquent lecturer on behalf of the mission band of the church, under whose auspices Mr. Parsons delivered his lecture.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on November 17. Mr. J. R. McDonald addressed the court in reference to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, urging that due attention be given to it and explaining the changes proposed to be made. Arrangements were made for interchange by ministers to give addresses on the Missions and Schemes of the Church. Dr. McDonald submitted an overture providing for the election of the Moderator of the General Assembly by ballot from a list of names proposed by Presbyteries. The overture was discussed and will be considered more freely at next meeting. The Committee on Augmentation was instructed to give diligence in seeking to carry out the recommendations of the circular sent by the Augmentation Committee of the General Assembly. A committee was appointed to visit Drummondville in connection with the withdrawal of supplement from that congregation. A committee was appointed to consider the matter of the appointment of an additional professor in Knox College and report. Arrangements were made for holding conferences on the State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Schools in several central localities within the bounds. The Remit on the supply of vacant pulpits was considered and approved with some amendments. The question of the Unification of the Foreign Mission work was referred to a committee to consider and report at next meeting. Mr. Gordon gave notice of an overture anent increasing the remuneration of probationers and students.—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met at Exeter on the 10th November. The remit of Assembly on the "Unification of the Foreign Mission Work" was taken up, and after consideration of its several clauses was approved of as a whole and the following words added to the second clause as an amendment: "Care being taken that not more than two members be selected from the same Presbytery."

Thereafter the remit on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was taken up. All the clauses to the fifth were approved of simplifier. The fifth clause was amended to read: "that the rate be a percentage on income and left to the committee to determine." The fifth clause was amended by striking out the words between "allowance on" and "Jesus," and substituting therefor, "retiring from the pastorate after attaining the age of seventy." The following arrangements were made for holding missionary meetings and exchanging pulpits for preaching missionary sermons. For such meetings the Presbytery was divided into five sections: Section I.—Deputation—Messrs. McDonald, Musgrave, McCoy, and D. D. Wilson, elder. Blyth, Dec. 14th; Manchester, etc., Dec. 15th; Hullett, etc., Dec. 16th. Section II.—Deputation—Messrs. McLean, Pritchard, Ramsay, and Robert Laidlaw, elder. Seaford, Dec. 21st; Egmondville, Dec. 22nd; McKillop, etc., Dec. 23rd. Section III.—Deputation—Messrs. Fletcher, Martin, Carriere and J. Scott (Hensall), elder. Knox Church, Goderich, etc., Dec. 14th; Bayfield, etc., 15th; Bayfield Road, etc., 16th. Section IV.—Deputation—Dr. Ure, Messrs. Danby, Forrest, and J. R. Miller, elder. Thames Road, 21st; Exeter, 22nd; Grand Bend, Dec. 23rd. Section V.—Deputation—Messrs. Stewart, Acheson, Barr, Thompson, and William Kotheringham, elder. Hensall, Dec. 14th; Kippen, etc., Dec. 15th; Union Church, Brucefield, Dec. 16th; Clinton, Dec. 17th. Exchange of Pulpits.—Blyth, Mr. Stewart; Manchester, etc., Mr. Ramsay; Hullett, etc., Mr. Pritchard; Clinton, Mr. McLean; Seaford, Dr. Ure; Goderich, Mr. McDonald; Egmondville, Mr. Musgrave; McKillop, Mr. McCoy; Bayfield, etc., Mr. Carriere; Bayfield Road, etc., Mr. Forrest; Grand Bend, Mr. Danby; Exeter, Mr. Acheson; Kippen, etc., Mr. Martin; Hensall, etc., Mr. Fletcher; Thames Road, etc., Mr. Thomson. Collections to be taken up at missionary meetings for the Schemes of the Church.—A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery held its regular bi-monthly meeting in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on the 17th November.—Mr. J. C. Smith, B.D., Moderator. There was a good attendance of ministers, but only a few ruling elders. The Clerk reported that he had preached in Knox Church, Acton, and declared the pastoral charge vacant as appointed. It was reported that the Home Mission Committee had granted the applications made for augmentations of salaries in West Puslinch and Hawkesville, that the amounts had been paid over to those entitled to them and their receipt acknowledged. A committee was appointed to consider and suggest some appropriate way of celebrating the approaching jubilee of Dr. Smellie, who, in March next, will have completed his fiftieth year since his ordination to the work of the Gospel ministry—the report to be given in at first regular meeting. Dr. Torrance gave notice that at next regular meeting he would move that the Presbytery nominate Mr. J. K. Smith, M.A., of Knox Church, Galt, for the Moderator's chair at the ensuing meeting of the General Assembly. A long and elaborate report was submitted from the committee appointed to make all necessary inquiries, and procure all the information they could regard ing certain church property in Puslinch, with a view to ascertain and determine how it should be disposed of among the two congregations of Presbyterians in that township, so as to fulfil the terms under which it had been originally granted. Resolutions were read and adopted at a meeting of the congregation of Duff's Church and commissioners were heard in support of the same, setting forth their claims upon the property. Commissioners from West Puslinch were heard in reply, after which the Presbytery proceeded to deliberate. It was then unanimously resolved, on motion of Mr. J. A. R. Dickson, seconded by Mr. John Davidson, that the report of the Committee now submitted be adopted, and that they be re-appointed with instructions to confer further with the parties interested, with the view of having the matter in dispute finally settled in accordance with the report, the basis of adjustment being that the amities, which the Presbytery regard as most equitable and just, and that the Presbytery express their earnest hope that the congregations will see it to be their best interest to come to an amicable agreement on the basis suggested. A petition was presented, signed by twenty members in full communion in connection with the church in Elmira, asking to be placed in the meantime under the pastoral charge of Mr. Hamilton, of Chalmers Church. The Presbytery agreed to express their gratification with the step taken by the petitioners and to grant their prayer, it being understood that the congregation at Winterbourne was a consenting party to the arrangement. Mr. Fowlie read a report from the committee appointed to make arrangements for the usual annual conference on Sabbath Schools, Temperance and the State of Religion. The report recommended that these conferences be held in Burns Church, Erin, beginning on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 19th January, continuing throughout the evening and on the forenoon of the following day, and contained a list of subjects for discussion with the names of the speakers to introduce them. The report was received and the programme proposed approved, and the Clerk was authorized to get a sufficient number of copies printed for circulation. Reports were read of mission work at the two mission stations, Eden Mills and Garafraxa. From the report regarding the latter it was ascertained that there was an irregularity in the way in which it was supplied at present, and the Clerk was instructed to correspond with the Session on the subject and ask an explanation, and also with the student who had laboured there during the summer months, and who is understood to have some connection with the irregularity referred to. An exhaustive report was submitted from the committee appointed to examine into the business contained in the proceedings of the late General Assembly, calling for the attention and action of Presbyteries. The report consisted of two parts, one dealing with those items which were of the nature of recommendations and instructions, with which subordinate judicatories were called on to deal at once, and the other embracing remits, etc., on which returns had to be made to the Supreme Court. Among the latter were certain recommendations to a report to a special committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, on a plan proposed for the supply of vacancies, and regulations on