

the Nairn branch of his charge. In the course of the forenoon they arrived in large numbers at the manse; and having taken possession of the same, they proceeded to entertain the family to an excellent dinner. After a few hours of social and friendly intercourse they took their departure, leaving behind them many tokens of their good will in the shape of dollar bills, provisions, dry goods, etc., etc.

ON the eve of Rev. R. Ross's departure for Manitoba, he was presented by his late congregation with a purse of money and an address expressing their regret at parting with him; their high estimate of the value of the services which he had rendered during his ministry of sixteen years among them; their earnest prayer that he may be sustained under the arduous labors awaiting him in his new field; and their best wishes for his future welfare as well as for that of Mrs. Ross and the children. To this address Mr. Ross made a suitable reply.

THE congregation of Mount Pleasant are making arrangements to have a new church erected next summer, the materials for which are to be drawn this winter. It would be somewhat difficult to enumerate the churches and manse which the venerable minister of Mount Pleasant and Burford, Rev. Thomas Alexander, has been instrumental in building during his forty-three years' service, thirty-three of which were spent in this country. Though seventy years of age when called to his present charge, he has got a new church erected at Burford, all paid for at the opening, and now he has a fair prospect of seeing the sister congregation equally well supplied. He conducts two services and rides twelve miles every Sabbath.

ON the 25th ult. a special meeting of the Presbytery of Guelph was held in St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg, for the purpose of ordaining and inducting Rev. Robert Fowlie over the united congregations of St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg, and Bethel Church, Price's Corners. Rev. D. B. Cameron, of Acton, presided; Rev. Mr. Dryburgh, of Elmira and Hawkesville, preached; Rev. H. H. McPherson, of Nassagaweya, addressed the minister, and Rev. D. B. Cameron the people. At the close of these proceedings the newly ordained minister was conducted to the door of the church by Rev. J. B. Mullan of Fergus, where he received a warm welcome by the retiring congregation. Mr. Fowlie has very successfully laboured in this field since the close of Knox College last spring, and there is reason to expect that his ministry will prove a blessing to the people.

THE house of the Rev. John Smith, minister of Bay Street church, Toronto, was the scene of a very happy meeting on Saturday evening, 3rd Nov. A large number of friends assembled at the house of their pastor to present Miss Smith with a parting token of esteem previous to her marriage to the Rev. R. P. McKay, B.A., Minister of Scarborough. William Adamson, Esq., superintendent of the Sabbath School, in a few appropriate remarks presented her with a very elegant silver tea service. On the massive and costly silver tray there was the following inscription: "A bridal gift to Miss Maggie Smith from friends in Bay Street Presbyterian Church, in recognition of her valuable services to the Sabbath School." Short and suitable addresses were also given by John Riddell, Esq., representing the congregation, and G. C. Robb, Esq., president of the Young People's Association. Considering that Mr. Smith's pastorate in Toronto has only extended a little over two years, this token of esteem, so heartily given, is highly creditable to the congregation as well as gratifying to Mr. Smith and his family. After spending a happy hour the party separated. Miss Smith was Secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and from that Association, also, she received a valuable present accompanied by a very cordial address.

CHURCH OPENING.—The village of Morton, about thirty miles north-east from Kingston, was the scene of an auspicious event on Tuesday, the 16th of October. A new church erected for Presbyterian worship was on that day opened with religious services, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Burton of Belleville. The land and bell were generously bestowed by the proprietor of the village, — Morton, Esq. He has further offered a site for a manse on the lot adjoining the church. It is the only church in the place, and occupies an imposing position on an elevation that adds beauty to the prospect. It cost about \$1,200, of which amount about \$900 are provided for. Through

the liberality of a gentleman in England, who paid a visit to the place, and requested the Presbytery to raise our standard there, of friends in Kingston, as also of well-wishers in the neighbourhood belonging to other denominations, our people there have been enabled to put up a neat, commodious, and tasteful frame building, surmounted by a spire. An important link is thus supplied to form an unbroken chain of stations between Kingston and Newboro along the line of the Rideau Canal. After the dedicatory exercises a service of tea was supplied in an unoccupied store near by, followed up by addresses in the church delivered by Revs. Messrs. Burton, Allen, Gallaher, and Chambers, and Messrs. Driffin, Stuart, Miller, and Slater. A choir from Delta enlivened the proceedings by discoursing sweet, appropriate music. The exercises were kept up with intervals from two p.m. to nine p.m., and the attendance throughout was good. The parties in charge at this station evinced a commendable zeal, and furnished proof of what a few devoted, determined families can do.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON. — The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Belleville on the 9th and 10th days of October. At a *pro re nata* meeting previously held, Dr. Snodgrass intimated that he had received an appointment from Scotland, which would necessitate the severance of his connection with the Church in Canada and Queen's College, whereupon an extended minute was adopted expressive of regret in regard to the loss that would be sustained by his removal, recounting the many valuable services that had been rendered by him for the period of twenty-one years as pastor and the logical professor, and commending him to the grace of God, that he may be blessed with a long and successful ministry in his native land. Dr. Snodgrass being the Moderator for the year, Dr. Neill was appointed in his stead for the remainder of the term. The committee appointed to visit the congregation of Amherst Island in the matter of increased ministerial support reported that the duty had been discharged, and with favorable results. Arrangements have been made for the payment of an additional sum of \$100 per annum. The convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee reported respecting the supply given during the previous quarter and the plan proposed for overtaking the necessities of the field during the winter. The Missionary Association of Queen's College were requested to render service in certain fields adjacent to Kingston. Messrs. Maclean and Stuart were instructed to ascertain what the people at Consecration and associated stations are prepared to contribute for the permanent support of ordinances among them. Messrs. Kelso and Beattie were appointed to visit North Hastings before the next meeting. Mr. Gallaher was appointed Moderator *pro tem* of the Kirk Session of Gananoque. The amount levied for Manitoba College was ordered to be paid out of the Presbytery fund, when the state of the fund will allow of such a draft being made upon it. Mr. Burton gave notice of motion for the re-consideration of the standing rule in regard to the places where the stated meetings should be held. Mr. Gallaher directed attention to the propriety of having special religious services at the opening of the stated meetings, and holding a conference on the state of religion at some convenient time during the sessions. These suggestions were favourably entertained. Mr. Gallaher is to preach at the evening session of the next meeting, and an hour at least is to be devoted to a conference. The following minute was adopted in regard to Mr. Coulthard:—In accepting Mr. Coulthard's resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Gananoque, the Presbytery cannot allow this opportunity to pass without putting on record their appreciation of their brother's labours within their bounds, his earnestness and zeal for the advancement of the cause of the gospel, his courtesy as a co-Presbyter, and his general interest in the work in which as a Church we are engaged. The Presbytery earnestly pray, therefore, that a new sphere of labour may in the good providence of God be speedily opened up for him, and that the divine blessing must rest upon his future labours. Messrs. Wishart and Gray, with the elders from Stirling were authorized to ordain elders at West Huntingdon. Reports from most of the Missionaries labouring in the bounds during the summer

were read, and gratification expressed with their diligence. Mr. Leslie M. Thom, a member of Mr. Burton's congregation, was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and commended to the faculty of Queen's College. There was read a communication from Mr. Beattie complaining among other things that the arrears due him by the congregations of St. Columba and St. Paul, Madoc, had not been paid. Messrs. Burton, Maclean and Young, ministers, and Mr. Northrop, elder, were appointed a committee to see after the matter. The sum of \$24 levied for synodical purposes was ordered to be paid out of the Presbytery fund before April. A communication from the secretary of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee was read, and to meet the proposal of that committee to send a deputation to advocate the claims of the Foreign Mission, a plan for the holding of missionary meetings was prepared, and ordered to be printed.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Presbytery Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—An adjourned meeting of this court was held in the First Presbyterian Church, London, the Rev. Neil McKinnon, of Mosa, Moderator, presiding, and Rev. George Cuthbertson, of St. Thomas, Clerk. After reading the minutes of the former meeting, Rev. George Cuthbertson, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit the English Settlement on the Pool Line Road, with a view to explain the Presbytery's scheme of re-adjustment, reported that the congregation were opposed to the Presbytery's proposal. It was agreed to let these congregations remain in their present relationship, and that the question of further re-adjustment be dropped for the present. Rev. Mr. Henderson of Hyde Park, was appointed to supply Komoka till next meeting of Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Fraser of St. Thomas, reported that he had organized the congregation at Aylmer, and submitted the names received by him. On motion of Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed to receive the report and declare the names submitted to be the congregation of Aylmer, and that the charge be known under the designation of Springfield and Aylmer. Leave was granted to them to have a call moderated in if necessary before next regular meeting. The Rev. James Ferguson's resignation of his charge at Alvington and stations was considered. It was resolved to let the resignation lie on the table until the arrears are paid, or sufficient reason given why these have not been paid. A call was sustained from Dorchester and Crumlin in favor of the Rev. Alexander Fraser, promising \$700 and manse. Mr. Fraser declared his acceptance of the call addressed to him by the Melbourne congregation. His induction was appointed to take place on the 13th November at 11 a.m., Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Hyde Park, to preach; Rev. Mr. McKinnon to preside, Rev. W. R. Sutherland to address the minister, and Rev. D. McDonald to address the people. With a view to unite St. Andrew's congregation of Westminster and Rev. Mr. Simpson's late congregation, a deputation consisting of Rev. D. Camelon, (convener), Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, Revs. Fraser and Henderson, and James Cowan and R. Scott, elders, were appointed to visit these congregations, to impress upon them the desirability, the utility and duty of uniting together for the purpose of maintaining ordinances in these congregations. Rev. Farquhar McRae accepted a call from the West Williams congregation, and trial subjects were appointed to be given in at the meeting in December. In terms of the petition from Arkona and West Adelaide, these congregations were united under the charge of Mr. Lawrence, catechist; and the Presbytery resolved to give, as far as possible, a full supply to North-east Adelaide until the services of a student can be obtained. The Rev. Mr. Paradis, late of Kankakee, Ill., produced credentials from the Chicago Presbytery. It was agreed to ask leave of the Assembly to receive Mr. Paradis as a minister of this church, and in the meantime the Home Mission Committee to give him such employment as they may be able. A telegram was received from the Rev. Dr. Water, intimating that owing to sickness, he was unable to be present to press the claims of the Presbyterians of St. John, N.B. It was agreed to express sympathy with the Presbyterian sufferers of St. John, N.B., and commend their case to the consideration of the congregations within the bounds. Rev. Mr. Goldie appeared and gave in his trials for ordination. These were sustained, and the Presbytery agreed to appoint his induction to take place at Delaware, on Thursday 15th Nov., at 11 a.m.—G. CUTHBERTSON, *Clerk*.