

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. D. G. Cameron was inducted on December 26 over the congregations of Strabane and Kilbride.

THE induction of Rev. James G. Stuart, B.A., as minister of St. Mark's Church, Toronto, is appointed to take place on the 2nd inst, services commencing at 7.30 p.m.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Welland will be opened in January, and the new Lynden church in February. Rev. Dr. Cochrane will preach the opening sermons at both.

THE New Edinburgh Presbyterian Church will hold its anniversary service the first Sunday in January. It will be the completion of Rev. G. M. Clark's tenth year as pastor.

THE Society of Christian Endeavour of Union Church, Brucefield, through their president, Rev. J. H. Simpson, presented the Sabbath school of the Church, at their Christmas Arch, with a library and case, and the congregation with a handsome clock.

THE handsome and commodious church building erected by St. Paul's congregation, Ottawa, was opened on Sabbath last. Principal Grant occupied the pulpit morning and evening, preaching powerful discourses to crowded audiences on both occasions.

THE Rev. W. J. Dey, pastor of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was presented with a gold watch recently by some friends in the congregation. The presentation was made by Mr. Turnbull. Vocal and instrumental music and recitations made the evening pass pleasantly at the pastor's residence, King Street west.

AT Zion Church, Brantford, on Sabbath week there was a special children's Christmas service for the two Presbyterian schools. A short, appropriate and interesting address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, and the excellent music was under the direction of Mr. Callender.

MR. FREDERICK ABBOTT, the accomplished elocutionist, whose advertisement appears in another column, is open to engagements for church and social entertainments. The suitability of his selections and the admirable manner in which he renders them are testified to by many clergymen who have had opportunities of estimating his capabilities.

THE Christmas examinations of Manitoba College in the Theological and Arts course closed on the afternoon of the 20th ult. Twenty-three or twenty-four students are supplying fields within four Presbyteries during the holidays. The classes meet again on Tuesday the 7th inst., when several accessions in the Arts Faculty are expected.

THE Riverside congregation of the Presbyterian Church has about secured a site for the new church they intend building early next spring. Mr. J. Dodds offered to head the subscription list with a donation of \$500 and also to give the site free if the church was built in Middlemiss. The offer was declined on account of Middlemiss not being central.

THE Ottawa *Free Press* says: As the Rev. Dr. Moore will not be able to resume his work in the pastorate of Bank Street Church for a few weeks, and will leave this week for the west to recuperate, the Session have arranged with Mr. Clay, of Montreal Presbyterian College, to occupy the pulpit during the pastor's absence. Mr. Clay preached in Bank Street Sunday week, and is looked on as one of Dr. MacVicar's most promising graduates at the college. It is understood Mr. Clay will reside in the city during Dr. Moore's absence, and attend to the regular duties of the pastorate.

THE Brantford Ladies' College re-opens, after the Christmas holidays, on January 7, 1890, when a considerable increase in the attendance is anticipated. Professor H. Martin's name is a sufficient guarantee for the excellence of the Art Department. The same is true of C. A. Garratt as instructor in music, attested by the large and enthusiastic class at present taught by him. Students entering on the re-opening of the College will participate in the most important part of the work of the session. Three scholarships and three valuable medals are offered for competition.

THE many friends of the Rev. Mr. Ross, of Knox Church, Perth, will regret that last Sabbath week, while preaching, he was seized with a light stroke of paralysis in the face, and that he has had one or two since. It may not turn out to be anything more serious than his being compelled to give up work for some time. He had been working a little harder than usual, preparing a set of lectures to be delivered next session in Queen's College Theological Faculty, and the strain has overtaken his strength. It is said that he has been ordered to take an absolute rest of three months.

THE anniversary services of Union Church, Brucefield, were conducted on Sabbath, 15th ult, by the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D.D., of Hamilton, with great acceptance, profit and delight. On the following Monday evening the Doctor gave his popular and instructive lecture entitled "Palestine as I saw it," for nearly two hours he held his audience on the tip-toe of delight, as he graphically depicted the scenes he had visited in that historic and Bible land. Choice music, vocal and instrumental, was furnished by St. Andrew's Church choir, Kippen, the quartette of Carmel Church, Hensall, and the choir of Union Church. The chair was occupied by the pastor.

ON Sabbath, December 1, Rev. A. T. Wolff, D.D., Ph.D., entered upon the fourth year of his pastorate in the First Church, Alton, Ill. He preached an anniversary sermon, in which he showed the necessity of a new church edifice, the congregations crowding the church both morning and evening, every pew taken and more accommodation required. It was also shown that the regular prayer meeting had more than doubled its attendance, and that an efficient Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour has been at work for two years with an attendance of over fifty. One hundred and seven members have been added to the Church; and the present membership is 310. Altogether the Church is in a most flourishing condition.

AT a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Blenheim, held recently, the following motion was passed almost unanimously, on motion of Messrs. L. M. Bentley and Arch. Hunter: That this meeting desires to recognize the unwearied devotion and fidelity with which Mr. Waddell has discharged his duties connected with the pastorate of this Church during the past thirty-five years; that the time has now come when the increasing importance of the town demands an evening service. And that this meeting believes that Mr. Waddell would be relieved and the interests of the whole congregation better served by obtaining an assistant. It was afterwards decided to empower the Session to make arrangements in accordance with the motion.

ON Friday evening week the Rev. Dr. Robertson lectured in the Presbyterian Church of Great Village, N.S., on "Missions in the North-West." As the night was stormy the audience was not as large as the importance of the subject and the excellence of the lecture deserved. Dr. Robertson gave a short account of the work that was being done among the Indians. Day schools had been established at many of the reserves, but much difficulty was experienced in getting the children to attend school. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was given to the lecturer, in reply to which he said that as this was the last meeting he would address in Nova Scotia he wished to thank the people for their kindness to him. He had seen a great deal of Highland hospitality during his visit to Nova Scotia.

THE Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Alton Presbytery, and the Alton Church and local Society have met with a sad loss in the sudden death of Mrs. Julia Edwards Taylor, widow of Rev. C. H. Taylor, D.D., pastor of Alton from 1858 to 1868, and of the Third Church, Cincinnati, till his death in 1875. She was a woman of

brilliant intellect, a devoted Christian and faithful church worker. After the death of Dr. Taylor she returned to Alton, where she has since resided. She was especially devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions, was the inspiration and life of the local society, and president of the Presbyterian Society, which position she had held ever since its organization fourteen years ago. Mrs. Taylor was a native of Southampton, Mass., was a daughter of Hon. Elisha Edwards, of the line of Jonathan Edwards, and was educated at Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

THE Presbyterian Church at Medicine Hat, which for some time has been undergoing extensive alterations, was re-opened for public worship on Sabbath week. A large congregation attended the morning service, when the Rev. Mr. Teeter, of the Methodist Church, preached a most instructive and interesting sermon, which was listened to with marked attention throughout. In the evening the increased seating capacity was not equal to the occasion, as chairs had to be placed in the aisles to accommodate those who happened to be a little late. The Rev. Mr. Herald preached a very appropriate sermon, in the course of which he showed how, that the first altar Abraham erected to God was unavoidably plain and simple, but as Abraham and his people prospered, the buildings of the sanctuary were improved, and made worthy of that God to whom they, as a people, were so markedly indebted. The singing at both services was very good, the congregation joining in heartily with the choir. On entering the church one is struck with its comfortable appearance. The walls are tinted a light cream, and the ceiling a light blue, the colours blending admirably; the seats, which are of Douglas pine, are oil finished, showing the beautiful natural grain of the wood to perfection. A neat reading desk, made of cedar and Douglas pine, stands at the head of the aisle and in the centre of a well-proportioned arch, and behind this is accommodation for the organist and choir. Three chandeliers hanging from the ceiling and an upright lamp on each side of the reading desk, furnish ample and well-diffused light. The collection in the morning amounted to \$160.05, and in the evening to \$33.10.

ON Sabbath morning, December 15, the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in Carmel Presbyterian Church. Twenty-four new members were received into the Church, making an addition of sixty to the membership roll for the past year, or seventy-five during the fifteen months' pastorate of Rev. J. S. Henderson, formerly of Melbourne. This showing will be most gratifying to all interested in the spiritual growth and welfare of Carmel Church, and particularly so to the pastor, who is a zealous worker and an eloquent speaker. On the Monday afternoon following a Thanksgiving service was held in the church, which was largely attended. At the close the annual congregational meeting, according to the usual custom, was held, and we are pleased to state that all the different statements and reports, as submitted to the meeting, were of a most gratifying and interesting character and gave abundant evidence that the church was in a truly healthy and prosperous state financially as well as spiritually. In proof of the good financial condition we might state that the treasurer's report showed a balance on the right side, and that considerably over \$3,000 had been contributed during the past year for all church purposes. And just here, to show that the spiritual state of things is in keeping with the financial, we would state that the sum of \$540 was contributed to missions alone. This statement of facts of amounts, as raised and paid in by the congregation during the past year, and that in the face of having very recently erected a fine church with manse and sheds, costing in all in the neighbourhood of \$12,000, would be quite sufficient to show the very generous liberality of the people. It is our pleasure to give even a more conclusive and convincing proof of such, namely that it was heartily and unanimously carried, that in view of the very high esteem in which the pastor is held, that the stipend be raised \$200, making in all \$1,000, to come into effect from September, together with a month's holidays. The use of an organ in the Sabbath school being unanimously granted by the session, it was brought up for the sanction of the congregation which was given. A special vote of thanks was given to the treasurer of the congregation, Mr. W. Bell, for the excellent manner in which he kept the books and for the very full and complete report which he had given. A special vote of thanks was also given to Mr. W. Moir, treasurer of the Building Committee.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—The Presbytery of Quebec met in Sherbrooke on December 17 and 18, Rev. Dr. Lamont, Moderator. An elder's commission in favour of Mr. William Price, St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, was accepted. Rev. Evan Macaulay, of the Presbytery of Guelph, being present was invited to correspond. A committee consisting of Mr. T. Z. Lefebvre and Dr. Lamont was appointed to visit the French mission stations in the Lake Megantic district. It was resolved that the Little Metis Church continue under the present management in the meantime; and the managers thereof were recommended to deal liberally with the Grand Metis Mission. Dr. Lamont and Mr. Dewar were instructed to visit Lingwick in the interests of Augmentation, and to moderate in a call should the way be open. Mr. D. C. Dewar was appointed Moderator of Lingwick session in room of Mr. A. Lee, resigned. A circular letter from Dr. Reid was read, setting forth that the sum of \$90 is assigned to this Presbytery as their share of the Assembly Fund. The Clerk was instructed to take steps to secure the amount. Mr. John Allan, B.A., was invited to labour at Sawyerville for three months. Mr. D. Tait was instructed to visit Metis and report to the next meeting. Mr. C. A. Tanner presented the French mission report which showed that there are at present five missionaries (French) labouring within the bounds; that in some fields, especially in the city of Quebec, the work is progressing favourably. It was resolved to ask the Board of French Evangelization to send Mr. Tanner to the Saguenay district to preach, to visit scattered Protestant families and administer ordinances. The Board was further recommended to send an ordained missionary, speaking English and French, to that field. A committee consisting of Rev. J. R. MacLeod, A. Lee, A. T. Love, C. A. Tanner, and Mr. R. Brodie, was appointed to bring in a deliverance on French work. Revs. Tait, Love and Lefebvre were appointed a committee on Remits to report to the next meeting. Official intimation was received to the effect that a call to the Rev. W. K. McCulloch to Hawkesbury had been sustained by the Presbytery of Ottawa. Mr. McCulloch's congregation (Leeds) is cited to appear in Richmond on December 31. It was resolved to hold a conference on "Higher Religious Instruction" at the next meeting, Mr. John MacLeod to open the discussion. The appointment of examining centres in connection with "Higher Religious Instruction" was left in the hands of Rev. James Sutherland. Revs. John MacLeod, Jas. D. Fergusson, and J. R. MacLeod were appointed a committee to consider the advisability of having printed standing orders for the Presbytery. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Morrin College Hall, Quebec, March 11, 1890.—J. R. MACLEOD, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—The Presbytery met within Knox Church, Paisley, on Tuesday, December 10th. Mr. Johnston was appointed Moderator for the ensuing half year. Arrangements were made for the Presbyterial visitation of half of the Presbytery during winter, and the following committees were appointed. Messrs. Fergusson, Duff and Caven, to visit Group III, and Dr. James, Messrs. Moore and Kirstine to visit Group IV. Committees were also formed to visit the supplemented congregations within the bounds. Mr. Donald McKenzie, M.A., minister elect of Tara, passed a highly satisfactory examination, and the following arrangements were made for his ordination and induction at Tara on Tuesday, December 24, at 2 p.m., viz., Mr. Tolmie to preside, Mr. Campbell to preach. Mr. Gourlay to address the minister and Mr. Moore the people. There was submitted the report of the Home Mission Committee anent the division of the Algoma field asked for by the Presbytery of Maitland, setting forth their reasons for believing that a division would not be at

the present time in the interests of the field and embodying the views of the Home Mission Committee of Owen Sound Presbytery and the Session of Sault Ste. Marie, against the proposed division. The following deliverance was adopted, "In view of the whole facts of the case, the Presbytery would recommend that the petition asking for a division of the field be not granted but that the formation of a Presbytery in this district be kept more and more prominent, and that, for the speedy accomplishment thereof as strong inducements as possible be held out to our younger ministers and probationers to enter upon work there. Further, whilst we see no reason for the division of the field—as the Presbytery of Bruce is willing to continue the supervision thereof, which is deemed satisfactory by some of the leading congregations in the field—yet if the Synod considers that any change from the present would be in the interests of the field and beneficial to the Maitland Presbytery, rather than divide the oversight of the work, the Presbytery of Bruce would consent to the transference of the whole field to the care of the Presbytery of Maitland, but whatever change may be deemed necessary in the present management of the field, this Presbytery would strongly recommend the early formation of a new Presbytery. Messrs. Johnston and Campbell were appointed to deliver addresses at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Women's Foreign Mission Society. Dr. Laing of Dundas, was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. Mr. Wilkie was heard giving interesting information regarding the mission work in India and asking the members of Presbytery to assist him in securing the \$10,000 which the Foreign Mission Committee have asked him to raise in Canada, towards the building fund of the Canadian Mission College at Indore. On motion, it was resolved that the Presbytery endorse the work that had been carried on by Mr. Wilkie at Indore and recommend the object which he had been advocating to the sympathy and liberality of the Christian people within our bounds. The whole of the evening session was devoted to an interesting and very profitable conference on the State of Religion and kindred subjects. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held within Knox Church, Paisley, on the second Tuesday of March, 1890, at 1 o'clock p.m.—JAS. GOURLAY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met at Wingham December 10. The Rev. D. G. Cameron accepted the call given to him by the congregations of Strabane and Kilbride in the Presbytery of Hamilton and the following motion regarding his translation was adopted, That as Mr. Cameron has signified his acceptance of the call extended to him by the congregations of Strabane and Kilbride in the Presbytery of Hamilton, this Presbytery agree to his translation, and that his connection with it cease after the 16th inst. Further, in parting with Mr. Cameron the Presbytery would record its high appreciation of his services during the past five years and its regret in now parting with him. His ability and faithfulness as a teacher and pastor and his regularity in attending the courts of the Church and his willingness to perform his full share of the Presbytery's work together with his Christian courtesy and brotherliness in his intercourse with his co-Presbyters have secured for him the affection and esteem of his brethren as well as of the congregations comprising his charge. The Presbytery would follow him to his future field with best wishes and with prayers for his success. The congregations of Dungannon and Port Albert are assured of the warm sympathy of this Presbytery in the loss they sustain in the translation of their beloved pastor, and also of the fervent hope that in the good providence of God a suitable under shepherd will soon be appointed over them. Mr. McLennan was appointed Moderator, *pro tem.*, of the sessions of Dungannon and Port Albert, and was appointed to declare the charge vacant on the 22nd inst. Messrs. Ross and Anderson were appointed with Mr. McLennan to arrange for the supply of Dungannon and Port Albert. Chalmers Church, Kincardine Tp. and Bervie, will be supplied three Sabbaths' from the probationers' list next quarter, after the second Sabbath in February. Dungannon and Port Albert will receive six Sabbaths' supply from the Probationers' Committee next quarter. The Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. Deputations were appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations with instructions to secure from each augmented congregation a detailed statement of its receipts and disbursements for the previous calendar year, and to submit such statement along with their report to next meeting of Presbytery. The deputations are Mr. Hartley and his Presbytery elder to visit Belgrave; Mr. Geddes and his elder to visit Langside; Mr. Macdonald and his elder to visit Pine River; and Mr. McLennan and his Presbytery elder to visit Dungannon and Port Albert. The Assembly's scheme of higher religious instruction of youth was considered, and it was agreed that the following places be local centres for examination of youth scheme. Melville Church, Brussels, Wingham, Lucknow; Knox Church, Ripley and Kincardine, and that the ministers of these churches be the presiding examiners. Rev. W. H. Geddes, Whitechurch, was appointed Convener of the Presbytery's Sunday School Committee in place of Mr. Cameron, translated. The Clerk presented a communication from Dr. Reid regarding the General Assembly Fund, stating that ninety dollars are required from this Presbytery. Sessions were instructed to see that suitable contributions for this scheme be forwarded to the agent of the Church. The Remits on the Constitution of the General Assembly and on Sunday School Secretary were disapproved, and that on obligatory connection with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund approved. The question of Sabbath observance was considered and in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly it was resolved that congregations be instructed to forward to the Clerk not later than the 31st inst. petitions to the Dominion Parliament in the terms proposed by the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, and further the Presbytery authorized the Moderator and Clerk to sign these petitions in its name. The Clerk was instructed to forward the petitions to Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Ottawa, for presentation. Messrs. Geddes and Anderson were appointed to address a public meeting in connection with the presentation of the annual report of the Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the evening of the day of next meeting of Presbytery. The next meeting will be held at Wingham on Tuesday, March 11, at 11.15 a.m.—JOHN MACNABB, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 10th Dec. The North Church, Winnipeg, received leave to elect and ordain elders from their own members. Revs. J. A. Sutherland, Keewatin; G. D. McKay, Dakota, and C. D. McDonald, of Thorold, Ont., were asked to sit as corresponding members. In accordance with a request from the congregation of Keewatin and a supporting resolution from the congregation of Rat Portage the connection between the two congregations was severed, Rat Portage and Norman continuing as one and Keewatin being erected into a separate congregation. A request on behalf of the Keewatin congregation for moderation in a call to a minister was granted. Rev. Mr. Nairn and his session of Rat Portage were appointed to act as a session for Keewatin until the latter can elect elders of its own. Prof. Hart reported that he had moderated in a call from the congregation of Kildonan to Rev. C. D. McDonald, B.Sc., of Thorold, Ont., and that the call was unanimous, being signed by eighty-four members and thirty-nine adherents; the congregation guaranteed a salary of \$1,000 per annum, payable quarterly, with manse; Messrs. J. Sutherland and R. McBeth supported the call on behalf of the congregation; and the Presbytery, on motion, sustained it as a regular Gospel call, and ordered it to be transmitted to the Hamilton Presbytery. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions, and Dr. Fletcher of Hamilton, were appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Hamilton, and Prof. Hart and Mr. McBeth were appointed to prepare reasons for the call. Dr. King and Prof. Hart presented the names of Messrs. Thos. Beveridge, B.A., A. E. Driscoll, B.A.; A. McC. Brown and S. Polson as students wishing to enter upon the study of theology. A committee appointed to examine the candidates