

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Gavin Lang, late of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, is doing Canada good service. He has induced from five to six hundred English and Scotch immigrants to settle in the North-West.

MR. FLEMING was settled at Warsaw on the 14th inst., under very favourable auspices. Mr. Bennett presided, Mr. Carmichael preached, Mr. Clarke addressed the minister, and Mr. Torrance the people.

THE Rev. Mr. Hill, who succeeded the Rev. Gavin Lang in Montreal, preached his first sermon to a large and attentive congregation in St. Andrew's Church, on Sabbath, the 12th inst., and produced a profound impression. We hope the change will be beneficial to pastor and people, and that Mr. Hill will be "at home."

THE congregation of Glenallan met at the manse on the 23rd ult., and presented the Rev. James Bryant and Mrs. Bryant with an elegant silver tea service as a token of esteem and appreciation of their labours. Mr. Bryant replied in feeling and suitable terms. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and will long be remembered by all who were present.

REV. J. EDGAR HILL was formally inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, 15th inst., Rev. Dr. McDonald, the moderator, and other members of the Presbytery officiated. The installation sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Dobie. In the evening a grand reception was given to the new minister in the parlours of the church.

ABLE, thoughtful and practical discourses were delivered in College street Presbyterian Church last Sabbath by Revs. Professor McLaren and G. M. Milligan, on the occasion of the congregations anniversary. A special Sabbath school service was held in the afternoon when the pastor, Rev. A. Gilray, preached to the young. A liberal collection was realized for the building fund.

REV. JOHN EADIE, Pinkerton, was agreeably surprised on a recent occasion by his Brant congregation presenting him with a handsome winter sleigh robe, valuable silver-mounted harness, driving whip, and orchestra of silver bells. After the presentation there was a sumptuous feast, and several ladies gave some fine musical selections. Mr. Eadie replied in suitable terms, thanking the donors for their great kindness.

THE Presbyterian Anniversary Missionary Meetings will be held in Erskine Church, Toronto, as follows: Tuesday, 21st November—Home Missions; Wednesday, 22nd—French Evangelization; Thursday, 23rd—Foreign Missions. Chair to be taken each evening at eight o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Moderator of the General Assembly; Rev. J. Mackintosh, Philadelphia; Rev. J. Hogg, Moncton, N.B., and others. A collection will be taken at each meeting.

THANKSGIVING service was held in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, the pastor, Mr. Little, conducting the service. He preached a good discourse to a good congregation. The choir, under Prof. Doyle, in addition to the regular music, sang an anthem appropriate to the day, which was much appreciated. A collection at the close amounted to \$20.65. In the evening a missionary service was held, and addresses delivered by Messrs. Yellowlees, Fairbairn and McLaughlin. Every one was pleased with the addresses, which were short and pithy. Over \$57 were placed to the credit of the Missionary Association at its close.

THE Bible class of the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, have arranged for a course of seven popular lectures during the winter months. They have been successful in securing the services of the following well-known lecturers: Rev. J. R. Laidlaw, Hamilton; Rev. D. H. Fletcher, Hamilton; Rev. G. M. Milligan, Toronto; Rev. John Smith, Toronto; Rev. John Thompson, Ayr; Rev. J. Inglis, Ayr; Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Brantford. The tickets for the full course have been placed at one dollar. The lectures will be delivered in the school room of the church, on or about full moon of each month. The managers of the church are sodding the grounds surrounding their handsome edifice, and when completed the work will be a credit to the congregation as well as to the town.

REV. MR. STRAITH preached his farewell sermon in Knox Presbyterian Church, Paisley, last Sunday morning. The commodious church was well filled, there being scarcely a vacant seat. A great many

from adjacent congregations and other denominations were present. Mr. Straith preached a very appropriate and impressive sermon. Mr. Straith has been ministering to this congregation for eleven years, and it does seem hard that his connection with the church after so long a period should be so rudely broken. Still we believe his resignation is all for the best, and it is to be hoped that the congregation will soon select another pastor, and that the harmony which should characterize Christian institutions will prevail. We wish Mr. Straith the greatest of prosperity wherever his lot may be cast in future.

DURING the past summer the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon, P.Q., have expended \$100 upon their manse in the way of improvements. It is now one of the neatest and most comfortable manses in the Presbytery of Montreal. The garden around it is a model of trimness and beauty—the result of the skill and care bestowed on it by the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Muir. They also expended about \$500 on the church by putting a gallery and a new chandelier with side lamps in it. The gallery had become a necessity, and will give accommodation for 100 sittings. Never before in its history was the congregation in a more flourishing condition than it is now—a fact most gratifying to all—and especially to their pastor, who is better liked to-day as a preacher than he was when he came amongst them eight years ago.

AT the opening of the present term of the Presbyterian Theological Hall, Halifax, Professor Currie delivered a lecture on the "Study of Hebrew." There were forty ministers present and a large number of intelligent laymen. The subject is one of great importance at the present day, and Professor Currie has not failed to put forward the claims of the Hebrew language on all who are in the ministry, as well as those who are candidates for the office. We consider the lecture a masterly one, and have no doubt that the learned professor will earn additional laurels by this timely and able lecture. We agree with the "Witness" in recommending the lecture to the perusal of all scholars and literary men, and would advise students to get a copy of the lecture and "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the same. We hope to see it in pamphlet form.

ON the 8th ult. a new stone church belonging to Rev. Alex. MacLennan's congregation at Sydenham, Grey county, was opened for public worship. The building which is quite large and very neat, is of gray stone, the front of square stone pointed with black. Its tinned steeple can be seen from a long distance, as it stands on a hill directly opposite the old one. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. James Cameron, of Chatsworth, who preached from Haggai ii. 7, a very solemn and impressive sermon, which was listened to by the large assemblage with great interest. Rev. John Somerville, of Owen Sound, preached in the evening, and although many of the people had a long distance to go to their homes and return, the house was again filled, and they were fully repaid by the earnest practical discourse Mr. Somerville had prepared for them. Mr. MacLennan, who has laboured here for fourteen years, now sees a long-felt want brought to a happy completion, and cannot but look upon the new church with great pleasure, especially as there was so much cordiality and enthusiasm manifested by all, and particularly by the young men in its building. The collection taken at the opening amounted to nearly \$100, and we are gratified to state the church is nearly free from debt.

ON Tuesday, 14th November, the new church at Fairfax was opened and dedicated by special religious services. Rev. Mr. Milligan, of Toronto, preached an able and suggestive sermon in the morning upon Ps. xx. 2. "Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion." A sumptuous dinner was given in an adjoining farm house, after which the people repaired to the church which they nearly filled. Rev. Mr. Shore, pastor, made an interesting statement to the effect that the building had cost \$1,500, of which \$1,000 was subscribed and paid. It remained for the people to show what was to be done with the balance of \$500. Rev. Dr. Smith, of Kingston, gave a very kindly and interesting address, promising that, if they would raise \$300, he would take steps to secure the balance. Rev. D. Mitchell, of Belleville, addressed the meeting on "How to make a Church prosperous," and Rev. Mr. Gracey, of Gananoque, spoke a few words of encouragement, while Rev. Mr. Milligan gave a rousing speech on the duty of clearing off the small debt at

once. During the evening it was announced that \$230 had been raised, and there would be no difficulty in getting the balance. After an excellent tea the people again assembled in the church, when Rev. Mr. Mitchell preached an inspiring sermon upon Ex. xxiv. 29: "Moses wist not that his face shone while He talked with Him." Rev. Mr. Shore is a recent importation from the Methodist Church, and his reception by the General Assembly is justified by his remarkable success not only in Fairfax, but throughout his field embracing Lansdown and Sand Bay. At the latter place a new church is nearly ready for opening.

ON Monday evening, the 23rd ult., the congregation of Gibraltar Mission Station (Knox Church), Collingwood township, held a very pleasant and successful tea meeting in the church; the building was filled to the doors with the members of the church, their families and friends, as well as a large number of their Methodist and Baptist brethren. Refreshments and tea were provided by the ladies, and were as usual abundant and of the choicest quality. After these were partaken of to the satisfaction of all, Mr. Wm. McCuaig (teacher) was called to the chair, who in brief referred to the work of Mr. R. B. Smith, student, Knox College, who has laboured amongst them during the past summer, deeply regretting his unavoidable absence to-night, speaking in kindly and warm words of his hard-working, earnest, and faithful labours amongst them, winning the affection and sympathy of all denominations, both as a teacher from the pulpit and a sympathizer in public life, which was heartily responded to by the audience. Amusing and instructive addresses were delivered by Revs. Hall, Primitive Methodist, and Chisholm, Presbyterian, of Osprey; by Messrs. A. Malcolm, and D. J. McQuaig of the sister congregation at Banks, and others. The Victoria Methodist choir, 8th Line Collingwood, provided excellent music for the occasion, whose kindness in that way will not soon be forgotten. Proceeds clear of all expenses amounted to \$55.50, to be applied in defraying expenses incurred during the summer in painting and other furnishings for the church building. After the usual vote of thanks the meeting closed with the doxology, and all dispersed for their homes well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

A SOCIAL gathering of the active workers in connection with the different organizations of this congregation, Knox Church, Hamilton, was held in the basement of the church the other evening, tea being served at half-past seven, to which upwards of one hundred sat down. The meeting was presided over by the pastor of the congregation, Rev. John James, D.D., and was opened by the choir singing a hymn and prayer by the chairman. Miss Jennie McIntyre then sang a solo, entitled "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," which was well received by the audience present, and reflected credit upon herself. On motion of Mr. W. H. McLaren, seconded by Mr. James Rich, Mr. David McLellan was elected secretary of the meeting, and the chairman then announced the object for which the meeting had been called, viz.: "How may new life and energy be imparted to all branches of the Church's work?" In a few short sentences the doctor explained fully his views on the subject, and at the same time threw out some very valuable suggestions as to how this most desired object might be attained; when it was moved by Mr. W. Given, seconded by Mr. Peter Foreman, and "Resolved, that recognizing the importance of social intercourse as a means of promoting harmony and Christian activity in the congregation, and especially for the purpose of drawing closer together for mutual counsel, encouragement and support of those engaged in the carrying on the work of the Church, be it resolved that meetings similar to the present be held every three months, and congregational socials as often as circumstances may indicate desirable." A quartette, "Rock of Ages," by Messrs. Thos. Laird and F. H. Ross, Miss M. McMenemy and Miss M. Allen, was rendered in a very acceptable manner. On motion of Mr. John G. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. W. H. McLaren, a committee consisting of representatives from all the organizations connected with the congregation was appointed to make suitable arrangements for the next quarterly social, namely: Messrs. A. A. Wyllie (Convener), H. D. Cameron, William Gillespie, James Rich, Alexander Mitchell, Wm. Given, W. H. McLaren, Peter Foreman, J. A. Moffatt, James Johnson, John Foreman, Alexander McPherson, John Gillespie, J. G. McIntyre, Misses A. McMenemy, I. Johnstone, S. McKean, I. Gillespie, M. McMenemy, Nellie James, Aggie James,