

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Dr. Bennet, of St. John, who recently tendered his resignation, will retire next August.

REV. MR. JAMES, Presbyterian minister of Midland, Penetanguishene and Wyebidge, has received a hearty call to Norwood.

THE old "Union Church," Galt, was put up at auction on Saturday last, and knocked down to Mr. Thomas Hamilton for \$500.

THE services in the Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, will in the future be held morning and evening, instead of afternoon, as heretofore.

THE Rev. Mr. Currie, who as student preached so acceptably to Uptergrove Presbyterians, returned last Saturday as a regular licensed minister of the Presbyterian Church.

REV. R. N. GRANT, of Ingersoll, has received a hearty and unanimous call from the Orillia Presbyterians, who offer him a stipend of \$1,200 per year and a manse.

THE Presbytery of St. John, at its last meeting, appointed the Rev. Dr. Bennet to preach St. Andrew's Church vacant on the first Sabbath in July. He was also named Moderator of Session.

AT the late meeting of the senate of Toronto University, Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., who have been reappointed by the Ontario Government for the next three years, took their seats.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in St. Andrews Church Thamesford, next Sabbath, when Rev. Mr. Cameron will be assisted by Rev. Messrs. Cameron of Lucknow, Scott of Brooksdale, and Munro of Embro.

REV. W. J. SMYTH, B.A., of Quaker Hill, Uxbridge, who has accepted the call from New Carlisle, Ohio, has passed the examinations of the post-graduate course of Bloomington University, Ill., and has obtained the degree of Ph. D. (Doctor of Philosophy).

THE Stratford "Beacon" says: "Rev T. T. Johnston, of Molesworth, has returned from Toronto, where he has been under the care of Mr. C. Cluthe, who has made for him a spinal prop. It seems the rev. gentleman is somewhat affected with spinal disease, and has the painful prospect at no distant day of being an invalid for life unless this prop does the work required.

THE Rev. D. M. Gordon, the popular pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, has accepted the call of the congregation of Knox Church, Winnipeg. The decision of Mr. Gordon is much regretted by the members of his congregation, by whom he is held in high esteem, while his departure from the city will be a loss which will be felt outside his own ecclesiastical communion.

THE Presbyterian church, Cobourg, is to have a new bell. For over fifteen years the old one has been unused, having got broken shortly after it was put up. The new bell has been cast, and will be here in a few days. The difference between the price allowed for the bell metal of the old bell, and the cost of the new one, has been kindly donated to the church by Mr. R. Mullholland.

A DUNGANNON correspondent says: The Presbyterian Sabbath school was re-opened in the Orange Hall, Sabbath last, with an attendance of thirty-nine scholars, and a fair number of teachers. It is a pity that the good people at the head of the Presbyterian congregation here can't see to what extent they are standing in their own light by not erecting a new church in this village.

AN enjoyable concert, under the auspices of the College Street Presbyterian Young People's Christian Association, was held last week, at which vocal and instrumental music was pleasingly rendered by Mrs. Morris, Misses Corlett, Miss Boyd, Dr. Geikie, Messrs. Manton, Bryce and Barclay. Recitations were also given by Messrs. Haight, Brooke and Miss Alexander. The chair was occupied by the Rev. A. Gilray.

AT a recent meeting of College street Presbyterian congregation, Mr. James Mitchell, College street, for the past six years the efficient superintendent of the Sabbath school, and who now retires temporarily from that office, was the recipient of an illuminated address and a handsome timepiece, indicative of the appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him. Several appropriate brief addresses were delivered by

Rev. Alex. Gilray, who presided on the occasion, and others interested in the work of the Sabbath school. It is earnestly hoped it will. Mr. Johnston's attached congregation are greatly concerned about their esteemed pastor's ailment, and are anxiously hoping he may speedily recover his usual health and strength.

A MOST enjoyable entertainment was given by the Deer Park Presbyterian congregation on the evening of Friday last. The programme consisted of selections of sacred music by the Eglington choir, solos by Miss Williamson, instrumental duets by the Misses Palmer and Burand, and by Mrs. Pringle and Miss Sutherland, and readings by Mr. Headley, of the "Monetary Times." The neat little church was filled by an appreciative audience, and the duties of the choir were efficiently discharged by Principal Caven, D.D. Mr. Wallace, who has charge of the church for the summer months, is endearing himself to the people; and the regular services and Sabbath school are well attended. We wish the congregation ever-increasing prosperity of the best kind.

THE Rev. A. T. Hartley, Presbyterian minister of Hensall, who has accepted a call from Bluevale congregation, was on Thursday evening, 18th, made the recipient of a token of respect, illustrative of the goodwill and harmony existing between pastor and people. Some 75 persons proceeded to the manse, where they were hospitably welcomed by Mr. Hartley and lady, who did all in their power to make the large and unexpected company of guests comfortable. After order had been restored, Mr. McLaren, on behalf of the Bible class, read a very flattering and feeling address to Mr. Hartley, expressive of their deep sense of indebtedness for the earnest labours and unvarying zeal he had exhibited for their welfare; and of the great loss they were about to sustain in his departure, coupled with the wish that he would long be spared to his family and the world, "to do good" like his Master. Mr. White, in the name of the Bible class, then presented him with a purse containing one hundred and twelve dollars in gold. Mr. Hartley replied in suitable terms, thanking the donors most heartily for their expressions of respect and the kindly feelings of sympathy which they exhibited.

AT the close of the prayer meeting on the 3rd inst., the Rev. A. Kennedy received a parting address from the congregation of Dunbarton, which was full of kind and grateful expressions of their high appreciation of him as their pastor, and was accompanied with a purse of \$123. Mr. Kennedy feelingly replied, and thanked them for this altogether unexpected parting gift. It may be interesting to state that when Mr. Kennedy settled in Dunbarton, he preferred it to some larger congregations from which he had received calls, because of the feeble state of his health, which was very much shattered from a fourteen years' residence as a missionary in the Island of Trinidad. His health greatly recruited, and he has continued to labour among them for twenty-eight years. No minister has laboured more faithfully, and no congregation has more appreciated their privileges and shown stronger attachments; and now that he has removed from their midst, he will long be remembered as a genial friend, a wise counsellor and a faithful pastor. Mr. Kennedy has removed to Newcastle, where we trust he will enjoy a ripe old age.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on the 16th May. Messrs. McMechan, Laidlaw, McEwan, and Dr. Thompson, ministers, and Messrs. Leggat and Watson, elders, were appointed commissioners in place of those who had resigned their commissions. The resignation of the pastoral charge of Waterdown by Mr. McMechan was accepted, to take effect after June 1st. Mr. Laing was appointed Moderator of Session. The resignation by Mr. Porteous, of Port Dalhousie, was accepted, to take effect after July 1st, and it was resolved to appeal to the General Assembly for leave to Mr. Porteous to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and to be admitted to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The resignation of Beverly by Mr. Thynne was accepted, to take effect after May 21st, and Mr. Porteous was appointed Moderator of Session. Mr. Warrender tendered his resignation of St. Ann's, Wellandport and Smithville. The resignation was laid on the table, and the congregations were ordered to be cited for their interests. It was resolved to bring the case of Mr. J. H. Simpson, catechist, before the General Assembly, asking that it be dealt with as a special

case. Mr. Fletcher, convener, and the other ministers of the city of Hamilton were appointed a committee to superintend the students within the bounds. —JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., and proceeded to the induction of the Rev. F. R. Beattie, M.A., B.D., to the pastorate of that church before a fair-sized congregation composed of the members of the church and other friends in the city. The Presbytery being duly constituted, the clerk *pro tem.*, Dr. Cochrane, called for any objections to the life or doctrine of the minister-elect. None having been offered, the Rev. Mr. Ballantine, of Paris, entered the pulpit and preached a forcible and eloquent sermon from Isaiah, 42nd chapter and 4th verse. The Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Paris, then put the usual questions to Mr. Beattie, which having been satisfactorily answered, he was set apart by solemn prayer to the pastorate of the church. After having received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren present, Dr. Cochrane addressed him in touching terms as to the duties of the office—first, in the pulpit; second, in pastoral visitation; third, as to his public duties outside of his own congregation. Thereafter Mr. McLeod addressed the congregation, and after the services closed Dr. Cochrane accompanied the newly inducted minister to the door of the church, where he was introduced to the members of his church, and received from them a cordial greeting. The following were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Revs. Dr. Cochrane, W. T. McMullen, W. M. Martin, D. D. McLeod, J. McEwan, W. A. McKay; Elders—Messrs. F. Anderson, J. Rutherford, S. Charlton, R. Turnbull, M. McKenzie, T. Nichol. The minute of last meeting of Presbytery in reference to the resignation of Mr. Hume was read, and the elders heard regarding their non-appearance at said meeting, and other matters connected therewith. On motion, the case was dismissed, and all parties counselled to seek the things that make for peace. Mr. Wm. McKinley, graduate of Knox College, was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. The Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Paris on the first Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in Seaforth on the 9th inst. Rev. Messrs. Ross of Brussels, and Graham of Egmondville, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. Circular letters were read from the following Presbyteries, intimating that they intended to ask leave of the General Assembly to receive the parties whose names follow as ministers of this Church: From the Presbytery of London, for the reception of Messrs. Thomas McAdam and George Crombie; from the Presbytery of Ottawa, for the reception of Mr. Vessot; the Presbytery of Kingston, for the reception of Mr. Godfrey Shores; the Presbytery of Quebec, for the reception of Mr. Charbonnelle. A call was taken up from the congregations of Bluevale and Eadie's, in the Presbytery of Maitland, to Mr. Hartley, of Rodgerville. Parties were heard for and against translation, including Mr. Hartley, intimating his acceptance of the call. The Presbytery accordingly agreed to the translation, Mr. Danby to be Moderator of the Session of Rodgerville during the vacancy and declare the pulpit vacant. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Musgrave (convener), Danby and Campbell, was appointed to prepare a suitable minute respecting Mr. Hartley's translation. The call to Mr. Hartley was unanimous and hearty; the stipend promised is \$800 with a manse. Messrs. McDonald and McCoy were appointed Commissioners to the Assembly, in place of Messrs. Paterson and Thomson, who resigned their appointment. Messrs. John Reid and M. T. Wilson were appointed in place of Messrs. J. Scott and D. D. Wilson, resigned. The Rev. T. G. Thomson asked leave of absence for three months because of ill-health, provision having been made for his pulpit during his absence. The Presbytery, while expressing sympathy with Mr. Thomson, granted him leave accordingly. A letter was read from Mr. Boudreau stating that he could not see his way to accept the call of the congregation at Grand Bend. The call was accordingly set aside, and Mr. Stewart was instructed to correspond with Mr. Warden and Dr. McVicar with a view of securing for Grand Bend a minister who can officiate in both English and French. The overture on standing orders was approved of *simpliciter*. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Bayfield on the 2nd Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.—A. MCLEAN, Pres. Clerk.