

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

WE are pleased to hear that the Marquis of Lorne has become an annual subscriber to the Presbyterian church in New Edinburgh.

PRINCIPAL GRANT, of Queen's University, has arranged for a course of lectures to be given in Kingston during the winter. The first will be on the 14th instant, by Rev. David Mitchell of Toronto, on "Sir Walter Scott."

A NEW Presbyterian church was opened yesterday at Ashton, on the line of the Canada Central Railway. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, preached on the occasion. The pastor of the church is Rev. J. M. McAllister.

A SOCIAL was held by the congregation of Manotick and Gloucester on the evening of the 22nd of October, to welcome the lately settled pastor and his wife. Everything went off very pleasantly. The speeches were good, the music excellent, and the cordial good feeling manifested by those present all that could be desired.

ON the departure of Rev. John Wilkie and Mrs. Wilkie for India, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Almonte presented Mrs. Wilkie with a Teacher's Bible and a handsome writing case, praying that the Divine blessing may rest on their labours in that far distant land. This Society was organized in August, 1878, and it is pleasing to note the increased interest taken in the cause of missions by the members; it has raised so far about the sum of \$70.—COM.

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., a large congregation assembled in Melville Church, Brussels, to witness the ordination and induction of the Rev. J. Ross as pastor of the congregation. The Rev. Messrs. McNaughton, Jones, Brown, and Cameron took the several parts of the solemn and interesting service. In the evening a very successful tea meeting was held in the town hall, at which several gentlemen delivered addresses. Everything passed over in the most satisfactory manner.

THE Rev. C. E. Amaron was ordained a minister and inducted to the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Three Rivers, on Wednesday evening, the 15th October. The Rev. W. B. Clark of Quebec presided and preached; the Rev. F. M. Dewey impressively addressed the newly-ordained pastor; and the Rev. M. F. Boudreau of Danville, the congregation. The church was filled, the Episcopal and Wesleyan congregations being well represented; all attentively witnessed the simple, practical but solemn service. Mr. Amaron enters on his work under favourable auspices—the call has been unanimous and he has already secured the confidence of his people. At the close of the service, the newly inducted pastor was cordially greeted at the door by the whole assembly as it dispersed.

THE new church in Parkdale, Toronto, was opened on Sabbath last with appropriate services conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Macdonnell, Mitchell and Hogg, who preached respectively in the morning, afternoon and evening, to large and interested congregations. The Presbyterians in Parkdale have displayed a very commendable spirit of enterprise and liberality. Ever since they were organized into a congregation they have been active both in supporting ordinances among themselves and in seeking to have a comfortable and commodious place of meeting. These efforts have now been crowned with success. They have a neat, convenient place of worship, and in a short time we trust will have to be congratulated on securing a settled pastor, who will carry forward the work already so auspiciously begun.

THE Rev. Alexander Young was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation of Napanee, on the 28th day of October. The weather was somewhat unfavourable, but the attendance was encouraging. Mr. Young was released from this charge a few months ago, but a train of providential circumstances seemed to indicate that he should return and follow up the work in which he had formerly been engaged. Mr. Craig presided on the occasion, Mr. Matthews preached, Mr. Smith addressed the minister, and Mr. Stuart the people. In the evening a social meeting was held to welcome the pastor back. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Wilson, A. B. Chambers (Methodist), T. S. Chambers, Smith and the pastor. The choir of the congregation furnished

pleasing music. On the following evening the young people were treated to an entertainment. A contract has been given out for the enlargement and improvement of the manse. It is to be hoped that this renewed relationship will be for the glory of God, and the benefit of many souls.

THE Presbytery of Barrie met on Wednesday, the 15th October, to induct the Rev. Stuart Acheson into the pastoral charge of Burns' and Dunn's congregations. These congregations were recently connected with First Essa congregation, so that these three branches constitute one pastoral charge. A large congregation was assembled within Burns' Church, the place appointed for the induction. The Rev. J. J. Cochrane of Thornton preached a suitable sermon from Acts xxvi. 28, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." The Rev. J. R. S. Burnett of Alliston addressed the newly inducted minister in very appropriate terms. The Rev. Thomas McKee of Angus presided and also addressed the congregation in a suitable and impressive manner. At the close of the induction service the moderator escorted Mr. Acheson to the vestibule of the church, where the congregation gave him a hearty reception, after which an excellent tea was partaken of, which had been sumptuously provided by the ladies of the congregation. The Alliston choir, under the leadership of Mr. Knight, rendered excellent music, which was highly appreciated by the audience. Spirited speeches were given by Mr. Hood, and the following: Rev. Messrs. Acheson, Fitzsimons, Burnett of Alliston, and Cochrane of Thornton, after which the meeting was brought to a close. Mr. Acheson has now entered upon a very promising field of labour. We hope that he may be long spared and that his labours may be abundantly blessed.—COM.

ON Tuesday, the 28th October, the Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, M.A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of the united congregations of Claude and Mayfield. Notwithstanding the unsettled state of the weather, the attendance was very large, the spacious church of Claude being well filled. The occasion was rendered all the more interesting by the presence of the Rev. R. M. Croll of Simcoe, the former pastor of the congregations, and the venerable Dr. Fraser of Bond Head, the father of the new minister. The sermon was preached by Mr. Cameron of Milton, Mr. McFaul of Charleston presided and addressed the people, and Mr. E. D. McLaren gave the charge to the minister. Mr. Fraser then received from the people of his new charge a most cordial welcome, the reality of which was evidenced in a most substantial and gratifying manner at a united congregational meeting held immediately afterwards, when it was unanimously resolved to proceed at once with the erection of a new manse. The social meeting in the evening was a great success. In addition to interesting addresses by Rev. J. Smith of Toronto, and Rev. R. M. Croll, short congratulatory speeches were made by Revs. J. Pringle (of Georgetown), M. C. Cameron, S. R. Warrender, D. M. Beattie and E. D. McLaren. Dr. Fraser referred feelingly to the interest with which he had watched the whole proceedings, and expressed the confident hope that the union formed between minister and people would be attended with happiness and success. The proceedings were brought to a close by a few earnest and appropriate remarks from the newly inducted minister. The best wishes of many warm friends will follow Mr. Fraser to his new field of labour, and everyone will rejoice to learn that he has commenced his work under such encouraging and hopeful circumstances.—COM.

### STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE.

The annual meeting of the Students' Missionary Society was held on the 17th ult., in lecture-room No. 3, at 7.15 o'clock p.m., Mr. Chas. McLean, 2nd Vice-President, in the chair. After devotional exercises the minutes of last annual meeting were read and adopted, as were also the reports of the Executive Committee and that of the Treasurer. After singing and prayer, reports of the summer's work were read by the missionaries. That from Massawippi and two adjacent preaching stations was presented by Mr. J. A. Anderson, B.A. The Society has great cause of thankfulness to God for the progress it has been allowed to make, under the guidance of His Holy Spirit, in this quarter. The good seed sown by previous missionaries is now bearing fruit, and the glorious rays of the Sun of

Righteousness are penetrating the clouds of superstition and doubt. Seven baptisms are reported and two members were added to the Church, making in all sixteen at this station. Communion was dispensed by Rev. A. F. Tully, an honorary member of the Society. The Sabbath schools and Bible-classes were reported as in a flourishing condition. Weekly prayer-meetings were held, which were well appreciated and well attended. In financial affairs there was also some progress. Our Society has cause of much thankfulness to the great Head of the Church. Let it therefore thank God and take courage. The report from Coaticooke field was presented by Mr. Alexander Anderson. This field also embraces three stations, viz.: Richby, Coaticooke, and North Coaticooke. The average attendance at the three stations was 125. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Coaticooke, also by Rev. A. F. Tully of Sherbrooke. There are here twenty-seven communicants. The Master's work is still prospering. To His name be all the praise. The report from Thanet and the Ridge was presented by Mr. Jas. McFarland. As Mr. McFarland had laboured in this field the year previous to 1879 he was able to enter into the work at better advantage. Here, after an absence of six months, he again unfurled the standard of our fathers, "*Justification by faith*," preaching three times per Sabbath to an average attendance of 220. The Sabbath school averaged 105. Prayer-meetings were well attended and progress was reported in church building. Communion was dispensed by Rev. J. Burton, late of Belleville. Fifteen baptisms were reported. This has been a very prosperous field. The Society contemplates handing it over to the care of the Kingston Presbytery. Mr. Chas. McLean gave a very interesting account of the Gaelic work carried on by him under the auspices of the Society in conjunction with several other Gaelic-speaking students in the city. The above reports were all received and adopted. It behooves us to look back upon the past and consider the way in which the Lord has led us. And as we do this we can thankfully raise our Ebenezer and say "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. J. A. Anderson, B.A.; 1st Vice-President, Mr. R. McKibbin, B.A.; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. A. Anderson; Recording Secretary, Mr. J. A. Townsend; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. G. D. Bayne; Treasurer, Mr. G. T. Bayne; Managing Committee, Messrs. M. D. M. Blakely, B.A., T. A. Nelson, J. Reid, W. Shearer, R. McNabb.

Several committees were appointed to look after various departments of the work of the Society during the winter. The meeting closed with singing in the one hundred and thirty-third Psalm, after which the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Reid.

J. A. TOWNSEND, *Rec.-Sec.*

### STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY, PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The following additional sums are hereby thankfully acknowledged by the Treasurer. Dr. Kelly, \$4; Knox Church, Montreal, \$40; L. Amable, 50 cts.; Mrs. Vanneck \$4; Judge Torrance, Montreal, \$5; Hamstead, per P. R. Ross, \$7.08; Harrington, Ont., per P. R. Ross, \$4.34; Zorra, Burns' Church, per P. R. Ross, \$3.75; W. H. Geddes, \$6.30; Morton and Delta, per R. Hyde, \$3.25; G. P. H. Hitchcock, \$5; Massawippi, per J. A. Anderson, B.A., \$95.66; Coaticooke and Richby, per A. Anderson, \$85; Wollaston Orange Lodge No. 1094, per J. McFarland, \$3.80; Beaver Creek, per J. McFarland, \$5.50; Thanet and The Ridge, per J. McFarland, \$63.50. G. T. BAYNE, *Treas.*  
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A COLLECTION of interesting relics has been placed in the main tower of the new corporation building Dunfermline. It includes the "town stocks," which, though upwards of 400 years old, are in a remarkably good state of preservation, the ancient "Tolbooth bell," which was made in 1654, and is so suspended that it can be sounded; and the "burgh charter chest"—a curious looking object, constructed of oak, and mounted with powerful iron clamps.