

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Thomas Macadam, of Strathroy, has been appointed Moderator of Watford Session during the vacancy.

THE Gravenhurst *Banner* says: The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed in the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath by the Rev. J. Leishman, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Gray, of Orillia. Mr. Leishman occupied the pulpit last Sabbath, and preached two excellent sermons; he has a good delivery, and his subjects were logically reasoned out, showing a well-trained mind.

THE committee of the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Daly Street, Ottawa, met lately, and considered the tenders for the proposed new building. The cost of the construction will be about \$17,000. The new building will be alongside the present church. A portion of the walls of the old building will probably be utilised in the new structure, which, however, will not be interfered with, but used as a place of worship until the new edifice is complete.

THE Perth *Expositor* says: The Rev. Hunter Craig, is at present delivering a course of sermons on Sabbath mornings, at St. Andrew's Church, on the great promise of the outpouring of God's Spirit (Isaiah xlv. 3, 4). In the Sabbath evenings, on man's right position in God's moral universe (2 Cor. v. 17), and on Wednesday evenings at eight o'clock, on the parables of the heavenly kingdom (Matt. xiii.) Mr. Craig will remain in charge of St. Andrew's congregation for five weeks longer, when Mr. Scott is expected to resume his labours.

THE Rev. Dr. King occupied the Presbyterian pulpit on a recent Sunday, it being the second anniversary of Rev. James Todd's induction as pastor of the congregation at Minnedosa. A conversation was held in the church on Monday evening, at which no less than seven ministers "made a few remarks." Vocal and instrumental music made up the programme, sandwiched with liberal allowances of strawberries and cream, ice cream and lemonade, which were dispensed in the lecture room by the ladies. The receipts were gratifying to the managers.

ON Tuesday, May the 7th inst, the members of the Kirkwall Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, with a few other members of the congregation, to the number of fifty, gathered in the manse and surprised the pastor and his family by presenting to him an admirable address, signed by W. B. Dickson and Fanny Forsyth, on behalf of the others. Mr. Carruthers made a brief and feeling reply, after which the young friends unloaded their baskets and lighted up the darkness with lamps and partook of refreshments on the lawn in front of the manse. After a few hours happy intercourse together, the pastor led the friends in prayer. Mr. Carruthers left home next morning for the Algoma district.

ST. ANDREW'S Church Sunday school, Guelph, though a little later than usual with their picnic, had a beautiful day last week, and a company of about five hundred gathered on the new and convenient grounds of Mr. Wells, now in charge of Mr. J. J. Sutton, and spent a very happy afternoon and evening. Though the admirable arrangements of the superintendent and teachers, every faculty was strained for enjoyment to both young and old. The refreshments were most appealing, and were heartily received. The dusk came all too soon to bring the evening's merriment to a close, and by half past eight the grounds were deserted and the children safely at home.

ON Monday evening week the Presbyterian Church, Watford, was thronged with a large and representative gathering, assembled for the purpose of bidding farewell to the Rev. Hugh Cameron, B.A., on the eve of his departure to accept a charge at Morrisburg, in the Brockville Presbytery. After refreshments had been served, Mr. A. Jamieson was called upon to preside. W. F. McLaren, on behalf of the Watford congregation, presented Mr. Cameron with a magnificent bookcase and secretary. The Ladies' Aid Society presented Mrs. Cameron with a handsome album. The congregation of Knox Church, Warwick, presented a hand some morocco study chair, and Court Lane, C. O. F., a valuable gold-headed cane. Each presentation was accompanied by a suitable address, and was feelingly acknowledged by the recipient. Brief eulogistic addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Hay, Henderson and Smith and Dr. Stanley, Thomas White and A. Jamieson. Mr. Cameron's departure is greatly regretted in Watford, as he was highly esteemed for his ability and high Christian character. He leaves for his new home soon.

IN its Morningtown correspondence last week, the *Waterloo Chronicle* has the following reference to the late Mrs. Munro, of the Milverton Presbyterian congregation: There departed this life on Sabbath last, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of the township in the person of Mrs. Munro, mother of the late proprietors of the *Chronicle*. She deceased had been in failing health for about two years and lately became very feeble. Mrs. Munro was a native of Tain, Rosshire, Scotland, and came to Morningtown, with her husband, about thirty-five years ago. Left a widow with a large family twenty-six years ago, she, by industry, good sense and strong faith, grew along successfully and leaves all her family in good circumstances. She was never known to have an enemy, but by her extraordinary kindness of heart and her high Christian attainments, she was a boon to the neighbourhood. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and to its doctrines and mode of government she was devotedly attached. Her funeral on Monday was very largely attended and took place at the Millbank Presbyterian cemetery, very appropriate services having been conducted by the Rev. John Kay, of Milverton, assisted by the Rev. T. Wright, of Strathroy, and the Rev. W. M. McKibbin, of Millbank. After seventy years of life here she has entered a higher and nobler life beyond.

THE Rev. Dr. Duval was formally inducted as pastor of Knox Church, Winnipeg, last week. The Rev. Mr.

Hamilton conducted the opening part of the service. A sermon was then delivered by Rev. J. Hogg from the text, "Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion." (Isaiah liii. 1.) Dr. Bryce then addressed the new minister. After referring to Dr. Duval's brilliant college course and the probable pleasantness of his work in Knox Church, he said he hoped the members of the congregation would never have any amusements at their entertainments in which they would not like their pastor to take part, and he would like the people to have the pastor with them at their social gatherings. He trusted that Dr. Duval would be able to take a share in the general work of the Church in the North West, and the Presbytery had anticipated his willingness to do so by placing him on the Home Mission Committee and College Board. He hoped the union just made would be attended with the best consequences to all concerned. The ceremonies were concluded by Mr. Baird addressing the congregation on their rights and responsibilities.

TUESDAY week will be a day long to be remembered by the residents of Scotch Block, Ancaster, as on that day there was a grand gathering of old and young at St. Paul's Church, Carlisle, at the induction of the Rev. A. E. Doherty. Divine service was conducted by Dr. Laidlaw, of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, who gave an excellent discourse. Then the usual questions for such occasions were asked of the Rev. Mr. Doherty, after which the newly-elected pastor was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, and the congregation by Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas. After services were over and the usual congratulations to the new pastor, the large crowd adjourned about five p.m., to the Carlisle Hall, where ample justice was done to the well laid tables of dainties, which pen would fail to describe. In the evening a concert was given, Dr. Laidlaw occupying the chair. Addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Fletcher, of Hamilton; Benton, of Onondaga; Walker, of Binbrook, and Mr. W. Clark, now occupying Dr. Cochrane's Church, Brantford. Rev. Mr. Goodwill gave some selections of music. The Caledonia choir furnished music for the concert. One part of the programme which must not be overlooked was the presentation by Mr. Clark to Dr. Laidlaw of a handsome water pitcher, in the name of the united congregations at Carlisle.

THE induction of the Rev. Dr. McTavish, formerly of Lindsay, into the pastoral charge of the Central Church congregation, this city, took place on Tuesday evening week, a large assemblage being present. The Rev. J. M. Cameron presided. The following ministers were present: Revs. D. J. Macdonnell, James Carmichael, Robert Monteith, Clerk of Presbytery, W. Burns, T. Johnston, D. B. McDonald, E. D. McLaren, J. A. Grant, W. H. Milne, A. T. McKimley, Dr. Parker, of the Methodist Church, Dr. A. T. Wolff, Alton, Ill., and W. Peattie. The sermon was preached by the Rev. D. B. Macdonald, of Markham. He took for his text 1 John ii. 6, and delivered an earnest practical discourse. Mr. Monteith then narrated the steps taken to secure the settlement of Dr. McTavish. The newly-inducted pastor was addressed by Rev. James Carmichael, of King, with much impressiveness and fine feeling. To the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell was assigned the duty of addressing the congregation, which he discharged with his accustomed ability, fervour and vigour. Dr. McTavish has a most honourable record in the ministry which he began a few years ago in St. Andrew's Church, Linusay. Under his care the congregation has enjoyed marked prosperity. Dr. McTavish was called a short time since to St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg. This call he declined. He enjoys the kindly wishes of his ministerial brethren, and it is anticipated that his connection with the Central Church will be long, happy, useful and prosperous.

THE Owen Sound *Times* says: The Rev. Dr. Moffat, secretary of the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society, addressed a meeting on Monday evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall, in the interest of the work of the society. After referring to the good work done by colporteurs in Nova Scotia and Manitoba especially, and also on the Welland Canal (where one man was employed all the time), he showed how useful an agency the society was in aiding workers to reach the masses outside of our churches. As previously announced, he followed his remarks concerning the Tract Society's work by an eloquent and stirring lecture on James Garfield, late President of the United States. In glowing language he traced Mr. Garfield's life—step by step rising from the humblest sphere to the highest position in the land by dint of hard work; giving many interesting incidents respecting his struggles to get an education, and of his valiant conduct in the war between the North and South, and drawing most instructive lessons therefrom for the benefit of young men. The lecture was in every way deserving of a much larger audience than was present. At the meeting a committee to act in conjunction with the society was appointed, consisting of the ministers of the town, and Messrs. T. Greig, C. Kramer, J. Tolson, G. Howel, T. C. Robinson and W. P. Telford—the latter gentleman to be secretary-treasurer, and Rev. D. Morrison, president. The reverend gentleman spent two or three days in town, collecting for and seeking to interest our citizens in the work of the Tract Society.

THE second annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in connection with the Presbytery of Brandon, was held in Portage la Prairie on July 25. As the Presbytery was in session in the Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church was kindly placed at the disposal of the ladies for their meeting. This Presbyterian Society now numbers eleven auxiliaries, being an increase of five over last year. Delegates were present from Winnipeg auxiliary (by special invitation), Portage la Prairie, Neepawa, Brandon, Chater, Humboldt and Cypress River. Present also a number of ladies from the different churches of the town. The meeting was opened with a short service of song and the usual devotional exercises, after which Mrs. Bell, of Portage la Prairie, read an address of welcome which contained many valuable thoughts and suggestions for our work in the future. Miss Cummings, of Rugby, was to have replied to the address, but, being absent, her reply

was read by Mrs. Haig, of Cypress River. Mrs. Watt, of Winnipeg, thanked the ladies for the kind invitation extended to their auxiliary, and spoke of the great and good work being done by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies; the reflex blessings which came to the workers and the elevating tendency of the work engaged in. The President's address was short, but, as usual, earnest and stimulating, dwelling particularly on the necessity of dependence on the Divine Helper—building on the sure foundation—that so our work may stand and be approved of God. The reading of the reports from the different auxiliaries by the secretary and treasurer was next in order, and exhibited a marked increase in the results of the Presbyterian work during the year. Accompanying the Winnipeg ladies were Mrs. Culbertson, of Brooklyn, New York, and Miss Sutherland, of Ontario, who goes out as trained nurse with Dr. and Mrs. Smith to the mission field of Honan, China. Mrs. Culbertson, who spent twenty years of her life in mission work in China, was able to impart much valuable information as to the manners and customs of the Celestials, and aroused the sympathy of all present by a recital of the wrongs and sufferings of the heathen Chinese women. At this stage of the proceedings Mrs. McLeod, president of Portage la Prairie auxiliary, extended a cordial invitation to all present to tea at half past six, in the town hall, to which members of the Presbytery and their friends were also invited. After discussing the work of the past year and the outlook for the coming year, the election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows: Mrs. McTavish, Chater, president; Mrs. Murray, Neepawa, Mrs. Bell, Portage la Prairie, Mrs. Haig, Cypress River, vice-presidents; Mrs. McDiarmid, Brandon, treasurer; Mrs. J. Murray, Brandon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Campbell, Portage la Prairie, recording secretary. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. Stalker in the chair. The services began by the singing of an appropriate hymn by the choir. Rev. Mr. McTavish then read a short synopsis of the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the year which was received and adopted by the Presbytery in the usual manner. Rev. Mr. Murray, of Neepawa, followed with an earnest address on foreign mission work, and paid a graceful tribute to the women of the Church, as co-labourers in this department of Presbytery work. Mr. Wilson, of Douglas, was the next speaker, and in his usual eloquent and forcible manner urged the claims of foreign missions on all branches of the Christian Church. The addresses were interspersed with selections by the choir. Mrs. Culbertson having kindly consented to address the meeting was next called upon, and gave a most interesting account of her work in China, and spoke of the progress missions in that country at the present time. A daughter and granddaughter of the speaker are still engaged in mission work in that far distant land. The audience was much interested in Mrs. Culbertson's address, and many came forward to examine the shoes of the Chinese women which she exhibited. Miss Best, teacher in the local mission school, was present with six of her pupils who sang a hymn in a very pleasing manner. Mr. Todd, of Minnedosa, was to have spoken, but as the hour was late the reverend gentleman concluded to reserve his remarks for a future occasion. Rev. Dr. Robertson moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Culbertson for her very interesting address, and also to the ladies of Portage la Prairie for their hospitality, and the social tea which all had enjoyed so much. The meeting was brought to a close by pronouncing the benediction.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Kippen, lately. Rev. Mr. Musgrave was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months. The following standing committees for the current year were appointed: Home Mission—Rev. J. McCoy, Convener; Rev. S. Acheson and J. H. Simpson, with the representative elder from their charges. State of Religion—Rev. A. D. McDonald, Convener; Rev. P. Musgrave, with the representative elders from their charges, and Rev. Mr. Bun. Finance—Rev. D. M. Ramsay, Convener; Revs. A. McLean and J. McCoy, with the representative elders from their charges. Sabbath School—Mr. James Scott, Convener; Revs. A. Stewart, J. A. Anderson, A. McMillan, with the representative elders from the charges of the two last named ministers. Temperance—Rev. J. H. Simpson, Convener; Revs. J. A. McConnell and D. Forrest, with the representative elders from their charges. Sabbath Observance—Rev. A. Stewart, Convener; Revs. Dr. W. S. Acheson, S. A. Carriere, with the representative elders from their charges. Superintendence of Students—Rev. C. Fletcher, Convener; Rev. W. M. Martin, with the representative elders from their charges, Rev. M. Barr and the representative elder from Hensall congregation. The Rev. Messrs. Ramsay, Fletcher and Barr reported with regard to their attendance, as Commissioners to the meeting of Assembly at Halifax. The report of committee on Superintendence of Students was received and considered. The cases of Messrs. Jay or Young and Tough, were referred to the committee, with instructions that such students should prepare oral discourses, to be read at next meeting; the case of Mr. Moore, of Godenich, whom the Assembly had directed the Presbytery to take under superintendence to direct his studies, was also referred to the committee, with instructions to prepare a curriculum of studies for the next year. The Finance Committee presented a tabular financial statement of the Presbytery for the year, 1887, showing rate of giving per family in each congregation, with printed copies for distribution. The printed copies of the statement were ordered to be distributed and brought to the notice of the people by the ministers. Mr. D. McGillivray, of Godenich, being present as a candidate for license as a minister, was examined. He read a Greek critical discourse on Mathew xvi. 16 to 19, and a sermon on 1 Corinthians iii. 16. He was examined upon the subjects of theology and Church history. The Presbytery being satisfied that Mr. McGillivray was a worthy candidate, he was duly licensed by the Moderator to preach the Gospel. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Brucefield on the second Tuesday of September.