

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE congregation of Musquodobit Harbour, N.S., have built a manse at a cost of about \$800.

THE Rev. T. Brouillette has accepted a call to the French Canadian Protestant colony of Washington Territory.

THE proceeds of a tea meeting held at the Presbyterian church, Bookton, on the 8th inst., amounted to about \$70.

AT a recent meeting of the Board of Management of Knox Church, Goderich, Mr. Armstrong was chosen precentor at a salary of \$200 per annum.

REV W D REES has accepted a call to Blackheath, East Seneca and Caistor. His induction will take place at Blackheath on the 6th of December.

ON the 15th inst. Mr. Malcolm S. Oxley, B.A., was ordained by the Presbytery of Ottawa and installed as ordained missionary at Chelsea and East Templeton. The congregations promise a salary of \$700 per annum and manse.

THE Presbytery of Manitoba has made arrangements with the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, pastor elect of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, to have his induction take place at the regular meeting of the Presbytery on the 14th of December.

AT a recent meeting, the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, appointed six members to act with the session in obtaining a successor to the Rev. Dr. Jenkins. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell and Rev. Principal Grant are spoken of in connection with the vacancy.

REV. GEORGE MCKAY has accepted a call from the congregation of Osgoode. His induction is to take place on the 29th inst.—Rev. Mr. Shearer of Bearbrook to preach, Rev. Mr. Munro of Manotick to address the minister, and Rev. Mr. McClelland of Russell to address the people.

AFTER the conclusion of the general business at the regular meeting of the Young People's Association of Cooke's Church, Toronto, on the evening of the 15th inst., an interesting address was delivered by the Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the congregation and Honorary President of the Society.

A NEW Presbyterian church is approaching completion at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. It is a frame building 70 feet long by 40 wide, with a basement under the whole. The height of the ceiling in the auditory room is 26 feet. The sitting capacity is calculated for 650 persons. The entire building will be warmed with hot air.

ANNIVERSARY services were held last Sabbath in connection with the Sabbath school of Erskine Church, in this city. Rev. D. Cochrane, of Brantford, preached three times. His sermon in the morning was more particularly addressed to parents, that in the afternoon to the Sabbath school children, and that in the evening to young men.

CHALMERS Church, Elora, held its anniversary services on Sabbath, the 13th inst., and a tea-meeting on the 15th. At both there was a good attendance, the tea-meeting netting about \$90, and the total receipts being \$170. The Rev. Mr. Dickson of Galt delivered a very effective address on the subject of "Model Church Members."

ON the evening of the 14th inst., Mr. E. A. Perry, late superintendent of the Daly street Presbyterian Church Sabbath school, Ottawa, about to leave for Winnipeg, was presented by the teachers and scholars with a copy of Chambers's Encyclopedia in ten volumes, and a butter cooler for Mrs. Perry. These gifts were accompanied by an address containing many kindly expressions of esteem, to which Mr. Perry made a fitting reply.

REV. MR. STRAITH, of Paisley, while at Teeswater recently, had a troublesome tumour of three or four years' standing removed from his side by Dr. Gillies of that place, assisted by Dr. Stewart of Brucefield, the reverend gentleman being thus saved the time, trouble, and expense of a journey to Toronto. The operation was performed with the aid of antiseptics and with little inconvenience to the patient, Mr. Straith being enabled to preach twice during his stay at the village.

ON the evening of the 15th inst., the Rev. D. H. Fleicher, pastor of the MacNab street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, delivered the first of a series of lectures on his recent travels in the East, the subject

being "From Ismailiyeh to Jerusalem." There was a very large attendance; the school-room in which the lecture was held was crowded to the door, and many additional seats had to be brought in for the accommodation of the people. There was no set admission price, but a silver collection was taken at the close in aid of the Foreign Mission Fund.

AT the meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, held in West King, for the ordination of Rev. J. W. Cameron, it was learned that the call from Ballinafad and Melville Church, Caledon, addressed to Rev. A. B. Dobson, had been accepted by him, and, agreeably to a resolution passed at last ordinary meeting of Presbytery, it was agreed to meet at Ballinafad on the 29th inst., at eleven a.m., for the purpose of hearing his ordination trials, and if satisfied therewith, to meet again at two p.m. for the purpose of ordaining him; Rev. F. D. McLaren to preside, Rev. John Pringle to preach, Rev. J. Alexander to give the charge to the minister, and Rev. J. R. Gilchrist to address the people.

THE annual tea meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was held on the evening of the 17th inst. Rev. Mr. Lyle, pastor of the congregation, occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Philp (Methodist) and Fletcher (MacNab street Presbyterian Church). Tables were laid in the lecture room, where the guests were abundantly supplied with tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes, confections, etc. The various pieces of music were well executed, Professor Whish accompanying the vocalists on the organ. The proceeds were to be applied in payment of the balance remaining due on the organ account, and were supposed to be sufficient to meet it in full.

THE induction of the Rev. John Leishman into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Camden and Newburgh, took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst. There was a good attendance of the congregation. The Rev. D. Kellock of Mill Haven preached the induction sermon; the Rev. A. Young of Napanee, who presided on the occasion, put the constitutional questions and inducted Mr. Leishman into the pastoral charge of the congregation; the Rev. F. McCuaig of Kingston gave the charge to the newly-inducted minister, and the Rev. R. J. Craig, M.A., of Deseronto, addressed the congregation on their duties. At the close of the services the congregation gave a cordial welcome to their minister. Mr. Leishman enters on a very important field of labour with encouraging prospects of success.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on November 15th. Present, nineteen ministers and nine elders. A minute in relation to the death of Rev. William Craigie, and recording the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren, was adopted. Mr. Grant was appointed Moderator of the session of Port Dover. The sympathy of the Presbytery with Messrs. Goldsmith and Burson in their sickness was expressed. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the supply of Kilbride. The call from East Seneca, etc., with additional names to the number in all of sixty-seven communicants and forty-four adherents, was sustained and accepted by Rev. W. D. Rees, and the induction was appointed to take place at Blackheath on Tuesday, the 6th December, at two p.m.; Mr. Walker to preside, Mr. Scouler to preach, Mr. Black to address the pastor, and Mr. Grant to address the people. It was agreed to hold a conference on Sabbath Schools at next ordinary meeting in Grimsby on January 17th, 1882; also to take up the subject of Temperance in connection with the conference on the State of Religion. The remit on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was considered, and the proposed regulations were approved. The overture on the standing orders of the General Assembly, remitted for consideration, was also approved. A deputation from the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was received by the Presbytery, and it was resolved to recommend to all sessions the work of the Society.—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met on the 15th inst. in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph.—Mr. James Middlemiss, of Elora, Moderator. There was almost a full attendance of ministers, only three being absent, and a large attendance of representative elders. After making up the roll, and reading the minutes of last meeting, the stated clerk was allowed, at his own request, to enter his dis-

sent from the finding of a former meeting recommending co-operation with the Auxiliary at Fergus of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The statistical and financial reports of the congregations, as published in the Appendix to the minutes of last General Assembly, were taken up and a committee was appointed to take into consideration blanks appearing in the returns and cases in which contributions seemed inadequate to the circumstances of the congregations, to correspond with parties, and report at next meeting. The committee appointed to prepare a scheme for Conference on Sabbath Schools and the State of Religion gave in their report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed, and the Committee was continued with instructions to make all further necessary arrangements for holding and conducting the Conference, which is to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, the 17th and 18th of January next. A circular from the Synod Committee on the State of Religion was referred to a committee for consideration and report at next meeting. The Presbytery took up the Remits from the General Assembly, but was unable to proceed on a Sustentation or Supplementing Fund, and on Temperance, in absence of action, at this date, by the Assembly's Committees on these subjects. It was agreed to approve the modifications of the regulations now in force, proposed by the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Western Section, submitted to the Assembly at their last meeting, and sent down to Presbyteries for their consideration. A Conference on Temperance was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, on the evening of the 18th of January, beginning at half-past seven o'clock, and speakers were named to introduce the subject to the meeting. The overture on Changes in Standing Orders was considered, and the first clause was approved, and the second modified by the omission of the latter part, and the substitution of "Committee on Bills and Overtures," for "The Moderator and Clerks of Assembly" in the first part. A call from the congregation of St. John's Church, Halifax, to Mr. H. H. McPherson, of Nassagaweya, and Campbellville, was next taken up. All the papers in the case were read. Commissioners in support of the reasons of translation, and the answers to the same, were heard. Mr. McPherson was next asked to signify his mind regarding the call, when he intimated his acceptance, after which it was resolved that the translation be granted, the Presbytery at the same time expressing their sympathy with the congregation at their being deprived of the pastoral oversight of one whom they esteemed so highly, and whose labours among them had been so abundantly blessed. Some time was spent in considering an application from Elmira, when ultimately a Committee was appointed to investigate the whole matter, make such explanations as they think necessary to the congregation, and report to Presbytery at next meeting. On the application of the Second Church, Garafraxa, Mr. Howie was appointed to supply them in the meantime, they promising to contribute at the rate of four hundred dollars a year for his support, with board. A certificate of transference from the Presbytery of Hamilton was read in favour of Mr. S. C. Fraser, who has come to reside in this bound. The clerk submitted a list of the schemes of the Church, and an agent was appointed to attend to each one. The clerk next stated that he had sent to all congregations a notice of their liabilities to the different funds, which required special attention. A reply was read from Mr. Tait to the expression of sympathy and condolence with him in his recent heavy affliction. It was left with the clerk to procure supply for the vacancies and stations in the bounds till next meeting, which was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, on the 17th January, 1882, at ten o'clock forenoon.

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