

Ministers and Churches.

COMMUNICATIONS for the Presbytery of Columbia should in future be addressed to the Rev. D. MacRae, Clerk, Victoria, British Columbia.

THE Presbytery of Rock Lake inducted the Rev. William Caven to the pastoral charge of Manitou, on the afternoon of Tuesday the 31st of December.

THE new building erected by the congregation of Chalmers Church, Kingston, was opened for public worship by Principal Grant, D. D., Moderator of Assembly, who preached to crowded audiences on Sabbath last.

THE resignation of the Rev. T. G. Thompson, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, has been accepted by the Presbytery of Columbia. Rev. E. D. McLaren will act as Moderator of the session during the vacancy.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Welland, of which Rev. Finlay McCuaig is pastor, was opened on Sabbath last by Rev. William Cochran, D. D., who preached appropriate and impressive sermons morning and evening to crowded congregations.

ON Sunday the 29th December, a Communion Service was held in Cooke's Church, Toronto, at which 64 new members were received; and these, together with the members added at former Communion services throughout the year, make an addition of 193 during the year 1889.

THE Presbytery of Lindsay met at Cannington on the 24th of December and sustained a call from Knox Church there, to Mr. C. J. Cameron, M. A., Kingston—who was present, and accepted said call, and his ordination and induction was fixed for the 7th of January.

MR. JOHN A. CLARK has been in charge of the Presbyterian congregation of Barton for several months, and in order to show their appreciation of his services they presented him with a purse of \$82 and an address expressing gratification at the manner in which his work among the congregation had succeeded.

THE Presbytery of Owen Sound met at Wiarton on the 30th ult., for the induction of the Rev. George Yeomans as pastor there. Rev. J. Somerville presided at the induction service, and delivered an address on "Why am I a Presbyterian?" Rev. E. Wallace Waits then addressed the pastor, and the Rev. E. Mullan the people. Mr. Yeomans received a cordial welcome from the people of his charge.

ON his return home from Hamilton, where he had been spending Christmas with his friends, Rev. S. H. Eastman, Oshawa, was agreeably surprised to find awaiting him, an elegant, easy chair for his study—a Christmas present from his Bible-class. The valuable gift was accompanied by a still more valuable address, expressive of the affection of the donors, and their grateful appreciation of instruction received.

AT the close of the Sabbath school services on the last Sabbath of 1889, five scholars of the Warkworth Presbyterian Sabbath school were each presented with an elegant copy of the Oxford Bible with suitable inscription and certificate attached, for having during the course of the year perfectly memorized and recited at one time, the whole of the Westminster Shorter Catechism. The names of the successful prize-winners are: Edith Robertson, Hannah Sutherland, Harriet Osborne, Alexander Weatherston and William Osborne.

THE Perth Courier says: The soiree on Friday night week in aid of the Presbyterian Sunday school, Balderson, was well attended when the extremely disagreeable weather is considered. As the Rev. Mr. Stuart was to leave on the following day, the attendance would have been much larger had the weather been at all favourable. The ladies had prepared an abundance of good things, which were served, after which a literary and musical programme, and a parting address from Rev. Mr. Stuart, completed the entertainment. The proceeds amounted to over \$20.

THE unseasonable weather last Thursday did not prevent a fair attendance at the annual tea meeting of the Allensville congregation. Proceeds, in aid of the debt on the church building, \$21 50. Next evening at the Christmas tree festival a few of the members subscribed the amount needed to clear off the whole indebtedness. This is one of the few Muskoka churches that has been paid for, with scarcely any outside aid. It cost \$600. \$250 of that amount was contributed by a member of the congregation. The temperance society that holds its monthly meetings in the church has ninety-eight members on its roll. The next forward movement will be to paint the church and purchase an organ.

THE annual soiree of the Presbyterian congregation of Kemptville was held in the town hall on Christmas night. The ladies' committee were well prepared for the happy crowd that greeted them, ample arrangements being made to entertain and accommodate all. The pastor, Rev. H. J. McDiarmid, presided. Suitable addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. McWilliams, B.A., and Huxtable. Rev. Mr. Darroch gave a pleasing recitation. Rev. J. G. Potter, accompanied by his brother and sister, gave a fine reading and several selections of vocal music. Mrs. J. A. Clarke, of Smith's Falls, rendered several songs with exquisite taste, receiving repeated encores. Over seventy dollars were taken in. The managing committee met at the manse on New Year's Day, when their chairman, Samuel Martin, presented their pastor with a beautiful fur overcoat.

THE regular monthly meeting of the McAll Mission was held last week in the Y. M. C. A. parlours, Mrs. Edward Blake in the chair. The treasurer reported that the funds received so far during the fiscal year were \$1,117 58. A letter from Miss Bragg, secretary of the American McAll Association, was read. Miss Bragg said that she had visited France during the past summer, and while there had spent some time at the halls supported by the Toronto mission and had found the work of the society pushed forward with much success. Some of the ladies intend shortly to visit Port Hope for the purpose of forming an auxiliary there. Mrs. Cowan was appointed to represent the mission at the union prayer meeting of all the city charitable societies in Association Hall on January 10. The annual meeting of the mission will be held on the first Thursday in February.

THE Rev. Dr. Bryce opened a new Presbyterian church in the thriving little town of Russell, Manitoba. During the past year a considerable number of new buildings have been erected, and the prospects are good. The new church occupies a prominent position in the town, and will be an ornament to the place when completed. It has been erected at a cost of \$1,000, and is commodious and comfortable. Two well-attended services were held in the morning and afternoon of Sabbath week. In the morning a large contingent from the Barnardo Home was present, and in the afternoon all the neighbouring settlements were represented, including the newly appointed Senator Boulton, from Shell River. The collection amounted to \$50. Much credit is due to the resident missionary, Mr. James Lang, for the energy with which the new church has been pushed on.

THE Rev. James G. Stuart was inducted into the pastorate of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last week. Moderator Rev. Walter Amos presided. This newly constituted church is situated on King Street at the corner of Tecumseh Street. For years it has been a mission of St. Andrew's Church, and has had a prosperous career. Now it is an independent church under Mr. Stuart's charge. St. Andrew's is responsible for the stipend. In due course a large church will be erected, and the present premises be the lecture hall and school room. The sermon was preached by Rev. Alfred Gandier, of Brampton, his subject being Christ's gifts to His Church. Rev. Dr. Parsons gave the charge to the minister, and Rev. Alexander Gilray the address to the people. Among those present were Rev. Dr. McTavish, Rev. R. Monteith, Rev. Walter Reid, Rev. J. E. Scott, Rev. W. A. Martin.

THE Orillia Times says: The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church was held on Thursday week. At three o'clock p.m., the members met to wind up the business of the year, and elect officers for the ensuing year: The following officers were elected: Mrs. R. N. Grant, president; Mrs. G. McKinnell, first vice-president; Mrs. C. J. Miller, second vice-president; Mrs. W. M. Harvey, secretary; Miss World, treasurer. At seven in the evening a meeting of the ladies of the congregation was held, which took the form of a thanks-offering meeting, and by way of giving a practical turn to their thanks the ladies contributed the sum of \$25.85. Each contribution was accompanied by an appropriate selection of Scripture. Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, was present, and took part in the proceedings, which proved both pleasant and profitable to all present. At eight o'clock a public meeting was held, which was well attended, considering the numerous other attractions. Rev. R. N. Grant occupied the chair and the meeting was opened by singing the missionary hymn. Mrs. McKee gave an address on missionary work, which was interesting and instructive. Mrs. McKinnell and Mrs. Grant read papers very suitable for the occasion. The secretary's report was read by Mrs. Harvey. Solos were given by Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Warner. The meeting was brought to a close by Rev. Dr. Gray pronouncing the benediction. Altogether a very profitable series of meetings was held, and an increased interest manifested in the good work of the Society.

ON Sabbath, December 21, the new St. Andrew's Church at Sudbury was formally opened for divine service by the Rev. G. D. Bayne, B.A., of Pembroke. Very large congregations assembled both morning and evening. The services answered the twofold purpose of opening the new church and introducing the new pastor—the Rev. John Griffith, late of Princeton, N. J. The Methodist congregation kindly gave up their own services and joined with the Presbyterian brethren at both diets of worship, the Methodist minister, Rev. Mr. Dupuis, who is an excellent singer, assisting in the choir. A literary and musical entertainment was held on the Monday evening following, and the church was again filled to overflowing. The programme was of a high order of merit and was most appropriate to the occasion. It comprised not a few parts contributed by former residents of Pembroke, addresses by the Revs. T. R. Johnston (Church of England), Dupuis (Methodist), Griffith (Presbyterian), and Bayne, of Pembroke, and music by local singers. The collections aggregated the neat sum of \$177.04. The church is a very neat and comfortable structure, capable of seating two hundred persons. It is finished in first class style and is fitted with all modern conveniences. It is gratifying, says the Pembroke Observer, to know that some of our Pembroke people, now resident in Sudbury, are taking a warm interest in the good work of the Church. Mr. John MacCormack furnished all the rough lumber required for the church building. Mr. S. E. Wright, late of Pembroke, is active in all departments of the Church work, and to his untiring efforts is largely due the success of the opening ceremonies. In the choir was noticed Mr. Roy Moffat, the Misses Potter and others whose faces were once familiar to Pembroke people on their own streets. The church is almost entirely free from debt, and the outlook is indeed encouraging.

MORNING, afternoon and evening services were held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Sabbath week, on the occasion of the opening of the new church. It is situated on the corner of Dal' Avenue and Cumberland Streets. The building is a handsome one, being built of massive limestone in random coarse rock faced work. The auditorium is amphitheatrical in shape, is eighty feet long, sixty feet broad, and seats about 700. The ladies supplied the carpeting and cushions, and the total cost will be about \$20,000. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. Principal Grant, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, who offered up the dedicatory prayer. Rev. Principal Grant took his text from St. Matt. xxviii. 18. The afternoon service was largely attended and was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Armstrong. After prayers the Rev. Mr. Farries, of Knox Church, was introduced, and said that these services marked not only a work to be done, but also a work that was accomplished. It was a work that had been planned with much earnestness, and which had excited their sympathies and stimulated their generosity. For himself and the congregation of Knox Church he congratulated them and wished them success. The church was a lighthouse, shedding light on the world to show those struggling with sin the way of life and hope. The great guarantee of liberty and safety was the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He concluded by expressing a hope that their worthy pastor might have many happy and prosperous years among them. Rev. W. T. Herdridge, of St. Andrew's Church, was the next speaker. It was not, however, in church building, but in the men and women of a congregation that the hope of the Church must lie. Many of their old congregation had gone before, and now worshipped with them from a higher sanctuary. They must value their character, as what they were, and not what they possessed, must mark or mar their futures. The true property of every man was himself and himself alone. Men of every age and grade of thought had admired the character of Christ, and the great secret of this character was its truth. Their characters must be grounded and built upon truth, as the ideal of a Christian character was found in the life of Christ. If they wished to be like Jesus Christ they must notice this spirit of love. Principal Grant followed, and said he should only say a few words. To those present who belonged to St. Paul's congregation he would say that they must see that the doing of the work which they had done left them better and more Godlike than they were before. They must not get puffed up and say that they had done a great thing, as such feelings left them less Godlike. To those from other congregations who were present he wished that this meeting would leave them more Godlike. He had been privileged to preach as Moderator of the General Assembly in most of the churches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and had had his hand on the pulse of the Church and found it in a healthy state. They could not only wish the Church prosperity, but by their contributions could help the congregation in a brotherly way, and he had no doubt many would be glad to lend assistance. In his travels he was pleased to see that there were not only more healthy signs in their own Church, but in all the branches of the Church of God. In the evening the church was crowded to the doors, visitors from all the congregations in the city being noticed among those present. Rev. Principal Grant preached an eloquent sermon. He spoke of the Christian Church of to-day and contrasted it with the Church of years ago. The Church was far short of what it should be, and this inferiority was at once the stronghold and the shame of Christians. Because they could not be exactly like Christ there was no reason why they should not be as near as they could. The great blessing of a good thing done by a congregation was that it stimulated other congregations, and that helped the whole Church of Christ. The Church had one Head, and therefore should have only one body. They must therefore promote the unity of the Church, and this did not mean unanimity of doctrine, as different men from different standpoints saw things differently. For 1,500 years from Moses to Christ, the one faith and the one God kept them united in the desert and in the wilderness, and then the unity was broken and the result was a wiping out of the visible Church of God. For the next 1,500 years the Church was largely one, as the reasons then for divisions between the Jews and the Gentiles were far stronger than was the case to-day. What difficulty more was there in uniting in these days than there was before? The truth was as strong, and they would all be united. The spirit must be the spirit of love, and first of all union must be sought with those nearest to them. It was only since the Protestant Church had ceased to proselytise that they had loved one another. They could attach members from another organization, but as a rule they were not worth such. This system must be condemned as bad and un-

worthy. It was also impossible for entire intellectual agreement among men, as they would always see things from different points of view. They might both be correct, and neither should say the other to be. There was not unanimity in a family, but because of this it need not break up the family. The basis of unity must be the unity. Canada stood first of the English speaking race in the matter of unity, and was ahead of Great Britain and the United States. A state of unity could not be arrived at by argument or controversy, by all getting nearer to Christ.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEN — This Presbytery met in Mount Forest on December 10. Mr. Jos. Scott gave in the treasurer's report which was received and adopted. Mr. Scott then tendered his resignation as treasurer on account of failing health. His resignation was accepted, and the cordial thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to him for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties thereof for more than eight years. Dr. Meikle of Mount Forest was appointed treasurer. The two elders of the Balaklava congregation having resigned, Mr. Young and two of his elders were appointed an interim Session. The Rev. D. J. Macdonell, of Toronto, being present, by request, addressed the Presbytery on Home Missions and Augmentation of Stipends. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered him for his able and instructive address. Messrs. Strait and Morrison reported that they had visited the people in the vicinity of Monk, according to appointment, enacting a mission station there. After hearing representatives of the people, also the neighbouring Session, it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance till next meeting of Presbytery. There was a public meeting in the evening in connection with the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society. Mrs. Jamieson, secretary of the society, read a statement showing what had been done by the society during the year. Mr. Macdonell, of Toronto, then addressed the meeting on Foreign work. Votes of thanks were tendered to Mr. Macdonell for his interesting and practical address, to the ladies of the congregation for entertaining the members of Presbytery and the delegates to the annual meeting to luncheon and tea; also to the choir for their efficient services. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Palmerston in March 1890.—S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY — The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Maxville on the 10th inst. On account of the bad state of the roads the attendance was unusually small. The call from Priceville to the Rev. D. McLeod, of Kenyon, was presented and read, and after the several commissioners had been heard, Mr. Cormack, representing the Presbytery of Orangeville, and Mr. J. R. Mackenzie, the congregation of Kenyon, the call was put into Mr. McLeod's hands, who intimated his acceptance of the same. Whereupon it was immediately agreed to grant the translation. Mr. M. McLennan was appointed to preach the Church of Kenyon vacant so soon as intimation of Mr. McLeod's settlement at Priceville shall have been received, and thereafter to act as Moderator of Session with power to moderate in a call so soon as the congregation are prepared. The following ministers with their respective representative elders were appointed deputations to visit the supplemented congregations and report to the meeting in March: Mr. Ferguson and his elder to visit Alexandria; Mr. McEachern and his elder to visit Glensandfield and East Hawkesbury; Mr. M. McLennan and his elder to visit Gravel Hill and Apple Hill; Mr. Givens and his elder to visit Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George; Mr. Barnett and his elder to visit Summerstown. The Rev. Dr. Smith, Secretary of Queen's University, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. He afterwards addressed the court at length—explaining the present position of Queen's and urging its claims upon the sympathy and liberality of the Church. The programme for the Sunday school convention, to be held at Vankleek Hill on the 21st and 22nd January, 1890, was submitted, and received the approval of the Presbytery. It was resolved that missionary meetings shall be held in all the congregations within the bounds, each minister to make his own arrangements and to report as to his diligence in the matter at the next regular meeting. The next meeting was appointed to be held in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on Tuesday, March 11, 11.30 a.m.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON — This Presbytery met at Belleville, and within St. Andrew's Church, on the 17th ult., the Rev. M. W. McLean, M.A., Moderator. Mr. McLean's term of office having expired, the Rev. Wm. T. Wilkins, B.A., minister at Trenton, was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Mr. H. Gracey reported that, as appointed at last meeting, the congregation of Lansdowne, Fairfax, and Sand Bay was declared vacant. The report was received, and the name of the minister affected thereby was removed from the Presbytery Roll. Mr. Gracey was appointed interim Moderator of the session of Lansdowne, etc., and empowered to moderate in a call in that congregation as soon as the people are prepared to proceed. The Rev. Thomas S. Chambers, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and took a seat accordingly. A circular letter from the Presbytery of Columbia, B.C., was presented and read, intimating that said Presbytery would apply to the next General Assembly for leave to receive the Rev. W. W. Warren, D.D., a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as a minister of this Church. A circular from the agent of the Church, on the matter of the Assembly Fund, was submitted and read, from which it appeared that the sum of \$140, for the current year, was expected from this Presbytery. The attention of members was called to this, as well as to the other schemes of the church. The Rev. J. Steele, B.A., of Seymour and Kyleston, was appointed interim Moderator of the session of St. Columba and St. Paul. Mr. C. E. McLean was appointed to supply Consecration and Hillier, till next regular meeting of Presbytery in March. The Rev. Wm. T. Wilkins, B.A., was appointed interim Moderator of the session of Consecration and Hillier. The Rev. Thomas S. Chambers tabled a letter of commendation from the acting stated clerk of the Presbytery of Los Angeles (California) with the promise of a regular letter of decession as soon as said Presbytery meets. It was agreed that Mr. Chambers be given employment within the bounds of the Presbytery in the meantime, so far as work is available. Mr. Houston submitted and read a report on the examination of students who were within the bounds of the Presbytery during the summer of 1889. The report was received, and ordered to be kept in retentis, and the names of the students who have passed entered upon the minutes. A circular from the Presbytery of Ottawa, on suggested amendments to the License Act of the Province of Ontario, was handed over to the Committee on Temperance for them to consider, and report thereon, at the next regular meeting of Presbytery. The Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee gave in a report which was received. The appointment of deputations to visit Augmented Congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery was entrusted to the same committee. Mr. Houston gave notice that at the next regular meeting, he would move the General Assembly to form a new Presbytery within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston. The next regular meeting will be held at Kingston, and within Cooke's Church there, on the third Tuesday of March, 1890, at three o'clock in the afternoon.—A. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA — The Presbytery of Sarnia held its usual quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., Rev. Mr. Beamer, Moderator. Leave was granted to the congregation of Mandaamin to have a call moderated in there, if necessary, before next ordinary meeting. Rev. Mr. Leitch was authorized to discharge that duty. Rev. Dr. Thompson was associated with the interim Moderator, in the matter of pulpit supply. A like provision was extended to the congregation of Strathroy, and Rev. Mr. Anderson was authorized to discharge the duty. Rev. Mr. Graham was associated with the interim Moderator in the matter