

## Ministers and Churches.

MRS. THOMAS KERR, and Miss Kerr, of Gerrard Street, are passengers by the *Puritan*.

THE Sabbath school of Second Presbyterian Church, Medonte, begs to acknowledge through your valuable columns the very acceptable and much-required present, 300 volumes of Sabbath school library books, from Knox Church, Galt, per Mr. Murray, its late superintendent, who, though moved to Galt, still remembers so kindly his old church Sabbath school.

WE deeply regret to announce the death of the Rev. J. S. McKay, which took place at his father's residence, East Nissouri, on Thursday last. Mr. McKay came home from New Westminster, early in the spring, having, after leaving his charge, spent some time in California in quest of health. Everything was done to prolong life, but without effect. His funeral was attended on Monday by a large number of sorrowing friends. Dr. Cochrane, the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, was also present and took part in the sad services.

KNOX CHURCH, Owen Sound, after undergoing renovation and enlargement, rendered necessary by the increase and prosperity of the congregation under the able and zealous ministry of the Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., has been re-opened for public worship. The opening sermons were preached by Principal Grant, of Queen's University. The building morning and evening was filled to its utmost capacity, and the people listened with deep interest to the discourses delivered by Dr. Grant. On the following evening a social meeting was held, at which there was an overflowing attendance. The speakers were Rev. Messrs. McEwen, of the Baptist Church, John Somerville, M.A., Division Street Presbyterian Church, J. E. Howell, M.A. Methodist Church; Duncan Morrison, M.A., the former pastor of Knox Church, and Principal Grant. The Sabbath following the pulpit was occupied by Principal Caven, of Knox College, who also preached to large audiences. The collections at the opening services were very liberal. The congregation of Knox Church, Owen Sound, has shown a steady increase in prosperity and efficiency in Christian work and usefulness.

THE following is a portion of the report of Committee upon Lotteries adopted at the late meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, held at Perth: This Provincial Act is an amendment of 23 Vic., cap. xxvi. of United Canada, of which the single provision was: The said Act does not apply to any raffle for prizes of small value at any bazaar held for any charitable object; provided, however, that to entitle any such raffle hereafter to the exemption hereby declared, permission to hold the same must be obtained from the city or other municipal council, or from the mayor, reeve, or other chief officer of the city, town or other municipality wherein such bazaar is held, and the articles so thereat to be raffled for must be such only as have theretofore been offered for sale, and must none of them be of a value exceeding \$50. Your committee call the attention of the Synod to the vicious principle lying at the foundation of the two first-mentioned Acts, namely, that what is held to be criminal in any other connection is rendered innocent by its connection with a church or charitable institution—or that the end sanctifies the means. The committee recommend: 1. That the kirk sessions within the bounds of the Synod be earnestly requested to use all their influence to discourage raffling at bazaars. 2. That the Synod memorialize the General Assembly to take into consideration the present state of the law on this question, within the several Provinces of the Dominion, with the view of seeking the repeal of any statutes which sanction gambling in any form, and to this end to invite the co-operation of other religious denominations in Canada, and take such other steps as in its wisdom it may see fit. 3. That meantime the present committee be continued, with the addition of the names of Rev. James Barclay, of Montreal, and Rev. W. T. Herdrie and Messrs. Geo. Hay and Sandford Fleming, of Ottawa.

THE Rev. S. H. Kellogg, D.D., recently Professor of Systematic Theology in the Western Theological Seminary, Alleghany, was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. James Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Thursday afternoon last. The Rev. H. M. Parsons, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. The sermon, an able and appropriate one, was preached by Rev. John Neil, of Charles Street Church. After the questions of the formula had been answered and the induction prayer offered, Rev. H. M. Parsons, in a neat and impressive manner, addressed the pastor, and the Rev. Dr. McLaren delivered an apt and practical address to the congregation. Thereafter, Dr. Kellogg received a cordial welcome from the people. In the evening a most successful social was held. The ladies of the congregation with much enthusiasm arranged sumptuously covered refreshment tables in the lecture room, which was brightened by a graceful display of flowers, flags and streamers. For an hour and a half, the seats at these tables were successively filled by members of the congregation and their friends. The same hosts entertained the members of Toronto Presbytery to dinner. The hospitality was, on motion of Rev. Mr. Milligan, gracefully acknowledged by the Presbytery. Hon. Oliver Mowat, who presided at the reception social, in felicitous and appropriate terms, introduced the evening's proceedings. On behalf of the session and congregation, Principal Caven presented an address of welcome to Dr. Kellogg. Mr. William Kerr, in the name of the ladies of the congregation, presented the newly inducted pastor with a palpit gown. This was followed by the gift of an elegant pulpit Bible from the young people, whose spokesman was Mr. George Inglis, B.A. For all these gifts, Dr. Kellogg made happy and suitable replies. At this stage, Dr. James, who for the last six months has filled the pulpit with great acceptance, and rendered valuable pastoral services, in the name of the congregation, presented an elegant and valuable gold watch, chain and

locket, bearing a suitable inscription, and a well-filled purse to Principal Caven, for the valuable services rendered by him as Moderator of Session for two years and a half. Dr. Caven made an appropriate and modest reply. Excellent addresses of welcome were then made by Principal Castle, of McMaster Hall, Rev. John Burton, B.D., Northern Congregational Church, Principal Sheraton, of Wycliff College, E. A. Stafford, M. A., Metropolitan Church, D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., of St. Andrew's Church, and Mayor Howland. During the evening appropriate anthems, finely rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Douglas, were interspersed.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on the 18th of May. Mr. Lyle obtained leave of absence for three months. A committee was appointed to prepare a scheme for the visitation of congregations by the Presbytery. Committees were appointed to visit Dunville and Sutherland Street Caledonia, in view of the reduction and withdrawal of the grants from the Augmentation Fund. An application for leave to retire from active duty from Rev. R. Stevenson was received and ordered to be transmitted. A call from Dundas Street and Nelson to Mr. Robert McIntyre, student, was received and laid upon the table and the Presbytery resolved to petition the General Assembly to allow them to ordain Mr. McIntyre as soon as practicable, notwithstanding the regulation of last Assembly requiring six months at mission work. Dr. Thomson's resignation of Drummondville and Chippewa was accepted, to take effect on July 1. A resolution was adopted recording the sympathy of the Presbytery with Dr. Thomson in his severe affliction through impaired eyesight, and their appreciation of the diligence, zeal and earnestness with which for more than seven years he has discharged the duties of the pastorate, also their undiminished confidence in his Christian character and their approbation of Dr. Thomson's conduct in the circumstances which led to his resignation. The congregation of Kilbride got leave to sell their manse property. Mr. Abraham was appointed Moderator for the next six months.—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston on the 11th day of May. From communications received it appeared that the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew were favourable to the union of the congregations of Dalhousie and North Sherbrooke with the Snow Road station, and were willing that said united charge when formed should be under the jurisdiction of the Kingston Presbytery. It was decided to ask the General Assembly to sanction the union proposed. Mr. Maclean was appointed to support the matter before the Assembly. There was read a petition from the Rev. Alexander McKay, M.A., of Collingwood, stating that owing to ill health he desired to be put on the list of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. There were read medical certificates in relation to his condition. The Presbytery agreed to recommend that his request be granted. Mr. Northrup resigned his commission to the General Assembly, and the Rev. James Fowler, M.A., ruling elder, was appointed commissioner in his stead. Messrs. Maclean and Gracey were appointed to support before the Assembly the memorial from this Presbytery, asking that the six months' rule of mission service be rescinded in so far as our own students are concerned. The following students were, after due examination, licensed to preach the Gospel: Andrew Patterson, B.A., Arpad Givan, B.A., Robert Gow, B.A., Alexander McAulay, B.A., James A. Grant, Neil Campbell, B.A., William Allan, John McLeod, B.A., and Rodenick McKay, B.A., B.D. Mr. David Millar was transferred (at his own request) to the Presbytery of Owen Sound for the completion of his trials. On the evening of the 12th of May Mr. Givan was ordained and placed in charge as ordained missionary of L'Amable and York River.—THOMAS S. C. HAMMERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting at Londonborough on the 11th May. Messrs. Martin and Ramsay were congratulated on their receiving the degree of B.D. It was agreed to apply to the Assembly for leave to license Mr. John Young, M.A., a graduate of Queen's College, recently arrived from Scotland. A tabulated statement based on the financial returns of congregations for the year just closed was submitted by Mr. McCoy, showing the contributions per member and family. The report was ordered to be printed with slight alterations. A call from the congregation of Union Church, Brucefield, in favour of Mr. J. H. Simpson, was sustained. Mr. Simpson having accepted the call, a special meeting of Presbytery will be held at Brucefield on Tuesday, the 1st June, to hear his trial discourses, etc., and to ordain him. The stipend promised to Mr. Simpson is \$500, with a manse and glebe and four weeks' vacation yearly. A petition was presented, signed by twenty-seven heads of families in the township of McGillivray, praying that a mission station be organized in their locality, to be supplied in connection with Grand Bend. The petition was accompanied by a subscription list, amounting to \$132, for the support of ordinances. After parties were heard in support of the petition, it was agreed to correspond with the Presbytery of Samia on the matter, Mr. Carriere to give supply in the meantime. Messrs. Fletcher and Martin were appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Samia Presbytery on the matter if such a committee should be appointed by the latter Presbytery. Mr. Richard gave a report of his attendance on the meeting of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee and the grants made to this Presbytery. Mr. Macgrace was appointed Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee for the ensuing year. Mr. George Holkirk, elder, was elected a commissioner to the Assembly in place of Mr. John Kerr, resigned. The next regular meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Knox Church, Goderich, on the second Tuesday of July, at eleven o'clock a.m.—A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.—This Presbytery met in the Post Office Block, Portage la Prairie, on May 4.—Rev. Mr. Smith, Moderator. There were present Rev. Messrs.

Douglas, Robertson, Mowat, Kelly, Duncan, McKee, Todd, Fleit, Murray, Bell, McKellar, ministers; and Messrs. Grant, Steele, Aikenhead, Hay and Dr. Fleming, elders. Rev. Mr. Todd was appointed a delegate to the General Assembly in room of Mr. Douglas, who had resigned. The Home Mission report was then read by the superintendent, and was substantially adopted. It was agreed that application be made to the Synod to license Messrs. John McArthur D. Anderson, R. Gow, and Haig; that application be made to the Assembly in favour of Mr. H. L. Simpson, on his passing an examination satisfactory to the Presbytery. Mr. McTavish reported that he had elected elders in the Second Congregation of Brandon. Dr. Fleming made application for a grant to build a church, and Mr. Murray asked for a grant to build a manse at Neepawa. Both applications were recommended to the Church and Manse Building Committee. Mr. Todd moved the transmission of the following overture to the General Assembly: Whereas the present system of conducting the Home Mission business of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories is unsatisfactory, on account of its cumbersome machinery, and danger of conflict between the various authorities having function in its administration, whereas the expense of such system is very great and unnecessary for the efficient carrying out of the work; whereas the building of railway lines throughout the country has greatly facilitated the means of communication, both as to time and comfort, and has led to the establishment of business centres in all the Presbyteries, rendering easy the administration of the Home Mission affairs; whereas sufficient time has elapsed since the establishment of the Synod and its Presbyteries for the organization of efficient Home Mission Committees in the several Presbyteries; and whereas as a matter of fact, such committees are showing themselves alive to the great work of advancing our cause in the several localities, it is humbly overtured the Venerable the General Assembly, meeting in the city of Hamilton, to abolish the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and grant the same control of Home Mission matters to the Presbyteries in the said Synod as is given to Presbyteries in the eastern portion of the western division of the Church. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the overture be transmitted. Messrs. Todd and McKellar were appointed to support it at the Synod and Assembly. The reports of the standing committees were then considered. Mr. Todd read the report on Statistics; Mr. McKellar read that on Foreign Missions and on Religion and Morals; Mr. Sutherland read the report on Sabbath Schools; Mr. Douglas, that on Temperance; Mr. MacRae asked leave to transmit a memorial to the General Assembly asking that the grant apportioned to his field be paid. It was agreed that the memorial be transmitted, and Messrs. Todd and Robertson were appointed to support it at the Assembly. After some discussion on the subject of Sabbath observance the proceedings closed. The next meeting is to be held in Brandon on the second Tuesday in July.

ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERY. This Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Manitou, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at half past seven o'clock p.m., and was duly constituted by the Moderator. Sederunt.—The Rev. J. A. Townsend, Moderator; Messrs. H. J. Borthwick, Jas. Farquharson, J. Cairns, W. R. Ross; Messrs. Murdoch and D. D. Campbell. The matter of Rev. J. Lantrow's arrears was left in hands of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery. A letter from Rev. R. H. Warden, of Montreal, anent supplement, was read. Mr. Farquharson also read his reply to the above, and the Presbytery adopted it as their own. A communication was read from Mr. Campbell, of the Lintrathen group of stations, asking for a minister, and offering \$600 towards his support. Mr. Farquharson reported that the Rev. Mr. Polson had been appointed to Lintrathen, and that he was expected to enter upon his labours there in the course of the week. The General Assembly's Home Mission Committee's new regulations were read by Rev. J. Farquharson. An overture to the General Assembly was introduced by Rev. Jas. Farquharson, seconded by Rev. J. Cairns, praying for the abrogation of certain powers at present exercised by the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Manitoba and the North West Territories. The overture was adopted, and sent up to the Synod for transmission to the General Assembly. A letter from the Superintendent of Missions was read, asking the assent of the Presbytery to Mr. Lockhart's supplying a part of Rev. J. Brown's field. Mr. Lockhart being within the bounds of the Brandon Presbytery. The Presbytery ordered the Clerk to write to Mr. Brown, to see if he could undertake the work in the station referred to himself, and that he could not do so, the Presbytery signify its willingness to grant the request of the Superintendent of Missions. The reports of the several committees of the Presbytery were ordered to be sent by their conveners to the conveners of the Synod's committees. The remits of the General Assembly were considered. It was recommended that the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be divided into two parts, one part to be supported by the ministers' rates, and the other by congregational collections. It was resolved that the next meeting of the Presbytery be held at Boissevain on the second Wednesday in July, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Morden on Thursday, for the induction of the Rev. M. McKenzie. The Presbytery met, according to adjournment, at Morden, and in the church there, for the induction of the Rev. M. McKenzie. The Moderator constituted the court with prayer. Rev. H. J. Borthwick preached and presided at the induction. The Rev. W. A. Ross, of Carman, addressed the newly inducted minister, and the Rev. J. A. Townsend, of Manitou, addressed the people. At the close of the service, Mr. McKenzie was conducted to the door by Mr. Ross, and received the congratulations of the people. The Presbytery gave authority to Mr. McKenzie to proceed as soon as convenient with the organization of a session. The Presbytery then adjourned. In the evening a social was held in the church, to extend a welcome to Mr. McKenzie. Addresses were delivered by the chairman, Rev. H. J. Borthwick, Rev. W. R. Ross, Rev. J. Colpitts, of the Methodist Church, Rev. J. A.