

Ministers and Churches.

THE choir of Chalmers Church, Woodstock, has been re-organized under the leadership of Mr. Garwin, principal of the public schools.

DR. COCHRANE has received £75 sterling for the Home Mission fund from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland and the usual donations for Queen's and Manitoba Colleges.

THE Rev. A. Wilson, being without charge, is open for engagements to supply vacant pulpits or those of pastors who may desire to leave home for a time. Address, 402 Huron street.

THE believers' meeting for Bible study will be held at the pavilion on the grounds of the Queen's Royal Hotel, Niagara-on-the-Lake, July 10th to 17th. Bible readings and addresses on Vital Truth will be given by the teachers, who have usually been present, and for fourteen years past have conducted this meeting.

THE Presbyterian Sabbath School Teachers' Union of Toronto have issued an attractive programme for the meeting to be held in Cooke's Church, Thursday, April 17, at eight p.m. Mr. R. S. Gurlay will lead in the consideration of the International Sabbath School Lesson, "Forgiveness and Love." A conference on how to conduct a Sabbath school session will be opened by Mr. Melville Swartout.

IN the report of the proceedings of Bruce Presbytery a slight typographical change made a decided change in the meaning to be conveyed—"expedient" was printed instead of "inexpedient." The reference is to the recommendation of the Presbytery of Bruce relating to the appointment of a general Sabbath school secretary. That Presbytery is unanimous in the opinion that such an appointment would be inexpedient.

CONCERNING French Evangelization Dr. Warden writes: The Church year closes on April 30. About \$4,200 are still required to enable us to end the year free from debt in the ordinary fund. A considerable number of congregations and Sabbath schools have not yet forwarded a contribution for the current year. Permit me to remind the treasurers of these that remittances should be mailed so as to reach Montreal by Wednesday, the 30th inst. Will those supporting pupils at the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools and all friends desirous of helping us to close the year without debt, please send their contributions prior to the end of April.

THE holy communion was observed in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, last week. The pastor, Rev. Mr. McKay, B.A., was assisted by Rev. A. Grant, of St. Marys, who preached an interesting sermon on Good Friday, and also by Rev. G. Munro, M.A., of Embro, who preached on Sabbath morning and Monday afternoon and evening. The Monday afternoon service was conducted in Gaelic. The rite of baptism was administered to an adult on Friday evening. Sixteen new members were admitted to the Lord's table—fourteen by certificate and two on confession of faith. There was a large attendance at all the services and many received great spiritual strength. This congregation is in a healthy condition at present.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal held recently, the resignation of Rev. L. H. Jordan, pastor of Erskine Church, was accepted, and the pulpit will be declared vacant on the 7th prox. The Rev. Dr. Warden was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy, with power to moderate in a call to a minister when deemed expedient. Rev. Professor Scrimger intimated his intention of visiting Europe during the coming summer. The Presbytery in consequence nominated Rev. Dr. McKay as Moderator of Synod in his stead, and Rev. T. G. Williams was appointed commissioner to the General Assembly in his stead. Circular letters were read from the following Presbyteries intimating their intention to ask leave of the General Assembly to receive ministers into the Presbyterian Church of Canada: Presbytery of Kingston, Rev. E. W. Florence, American Presbyterian Church; Prince Edward Island, Rev. John Sutherland, New South Wales; Peterborough, Rev. A. Dawls, Church of Scotland, and Rev. B. Caulfield Jones, American Presbyterian Church.

A DEBT of \$5,000 has rested upon the building occupied by Knox Church, Guelph, since its erection. Within the last six years the membership of the congregation has doubled and many felt that the church could and should provide for this debt. A month ago a committee was appointed and went to work to have the amount subscribed. Their efforts were crowned with abundant success, the whole amount being raised. The members decided to hold a thanksgiving social on Good Friday. It was a happy company that filled the basement and partook of the sumptuous repast provided by the ladies. After singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," Secretary Scott read his report on church debt. The chair was ably filled by Mr. G. W. Field, chairman of the Debt Committee. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. R. J. Beattie, pastor, Professor Shaw, Dr. McGuire, Messrs. T. Goldie, S. Hodgskin, G. Whitelaw and A. Scott. Excellent music was provided by the choir under the leadership of Mr. H. Walker. A duet by the Misses Hadden, and a solo by Miss Knowles were rendered with much ability and good taste. A hearty vote of thanks was given the ladies for their excellent tea and valuable help in removing the debt. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. J. Beattie, and a very happy meeting closed.

THE monthly meeting of the Canadian M'All Association was held in the Y.M.C.A. Thursday, April 3. The president, Mrs. Blake, presided. The treasurer's report was \$109.63. Letters were read from M. Soltan, finance secretary of the mission in France, in acknowledgment of money sent by the Canadian Association; he speaks of having the pleasure of meeting Mr. W. H. Howland at one of the halls in Paris, also a letter from Miss Caven in answer to one from the association, regretting that she was obliged to resign the treasurership, and one from Miss Paterson, secretary of the Port Hope auxiliary, speaking very hopefully of the beginning made by the auxiliary; they have nineteen members and \$17 in the treasurer's hands. Mrs. Blake gave an account of the formation of an auxiliary in Hamilton, March 26; there were between 120 and 130 present; the collection amounted to ten dollars; their first meeting will be held April 3. Mrs. MacVicar gave an account of the formation of an auxiliary at Woodstock, March 19; there were fifty present; they have twenty-two members; Rev. Mr. McMullen presided, and Rev. Dr. Cuthbertson addressed the meeting. The report of the work for the year at Rochefort and La Rochelle by the missionary, M. Durrleman, was read; these are the two stations supported by the Canadian association. After arrangements were made to further the work by forming other auxiliaries, the meeting was brought to a close.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 1st instant, Rev. W. Frizell, Moderator. A petition was read from the congregation of Southside Church, Toronto, praying the Presbytery to appoint one to moderate in a call. And the Moderator was appointed for that purpose. With several of the neighbouring Sessions consenting, permission was given to the congregation of St. Enoch's Church, Toronto, to purchase a lot for building a new place of worship in another locality of the same district. Agreeably to recommendation made, it was resolved to form into one charge the two congregations of Malton and Dixie, and to serve them in the matter of supply accordingly. A similar resolution passed in regard to the congregations of Fisherville and Fairbank. The petition was brought up again which sought the formation of a mission station at the corner of Bloor Street West and Ossington Avenue. The committee appointed thereon reported on the whole in favourable terms, recommending such an organization unless the neigh-

bouring Sessions should show good reasons for the contrary. The neighbouring Sessions, however, reported and argued strongly for the contrary. And eventually, on motion made by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, seconded by Rev. Dr. Parsons, it was carried unanimously as follows: That in view of the opposition of the four neighbouring Sessions to the organization of a new mission station on Ossington Avenue, as premature and likely to prove injurious to the growth of already existing charges, the Presbytery declines to grant the prayer of the petition for organization. A paper was read from the Session of Bloor Street Church, Toronto, applying for the permission to open Sabbath evening services in Wychwood Park so soon as it may be found convenient to do so. In support of this application the Moderator of said Session was briefly heard. And thereafter it was agreed to notify the Session of Deer Park and Fairbank respecting the application, with request that they express their minds thereon at the next meeting of Presbytery. The committee appointed at last meeting to prepare minutes as to Revs. R. Wallace and W. Meikle, submitted and read said minutes, which were cordially adopted; but owing to the length to which they extend, they cannot well be given here. The Conveners of the Committees on Temperance and Sabbath Schools presented and read their respective reports, which were duly adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's Committees. Thirteen graduates of Knox College, viz. Messrs. H. L. A. Reid, B.A., John Crawford, B.A., Neil Shaw, B.A., R. M. Hamilton, B.A., W. J. Clark, Walter Muir, C. A. Webster, B.A., James Drummond, B.A., Alexander Wilson, M. P. Talling, B.A., P. J. McLaren, B.A., J. P. McQuarrie and J. M. McLaren, B.A., underwent a preliminary examination with a view to license; the examination was unanimously sustained, and the Presbytery resolved thereupon to apply to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston for leave to take the said students on public probationary trials. A petition was brought up and read from the Independent Presbyterian congregation accustomed to meet for religious service at the corner of Sumach and St. David Streets, praying to be received into connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and appointing Messrs. Maginn, Arnold, Sutherland and Stephenson to act as their representatives at this meeting of Presbytery. Of these representatives a majority appeared and were severally heard. It was then moved and agreed to, that the neighbouring Sessions be notified of this application, with request that they express themselves thereon in due time, and also that a committee be appointed, consisting of Revs. W. A. Hunter, Dr. Parsons, Messrs. Gibson and Jeffery, to inquire carefully into the circumstances of the congregation, and report regarding them to next meeting of Presbytery. Notice was given by the Moderator of an overture to be brought up at that meeting respecting the recognition of woman's work in the Church. Notice was also given by Dr. Parsons that he would bring up an overture at next meeting for omitting the clause in the Book of Forms which requires leave to be obtained from a Synod to take students on trial for license. The remit from the supreme court of the Church as to appointing a general secretary of Sabbath schools was approved of. And the remit as to reducing the representation of the Assembly to one-sixth instead of one-fourth of the ministers and a like number of elders, was disapproved of. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday of May at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.—The Presbytery of Columbia met on March 12 in the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria. There was a good attendance of members from various parts of the province and a large amount of business, occupying two days, transacted. Among items of more general interest the following may be noticed. Mr. McLaren reported having moderated in a call in the First Church, Vancouver; two names were proposed, Rev. G. R. Maxwell, of Three Rivers, Quebec, and Rev. T. C. Jack, of Maitland, Nova Scotia—resulting in favour of Mr. Jack by a small majority. Owing to the divided state of the congregation the Presbytery declined to sustain the call and authorized Mr. McLaren again to moderate in a call whenever the congregation is ready. Mr. McLeod reported having moderated in a call at Nanaimo on March 11, resulting in an equal number of votes being given for the two ministers nominated. In view of the circumstances it was unanimously agreed by the congregation to stop further proceedings until the congregation had an opportunity of hearing more ministers. Mr. McLeod was authorized to moderate in a call again whenever the congregation may be ready. Mr. Scouler was appointed Presbytery treasurer in the place of Mr. Jamieson, resigned. On motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Dunn, it was agreed to ask the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland to place the records of the former Presbytery of British Columbia in the possession of the Presbytery. On motion of Mr. Scouler, Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, was nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. Full and carefully prepared reports on Sabbath Observance, State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Schools were presented and read by the Conveners of the Committees on these subjects, Messrs. Dunn, Jaffray, Scouler and Tait. The following commissioners were appointed to the next General Assembly: by rotation and election, Alexander Tait, Thomas Scouler, P. McF. McLeod and John Chisholm, ministers; and John Hardie, Principal McMillan (Collegiate Institute, Ottawa), Donald Fraser, Kingston, and W. Mortimer Clark, Toronto. It was unanimously agreed to represent to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee the desirability of having Rev. Dr. Robertson extend his labours to this Province, and Mr. Fraser was requested to represent this important matter to the committee. In answer to a communication from the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, the Presbytery renewed its application to the Foreign Mission Committee for the appointment of Mr. Fung Chak, to labour among the Chinese in British Columbia. A very large part of the time was devoted to the consideration of the Home Mission report, reviewing the past year's work, considering and revising grants and adopting plans for extension and more efficient working of fields. At the congregation's request, Kamloops was placed on the Augmentation Scheme—the congregation promising \$500 towards stipend. The division of Mr. McKee's and Mr. Dunn's fields were recommended and the appointment of two additional ordained and two student missionaries. The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, on the second Tuesday in September, at three o'clock p.m.—D. MACRAE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—The Presbytery of Glengarry held their quarterly meeting in St. John's Church, Cornwall, Tuesday March 11th. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, Rev. Mr. Hastie was appointed Moderator *pro tem*. An application was presented in behalf of Mr. Alex. Dewar, a licentiate of the Baptist Church, asking the Presbytery to take the necessary steps in order that he may be admitted to the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Messrs. Cormack, Hastie and Calder were appointed a committee to meet and confer with Mr. Dewar, who was present, and to report in the afternoon. The deputations who had visited the supplemented congregations reported as to the fulfilment of their instructions. In regard to Alexandria, it was stated that the congregation had now resolved to take an independent position, and to pay a salary of \$750 (and manse) to their minister without any assistance from the Augmentation Fund. The Presbytery expressed its gratification at this most satisfactory evidence of the increasing prosperity and liberality of the congregation. The deputations, who had visited Summerstown and East Hawkesbury and Glen Sandfield, recommended that application be made to the Home Mission Committee for the renewal of the former grant, \$250 in each case. In the case of "Gravel Hill and Apple Hill," the Presbytery resolved to apply for an increase of \$50, raising the amount in this case also to \$750. In respect to East Lancaster it was resolved that the congregation for the present be recognized as a mission station, and that application be made for a grant of \$3 per Sabbath for the ensuing year, and the

appointment of a student for the summer. A petition from the congregation of Avonmore was presented by Mr. Duncan McDermid, in which leave was asked to dispose of their present church and build a new one in the village of Avonmore. The Presbytery unanimously granted the prayer of the petition. The resignation of the charge of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George by Mr. Macphie was accepted, no opposition being offered on the part of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. McLaren was appointed to preach the church vacant, and thereafter to act as Moderator of Session. The following were appointed as delegates to the General Assembly which meets in Ottawa on the second Wednesday of June: Ministers—Rev. D. McLachlan and J. J. Cameron, by rotation; Rev. J. S. Barnett, Dr. Macnish and J. Cormack, by election. Elders—Messrs. D. H. McDougall, J. Copeland, H. McLean, J. Simpson and D. P. McKinnon. On motion of Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. D. D. McLennan, the Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, was nominated for the Moderatorship of the next General Assembly, and on motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. D. D. McLennan, the Rev. Dr. Lamont was nominated for that of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. Rev. J. J. Cameron and Mr. John Copeland were appointed to represent the Presbytery in the Synod's committee of Will and Overtures. Very excellent and carefully prepared reports were read on "Sabbath Observance," by Rev. D. Stewart; on "Sunday Schools" by Rev. D. McLaren; on "Statistics," by Rev. J. Cormack, and on "Temperance," by Rev. J. A. G. Calder, who severally received the thanks of the Presbytery for their diligence. The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Dewar recommended that his application be forwarded to the General Assembly and that this Presbytery ask for the favourable consideration of that court. The recommendation was unanimously adopted. The Presbytery agreed to hold its next meeting at Alexandria on the second Tuesday in July at 11 a.m.

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Macnab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, April 8 and 9, over 500 delegates being in attendance.

On Tuesday morning devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Ewart, Toronto, assisted by Mrs. Carruthers, Kirkwall, and Mrs. Fletcher, Thames Road. The address of welcome on behalf of the Hamilton ladies was read by Mrs. Lyle, of Hamilton, Mrs. Farrell, of Smith's Falls, replying. The president, Mrs. Ewart, delivered an address on the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the good work it was accomplishing in heathen lands. She also referred to the progress it had made of late years, both numerically and financially and to the suggestions regarding the taking up of home mission work by the society.

Letters were received from societies in New York, Philadelphia and Halifax, sending kind wishes and greetings.

Very satisfactory and encouraging reports of the Presbyterian societies were then presented from Ottawa, Lanark and Renfrew, Brockville, Glengarry, Kingston, Peterborough, Whitby, Lindsay, Toronto, Barrie, Owen Sound, Saugeen, Guelph, Orangeville, Hamilton, Paris, London, Sarnia, Chatham, Stratford, Huron, Maitland, Bruce, Winnipeg, Brandon and the auxiliaries in Montreal and Columbia Presbyteries. The morning session was closed with devotions by Mrs. Cockburn, Paris.

In the afternoon the reception of delegates took place and the ladies of Hamilton having provided tea a most enjoyable time was spent. Mrs. MacKellan, of Hamilton, sang "Jerusalem," which was much appreciated by all who heard it. Mrs. G. H. Robinson presented the report of the Board of Management. The annual report on foreign work was read by Mrs. Harvie; Mrs. Shortreed presented the report on home work; the report of supply was presented by Mrs. Campbell; the report of publication by Mrs. Telfer; Mrs. MacLennan read the financial statement. In the annual report the expansion of the work of the society was referred to, a tribute was paid to the worth and memory of the late Mrs. MacMurchy, who so acceptably filled the office of foreign secretary. It also detailed the work carried on among the Indians of the North-West and gave an account of what is being done in China. From the home secretary's report it is learned that the society is now represented in thirty-one Presbyteries. Quebec, Regina, Rock Lake and Minnedosa have opened to the work during the year. The number of Presbyterian societies is now twenty-five; new auxiliaries, fifty; mission bands, forty-one. Total number of auxiliaries, 437; mission bands, 176; branches, 613. Auxiliary membership, 10,299. Mission band membership, 4,869. Total membership, 15,168. Life members added during the year, eighty-one. Total number of life members, 391. The report of the publication committee shows the following amount of literature sent out during the year 1889-90: Leaflets sold, 7,132; leaflets free, 6,466; mite boxes sold, 4,646; mite boxes free, 134; envelopes sold, 3,227; envelopes free, 534; maps, 8; prayer cards, 2,563; total 24,710; letter leaflets, 57,423; literature, 24,710; total, 82,133. The treasurer's statement shows the financial condition of the section to be as follows: Cash received from auxiliaries during the year 1889-90, \$24,104; cash received from mission bands during the year 1889-90, \$6,517; cash received from other sources during the year 1889-90, \$1,496; Presbyterian expenses reported to treasurer, \$118. Total, \$31,999.28. Expenses of management, \$592. Balance in bank March 24, 1890, \$31,100.

The question as to whether the society should undertake home mission work as well as foreign was taken up for discussion. After an animated debate the proposal was voted down by a very large majority.

In the evening a largely attended public meeting was held in Central Church. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, was chairman. Rev. Mr. Lyle, Rev. Dr. Fletcher and Rev. Dr. Fraser conducted the opening exercises and afterwards gave most pleasing addresses. Rev. Prof. McLaren also spoke, touching on the growth of the foreign mission work and gave some interesting facts relating to its history. The Rev. A. B. Winchester and Rev. J. Wilkie gave interesting accounts of their work in the foreign field. While the collection was being taken up Mrs. Fenwick sang "Come unto Me."

Wednesday morning was devoted to Board business and a devotional meeting in the church. Mrs. Thorburn, of Ottawa, had prepared an excellent paper on "Scattered Helpers' Scheme," which in her absence was read by Miss Harman, of Ottawa. The idea suggested is a good one. The ladies listened with close attention and interest to the reading of the paper.

The officers of the Society were appointed as follows: Mrs. Ewart, Toronto, president; Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. W. M. Clark, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. Alexander, Toronto, and the presidents of all Presbyterian societies, auxiliaries and mission bands, vice-presidents. Mrs. J. McMurrich, Mrs. J. Jennings, Mrs. Topp, Mrs. W. Reid, Mrs. J. McLachlan, Toronto, honorary vice-presidents. Mrs. George H. Robinson, Toronto, recording secretary. Mrs. Shortreed, Toronto, home secretary. Mrs. Harvie, Toronto, foreign secretary. Mrs. Jeffrey, Toronto, secretary of supplies. Mrs. Telfer, Toronto, secretary and treasurer of publication. Mrs. J. McCracken, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Playfair and Mrs. W. Miller were appointed the executive committee.

At the afternoon meeting several questions submitted during the year were taken up for discussion. The following resolution was carried: Each Presbyterian society shall be represented by one delegate, besides its president, at the annual meeting of the Society; each auxiliary shall be entitled to one delegate besides its president; each mission band shall be represented by its president only. These delegates must be members of the general society to be entitled to vote, and shall be provided with entertainment during the annual meeting.