

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Joseph Johnston has been unanimously called to the Presbyterian Church, Cayuga, in the county of Haldimand.

THE Rev. T. H. Peachell, Wellandport, has been unanimously called to the First Presbyterian Church, Lyndonville, New York.

THE Rev. J. W. Mitchell, late of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, has received a unanimous call from the Presbyterian Church in Thorold.

THE son of the Rev. J. Leishman, of Chester, who received accidentally a painful gunshot wound last week, is now progressing favourably, and good hopes of his recovery are entertained.

THE Melville Church, Brussels, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held its annual thank offering meeting lately at which a liberal sum was realized. Mrs. Calder of Atwood, was present by request and gave an excellent address. The Society presented us President, Mrs. Ross, with an address and a life membership certificate beautifully framed.

MR. J. K. MACDONALD, Convener of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, writes: Will you kindly grant me space in which to call the attention of those ministers of our Church who have not yet connected with the Fund, to the action of our last Assembly, by which the time was extended to January 1, 1891. As it is not likely that any further extension of time will be allowed, ministers intending to do so should connect at once.

THE unanimous call addressed to Mr. R. B. Smith by the united congregations of Ashburn and Utica having been accepted by him, the Presbytery of Whitby has appointed a special meeting to be held in Ashburn Church on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at half-past two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of inducing into this charge and for the transaction of any other competent business, Mr. Kippan to preside, induct and address the minister, Mr. Chisholm to preach and Mr. McMechan to address the congregation. Mr. Smith's prospects are very promising.

THE second monthly meeting for the season of the Canadian McAll Auxiliary was held Thursday, November 6th, 1890, in the library of the Young Men's Christian Association. The President, Mrs. Blake in the chair. The Treasurer, Miss Inglis, reported \$388.78 receipts for the year so far. A Bible reading full of earnest thoughts and beautiful lessons was given. As it was Thanksgiving Day the central idea of the reading was giving of thanks or praise, Psalm ciii. being chosen as the text. Mrs. Blake stated there was a possibility of an auxiliary being formed in London at an early date.

MISS ISABELLA ROSS, daughter of Mr. John Ross of Beaverton, left last week for India, where she intends remaining for some time. A farewell meeting was held in Knox Church. The Rev. D. C. Johnston presided, and suitable addresses were given by the Rev. Dr. Watson, Rev. Mr. Williams, Miss Ross and others. The ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society presented Miss Ross with a handsomely bound Bible and an appropriate address, to which she made a suitable and feeling reply.

THE Rev. E. Wallace Waits, wife, and family, of Owen Sound, arrived home Monday evening week from a four months' ramble in England and the continent. The voyage was made in six days and twelve hours per steamer *Umbria*, of the Cunard line, and arrived in New York Sunday morning, October 19th. Mr. Waits preached in Knox Sunday week, morning and evening, taking subjects appropriate for his return home. In the morning he discoursed on "So He bringeth them unto their desired haven."

KNOX Church Young People's Christian Association, Toronto, have re-organized for the ensuing season. The following officers were elected, viz.: Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., honorary president; E. W. Maas, president; R. Porgie, first vice-president; Miss Emma Parsons, second vice-president; J. A. Imrie, treasurer; W. J. Anderson, secretary; Miss M. Mackay, assistant secretary; James Knowles, jr., editor of magazine; Miss Agnes Ashby, associate editor; Miss Annie Moody, Miss R. Campbell, W. McDougall, R. U. McPherson, executive committee. This Society has completed its tenth year, and continues to manifest an increase in vigour, interest and usefulness.

THE anniversary services in connection with the First Reformed Church, Carlton Street, Toronto, were held on Sabbath week when the Rev. Professors Gregg and McLaren preached able, acceptable and instructive sermons. On the following evening a most successful social was held at which interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. T. T. Johnston, George Burnfield, B.D., John Chisholm, Dr. Proudfoot and others. Mayor Clarke presided. The meeting was enlivened with choice music. Under the pastoral care of the Rev. Stuart Acheson this congregation is making most gratifying progress, and its future prospects are encouraging.

THE Manitoba Synod's Committee on Home Missions met recently in Knox Church, Winnipeg. They were present Rev. Dr. Robertson, Convener; Rev. Dr. Bryce, Convener of Winnipeg Presbytery; Rev. James Farquharson, Convener of Rock Lake Presbytery; Rev. P. Wright, Convener of Brandon Presbytery; Rev. Dr. Stalker, Convener of Minnedosa Presbytery; Rev. J. M. Douglas, Convener of Regina Presbytery; and Rev. Dr. King. Grants for the past half year of between \$11,000 and \$12,000 were passed. Arrangements were made for the supply of the stations of the Synod for the winter months. The following resolution was adopted unanimously: That the Synodical Home Mission Committee expresses its opinion that, while certain districts of country may have suffered from hail or drought during the season, yet the abundant harvest vouchsafed by kind Providence to almost all parts of the North-West ought to lead mission stations and augmented congregations generally to so increase the amounts raised for the support of ordinances that the claims of the ensuing half year may be lessened, and that

the grants needed for the first of April next be reduced; That self-sustaining congregations should, during the present year, put forth a greater effort than ever to raise liberal sums as contributions to the Home Mission Fund; That Presbyteries should organize means of stirring up all the congregations and mission stations, try holding missionary meetings or by a general exchange of pulpits for this purpose; That Presbyteries be urged to encourage the formation of Home Missionary Societies, or general missionary societies, giving large prominence to home mission work in the congregations and mission stations; and, That in accordance with the instructions of Synod a monthly missionary leaflet be undertaken for the purpose of diffusing information on mission matters; and that Drs. Bryce and Robertson be a committee to confer with the Foreign Mission Committee and take steps to issue the same if found practicable; and That copies of this minute be sent to Presbytery, Clerks and the Assembly's Home Mission Committee.

THE formal opening of the theological faculty of Queen's University occurred in the Convocation Hall, on the evening of Friday, November 7. After prayer by the Rev. James Cumberland, M.A., of Amherst Island, the principal announced that this session there were thirty-six students in theology, all of them graduates in arts, or men who had attended at least three full sessions in arts and passed classes equivalent to those required by the General Assembly's regulations. He expressed gratification that men who had completed their theological course in college were giving manifest proofs that they had not ceased to be students. Some ministers had written desiring to be enrolled as extra-murals and to write prescribed essays and have them criticized. Others were proposing to come back to the university for one or two weeks during the winter, to take up short special courses of study and discussion that would guide their work and reading. This would be a kind of winter Chataqua. He also mentioned, as another indication of the same spirit, that three or four city clergymen were attending Prof. Watson's lectures on "The Philosophy of Religion." He welcomed everything that brought the university into touch with actual life, especially with the higher side that is apt to be ignored in a new country. He announced that Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, had kindly promised to give a course on pastoral theology and homiletics after Christmas; that D. G. S. Connery, B.A., of Manitoba College, had that day been appointed tutor in elocution for the session; and that Rev. James Ross, B.D., of Perth, would begin his lectures on Church History next week. The chancellor then introduced Prof. McNaughton, the new Professor of Greek, who was to give his inaugural lecture on the occasion, and who had chosen as his subject "The Moral and Spiritual ideas in Aeschylus," or, as he himself phrased it, "A Greek Preacher of Righteousness." The following matriculation scholarships were awarded: 1. The David Stratton Dow, value \$100, to Neil McPherson, B.A., Bowmanville; 2. The Buchan, No. 1, value \$80, John A. Black, Warkworth; 3. The Dominion, value \$70, C. H. Daly, B.A., Peterborough; 4. The Buchan, No. 2, value \$60, W. D. Wilkie, B.A., Carleton Place.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—On the 14th inst. a *pro re nata* meeting was held to dispose of a call from Chesley to Rev. Mr. Perrie, of Nissouri. The following commissioners were present from the Presbytery of Bruce: Messrs. McKenzie and Dobbie; from the congregation of Chesley, Messrs. Lamont and Siir; from the session of South Nissouri, Messrs. Patterson, Ramsay, Dunn and Gibson, and from the congregation of South Nissouri, Mr. Dunn. After hearing all these the call was placed in Mr. Perrie's hand when he declared his acceptance of the same. It was agreed that the translation sought be granted. Mr. Campbell, of Granby, was appointed to preach in Nissouri on November 2 and declare the pulpit vacant and act as Moderator of that session during the vacancy.—A. F. TULLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF QUENEC.—A *pro re nata* meeting of this Presbytery was held in Sherbrooke on the 6th ult. Rev. Dr. Lamont was appointed Moderator of Agnes, and Messrs. A. MacLean and Rod. Morrison were appointed assessors to sit with him. An elder's commission in favour of Mr. A. MacLean for Lake Megantic was accepted. Extract minutes of the proceedings of the Presbyteries of London and Columbia were read, setting forth that the former Presbytery had sustained a call to Rev. D. L. Dewar, of Scotstown, and the latter, calls to Revs. A. Lee, B.A., of Sherbrooke, and George R. Maxwell, of Three Rivers. (Mr. Dewar is called by the congregation of Ailsa Craig, etc., Mr. Lee to Kamloops, B.C., and Mr. Maxwell to First Church, Vancouver, B.C.) It was resolved to cite the sessions and congregations to appear for their interests on the 11th inst.—J. R. MACLEOD, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met in Geneva Church, Chesley, on Tuesday, October 28, for the purpose of inducting the Rev. D. Perrie, late of Nissouri, in the Presbytery of Stratford. The Rev. D. McKenzie, of Tara, preached and presided. After the usual questions were satisfactorily answered, the Rev. J. Johnston, Paisley, led in prayer. Rev. D. Duff, North Brant, addressed the minister, and Rev. N. Paterson, Hanover, the people, after which the newly-inducted pastor went to the porch, where the people gave him the right hand of fellowship. The congregation had provided a sumptuous tea in the town hall which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. After about 700 people had partaken of the provision, they returned to the church to listen to the addresses and music expected there. Mr. William Bell, a member of Session, was unanimously called to the chair. After expressing thanks for the honour done him, and giving some facts which showed the trials and prosperity of the congregation, the chairman called on Rev. R. Hamilton, Motherwell, to lead the congregation in prayer. A very cordial and beautifully-expressed address of welcome to Mr. Perrie from representatives of the congrega-

tion was read by one of themselves, to which Mr. Perrie replied in a brief and appropriate manner. The large audience was interested to a late hour by an efficient choir and addresses from a number of members of Presbytery and others, among whom were Rev. Messrs. McKenzie, Tara; Moore, Allenford; Duff, North Brant; Johnston, Paisley; Paterson, Hanover. The ministers of the Methodist and English Churches in town and Rev. R. Hamilton, Stratford Presbytery. The whole services were fitted to impress the people favourably, and they seemed to enjoy them greatly by giving an attentive hearing till the close of the meeting, about half-past ten. Mr. Perrie has had an auspicious entrance to his new field of work, and the prayer of many is that he may be made the instrument of rich blessings to the many young people of his charge.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Barrie, Tuesday, October 21. A call from Guthrie Church and Mitchell Square congregations to Mr. John Hunter was sustained and accepted by him. The induction services were appointed to be held on Tuesday, November 4, at Guthrie Church; Mr. McLeod to preside, Mr. Bethune to preach, Mr. Dobson to address the minister and Mr. J. McD. Duncan to address the congregation. The resignation of the pastoral charge of Hillsdale and Elmvalle congregations, tendered by Mr. Craw on July 29, was accepted. The proceedings enjoined by the General Assembly in cases when leave is asked to retire from active ministry were taken and a medical certificate presented as to the state of Mr. Craw's health. The Presbytery agreed to apply to the General Assembly that he be permitted to retire, and adopted a resolution expressive of the high regard in which Mr. Craw is held for personal character and ministerial faithfulness in the charge occupied by him for more than thirty years. Mr. David James was appointed to declare the charge of Hillsdale and Elmvalle vacant and to be Moderator of session during the vacancy. The Presbytery having complied with the directions of the General Assembly in granting leave to ordain Mr. John Garrioch to the holy ministry, agreed to meet at Powassan on Tuesday, October 28, for his ordination. Mr. A. Findlay was appointed to preside, Mr. J. M. Goodwillie to preach, Mr. R. N. Grant to address the missionary and Mr. J. L. Robertson to address the congregation assembled. A call from the congregation of Sault Ste. Marie to Mr. W. A. Duncan, M.A., B.D., of Churchill, transmitted by the Presbytery of Bruce, was disposed of. After hearing parties the Presbytery agreed to Mr. Duncan's translation, and appointed Mr. Cochrane to declare the congregation of Churchill vacant on the third Sabbath of November and to be Moderator of Session during the vacancy. There being no time before closing to prepare a resolution in view of parting from this brother, Messrs. McLeod and Cochrane were appointed to bring one at a future meeting.—ROBERT MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery met in St. Thomas on the 9th ult., Rev. J. A. Brown, Moderator. The meeting was well attended. After constituting, reading and sustaining minutes of former meetings, elders' commissions were given in. Mr. R. Monteith, student, read a discourse on Christ's interview with Zaccheus. The discourse was sustained. The Committee on Examination of Students was permitted to retire and examine Messrs. McLean and Dickie. The resignation of Dr. Thompson of the pastoral charge of Proof Line was considered. After hearing representatives from the session and congregation, and Dr. Thompson himself, it was agreed to appoint Messrs. A. Henderson, F. Ballantyne, and C. Campbell, elder, a committee to visit Proof Line and report at next regular meeting. Leave of absence was granted Mr. Boyle for nine months to recruit his health, and Mr. Brown, Belmont, was appointed interim Moderator of St. Thomas Session. Mr. F. Ballantyne, Convener of Committee on Re-arrangement of Ailsa Craig and the adjoining congregations reported that no change could be meanwhile effected. Dr. Proudfoot brought in the report of the Committee on Examination of Students. The report was received and its recommendations adopted and the Clerk instructed to certify the students in terms of the report to their respective colleges. The session records of Fingal, Wardville and Glenoe were examined and duly attested. Leave was granted Mr. Ball to moderate in a call at Ailsa Craig, a similar privilege was also granted to Mr. Brown for Dorchester and Crumlin. The half-yearly home mission report was given in by the Convener, Mr. Henderson. The report was received, considered and adopted and the Convener authorized to make application for the last six months for the following grants from the Augmentation Committee: On behalf of, Port Stanley, \$37.50; Wardville, \$150; London East, \$200; Aylmer, \$137.50; Delaware and Caradoc, \$75; Williams, \$100; South Delaware and Tempo, \$40; Hyde Park, \$52. It was also agreed to apply for \$200 for London East for next six months. It was agreed to instruct sessions to bring the claims of the Schemes of the Church before the congregations as faithfully as possible by missionary meetings or otherwise and report. On motion of Mr. F. Ballantyne, duly seconded, it was agreed that Mr. D. Currie be requested to apportion to each congregation its due share of the sums required of the Presbytery for Home Mission and Augmentation. Mr. F. Ballantyne, Convener of the Committee on State of Religion, reported that the conference of yesterday afternoon and evening and discussion of the topics were highly interesting and successful. It was also agreed to endorse and carry out a motion passed by the conference to the effect that in future the subjects for conference be sent to the members who are to prepare and read papers on them at least four weeks before the meeting, and that a card containing the topics be sent to each member of Presbytery. It was agreed to leave over the appointment of Committee on Evangelistic Services till next regular meeting in December, when Mr. Brown's notice of motion about the appointment will be in order for discussion. Presbytery adjourned to meet in First Presbyterian Church, London, on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at two p.m., and hold next regular meeting on the second Tuesday of Decem-

ber at two p.m., in the same place.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, *Pres. Clerk*.

## TORONTO UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

To the Churches, Unions, Lodges, Councils, Divisions, Gospel Temperance Organizations, and other societies engaged in temperance work, or who desire to see the reign of alcohol abolished, we send greetings.

After several meetings and much discussion it was thought desirable that a central organization composed of representatives from the different Churches and societies engaged in temperance work would be desirable and would materially assist the cause by bringing them together and keeping them in touch with each other so that all could work along the same line in unity of purpose, thus giving more power and influence and at the same time be a saving of labour. To this end the Toronto United Temperance Association was formed, and is composed of delegates from various organizations, the Good Templars, Royal Templars, Sons of Temperance, Women's Union, and a number of the Churches. We however desire a fuller representation, and ask your Church or society (if you have not done so), to send one or more representatives, three being allowed to each organization, the fee for which has been placed at \$1.00 for each representative per annum.

The work that we have entered upon does not conflict with the work of any other organization, but is rather the sequel to it, viz.: 1st. To promote organic union between the different temperance organizations. 2nd. To suggest and press the adoption by the Government of various amendments to the present License Act. 3rd. To assist in choosing a candidate for the mayoralty, and candidates in the various wards for aldermen and school trustees who are friendly to the abolition of the rum traffic. 4th. To assist upon the strict enforcement of the License Act, and assist the proper officers in doing their duty. 5th. To consider the advisability of a further reduction in the number of licensed saloons and liquor stores and the increase of the license fee. 6th. To recommend men and urge the Government to appoint them as license commissioners who can be depended upon to impartially administer the License Act. 7th. To press by petition and otherwise for a total prohibition measure for the whole Dominion. In this work we feel that we can claim your co-operation and assistance. The Association meets in Broadway Hall, 450 Spadina Avenue, on the second and fourth Thursdays in each month, when we will be happy to receive your delegates. Isaac Wardell, President; Mrs. A. J. Henderson, Corresponding Secretary, 77 St. Patrick Street; R. H. Nott, Recording Secretary, 27 Niagara Street.

## OBITUARY.

ROBERT THOMPSON.

Mr. Robert Thompson, a member of the Presbyterian congregation, Lynden, Ontario, died at his residence there on Monday morning, October 13. Deceased was born at Orkney, Wentworth County, May 3, 1823. The son of Christian parents, he early in life became a member in full communion with the Presbyterian Church, West Flamboro', and soon took an active part in Christian work, helping while a mere boy in the work of building the first church in 1833, and again in 1867 taking his full share in the erection of the present substantial stone edifice. He was most regular in his attendance on all the services of the sanctuary, living a truly consistent and exemplary Christian life. Whether in the work of the Church or the business of the world, he was universally esteemed as a man of sterling worth and undoubted integrity. A cheerful and liberal giver of his

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