

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. A. Young, of Napanee, has been appointed Clerk *pro tem* of the Presbytery of Kingston.

MISS BLANCHE ANDERSON, of Eglinton, has presented to the new church, Deer Park, two handsome silver collection plates.

THE Rev. P. R. Ross, of Ingersoll, has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of Central Park Church, Chicago. If Mr. Ross should accept this very inviting call, Ingersoll will lose an able and faithful pastor.

THE Rev. J. McIntyre, who has been for sometime in California, is about to return home. Parties desiring to correspond with him respecting evangelistic services can address their communications to Iroquois, Ontario.

THE Young People's Missionary and Literary Society of Parry Sound will thankfully receive books, papers and magazines suitable for camp mission work. All friends of this cause will kindly act in accordance with this appeal. Freight charges paid by society. Address, Miss Grant, secretary.

MR. ROBERT DRINNAN has lately been appointed by the Home Mission Committee of Barrie Presbytery, to labour in the field which comprises four mission stations—Burk's Falls, Berriedale, Katrine and Ceece. Mr. John Garrioch, now of Rosseau, laboured on this field for the last three years with great acceptance.

AT a large congregational meeting of the Tilbury East and Fletcher congregations held on Monday week at Valetta, a hearty and unanimous call was extended to Rev. A. L. Manson, Stratford, to be their pastor. These congregations are in the Presbytery of Chatham and were rendered vacant a year ago through the death of the late Rev. John Logie.

ANNIVERSARY services will be held in the Presbyterian Church, West Toronto Junction, on the 21st inst., when the Rev. Professor McLaren will preach in the morning, and the Rev. William Burns in the evening. On the following evening a social meeting will be held, when it is expected that addresses will be delivered by Rev. Messrs. W. A. Hunter, W. Frizzell, J. Mutch, and others.

FROM a private letter received in Toronto, it is learned that Dr. and Mrs. Smith, and Miss Sutherland, safely reached Chefoo, Northern China, on the 30th of August, after a most agreeable and speedy passage. The voyage across the Pacific is deemed the quickest on record, having been accomplished in thirteen days, twenty hours. The newly arrived missionaries are busy studying Chinese.

ON Thursday evening last, the Rev. Donald MacGillivray was ordained as a missionary to Honan, China, in St. James Square Church. There was a large assemblage present. In the absence of the Rev. A. Gilray, Moderator of Toronto Presbytery, the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., presided. Dr. Wardrope, Convener of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, preached an appropriate and fervent discourse from Eph. iii. 8. Thereafter, Mr. MacGillivray, having answered the questions of the formula, was solemnly set apart by prayer and the laying on of hands. He was then suitably and impressively addressed by Rev. Dr. Kellogg, who, in name of the Foreign Mission Committee, presented Mr. MacGillivray with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and in name of St. James Square Boy's Missionary Society, presented him with a sum of money. Professor McLaren then addressed the congregation. Mr. MacGillivray is a young man of fine accomplishments and unmistakable ability. He goes with courage, hope and devotion to labour in Honan, along with Mr. Goforth, who has preceded him to that new field of missionary endeavour. St. James Square congregation has undertaken Mr. MacGillivray's support.

THE Rev. Dr. Robertson writes as follows: The Presbyteries in Manitoba and the North-West are much in need of missionaries to man their fields for this winter. They applied for twenty-nine labourers to the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, but only five were available. For Donald, Riverside, Rapid City, Gleichen, Dominion City and the rest, ordained men are wanted, and for a number of promising mission fields we wish students or catechists. Last season has been one of great prosperity. Shall we lose during winter the gain made? At some points the accession to the membership has been large.—eighteen, twenty-one, twenty-nine, etc. Shall these people be left like sheep without a shepherd for seven months? If so, missionaries will largely have laboured in vain, and the Church spent her means for naught. During 1887-1888 we were able to man the most of our fields for the year, and with what result? The membership increased about forty per cent. The tide of immigration to the North-West has set in strongly. Settlers are taking up land in the older districts, and so strengthening old missions and congregations; people are anxious to call pastors, so that Christian work can be prosecuted more vigorously. Without men, however, nothing can be done. Last year three congregations went off the supplemented list, three more are going off this year, and one or two years like 1887 and 1888 will greatly swell the number. There is no romance about this work but that of extending the reign of righteousness, truth and purity. If young men wish to see the work of the Church and help to make it a success, here is an opening. If they like lean fare and hard work they can be accommodated. If they want experience that will be of service in after life, this is their opportunity. A year in the mission field of the west will be as good as any year at college. Dr. Robertson will be glad to receive applications addressed to Woodstock, Ontario, for the next ten days.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held on Tuesday, October 9, in the new Knox Church, Ayr, the Rev. M. McGregor presiding as Moderator. A resolution was adopted expressing sympathy with Rev. John Thomson in his severe sickness, and thankfulness for his recovery; also gratification at the very handsome appearance of the new Knox Church which he

and his congregation were privileged to see opened last Sabbath. Rev. J. S. Hardie was appointed treasurer of the Presbytery Fund. Rev. W. S. McTavish reported having visited Onondaga, and that \$500 had been subscribed towards the support of Gospel ordinances. Dr. Cochran was appointed Moderator of the Session, and it was agreed to endeavour to secure an ordained minister to labour there during the winter. A satisfactory report was received from Mr. Nichol, student, who had laboured at Onondaga during the summer. The new Book of Procedure and the Assembly's remit anent the same were sent to a committee consisting of Messrs. McMullen, Robertson and McKay, ministers, and Marshall and Oliver, elders, to report to next meeting. The Conveners of the Standing Committees for the year are: Rev. D. M. Beattie, B.D., on State of Religion; Rev. R. Pettigrew, on Sabbath Schools, and Rev. R. Myers, on Temperance. The estimates for the year were considered, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Tilsonburg on the third Tuesday of January at two p.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met on the 4th inst. in Knox Church, Galt, according to an adjournment for the transaction of business and the induction of the Rev. Alexander Jackson to the pastoral charge of that congregation. Reports were received from student missionaries who have been labouring in the bounds during the summer, some of which were regarded as not being sufficiently full and specific in their information. A report was read of the supply sent to the Presbytery by the General Assembly's Committee on Distribution, and the disposal of the same to the existing vacancies. A reply was read from Dr. Caven to the letter of the Presbytery forwarding the names of new candidates for the ministry. The Clerk stated that he had forwarded to the respective parties the amounts due to them from the proceeds of the sale of the church property in New Hamburg, and produced receipts for the same. Reports were called for and produced from all the Stationing Committees except one, but formal action on them was delayed in the meantime. The delegation appointed to conduct the Triennial Visitation of the Central Church, Galt, and West Puslinch, was instructed to include West Puslinch, also this year, and bring before the people the arrears into which they had fallen to their late pastor, and the student who had been labouring among them during the summer. At two o'clock in the afternoon the Presbytery called for the edict of the induction of the Rev. Alexander Jackson to the pastoral oversight of Knox Church, and the same was returned certified as having been duly served. After waiting some time, and no objector appearing, the Presbytery repaired to the place of worship and Mr. Blair, as appointed, ascended the pulpit and preached a powerful discourse from 1 Cor. i. 21, "For after that, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Sermon being ended Mr. Dickson, who presided, gave a brief narrative of the steps to a call and put to Mr. Jackson the questions of the formula. These having been satisfactorily answered, Mr. Jackson was by solemn prayer inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church and admitted to all the rights and privileges pertaining to the position. Dr. Wardrope then addressed him and Mr. J. C. Smith the people, in suitable terms. Dr. Torrance repaired to the door with Mr. Jackson at the close of the service so that the people as they retired might have the opportunity of welcoming him as their pastor. There was a large and deeply attentive congregation at the services, and Mr. Jackson enters on his work with every promise of a successful pastorate. Having returned to the place in which the Presbytery was meeting and signified his readiness to sign the formula when required, his name was added to the roll and he took his seat as a member of the Court. Mr. Dickson was appointed to introduce him to the Session, which was instructed to meet immediately after the rising of the Court.—R. TORRANCE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 2nd inst. Rev. A. Gilray, Moderator. A memorial was read from thirty-two members and twenty-one adherents of our Church, all of them connected with St. John's Mission on the eastern side of the Don, praying to be organized a congregation. In connection therewith, Rev. Dr. Kellogg, Mr. J. Gowans and Mr. J. McP. Scott were heard. The Presbytery resolved to notify neighbouring Sessions, and ask them to express their minds anent the foregoing at next ordinary meeting. The Conveners of committees on the Schemes of the Church, whose appointments bear on matters of finance, were instructed to prepare schedules, showing the amount of contributions to said Schemes which might be reasonably expected from the congregations and mission stations throughout the bounds; said schedules to be submitted at next ordinary meeting. There was read a copy of a resolution adopted by the congregation of Cook's Church, Georgina, referring to the destruction of their place of worship by fire, and agreeing to ask leave of the Presbytery to sell the land belonging to them, and to apply the proceeds, with the money in hand, from the insurance of the building burnt, for the rebuilding of Cook's Church in the village of Pefferlaw. The leave so applied for was granted by the Presbytery. The committee appointed at last meeting to consider the petition from Wexford and its neighbourhood, and all matters related thereto, reported through Rev. D. J. Macdonnell that in their judgment, provided there is no difficulty about the acquisition of the property, the best arrangement on the whole would be to unite the petitioners of Wexford with Chalmers' Church on York Town Line, the united congregation to worship in the parsonage church, and to remain connected with York Station. The foregoing report was received by the Presbytery and laid on the table in the meantime. The committee were also re-appointed, with instruction to watch over any new developments that might arise in the matter, and report, if necessary. There was read a letter from the secretary of the Executive of the Foreign Mission Committee (Western District) requesting the Presbytery to make all necessary arrangements for the ordination and designation of Mr. Donald McGillivray, M.A., as a mis-

sionary of our Church to Honan, China. The Presbytery agreed to comply with the request, and appointed the ordination and designation to take place in St. James Square Church, of this city on Thursday the 11th inst., services to commence at eight p.m.; the Moderator to preside, Rev. Dr. Kellogg to preach, Rev. Dr. Wardrope to be asked to deliver the charge, and Rev. Dr. McLaren to address the assembled congregation. Messrs. A. Manson and J. A. McDonald, theological students, who had finished their curriculum sometime ago appeared before the Presbytery with a view to be taken on trial for license. The Presbytery agreed to take them on trials, in terms of authority from the district Synod. Accordingly they read or delivered discourses on the subjects previously assigned to them, and submitted also Hebrew and Greek critical exercises, all of which were approved of. The usual questions were put to them and answered satisfactorily. They were then commended by prayer to the grace of God, and, with due propriety, licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel. Messrs. H. C. Foster, R. Johnstone, T. McCulloch, William Miller, William Morrin, A. F. Webster, William Heron, J. McMillan and J. H. Higginson, all of them certified members of our Church, appeared before the Presbytery for the purpose of being examined with a view to admission as students at Knox College. The Presbytery appointed a committee, consisting of Rev. R. Wallace, E. D. McLaren, J. Mutch, and Mr. J. Crane, to retire and carefully confer with them. And said committee eventually reported in their favour, recommending their being attested to the Senate of Knox College, which recommendation the Presbytery adopted. A similar step was taken anent Mr. M. Hambly, whose case was transferred from the Presbytery of Bruce. It was moved by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, as follows: In view of proceedings which have come to the knowledge of the Presbytery in connection with the settlement of the Rev. George Burnfield, one of the ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, over a congregation in the eastern part of the city, the Clerk of Presbytery is instructed to communicate with Mr. Burnfield, asking him to appear at next meeting and give information as to his relation to the Presbytery. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of November at ten a.m., and the Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Erskine Church, at half-past seven p.m., for the induction of Rev. W. Hunter.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Executive of the Home Mission Committee, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met last week in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. There were present Rev. Dr. Cochran, Convener; Rev. Dr. Warden, secretary; Rev. Drs. Laing, Robertson and Campbell, Rev. Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, F. W. Farries, A. Moodie, J. Somerville and A. Tolmie. Rev. Allan Findlay, Superintendent of Missions in Muskoka, was also present in the interest of the work in his field.

AUGMENTATION FUNDS.

Rev. Dr. Reid presented to the Committee a statement of the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds since May 1, as follows:

Home Mission Fund, receipts.....	\$4,092 54
disbursements.....	3,642 98
Balance on hand	\$449 56
Augmentation Fund, receipts.....	1,591 65
disbursements	1,498 89
Balance on hand.....	\$93 36

Rev. John Griffith, of the Welsh Calvinistic Church, appeared before the committee with testimonials in his behalf, asking that steps be taken for his reception into the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Griffith was appointed to the Presbytery of Owen Sound, to which Presbytery he will apply for reception into the Church.

Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, and Rev. Messrs. Hamilton, Smith and Gordon appeared before the committee and were heard regarding grants to special cases in the Presbyteries of Guelph and Stratford.

Claims were passed for Home Mission work, for the six months ending September 30, amounting to \$21,441.77, and for Augmented congregations amounting to \$12,233.42; in all \$33,675.19.

The Convener submitted a letter from Rev. H. McKellar, High Bluff, Manitoba, giving an account of his tour of Scotland, and his addresses and services on behalf of mission work in the North-West. The committee instructed the Convener to convey their thanks to Mr. McKellar.

An interesting report was presented by Rev. Allan Findlay, of his work in the Algoma and Muskoka districts during the past six months. In Muskoka, twenty-four fields have been occupied, and in Algoma sixteen. Churches were opened at Powassan by Professor McLaren, and at Turtle Lake by Rev. D. D. McLeod. Churches are in progress at Sand Lake, South River, Chisholm and Deerband; also at Watford, in Algoma. Growth is evinced, not only in the effort to secure church accommodation for themselves by our stations and in the increased contributions for the support of ordinances among themselves, but also in contributing to the mission funds of the Church, that she may be increasingly useful in supplying the more destitute parts of our lands with the means of grace. Nearly double the amount contributed during the corresponding period of last year, has been contributed this year. An increasing desire is also expressed for supply during the entire year by many of the fields.

Rev. Mr. Tolmie presented a report of his visit with the Rev. Mr. McMullen to certain mission stations in the Algoma district. The report was received and thanks tendered the deputation.

Minutes of the Presbyteries of British Columbia were read, and also letters from the Presbytery Clerk, Rev. D. Fraser and others, from all of which it appeared that the progress of mission work was exceedingly gratifying. A