

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterians of Midland are about to erect a handsome and commodious church. The congregation, under the pastorate of the Rev. David James, gives evidence of prosperity spiritual and material.

DR. COCHRANE has received \$750 from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, to be appropriated as follows: Home Missions, \$250; Manitoba College, \$250; Queen's College Students Missionary Society, \$250.

MR. M. P. TALLING, on behalf of the trustees of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Morrison, Muskoka, gratefully acknowledges receipt of \$24 for their building fund, contributed by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville.

THE clerks in the employment of Messrs. Caldecott, Burton & Company presented Mr. John W. Kerr with a handsome writing-desk and other useful articles on his leaving that firm to accept the position of cashier in the branch office of the Standard Life Assurance Company in this city. Mr. J. W. Kerr is son of Mr. Kerr, Gerrard Street.

THE Walkerton *Telegraph* says: "The many friends of Rev. Dr. James will be glad to hear that 'the lines have fallen unto him in pleasant places.' On Sunday last Knox Church was re-opened for divine service. Dr. James occupied the pulpit morning and evening. The congregation was large, especially so in the evening. The sermons were of a high order, and were much appreciated by his audience. The gallery, just completed, with its iron front, together with the brilliant electric light, was a pleasurable surprise to many. The congregation of Knox Church certainly deserve the highest praise for the exceedingly tasteful manner in which the improvements to their church have been executed. The total cost will exceed \$1,000, which has all been provided for without adding to the debt of the church."

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND. This Presbytery met on the 15th ult., and was opened with devotional exercises by the Moderator, Rev. A. H. Scott. The Presbytery agreed to make application to the General Assembly for leave to receive the Rev. R. H. Craig as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The following delegates to the General Assembly were appointed: Ministers—Messrs. McDiarmid, Somerville, Scott and McLaren; elders—Messrs. John Creaser, R. Macdonald, James Mitchell and Dr. Sloan. The reports on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperance were received, adopted and forwarded to the Synod's Committee on those subjects. Presbytery agreed to make application to the Home Mission Committee for a grant of \$300 for the Big Bay and Lake Charles, \$300 for Lion's Head, \$2 per week for Indian Peninsula, and Peabody and Crawford. The grants to the augmented congregations were revised, and applications made to the Augmentation Committee for \$275 for Knox, Sydenham, \$195 for Euphrasia and Holland, \$100 for Kilsyth, and \$300 for Warton—the application for Warton to date from Oct. 1 last. It was agreed that the Presbytery should aim at paying the sum of \$400 as travelling expenses to each commissioner to the General Assembly. Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Winnipeg, was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly. Mr. Somerville gave notice that he will move at next meeting of Presbytery, that the regular meeting be held on the third Tuesday of July, at the usual hour, instead of on the first Tuesday as heretofore. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at half-past one o'clock p.m., on the third Tuesday of April, in Division Street Church, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.—JOHN SOMERVILLE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—At the meeting of this Presbytery, held in Knox Church on the 15th ult., it was agreed that the appointment of commissioners to the General Assembly be made by rotation, and the following were accordingly appointed: Dr. Smellie, Dr. Wardrope, Dr. Mackay, Mr. Mullan, Mr. J. K. Smith and Mr. Haigh, ministers, with Messrs. Burns, Petrie, Mann, Gale, Roy and Dickie, ruling elders—the Presbytery to endeavour to raise \$30 for the travelling expenses of each commissioner, that being the lowest rate at which the Canadian Pacific Railway has promised to carry such over their line to Winnipeg. The Assembly's remit on the marriage question was fully and well considered, and a motion and two amendments were proposed, one of the latter to the effect that this Presbytery agree to report to the next General Assembly that any action on its part should be delayed till either the Confession of Faith is changed by the omission of the clause, "the man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the woman of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than her own," or the questions changed appointed to be put to candidates for license, and to ministers or ruling elders at their ordination and induction, and that the Assembly instruct the committee appointed in 1885 to revise the Book of Forms and Procedure to take the matter into their consideration, and make the change necessary in the Formula of Questions for office-bearers. The deliverance on the remit on ecclesiastical co-operation was that such co-operation was desirable if practicable, and that in opening new mission fields care should be exercised against unnecessary duplication. Committees on the following subjects presented their reports: State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Sabbath Observance, Temperance and Evangelistic Services. All the reports showed that there was a great deficiency in the number of returns received to the circulars and questions that had been issued, and the Conveners were authorized to apply afresh to those in default, and to incorporate whatever further information they may be able to collect in their reports, so as to make them as complete as possible before being sent on to the Synod committees on the same subjects. In connection with the report on Sabbath Schools, submitted by Mr. Beattie, it was resolved strongly to recommend all Sabbath schools in congregations under the Presbytery to adopt and

use the series of records and reports prepared by the Assembly's committee. Dr. Middlemiss submitted, from the committee for the purpose, a report on the Triennial Visitation of Congregations, with a plan of such for the ensuing three years. The report was received, and ordered to be printed and circulated in the meantime, and held over for discussion at the next ordinary meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church on the 15th ult., at one o'clock p.m., Mr. Hugh Cameron, Moderator, in the chair. Dr. Thompson, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit East Williams, gave in a report in regard to matters there, showing that no change has occurred in the history or circumstances of East Williams since their last visit, along with a deputation from the Presbytery of London. From the report, it appeared the prospects for the enlargement of East Williams are brighter now than formerly, without endangering any existing congregations. Messrs. Currie and McLennan were heard in support of the report. After consideration, it was agreed, on motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, to receive the report, and thank the deputation for their diligence and wisdom in the discharge of their duty. From what has been gathered from the deputation, the Presbytery are convinced that no new steps can be taken in the matter; but inasmuch as there are new features in the complexion of the field this court is now of the impression that careful oversight should be exercised, with good hope that East Williams will soon attain to self-sustenance. The Presbytery further desire that the Presbytery of London take into consideration the advisability of determining with whom the oversight of East Williams shall for the future rest. Mr. Currie, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, gave in a report from October 1, 1886, to March 31, 1887, and stating the claims due for the several congregations. Deputations appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations reported in reference to the same, and it was agreed to ask for these congregations the following sums, viz.: Point Edward, \$200; Corunna, \$75; Oil Springs and Oil City, \$300; Forest, \$200; Marlville and Brooke, \$2 per Sabbath; Inwood, \$3 per Sabbath. The report was received, and the recommendations adopted, and the Moderator was instructed to sign the necessary schedule as directed by the General Assembly. The Presbytery then proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Assembly. The following ministers were elected by the order of the roll: Rev. George McLennan, Rev. Dr. Thompson, Rev. J. S. Lochead; by ballot, Rev. Hector Currie, Rev. Thomas McAdam; elders, Messrs. George Leys, William Cole, Hugh McKenzie, Thomas Gordon, Peter A. McDiarmid. The committee appointed to confer with the Rev. Nathaniel Smith, who presented his application for reception into this Church in September last, reported that they had examined Mr. Smith, as directed by the General Assembly, and that they were perfectly satisfied and with confidence recommended the Presbytery to make application to the General Assembly for leave to receive Mr. Smith as a minister of this Church. The report was received, and the Clerk was instructed to take the usual steps to bring the application before the Supreme Court. Mr. Beamer, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, gave in a report which was partial, and thus defective. It was agreed to receive the report, and direct members of court to furnish Mr. Beamer with statistics within ten days, and from such information Mr. Beamer was directed to frame a report, and forward the same to the Convener of the Synod's Committee. Mr. Tibb, on behalf of the Committee on Temperance, read an excellent report. A committee, consisting of Messrs. McAdam, Lochead and Currie, ministers, and Mr. Thomas Gordon, elder, was appointed to consider the several remits and draft a minute in reference to the same, and report during the meeting of Synod. The Presbytery recommended consideration of the report on Temperance, which took the form of a lengthened conference on the question. The report was received, and the Convener instructed to transmit the same to the Convener of the Synod's committee on that question. Mr. McLennan, on behalf of the Committee on the State of Religion, gave in an excellent report, which was received, and the Convener instructed to forward the same to the Synod's Convener on that subject. The committee appointed to examine Mr. George McLennan, student, with a view to license, reported that they had examined Mr. McLennan, and are perfectly satisfied therewith. The report was received, and the Presbytery resolved to ask leave of the Synod to take Mr. McLennan on trial for license. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. Next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in Parkhill on the last Tuesday in June, at half-past two o'clock p.m., when Session Records will be called for.—GEORGE CUTHBERTSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

KNOX COLLEGE ALUMNI.

Rarely have the walls of Knox College held such enthusiastic meetings as have marked the closing exercises of this year. Apart from the public exercises of the formal closing on Wednesday—accounts of which are found in our columns—the special meeting of the Alumni Association deserves particular recognition—some preface to which is however necessary. During 1885-86 the Students' Missionary Society was led to consider the enlargement of their efforts to the foreign field. To undertake the support of a missionary, of course, was more than they could accomplish; but on the approach of the annual meeting of the Alumni Association matters had assumed such a state that the question of sending a missionary to the heathen by the alumni and students together became the great topic of discussion, and last fall it was resolved to appoint a joint committee to consider all the details, and if such encouragement was received a special meeting of the alumni should be called. That meeting was held in the college on Tuesday evening last, at half-past seven. The president, Rev. W. Burns, took the chair. After the opening prayer and reading of minutes, Rev. J. McKay, of Agincourt, presented the report of the committee. The report was of the most encouraging character, and

elicited heartfelt interest and sympathy. It was gratifying to hear one and another withdrawing any temporary opposition, and joining in the work.

The following resolution, moved by Rev. R. P. McKay, was enthusiastically carried by a standing vote: "That this association has heard with much satisfaction the report of the committee, and rejoice in the heartiness with which the proposal to send out a missionary has been received by the alumni, and therefore resolve to approve of the proposal, and that a committee be appointed to bring the matter before the Foreign Mission Committee and urge his appointment."

There was then submitted a motion to recommend Mr. Jonathan Goforth as the missionary elect, which was very cordially agreed upon. At this point the Rev. Dr. Thompson led the meeting in prayer for the divine blessing on the society in this new work, and on the missionary elect of the societies.

As this matter was common to both societies, a united committee was appointed to confer with the Executive of the Foreign Mission Committee in regard to the held and the appointment generally.

Another question of interest was considered, viz., that of representation of the alumni on the Senate of Knox College, when Rev. R. D. Fraser presented a report of committee on the question. It was resolved to petition the General Assembly on the matter, and present such petition to the Senate for concurrence and transmission—the committee to consist of Rev. W. Burns, R. D. Fraser, J. Mutch, Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, was added to the committee and appointed to appear on its behalf at the General Assembly.

The Literary and Metaphysical Society submitted a proposal to continue, with the aid of the alumni association, the publication of the *Knox College Monthly* during the year. This was cordially agreed to, and Rev. Dr. Beattie Brantford, R. McKay, Parkdale, and R. D. Fraser, Bowmanville, were appointed associate editors.

The question of the constitution of branch associations was remitted to the committee with a request to continue their work, and report at the annual meeting.

The meeting was closed by prayer.

Subsequently the Executive of the Foreign Mission Committee gave encouraging recognition to the question of Mr. Goforth's appointment, and will present the whole matter to the full committee.

The Senate also cordially received, and concurred in the request to secure representation on the Senate of Knox College for the Alumni Association.

This year will remain memorable with many as marking the rising tide of missionary spirit.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Last Wednesday afternoon a large assemblage met in Convocation Hall, Knox College. A large number of ministers from the neighbourhood and from a distance was present.

Principal Caven presided. On the platform were Revs. Dr. Gregg, Dr. McLaren, Dr. Proudfoot, Dr. Castle, McMaster Hall; Dr. Sheraton, Wycliffe College; Dr. Wardrope, Guelph; Dr. Laing, Dundas; Dr. Reid, W. G. Wallace, B.D., Georgetown; R. G. Thomson, B.D., Hensall, and Principal Kirkland, of the Normal School.

After devotional exercises Principal Caven made a few remarks, indicating that the session had been an exceedingly pleasant and satisfactory one. He then read the following list of those who had won scholarships:

First Year Theology.—Bayne Scholarship, Hebrew, \$50—G. Needham, B.A.; T. R. Shearer, B.A.; J. B. Armstrong Scholarship (1), Systematic Theology \$50—W. A. J. Martin; Goldie Scholarship, exegesis, \$50—T. R. Shearer, B.A.; Gillies Scholarship (1), Church History, \$40—M. C. Rumball, B.A.; P. J. Pettinger; Dunbar Scholarship, Apologetics, \$50—J. McD. Duncan, B.A.; Gillies Scholarship (2), Biblical Criticism, \$40—G. Needham, B.A.; Zion Church, Brantford, Scholarship, best average, \$50—N. Bethune.

Second Year.—J. A. Cameron Scholarship (1), General Proficiency, \$60—D. McKenzie, B.A.; Knox Church, Toronto, Scholarship (1), Systematic Theology, \$60—C. A. Webster, B.A.; Knox Church, Toronto, Scholarship (2), Exegesis, \$60—W. P. McKenzie, B.A.; Loghrin Scholarship, Apologetics, \$50—J. J. Elliott, B.A.; Heron Scholarship, Church History, \$40—A. J. McLeod, B.A.; H. R. Fraser, B.A.; A. R. Barron, B.A.; Torrance Scholarship, best average, \$50—W. P. McKenzie, B.A.; A. J. McLeod, B.A.

Third Year.—Bonar-Burns Scholarship, General Proficiency, \$80—A. E. Doherty, B.A.; Fisher Scholarship, first, Systematic Theology, \$60—J. A. Macdonald; second, Exegesis, \$60—J. McGillivray, B.A.; Boyd Scholarship, Biblical History, \$40—J. A. Argo, J. A. Goforth, J. A. Dobbin, R. J. Glassford; Cheyne Scholarship, best average, \$40—C. W. Gordon, B.A.

Second and Third Years.—Central Church, Hamilton, Scholarship, Homiletics, \$60—J. Argo, A. R. Barron, B.A.; Smith Scholarship, essay, "Love of God as Represented in the Calvinistic System," \$60—J. G. Shearer; Bryden Prize, Special Examination on the doctrine of the Perseverance of the Saints, \$30—C. W. Gordon, B.A.

First, Second and Third Years.—Clark Prize (1) New Testament, Greek, Lange's Commentary (or equivalent)—C. W. Gordon, B.A.; Clark Prize (2) Old Testament, Hebrew, Lange's Commentary (or equivalent)—A. E. Doherty, B.A.; Gaelic, \$40, D. A. McLean; A. R. Barron, B.A.; and J. E. Browne won the prizes of the Metaphysical and Literary Society for essays.

The Prince of Wales Prize, \$60, is held this year, as last, by Donald McGillivray, B.A.

The following students were first in the several subjects of their years: First Year: Systematic Theology, W. A. J. Martin, J. McD. Duncan, B.A.; Exegesis—T. R. Shearer, B.A., J. McD. Duncan, B.A.; Church History—M. C. Rumball, B.A., P. C. Pettinger; Biblical Criticism—J. McD. Duncan, B.A.; Apologetics—J. McD. Duncan, B.A. Second Year.—Systematic Theology, Charles A. Web