

Ministers and Churches.

SPECIAL evangelistic services have been held in Cooke's Church, Toronto, during last week. The pastor, Rev. W. Patterson, has been ably assisted by Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Lindsay.

THE Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Waubaushene, preached a special sermon to Lodge 93, A. O. U. W., in the Presbyterian Church, Caledon East, on Sunday, October 30. The local press states that long before the hour of service the church was packed and many were unable to gain admittance.

THE Rev. G. Branch Howie delivered three lectures on 30th and 31st Oct., in Melville Church, Fergus, and a fourth on Nov. 2, in St. Andrew's Church, same place. In the first three he described Jerusalem in its present relation to prophecy, and also gave a sketch of Bethlehem and its neighbourhood. "Weddings in the East" was the subject of the fourth lecture.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Waldemar, was opened on Sunday, the 23rd ult. Professor McLaren, of Knox College, preached at morning and evening services. On the following Monday a soiree was held at which several prominent speakers were present. Mr. W. H. Hunter, Reeve of East Garafraxa, occupied the chair, and the Orangeville choir rendered excellent musical selections.

THE Rev. William H. Geddes, of Russell, writes: In the report of the proceedings of the Ottawa Presbytery, which sat last Tuesday week in Ottawa, my name is coupled with certain charges made against a certain North-West Missionary. Let me say that I have no charges to make against any missionary of our Church, and that the elder present who then laid the complaint is the person whose name should be associated with it—matter, and not mine.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, pastor of St. Andrew's Church West, appeared at the Toronto Court of Revision last week, and protested against Roman Catholic priests being entirely exempted from taxation on their incomes. The claim of the priests is that they have no income, as everything they have belongs to the Church. Mr. Macdonnell says that the Protestant and Roman Catholic clergy stand in the same position, and that no distinction should be made between them. The matter is likely to come before the county judge.

A VERY enthusiastic meeting was held recently in Knox Church, Stratford, at which the principal business was the presentation of a kindly-worded address in which the devoted and abundant labours of the pastor, Rev. P. Wright, B.D., were appreciatively recognized. The address was accompanied by a very valuable gold watch to Mr. Wright and an elegant tea service to Mrs. Wright, bearing suitable inscriptions. These kindly expressions of cordiality and good feeling were very ably responded to by Mr. Wright in a comprehensive and finely-toned speech.

THE annual meeting of Erskine Church, Toronto, Young People's Christian Association was held on Thursday evening last in the school room of the church. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the society to be in a flourishing condition. The following were elected officers for the ensuing season: W. Stark, president; W. Findlay, first vice-president; D. A. McKillop, second vice-president; J. Arbuthnot, secretary; Mrs. J. K. Mitchell, treasurer; Miss Adamson, pianist; F. J. Travers, editor of journal; J. A. Paterson, M.A., critic; Miss Mackenzie, J. M. Campbell, J. K. Mitchell, J. B. Campbell and W. R. Madill, executive committee.

MR. R. H. HUDSON, of Parry Sound, writes: The Young People's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church here are wanting books and magazines, etc., to send to the lumber camps in our neighbourhood. We cannot purchase all necessary, and take this opportunity of asking your many readers to help us in our efforts to feed the mind and soul of those hundreds of men who cannot and perhaps would not attend any place of worship, but are led by force to read whatever is put within their reach. This is not an experiment, but we have tried the work in former years, and feel thankful to say with beneficial results. We will gladly pay freight on all packages or boxes sent to Parry Sound.

THE young people of St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, who for a number of years back have had a live Mutual Improvement Association, organized last week for the present season. The attendance was large, and the interest shown was calculated to inspire enthusiasm. The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. M. W. McLean, M.A., honorary president; Mr. J. Stewart, president; Mr. W. N. Ponton, M. A., first vice-president; Miss E. Robinson, second vice-president; Miss A. Keith, secretary. Mr. G. W. Peace, treasurer; Miss L. Edwards, Mrs. T. Duncan, Mrs. Stewart, Messrs. Biggar and Gibson, literary committee; Misses B. Falconer, L. Robertson and Messrs. J. Stanistreet, F. W. Rutherford, T. Duncan, musical committee.

AT the late County convention of the Welland Sabbath School Association the Rev. George Burson, of St. Catharines, delivered an address on "How to Study the Word and Works of God." He held that in the first place it was necessary that the teacher should have, not only the belief, but the conviction that the Bible is the Word of God. No teacher could speak with authority, unless he has the conviction of the inspiration of the Bible. Without this the teacher is mentally and physically weak. He who has not the conviction is like some unconverted theological professor who tries to catch what he calls the spirit, and then fits the words to suit his own ideas. Some teachers do this, but they are not the ones that make the most successful teachers.

A VERY successful "honey social," under the auspices of St. John's congregation, Brougham, one of the stations under the pastoral care of Rev. J. J. Cameron, was held on the evening of the 28th ult. An attractive programme, consisting of musical selections, readings, recitations, speeches,

etc., was rendered to the delight of all present. An interesting feature of the entertainment was an address read by the pastor, and the presentation of several pieces of silverware to Miss Nellie Phillips by the congregation, as a small expression of its appreciation of her services as organist of the church for the past several years, to which she made a touching and appropriate reply. The proceeds went to pay off the last instalment due on a very superior "Dominion" organ recently placed in the church.

A VERY interesting meeting of the Canadian McAll Auxiliary was held in one of the rooms of the new Y.M.C.A. building Thursday afternoon. The motto of the auxiliary for the present year—Malachi iii. 10. It being the wish of the ladies to prevent monotony by occasionally speaking on some other good work, at this meeting, a very pleasing and instructive address was given on "Missions in Mexico." It was suggested by one of the members that a Bible reading form part of the monthly exercises, and decided to take "Our Stewardships" as the subject for the next meeting. One of the ladies present, who had recently visited some of the halls in Paris, spoke briefly on the work. The treasurer's report was encouraging, only \$240 being required to complete \$1,000 for the support of Rochefort and La Rochelle Stations.

THE members of the North Delaware Presbyterian Church met recently at the residence of their pastor, Rev. J. A. McConnell, who has resigned his charge, and made him and Mrs. McConnell the recipients of an address and presentation. A large number was present, and a very pleasant time was passed by all. Vocal and instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. H. Lockwood, Miss Nellie McLellan, Miss E. Lockwood, Mr. John Forsyth, Mr. Charles Lockwood and Mr. Stewart. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. W. Harker, S. E. Sutherland, W. A. Hutton and W. Harris. The address to Mr. McConnell was read by Miss Bessie Brody, and the presentations were made by Mr. D. Donaldson. It gave strong expression to the high esteem in which his personal character and worth and his ministerial services were held by his many friends, and concludes with good wishes for the future prosperity and happiness of himself and his partner in life. Mr. McConnell in his own and his wife's behalf made a very appropriate reply.

ABOUT seventy five ladies assembled at the residence of Mrs. Alexander Smith, Aylmer Street, Peterborough, recently, to bid farewell to Mrs. John Bertram on the eve of her departure for Toronto. A pleasant social evening was spent, during which refreshments were served. Miss Edwards read an address expressive of best wishes for Mrs. Bertram, appreciation of the valuable services rendered by her in Christian and philanthropic work, and personal regret at being deprived of the co-operation and society of one so highly esteemed. The address was accompanied with a handsome Davenport in solid walnut, richly carved, and complete in all its appointments, including a full supply of stationery. Mrs. Bertram replied most feelingly, acknowledging the kind words of the address, and the accompanying gift, and referring to the many highly-esteemed and valued friends she was leaving behind in Peterborough, whose friendship she had learned to appreciate during her twenty-two years' residence amongst them. She regretted the necessary separation from them, but hoped to often see them in the future. The ties of friendship would not be broken on account of the short distance which would separate them, and she would doubtless meet them from time to time. In conclusion she heartily thanked her friends for their kind expressions of esteem and regret. The assembly broke up at an early hour, each one present saying farewell to the guest of the evening, whose departure from their midst they regarded with so much regret.

ON a recent Sabbath the Rev. James Carmichael, M.A., Norwood, preached an impressive and thoughtful sermon from 1 Cor. iii. 9, in which he made interesting reference to the completion of the fifth year of his ministry in that congregation. He concluded the discourse with the following words: During these five years 129 names have been added to the communion roll, ninety-nine on profession of faith and thirty by certificate; an average of almost twenty-six yearly. The sacrament of baptism has been administered to eighty-seven infants and nine adults, or a little short of twenty a year. Regular attendance has been given by me in the Sabbath school, and the central truths of each lesson enforced and illustrated by blackboard exercises. In the Session the utmost harmony and good fellowship has prevailed. Never has a discordant word been heard or an unbrotherly thought uttered. In the congregation the same Christian spirit and brotherly love have been manifested. From all of you I have uniformly received the utmost kindness and consideration. God has surely blessed us, minister and people; and it well becomes you and me to say to-day, with thankful and grateful hearts: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles."

A WINNIPEG contemporary says. The action at the meeting of the Presbytery last week was the first official notification of the approaching departure of the Rev. D. M. Gordon from this city to fill the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church in Halifax. Knox Church will be sorry to lose the pastor who has so long presided over it, but as the change is evidently for the best for Mr. Gordon, they will wish him God speed. It is expected he will leave for his new home about the 1st of December. In going to Halifax, Mr. Gordon will not have to familiarize himself with a strange people and place, for he is by birth a Nova Scotian. He was born in Pictou, in the county which is celebrated as having given to the ministry no less than ninety-six persons, of whom seventy-five were Presbyterians. Mr. Gordon received his preliminary education in his native town. He went to Scotland, and studied in Glasgow University. His

course was distinguished. As an all-round man there are few who may be more depended upon in scholarly attainments than Mr. Gordon. He was ordained in 1866, and was settled in the following year in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa. This church, from its having been the first in Ottawa, and having connected with it many of the oldest families in that city, as well as being favourably situated near the parliament buildings, has always occupied a prominent place in Central Canada. Mr. Gordon was a great favourite in St. Andrew's Church. In 1881 Knox Church in this city was left without a pastor by the appointment of the Rev. James Robertson to the general superintendency of the North-West missions. During the years 1881-2—the years of the boom—a succession of leading ministers of the Church came to Winnipeg at the request of the congregation. The Rev. D. M. Gordon was called, and refused the first invitation; but on the second call being issued, Mr. Gordon accepted it, and arrived in Winnipeg in the autumn of 1882. Since that time he has laboured among his congregation with great acceptance.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG. A *pro re nata* meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox Church, Winnipeg, last week. On motion, Rev. Dr. Bryce was appointed Moderator *pro tem*. There were present Revs. Dr. King, D. M. Gordon, James Robertson, W. H. Spence, C. B. Pitblado, Professor Hart, Hugh Fraser, James Hamilton, and J. C. Quinn, Clerk; Hon. Gilbert McMicken, Messrs. C. H. Campbell, J. D. Conklin and John Sutherland, elders. The Clerk read the call from St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, to Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Knox Church, Winnipeg, with all the documents. The call was exceedingly hearty, unanimous and enthusiastic, and was signed by eighty-five communicants and fifty-four adherents. The salary offered was \$2,500. It was moved by Principal King, seconded by Professor Hart, and agreed, that the call be received, and given to Mr. Gordon; that the congregation of Knox Church be cited to appear for its interests, and that Professor Hart and Principal King be appointed as a committee to answer the reasons of translation, and report at next meeting of Presbytery. It was, on motion of Dr. King, seconded by Mr. Conklin, agreed that Professor Hart be appointed to cite the congregation on Sabbath. Moved by Mr. Pitblado, seconded by Professor Hart, and agreed to, that the Presbytery adjourn to meet on Nov. 8, in Knox Church, Winnipeg, at half-past three p.m.—JAMES C. QUINN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 1st inst., when the amount of business transacted was unusually small. A circular was read from the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, setting forth the large and clamant needs of the fund committed to their care, and apportioning \$6,000 to be raised within the Presbytery's bounds for the requirements of said fund. Several schedules were submitted and read, and the contributions that might reasonably be expected to the Schemes of the Church from the congregations and mission stations within the bounds. The remaining schedules were promised soon, and the Clerk was instructed, in terms of these, to inform the several Sessions of the sums which were thus apportioned to them. In relation to an application made at last ordinary meeting for the organization of a regular congregation at the corner of Bloor and Huron Streets, reports were received from neighbouring Sessions, offering no opposition to said application, and a committee was appointed, with Rev. Dr. McLaren as Convener, to meet with the applicants, and such others as may wish to unite with them, in lecture room No. 1 of Knox College on the 15th inst. at eight p.m., to deal with them in the ordinary way, whether ancient Church certificates or ancient the matter of Church adherence, and to constitute them as a regular congregation of the Church, under the care of the Presbytery, the committee to report thereon at next meeting. A minute was read by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and the late Dr. J. Barclay; the minute was adopted, and a copy thereof was ordered to be sent to Mrs. Barclay. Attention was drawn to the recent issue of a new Book of Forms, transmitted by a committee appointed by the General Assembly. For the purpose of examining said Book and reporting thereon at a future meeting, the Presbytery appointed the following committee, viz.: the Moderator (Rev. P. McF. McLeod), Revs. Dr. McLaren, Dr. Reid, Dr. Kellogg, W. G. Wallace, J. Smith, A. Gilray and Messrs. J. MacLennan, Mortimer Clark and J. R. Miller. Agreeably to applications made, authority was given to moderate in calls from Laskey, etc. and Queensville, etc. Rev. J. Carswell, of the Presbytery of Barrie, stated that a meeting of said Presbytery had been summoned for the previous day to deal with a call to Rev. F. Smith, of Markham, but that owing to the lack of a quorum said meeting had not been held. He wished however to learn from this Presbytery if its Clerk, on receiving in proper time official intimation of said call being sustained, etc., would have power to cite the congregation of Markham to appear for their interests at next meeting? The question thus put was answered in the affirmative, and the Clerk was empowered to act accordingly. The next meeting was appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of December, at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pre. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met in Oshawa on the 18th October, at ten o'clock a.m., Mr. A. Fraser, Orono, Moderator. The following were the principal items of business transacted. Mr. R. D. Fraser submitted this motion, which was cordially adopted. In view of the fact that, since the last regular meeting, the Moderator has been brought to the gates of death through illness, and through the mercy of God has been fully restored to health again, the Presbytery would record devout gratitude to God for His goodness to their brother in sparing him to his family and congregation and to further usefulness in the Church. The Presbytery would also rejoice in the presence in their midst of the respected Clerk of Presbytery in restored health and strength after his sojourn in his native land, and offer earnest prayer that he may be long spared to the court and to the Church with unimpaired power and ever-increasing comfort and success in the work