

## Ministers and Churches.

AN attractive sacred concert was held last week in Knox Church, Guelph.

SPECIAL services in Knox Church, Dundas, were conducted by the Rev. Thomas McGuire, of Hamilton.

THE Young People's Association of Cobourg Presbyterian Church recently gave a very successful entertainment.

THE Rev. D. B. Cameron is conducting the services in the Presbyterian Church, Bradford, where he formerly was pastor.

THE Presbyterians of LaRivière are building a church, and expect to have it completed and ready for occupation by the 18th December.

THE Rev. Mr. Goforth, last week, addressed a large congregation of Sabbath school children in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B., on the subject of missions.

A VERY pleasant social for the young people of the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, was given lately. There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE Rev. E. F. Torrance preached an able and appropriate sermon, under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society, in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, on Sabbath week.

At a meeting of Brockville Presbytery on Tuesday last the Rev. Dr. McIlhenny, of West Winchester, was nominated as the next Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, which meets in the city of Ottawa next April.

G. B. HOWIE lectured in Richmond Hill on the 4th and 5th inst. He was announced to repeat his course of five lectures on Palestine and its Customs in Dundalk on the 10th and following evenings. He is expected in Elora on the 15th of January.

At the meeting of the Brockville Presbytery in Prescott on Tuesday week the resignation of Rev. George Burnfield, M.A., B.D., of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, was offered and accepted. He closes his ministry there on Christmas Day, and will then remove to Toronto.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Winnipeg, held an anniversary festival in Selkirk Hall lately. There was an excellent musical programme, and brief addresses from Rev. Messrs. Silcox, Spence, and the pastor, Rev. C. B. Pitblado. A large turnout and a very sociable time were experienced.

EVANGELISTIC services were held last week in the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt. On Monday evening brief addresses were given by Messrs. William Weir, R. Cranston, David McGeorge and the pastor. On Thursday and Friday evenings Rev. W. A. McKay, B.A., of Woodstock, preached.

THE Willing Workers and other ladies of the West Winchester Presbyterian Church (the Rev. Dr. Moffat's), gave a very pleasant social last Wednesday evening. The fine residence of Mr. D. F. Sutherland was very kindly given for the occasion. Forty-three dollars was the handsome result to the ladies' treasury.

THE annual missionary meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Picton, was held on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. Young, of Nanapanee, and the Rev. J. H. George, B.A., of Belleville. The progress of missions in the Home and Foreign fields was presented. A collection was taken up in behalf of missions.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE Endowment Fund has now reached \$215,000. The visit of Rev. A. McGillivray and Judge McDonald to a few places in Glengarry last July resulted in subscriptions of \$1,751, with a promise of something further. This does not include Cornwall, which has not been canvassed, but a prominent gentleman has promised he will give at least \$2,000.

AN Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in connection with Division Street Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound, on October 16 last, with a membership of thirty-seven. The following are the officers elected: Mrs. Somerville, president; Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Nicol, vice-presidents; Mrs. Merchant, secretary; Mrs. Decatur, treasurer.

THE annual sermon to the Winnipeg St. Andrew's Society was preached in Knox Church by Rev. Dr. Bryce, chairman. A considerable proportion of the members assembled at the rooms, city hall, and marched thence to the church, where they took seats in the middle pews. The preacher announced his text from Psalm xxxiii. 12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

THE social under the auspices of the Division Street Presbyterian Church Sunday School, Owen Sound, given in Division Street Hall last week, was one of the most enjoyable held this season. The orchestra rendered several pieces very acceptably. The programme, consisting of songs, recitations, etc., was well carried out. The proceeds are to be devoted toward improving the interior of the hall.

A MOST successful meeting was recently held in the Town Hall, Amherst, to promote the Endowment Fund for Queen's University. The Mayor presided, and a list of names were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Carmichael and McGillivray, Dr. Bennett, Rev. Messrs. Edmundson and Blair spoke, as did also several other graduates of Queen's resident in the place and neighbourhood, among them, Mr. A. Bell, one of the oldest graduates of the institution.

THE second anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. McMechan to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Port Perry, took place on Sabbath and Monday week. On Sabbath the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, occupied the pulpit, morning, afternoon and evening, preaching two fine Gospel sermons as well as addressing the scholars of the Sabbath school. Next evening he delivered a lecture on "That Boy," which very much pleased the large audience.

MRS. EWART, of Toronto, president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary General Society, on Thursday, Nov. 10, organized a mission band of fifty-two members in connection with Knox Church Sabbath School, Shelburne, Ont. The following officers were elected: Mary Bowes, president; Wallace Robertson, first vice-president; William Thompson, second vice-president; Maggie Fisher, third vice-president; Sarah Cameron, secretary; Mary Hall, treasurer.

THE monthly meeting of the Celtic Society was held in the Presbyterian College lately, when the Rev. Dr. MacNish occupied the chair. The attendance was good. An essay was read by the Rev. Dr. Lamont on "The High and Settlement in the County of Compton," in which he graphically treated the Highlanders' mode of living, and many other characteristics belonging to the race. The influx of Scotch emigrants into this country had steadily increased to 450 families. Emphasis was laid on the religious observance of the Lord's Day by this community. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in Zion Presbyterian Church, Ridgeway, last Sabbath morning, and although the weather was anything but favourable, the congregations were large both morning and evening. The pulpit was occupied by the pastor, the Rev. G. G. McRobbie, P.N.B., who preached eloquent and able sermons, dwelling particularly upon the practical life on the Christian. At the preparatory meeting held on Thursday evening preceding seventy-eight were added to the membership of the Church. The whole service was exceedingly interesting and impressive. On Tuesday evening following, Mr. McRobbie's Bible class, which now numbers upward of 100, entertained the congregation at a free supper and social served by them in the basement of the church.

THE members of Dumfries Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, are about to commemorate their formation into a congregation by jubilee memorial services and social. On Sabbath, December 18, sermons appropriate to the occasion will be preached in the morning by Rev. W. H. W. Boyle, pastor of the church, and in the evening by the Rev. Dr. Cochran, of Brantford, and on the following Tuesday evening a social gathering will be held in the Town Hall, where refreshments will be served by the ladies of the congregation from half-past five to eight p.m., after which an adjournment will be made to the church, where addresses will be given by Rev. Dr. James, Rev. Mr. Ferris, and Rev. D. D. McLeod, former pastors of the congregation, and also by Rev. Dr. Cochran. The ministers of the Presbytery of Paris are invited to be present, and the event promises to be one of unusual interest.

CONCERNING the semi-centennial celebration, held last week in Knox Church, Dundas, the *Banner* of that town says: Knox Church pastor and people have a long time now looked forward to the jubilee which came off in the church on Tuesday, 29th ult. Not Presbyterians only, but our citizens of all denominations attended, showing the general interest taken in the auspicious event by the townspeople. T. H. McKenzie was chairman, and on the platform were the pastor, Rev. Dr. Laing; Rev. Dr. Reid, of Toronto; Rev. E. C. B. Hallam, pastor of the Baptist Church, and Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., of Hamilton. The choir of the church sang an opening anthem loudly, and then Dr. Laing read a short but remarkably comprehensive and interesting paper, giving the history of the church and going back seventy-five years. Dr. Reid also told stories of olden times in the Province, and particularly in this neighbourhood. Solos were sung by Miss Davies and Professor Johnson, accompanied by Professor Pearce, all of Hamilton. Rev. Messrs. Hallam and Lyle, and Messrs. Bain and McQueen made remarkably good speeches. Mr. Lyle paying a graceful tribute to the pastor, Dr. Laing. The entire proceedings were of a very happy nature, and Knox Church, Dundas, certainly now occupies a very enviable position among the Presbyterian Churches of Canada.

THE *Orillia Times*, which, by the way, is brightened by its appearance in new type, has the following: As announced, the Orillia Presbyterian Church held its thirty-sixth anniversary on Sunday and Monday last, with a success that was beyond all expectations. On Sunday, the Rev. John Smith, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit both morning and evening, taking the theme of his discourse at the former service from the book of Isaiah, and delivered an impressive sermon on the love of God. A large number were present to hear him, but was considerably increased at the evening service. The rev. gentleman selected the text, "And the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman buying pearls, who when he had found one of great price, sold all that he had and bought it." His remarks were interesting and helpful. On Monday evening, about 500 people gathered in the church—after an excellent tea had been disposed of—to hear a little about church work in general, from several popular preachers, from different parts of the field. The choir furnished some new and beautiful selections in excellent form. Several bright and pithy speeches were made by Rev. Messrs. Armstrong, of Orillia; Jones, of Medonte; Gassford, of Waukegan; Knox, of Victoria Harbour; Drumm, of Severn Bridge, and the pastor, Mr. Grant. Dr. Gray occupied the chair, and the Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, M.A., occupied a seat on the platform. The proceeds amounted to over \$100, part of which was devoted to the purchase of a set of crockery for church festival and picnic use. We congratulate the managers of the affair upon having their efforts rewarded by such a brilliant success.

PRESBYTERY OF HARRIS.—This Presbytery met on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at eleven a.m., Mr. Leishman, Moderator. Present, seventeen ministers and twelve elders. The Presbytery, being informed that Messrs. Burnett and Duncan had recently sustained severe injuries which laid them aside from their duties, expressed sympathy with these brethren, and the hope that they would soon be restored. A call from the congregations of Bradford, Second West Gwillimbury and St. John's, in favour of Mr. F. Smith, of Markham, was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to

the Toronto Presbytery,—salary \$900 and manse. Arrangements were made to induct Mr. Smith in the event of the Presbytery agreeing to translate him. The petition for organization of a second Presbyterian Church in Gravenhurst occupied attention for a considerable time, and was left over to the next meeting. Leave to moderate in calls was given to the Moderator of Session of Knox Church, and of Essex and Willis Churches in Oro. Messrs. J. A. Ambler and J. C. Sisson were received with a view to preparing for the ministry of the Church, and meantime appointed to mission work within the bounds. Mr. A. Neilly was recommended to the Senate of Knox College as a literary student of the second year. The circulars on Home Missions and Augmentation were considered, and arrangements made for the distributing the required amounts—\$1,200 and \$650—among the congregations. Some rules which aim at effective dealing with supplemented congregations were adopted. A committee, consisting of Dr. Fraser, Dr. Gray and Mr. Moodie, were appointed to examine the new book on the constitution and procedure of the Church. Some Home Mission business was referred to the Presbytery's Committee to be disposed of.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Woodville on Tuesday, November 29, at eleven o'clock a.m., and was constituted by the Rev. John Gilles, Moderator. There were present twelve ministers and eight elders. The principal items of business were as follows: Arrangements were made for exchange of pulpits throughout the Presbytery to read the support of the Session of the Church, specially the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds. Mr. Ross reported having no credit in a call from Beaverton and Gravenhurst, which was addressed to the Rev. D. C. Johnson, of Oil Springs, in the Presbytery of Simla. The Moderator's conduct was approved, and the call sustained. Deputations were appointed to visit the augmented congregations, and report next regular meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. John Gilles gave in his resignation of the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Eldon, and the Presbytery agreed to cite the Session and congregation to appear before the Presbytery at an adjourned meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Eldon, on Monday, Dec. 12, at one p.m. The remit on the Marrying-Questions was taken up, when it was moved by Mr. Cockburn, seconded by Mr. McNeill, "That the Confession of Faith be amended in accordance with the terms of the remit." It was also moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. A. Spence, "That the Confession of Faith be retained on this point in its integrity." On a vote being taken Mr. Cockburn's motion was carried, Mr. Ross and Mr. Spence dissenting. A committee was appointed to look over the new Book of Forms, and report next meeting. The remit on the committee's expenses to General Assembly and other business was laid over to next meeting. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held at Cannington, on the last Tuesday of February, at eleven o'clock.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.—This court met in regular session in Zion Church on Monday, 28th ult., Mr. J. B. Stewart, Moderator, and J. Crombie, Clerk. A report was presented with reference to Alice and Chalk River Church site, etc. Rev. Mr. Crombie presented a report in reference to the administration of sacraments in the various home mission stations within the bounds of the Presbytery. The Home Mission report was presented by Dr. Campbell, and its various items considered. Dr. Campbell resigned the position of Convener, and Mr. D. J. McLean was appointed in his place. A petition was presented from Jasper congregation, asking to retire from Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, and to be connected with the Presbytery of Brockville; a committee was appointed to visit the field, and it was also expressed as the opinion of Presbytery that in case of transference the whole congregation must be transferred. A circular was read a *cent* Sabbath observance, and ministers were enjoined to preach to their congregations on this subject and report. It was agreed unanimously to increase the Clerk's salary to \$150 per annum, and that the rate be eleven cents per family. A report was presented fixing the amount which each congregation is expected to raise for Home Missions and Augmentation. A report was made giving a Scheme for paying travelling expenses of members of Presbytery, and Mr. R. Bell was appointed treasurer for the fund. Arrangements were made for conferences on State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperance, at the next regular meeting in February, 1888; also at same meeting arrangements were made for Women's Foreign Mission Presbyterial Society's annual meeting, and Messrs. Stewart and Graham appointed to address the same. Dr. Campbell gave notice of motion ancient mode of election of Commissioners to General Assembly. Conditional arrangements were made for inducing ministers into St. Andrews, Perth, and Calvin Church, Pembroke, provided the parties called accept. The report on Remits was held over till next meeting. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again in Union Church, Smith's Falls, on the fourth Monday of February next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 6th inst., Rev. P. McF. McLeod, Moderator. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Harris was read and a call from Bradford, etc., to Rev. F. Smith, minister at Markham. The call (sustained by said Presbytery) was produced and laid on the table, together with reasons for the translation. The Clerk reported what action he had taken to have all the parties concerned present at this meeting, and his conduct was approved of. The parties concerned were severally heard. After obtaining time for deliberation Mr. Smith eventually stated that he thought it his duty to go to Bradford. In view mainly of this announcement the Presbytery agreed to grant the translation, said decision to take effect on and after the 25th inst. The Clerk was appointed to declare the charge vacant the following Sabbath, and Rev. D. Mackintosh was appointed Moderator of the Session during the vacancy. Rev. G. E. Freeman reported in a call from Richmond Hill and Thornhill to Rev. W. W. Percival, a minister of the Church without charge; the stipend promised is \$900, together