

Ministers and Churches.

At a bazaar recently given by the ladies of Petrolia congregation, over \$250 were received.

On the 26th ult. a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was formed in the congregation of East Puslinch, in the Presbytery of Guelph, of which Rev. Alex. McKay, D.D., is pastor. The office-bearers are: Mrs. McKay, president; Mrs. Black, vice president; Miss Maggie Smith, secretary; Mrs. Hugh Clark, treasurer.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with Burns Church, Erin, gave a musical and literary entertainment in the Blue Ribbon Hall, on the evening of the 24th ult. The weather was not very favourable, but the attendance was large and the entertainment one of the best ever given in Erin. The proceeds amounted to \$52.75.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Dr. Reid has received from The Lord's Truth, \$30 equally for Home and Foreign Missions; J. F. D., \$4, Knox College Students' Missionary Society; A Friend, \$10, Foreign Missions—Formosa; A Well Wisher to the Church of Christ, \$20, equally for Stipend Augmentation and Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; A Friend, Ferguson, \$50, Church and Manse Building Fund for Manitoba and North-West; A Friend, Seaford, \$1, Foreign Missions.

THE provisional programme of Knox College Missionary Band for the month of June is as follows: Messrs. Goforth and McKenzie will be on May 29 at Seaforth and Egmondville; during that week at Kippen, Hensall, Exeter and Thamesford. On June 5, Lucknow, White Church and Bayfield; during the week at Brussels, Ethel, Listowel, Howbridge. On June 12, Southampton and North Bruce will be taken by Messrs. Goforth and McGillivray; following these, Port Elgin, Underwood, Pinkerton; then Paisley and Walkerton on June 19 by the former two. Messrs. McGillivray and Webster on May 29 will be at Clinton and Brucefield; the week following, Winthrop, Londresboro', Blyth, Manchester and Belgrave. On June 5, Kincardine and probably Tiverton; then Ripley, Ashfield, St. Helen's. On June 12 Messrs. Webster and McKenzie will be at Wingham and Bluevale; during the week White Church, Teeswater, Wroxeter and Fordwich will be visited; then Harrison on June 19. This programme is provisional; frequent changes have to be made to suit the congregations visited. It will, however, give the general route. Separate notices are sent to each congregation in time to have the meetings announced.

THE grounds of the manse of the Presbyterian Church, St. George, were well filled on the evening of the Queen's Birthday. Refreshments were served in abundance, and games, etc., assisted to pass by a few pleasant hours. At eight o'clock the Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., took the chair, and discharged the duties in a very pleasant and efficient manner. After some singing by the choir of the church, the Rev. Dr. Cochran, of Brandon, delivered a very able and practical address on what constituted a good working church. His remarks, both as to the duties of preacher and members, were to the point, and showed the speaker to have large knowledge and experience of both pulpit and pew. Then followed an hour or two of music. Miss McKay, of Woodstock, sang very nicely a Scotch song, and received a hearty encore. Mr. Keeler, as usual, sang in his pleasant manner, and was heartily cheered. Prof. Hastings, with his violin, is always received with enthusiasm, and gave some very lovely renditions with this old and popular instrument. The very efficient choir of the church, under its able master, gave several beautiful anthems, which added materially to the pleasure of the evening. It is difficult to specify each part of the programme. Everything went off harmoniously, and all were happy.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—There was almost a full attendance of ministers and ruling elders at the meeting of Presbytery held on the 17th ult. in Knox Church, Guelph, the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., Moderator. The congratulations of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. J. K. Smith upon the honour conferred upon him by the Senate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, in investing him with the academic distinction of Doctor in Divinity. An invitation was tendered to members of Presbytery to attend the jubilee of the formation of the congregation of Knox Church, Elora, to be observed on the 24th of May. The names and standing of students in the bounds were reported with the localities in which they were labouring during the summer. The Clerk was authorized to prescribe subjects of exercises for them, which they are to send to a committee, appointed to examine and report upon them, at or before the meeting in September. This committee consists of Mr. Hamilton, Winterbourne, Convener; Mr. Tait, Berlin, and their representative elders. Three of the ruling elders, who had been appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, having resigned, the following were appointed in their places: Mr. Charles Davidson in place of Mr. Dickey, and Mr. Mitchell and Mr. William Campbell in place of Mr. Roy and Mr. Gale respectively. A report was read, delayed from last meeting, from the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society setting forth what they had accomplished, and the amount collected by them in the course of the year. The Presbytery agreed to express its gratification at the zeal, energy and success of the organization, and its hope that branches would soon be formed in all the congregations in the bounds. A long time was spent considering a call from the congregation in Lucknow to Mr. Angus McKay, of First Church, Eramosa. The call, signed by 144 members in full communion, and 129 adherents, with reasons of translation and extract minutes of the Presbytery of Maitland, was read. Commissioners from both congregations were heard at length, those from Eramosa bearing testimony to the zeal and laboriousness of Mr. McKay in his pastoral work. The call was placed in Mr. McKay's hands, and he signified his acceptance of it. The Presbytery expressed its regret at losing a young brother who had en-

deared himself to all the members, and most to those who knew him best, and its sympathy with the congregation thus deprived of a pastor so devoted and diligent in the service of his Master. It was left with the Clerk to provide for having the charge declared vacant, and Dr. Wardrope was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. Dr. Middleton brought up the motion regarding the renewal of the overture to the General Assembly on the use of the Bible in the high and public schools of the Province, when it was agreed that the overture be renewed at the meeting in Winnipeg, and parties were appointed to support it before the Assembly. The committee appointed to draft an overture to the Assembly on the appointment of an Educational Committee for the Province of Ontario, and for each of the other Provinces of the Dominion, if thought judicious, gave in their report, and parties were appointed to introduce and support it on the floor of the Assembly. Parties were also appointed to bring before the Assembly for its counsel and decision matters affecting the Church property in New Hamburg and Puslinch. Mr. Mullan presented a long and carefully prepared report of the Committee on Evangelistic Services; when it was agreed that it be printed and sent down to Sessions for examination, and that the consideration of it be deferred to the meeting in July. The report from the committee on a proposed plan of the triennial visitation of congregations was also postponed till the same meeting, it being agreed that it would then have an early place in the business to be transacted. Notices were read from nine Presbyteries that they intended to apply to the General Assembly, at its first meeting, to receive, as ministers or licentiates of this Church, parties whose names were given. It was unanimously agreed that Dr. Burns, of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, be nominated for the Moderatorship of the ensuing General Assembly. The Clerk reported that the Home Mission Committee had made a grant of \$3 per Sabbath to Hawkesville and Linwood. The following congregations were reported as being in arrears to both Synod and Presbytery Funds: West Puslinch and Hawkesville, and to the Presbytery Fund, Mimosa, Doon and Hespeler. Before the close of the proceedings Mr. MacKay took farewell of his brethren present, and expressed his sense of the courteous treatment he had received from them. The Moderator conveyed to him the regret felt at having his connection with them severed, and their deep and sincere desire for his success and comfort in his new field of labour. Permission was granted to the congregation at Drayton to select and purchase a site for a church edifice. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of July, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An ordinary meeting of this court was held on the 31st ult. Rev. P. Nichol, Moderator. In consequence of the death of Rev. James Pirgle, his name was ordered to be taken from the roll, and Dr. Caven, Rev. E. D. McLaren and the Clerk were appointed a committee to prepare a minute anent the deceased, and submit the same at next meeting. On behalf of a committee appointed at last meeting to examine into certain matters at Richmond Hill, as petitioned for, Dr. McLaren submitted and read a report, setting forth in substance that difficulties had arisen there between the pastor and his people, not however affecting his character or his official fidelity and diligence: that, both for his own interests and those of his people, the committee had advised him to tender his resignation, and that said resignation had been tendered by him, which was handed in along with the report. The committee were thanked for their diligence in this matter, and the Clerk was appointed to preach at Richmond Hill and Thornhill on the 12th of June, and cite the congregation there to appear for their interests at next meeting. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell submitted and read a report of committee previously appointed and enlarged, to confer with the Sessions of St. James Square Church, East Church, Cooke's Church and Leslieville, anent mission schools, etc., organized lately in eastern parts of the city. The report set forth in the main that the school and mission work on Wilton Avenue, at the corner of Parliament Street, were matters of conflicting opinions between the two former of these Sessions; and the committee submitted three recommendations for the judgment of the court. Of these three, the second was the only one which led to discussion. Various representatives were heard in regard to it, and it drew forth a motion and three amendments. It is not necessary to give them all. Suffice it to say that the second amendment eventually prevailed, and (together with a rider which was also carried) in these terms: The Presbytery recommend the Session of St. James Square Church to hand over the mission on Wilton Avenue to the Session of East Church by the month of October next, and express the hope that the members of St. James Square Church who have founded the mission, and have rendered such valuable services to it, will continue their labours under the new arrangement. A minute was read by Rev. W. G. Wallace, from a committee previously appointed, anent the worth, pulpit ability and success of Rev. M. C. Cameron, who lately resigned his charge on hope of an early union between Knox and St. Andrew's Churches, in Milton. The minute was adopted, and a copy of it allowed to be sent to Mr. Cameron. A minute of a very favourable kind was also submitted and adopted anent Rev. Goshen El Howie, who has laboured with much acceptance and efficiency for more than a year past within the bounds of the Presbytery. A paper was read from the congregation of Brampton, containing resolutions, duly adopted by said congregation, which set forth that, in view of the death of their senior minister, and the necessity of their having the undivided services of their surviving minister, they desired the Presbytery to dissolve the connection between them and the congregation of Milton, and, further, that they had appointed Dr. C. Y. Moore to represent them in the Presbytery on this matter. A relative paper was read from the congregation of Milton regretting the necessity of such a severance, but giving assent thereto, and naming Mr. J. McMullen as their representative in said matter. The two commissioners appeared accordingly, and were severally heard. After

some consideration, the severance applied for was granted by the court, and the matter of providing supply for Milton was placed in the hands of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. An extract minute of the district Synod was read anent the withdrawal by the Rev. Wm. Inglis of his appeal from a decision anent him come to by the Presbytery. A letter from him was also read, stating, *inter alia*, the reasons which had induced him to withdraw his appeal. A paper was read from the board of managers of Sackville congregation, asking permission to change their site for erecting a new and more commodious place of worship. Permission was granted to that effect. An extract minute of the district Synod was read, granting leave to the Presbytery to take on public probationary trials certain theological students named. Of these students there appeared two, viz., Mr. James Argo and Mr. Wm. Mowat, who read severally a sermon and lecture, and also submitted critical exercises on subjects previously assigned to them. They were also further dealt with in the matter of trials, and the Presbytery being quite satisfied with them, they were duly licensed to preach the Gospel, and commended to the blessing and guidance of God. Revs. D. J. Macdonnell and J. W. Cameron, as also Messrs. Wm. Carlyle and Wm. Adamson, resigned their appointments as commissioners to the General Assembly, and Revs. Wm. Frizzell and J. A. Grant, together with Messrs. George Frazer and George E. Dalby, were duly appointed in their stead. The next meeting of the court was appointed to be held in the usual place on July 5, at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

MONTREAL NOTES.

The Rev. J. Fleck, of Knox Church, was this week presented by his Bible class with a tastefully framed photographic group of the entire class, embracing thirty-nine members.

In last week's PRESBYTERIAN reference was made to an exchange of pulpits between the Rev. H. M. Parsons, of Toronto, and the Rev. L. H. Jordan, Montreal. The date was wrongly given. Mr. Parsons is to preach in Erskine Church, here, on the last Sabbath of July and first Sabbath of August.

On Wednesday last the Rev. George Maxwell, formerly of St. Sylvester, was inducted as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Three Rivers. The Rev. T. Z. Lefebvre preached, Rev. A. T. Love addressed the minister, and Rev. J. G. Pritchard, the people. The congregation has only been vacant a few weeks, and is to be congratulated on the speedy settlement. Though few in number, the people are most spirited and the settlement will, it is hoped, prove a lengthened as well as a profitable one.

The Rev. J. S. Black, formerly of this city, is meeting with success in his work at Colorado Springs, where he is now settled. His congregation has a membership of 212, and has so much increased as to render necessary a new church building. The revenue last year reached \$19,400, of which \$7,069 was for congregational and \$12,330 for benevolent purposes.

The San Francisco Theological Seminary had only one graduate last session, and singularly enough, he was a former student of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Mr. P. P. Briol, who, two years ago, went to the Western States to engage in French mission work. Mr. Briol was ordained by the Presbytery of San Francisco last month.

On Friday last the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society held their last monthly meeting for this season. There was a large attendance of ladies. Miss McMaster presented a report of her visit to the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society in Toronto. Reports were read from the French Bible woman and English nurse, and addresses given by Miss Dougall and the president—Mrs. Archibald Campbell—who urged every member to try to influence others to connect themselves with the society, so that even greater success in the future than in the past may attend its operations.

The congregation of Emmanuel Church here have invited the Rev. F. H. Marling, of New York, to become their pastor, and it is understood that Mr. Marling is to accept the call. The stipend is \$4,000 per annum. Mr. Marling began his ministry in 1848, thirty-nine years ago. He was for a short time pastor of a Congregational Church in Montreal; then he removed to Toronto, where he laboured with great zeal and fidelity in connection with what is now Bond Street Church. From Toronto, he was called to his present charge in New York; and his many Canadian friends will be glad to learn that he now returns to this country. He will be a decided acquisition to the Montreal pulpit.

Sabbath last was the quarterly communion day in many of our churches here, and the additions to the membership were large. In Erskine Church thirty-four new members were received, fourteen by certificate and twenty on profession of faith.

The Rev. James McCaul, who went to Britain last year as agent of the Board of French Evangelization, purposes settling in Scotland. He has applied to be received into the Free Church.

The Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, of St. Matthew's Church, and Mr. J. Cayford are at present in Chicago attending the International Sabbath School Convention, to which they were appointed delegates by the Montreal Presbyterian Sabbath School Association.

On Thursday evening the Presbytery of Montreal met in Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine, for the ordination and induction of Mr. John McGillivray, M.A., one of last session's graduates of Knox College, Toronto. Notwithstanding very unfavourable weather, there was a good attendance of the congregation and of the Presbytery. The Rev. R. H. Warden, who has been Moderator of Session since the congregation was organized, presided. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. F. M. Dewey, from the words "We are ambassadors for Christ," after which Mr. McGillivray,