

## Ministers and Churches.

THE congregation of Marsboro', Lake Megantic, has extended a call to Rev. John Mathieson, of Martintown.

THE Rev. Joseph Lamont, of Snizort, Scotland, has been called by the congregation of Lingwick, Presbytery of Quebec.

THE Rev. J. McClung, Markdale, has declined the call addressed to him from Wilkesport, etc., in the Presbytery of Sarnia.

THE Bible class and choir of Dundas Presbyterian Church, presented their esteemed pastor, Rev. John Lang, D. D., with a warmly expressed address, and they also presented the congregation with three handsome chairs for the pulpit. The meeting was well attended.

ON the 15th inst., the Whiting Presbytery sustained the call which was largely signed, of the Pickering, etc., congregations, to the Rev. L. Perrin, B. D., of Kirkfield. Also, the Rev. Mr. Craig's resignation of the congregations of Dunbarton, etc., was accepted, his pastorate ending with the present month.

THE Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Statistics requests us to state that he has sent out to Presbytery Clerks forms for the statistical and financial returns of congregations and mission stations, and sheets for those of Presbyteries. He would feel obliged to be informed if in any case these have not reached the persons addressed, or if the number of blanks sent are not sufficient.

THE Rev. A. Urquhart, Regina, was recently presented by his Bible class with a well-filled purse, and at the same time Mrs. Urquhart was the recipient of a handsome china tea set. The presentations were accompanied with a finely worded address, expressive of the high esteem in which Mr. Urquhart's pastoral labours are held, to which he made an appropriate response. Mr. Dixie Watson, organist, was also presented by the Board of Managers with a purse and an address.

THE Rev. D. Anderson, of Carberry, Man., and his wife, were surprised on New Year's morning by two of the managers of the Church presenting to them, on behalf of friends of the congregation, a very handsome present each. Mr. Anderson was made the recipient of a large upholstered arm chair, and Mrs. Anderson of a very fine wicker rocking chair. They were completely taken by surprise, but expressed their pleasure in receiving the presents as an evidence of the good will of the congregation.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in Cookstown Presbyterian Church on Sabbath week. The services were conducted by Rev. George Burnfield, B. D., Toronto, who preached able and impressive discourses to overflowing audiences. On the following evening Mr. Burnfield delivered his lecture, "In and Around Jerusalem," to a large and delighted audience. The pastor of the Church, Rev. J. Carswell, presided, and the vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Mr. George Duff and seconded by the Rev. S. Acheson, M. A. The proceeds amounted to about \$100.

IN a letter dated, 23 Laval Avenue, Montreal, January 15, specially addressed:—To the venerable pastors and to my Christian friends in Canada. Dear brethren in Christ,—These last six months a great number of you have kindly requested me to lecture in your churches, or in the halls of your towns and cities, but my engagements with the people of Boston and other cities of New England States, have made it impossible to grant your requests. In the good providence of God, I can consecrate the next two or three months to that interesting work. Please let those of you who wish me to address your people drop me a word, addressed to No. 78 Hazelton Avenue, Toronto care of G. Hine, Esq., that we may agree on the day that I will be in your midst. Truly yours, in the faith and love of Jesus Christ,

C. CHINIQUE.

THE classes in Manitoba College were resumed on Monday, Jan. 7th, though it was Wednesday evening before some who had been occupying the more distant mission fields could reach Winnipeg. A number of new students were enrolled; as a consequence, it is with difficulty some of the classes can be accommodated in the rooms allotted to them. Much regret is felt, especially by the Theological and Philosophical students, at the removal of the Rev. R. E. Thomson, who has endeared himself greatly to professors and students by his brief sojourn. Before leaving, the Theological students waited on Mr. Thomson in Dr. King's house, and in an informal way expressed their sense of the value of his instructions, and their hearty desire for his welfare, asking his acceptance at the same time of a very handsomely framed photograph of the members of the class.

AT LaRiviere, a station on the Manitoba and South Western Railway, lying intermediate between Manitoba and Pilot Sound, a Presbyterian church was erected a little more than a year ago. The funds on hand did not admit of its being completed at the time. This fall however, it was plastered and seated. Opening or re-opening services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. King, in the forenoon and afternoon of Dec. 23. Considering the sparsely settled nature of the district, the attendance was encouraging. Some of the people had come distances of twelve or thirteen miles. The Presbyterian service is the only one at this point, and while the number of adherents is small, they have shewn themselves possessed of much spirit. The large field, of which this is only one of the points occupied, owes much to the zealous labour of W. B. Cumming, a student of Manitoba College.

AT the annual meeting of Augustine church (Fort Rouge), Winnipeg, Mr. Alexander McMicken was appointed chairman, after which the annual report of the managers for the past year was read. The amount raised during the year for the ordinary purposes of the church was \$900 56; for the building fund, \$381 50; for the Sunday school library, \$51; for missions, \$194 40, besides which \$58 was raised by the Sabbath school children. The total cost of the building of the church was \$2,860, of which sum there is still unpaid, on a loan, at low interest, \$1,058. The following were elected managers of the church for the year 1889:—Chief Justice Taylor, A. McMicken, Wm. Johnston, John McKinnon and Wm. Bell. Resolutions of thanks were given to Miss Jackson and Miss McKinnon for their efforts in soliciting funds for missions. Thanks were also tendered the choir and Mrs. Drummond for her services as organist.

THE following resolution of Presbytery of Toronto, in regard to the late Rev. John Gibson, M. A., B. D., was adopted:—The members of Presbytery have learned with much sorrow of the death of their brother, the Rev. John Gibson, M. A., B. D., of Demerara; but they desire to bow in submission to the unerring and holy will of Him who determines all things, and in whose sight the death of his saints is precious. Mr. Gibson was endowed with excellent talents, which were carefully improved by very superior scholarship, and all his endowments, natural and acquired, were faithfully consecrated to the service of his Lord. For the brief period of four years he has exercised his ministry in Demerara, labouring among the coolies, while he also cared for the English-speaking population of his field. In both departments of labour he rendered valuable service to the cause of the Redeemer, and has manifested such fidelity, zeal and prudence as will not soon be forgotten. It was his delight to spend and be spent for the honour of his Lord and the promotion of his kingdom. Though his sun has gone down while it was yet noon, it is most comforting to know that he enjoyed visible tokens of his Master's approbation, and has left a record which will doubtless stimulate and encourage others to enter upon the great work to which his life was devoted. The Presbytery desires to express its deep sympathy with the widow of their departed brother, and with his father and the other members of the family. May his bereaved partner and his child be especially dear to Him who is the God of the widow and the fatherless.

THE elegant and commodious new church erected by the Presbyterians of Parkhill, was opened for Divine service on Sabbath Jan. 6th.

Eloquent and impressive sermons were preached morning and evening by Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, who has just returned from his trip around the world, and in the afternoon by the Rev. A. G. Harris, of the Methodist Church, Parkhill. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the church was crowded to its utmost capacity at all the services. Only a little over a year ago, it was decided to build early in May, the ground was cleared and work began, and now on the corner of Hastings and Pearl Streets, there stands a beautiful brick structure of modern Romanesque design. The building is sixty feet long by forty feet wide, and rests on a substantial stone foundation. At the rear is an addition 45 x 30 feet, containing the Sabbath-school and vestry rooms and the alcove for the organ and choir behind the pulpit. A fine "Dominion" organ was purchased and placed in the church by the Young People's Aid Society. The woodwork of the church is white ash finished in oil, and the organ case was made specially to match and fit into the alcove. The windows are of stained glass. The floor is covered with a crimson carpet. The pews are circular and are all cushioned to match the carpeting. The vestry is comfortably and tastefully furnished. The furnishings throughout the church were provided by the ladies of the congregation. A handsome pulpit Bible was presented by Mrs. Wilson. The cost of the church is something over \$9,000. The congregation and pastor, Rev. J. S. Lochead, are to be congratulated on the very successful completion of this building, which is not only a monument of zeal and enterprise in a good cause, but an ornament to the town. The tea meeting on Monday evening was a grand success. Tea was served in the schoolroom. The tables were beautifully decorated and loaded with the choicest viands. At eight o'clock the Rev. J. S. Lochead took the chair, and the intellectual part of the entertainment began. The speakers were Rev. Messrs Smith of Guelph, Pritchard of Forest, Currie of Thedford, Anderson of Nairn, Carriere of Grand Bend, and Harris and Russell of Parkhill. The speeches were all that could be desired and elicited frequent and hearty applause from the attentive and closely packed audience. The excellent music rendered by the choir added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

A LARGE number of the Brampton congregation and their friends assembled last Friday evening to take farewell of the Rev. E. D. McLaren, B. D., who in his ten years' pastorate has been endeared to his people and has enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the entire community. Mr. McLaren has been released from his church in Brampton to take charge of a most promising congregation in Vancouver, B. C. He carries with him to his western field the earnest good wishes of a continually-enlarging circle of well-wishers in the east. At the meeting Dr. Moore was called to the chair, and in a feeling manner referred to the keen loss which they were about to sustain by the departure of their esteemed pastor, and the purpose for which they were gathered together. Mr. William McCandlish, on behalf of the Young People's Association, read a farewell address to the pastor, and presented to him a handsome set of parlour furniture. Mrs. Murray, on behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church, of which Mrs. McLaren has been president since its organization, presented to the pastor's esteemed helpmeet, a beautiful and costly silver service of seven pieces. Mr. Nathaniel Steen, of Streetsville, on behalf of the Streetsville congregation, over which the reverend gentleman has held the position of Moderator for some time, presented to him a silver dessert service, accompanied by an address containing many kind expressions and deep feelings of regret at the removal of their friend and pastor from their midst. Mr. William Kirkwood, on behalf of the congregation, presented their pastor with a gold watch of exquisite workmanship. Rev. Mr. McLaren said in reply that he would not endeavour to thank them in words, as they could not express the deep sense of gratitude which he felt towards them, and the love which he had always borne and would continue to bear towards them. He hoped that they would continue to prosper as they had done, and also to enjoy a fuller measure of spiritual welfare. On behalf of his wife he thanked the ladies of the congregation for their beautiful token of friendship to his wife, and in which work she had always received their hearty support. To the young people his heart went out with an inexpressible feeling of love. Among them he had met many loyal, loving, and true hearts, and he could only hope that he would meet and gather around him as many dear young people in his new field of labour. In the ladies' address the fear was expressed that they might not meet again on this side of the grave. He hoped to meet them all in that heavenly home prepared for them all. In conclusion, after picturing the beauties and health-giving qualities of the country to which he was going, he assured them that they would always find a warm welcome at his new home. Mr. McLaren was deeply affected, and faltered many times during his short and feeling reply. Rev. Robert Boyle testified to the high estimation in which Mr. McLaren was held by his brother ministers and the members of his own congregation. Rev. Mr. Herridge, Rev. Dr. Harper, pastor of the Methodist Church; Rev. William Rowe, colleague of Dr. Harper; Rev. Mr. Johnston, of the Episcopal Church; Rev. Mr. Mahan, pastor on the Brampton East circuit; Rev. Mr. Tapscott, pastor of the Baptist Church; Mayor Holtby, Judge Scott, Messrs. W. A. McCullough, M. P., K. Chisholm, M. P., also made short addresses expressive of deep regret at the departure of their friend and brother. Rev. Mr. McLaren graduated at Queen's College at the age of 22, was ordained and worked as a missionary for one year and a half under the Brockville Presbytery, whence he assumed the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Cheltenham. In the summer of 1879, he was called to Brampton, to assume with the Rev. James Pringle the work of the rapidly growing congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in conference on the State of Religion in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Jan. 15. The attendance was small, but an earnest and profitable discussion took place on (1) The Recognition of the Holy Spirit in Christian Life and Service; (2) The Influence of the World on the Church and How to Meet It. On the 15th, Presbytery met for business. Mr. Richard Pyke was licensed to preach the Gospel. Barton was withdrawn from the pastoral care of Mr. Murray, of Wentworth Church, and steps were taken with a view to connect it with Ancaster, and Alburton with Onondaga. The matter will be further considered on the 5th of February. Rev. J. W. Cathcart tendered the resignation of his charge of Strabane and Kilbride, as he purposes accepting a charge in the United States. The congregation are to be cited for their interests to appear at the meeting on February 5. Leave was granted to moderate in a call at St. John's Church, Hamilton. Much deliberation was held regarding the closing of the Welland Canal on the Lord's Day. Finally a committee was appointed to take steps for petitioning Parliament regarding the matter of influencing individual members of Parliament, and for sending a deputation to wait on the Government. Also a committee was appointed to prepare a report on the whole subject of Sabbath Desecration. The remit on the Marriage Question was approved *simpliciter*. That regarding Travelling Expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly was sent down to Sessions. The other two were laid over till next meeting.—J. LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Barrie, on 18th December, for emergent business, in the forenoon, and for a Conference on Sabbath schools in the afternoon and evening. The Presbytery was constituted at eleven a.m., Mr. W. A. Duncan, Moderator, and proceeded to consider a call from the congregation of Dutton, in the London Presbytery, to Mr. T. Wilson, of Tottenham and Beeton. The papers in the case were read. Commissioners were heard, viz., Mr. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, on behalf of the Presbytery of London, and Mr. Hollingshead for the calling congregation: Messrs. A. Smith, James Austin and W. Atkinson, for Tottenham and Beeton. Mr. Wilson was asked to intimate his decision; he accepted the call, and it was agreed that he be translated to the London Presbytery for induction to the charge of

Dutton; also that the pulpit be declared vacant on January 6, by Mr. Burnett, and that Mr. Burnett be Moderator of Session during the vacancy. It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting at Orillia, on January 29, at half-past two p.m., and to hold a meeting in the evening in connection with the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The Presbytery was re-constituted at half-past two p.m., and resolved itself into a Convention on Sabbath schools, with as many members of the Church as had come on invitation given from the pulpits of the several congregations in the bounds. Dr. Gray took the chair; Mr. Leishman, Clerk, *pro tem*. The first half hour was spent in devotional exercises. After remarks by the chairman, Mr. J. M. Stevenson, elder, opened the discussion on "The Position of the Shorter Catechism in Sabbath Schools." Interesting addresses were delivered by several members of Presbytery on this matter. A discussion on the question "How older Scholars may be retained in the Sabbath School?" was introduced by an excellent address by Mr. W. N. Medhoke, of Gravenhurst, ably seconded by Mr. J. Henderson, of Barrie, and others. The following motion, presented by Mr. Leishman, seconded by Mr. Findlay, was carried at the evening Session, "That this Convention, recognizing the importance of the Shorter Catechism in training children, and also the fact that only one-third of Sabbath schools reporting to the Presbytery, report the teaching of the Catechism, pledge itself to use every effort to have it taught in every Sabbath school in the bounds of the Presbytery." It was agreed that a copy of this resolution be sent to every Sabbath school superintendent in the bounds. The Convention opened again at half-past seven p.m., Mr. Stevenson in the chair. Mr. Grant opened a discussion on "The Sabbath School as a factor in Church life," and Mr. McLeod introduced the last topic, viz., "Lesson helps and Sabbath School Literature." This, as well as the former subject, was duly considered. The Presbytery appointed a large committee to prepare for a Conference on the State of Religion, and kindred subjects, and to report at next regular meeting. The Conference was profitable and interesting to those present. It was matter of regret that a large number of members of Presbytery did not find it convenient to be present.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Chalmers Church, Richmond, on January 8 and 9, Rev. A. T. Love presiding. An elder's commission in favour of Mr. James Aikenhead was accepted. Circular letters from the Conveners of the Home Mission, Augmentation and Aged and Infirm Ministers' committees were read; Committees were appointed with a view to carry out the design of said circulars. Dr. Lamont submitted a call from Lingwick in favour of Rev. Jos. Lamont, of Snizort, Scotland. The call was laid on the table until next meeting in the hope that the field will subscribe the minimum salary, and a committee consisting of Revs. John McLeod, Dr. Lamont, and Mr. John Scott (elder) was appointed to visit the field. Mr. J. R. McLeod, in behalf of the committee appointed to draft a resolution expressive of the Presbytery's mind in reference to Dr. Mathews' resignation submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: "The Presbytery of Quebec would avail themselves of this opportunity of putting on record their sense of the loss sustained by them in the removal from their bounds of their esteemed former co-Presbyter—the Rev. G. D. Mathews, D. D. They are conscious that in his removal the Presbytery lose an active Presbyter, a faithful pastor, a friend and promoter of missions, of education and of many forms of Christian charity. They would express regret, not only for their own loss, but also their sympathy with the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, of which he was the esteemed and loved pastor for nine years. The Presbytery take comfort, however, in the thought that their esteemed brother has been called to fill so important a position as that of General Secretaryship of the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance—a position in which, by reason of his experience and rare business talents, he may render even greater service to the cause of Presbyterianism and Christian unity than would be possible in the pastorate. They congratulate Dr. Mathews and his late congregation on the signal honour conferred upon them by this appointment and they pray that their esteemed brother may be long spared to render valuable service to the Master's cause in the high position which he has gone to occupy." A call from Lake Megantic in favour of Rev. John Mathieson, Martintown, signed by thirty seven members and 142 adherents was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Glengarry. The remit on the Marriage Question was approved; that on Commissioners' Travelling Expenses, disapproved. The treasurer's annual report was submitted and adopted. The clerk was voted \$20 per annum for expenses. The supply of Agnes was left in abeyance until the call from Lake Megantic shall be disposed of. Dr. Lamont resigned the Moderatorship of Winslow and Mr. J. R. McLeod was appointed in his stead. Mr. Lee presented the Home Mission report which was adopted. The Presbytery renewed their application to the French Board for a teacher for Ditchfield. Chalmers' Church, Quebec was granted leave to moderate in a call to a minister. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, on second Tuesday of March at 8 p. m.—J. R. McLeod, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 8th inst., Rev. A. Gilray, Moderator. Attention was drawn to the fact of the recent death of Rev. John Gibson, M. A., B. D., the missionary of our Church in Demerara; and his name was ordered to be taken from the Presbytery Roll. Also a resolution in regard to him, prepared and submitted by Dr. Caven, was adopted by the Presbytery, and copies of the same were ordered to be sent respectively to the widow and the father of the deceased. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Orangeville was read, setting forth the declination by Rev. T. McClelland of the call from Streetsville, and the refusal of said Presbytery to grant his translation. The congregation named were sympathized with, and authority was given to moderate in another call. The committee appointed at last ordinary meeting to examine and report on proposed alterations in the Trust Deed of the congregation of Cooke's Church, Toronto, reported through Dr. McLaren favourably thereon, and recommended that the Presbytery approve of the same, it being understood that "the members" entitled to vote are members in full communion. The committee's report was received by the Presbytery, and their recommendation was also adopted. An extract minute was read from the Presbytery of Columbia, setting forth that a call from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, to Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Brampton, had been sustained by said Presbytery, and ordered to be transmitted, with relative documents, to this Presbytery; and further, that Rev. R. G. Morrison and Dr. Cochrane had been appointed to represent respectively the said congregation and Presbytery in prosecuting the call. The documents in question were then produced, and the Clerk reported what action he had taken to have representatives forward from the congregation of Brampton of which action the Presbytery approved. The parties on the matter were successively heard, viz., the brethren already named in prosecution of the call, and Dr. Moore, Mr. J. Fleming and Mr. R. McLaren, for the retention of Mr. McLaren and Dr. Cochrane in reply. The call was then put into Mr. McLaren's hands, and he was asked to express his mind thereon, when he stated in substance that he thought it his duty to accept the same. It was then moved by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and agreed to, that the Presbytery grant the translation of Mr. McLaren, said decision to take effect on and after the 20th inst., etc. And a minute was submitted by Rev. G. Milligan, which was cordially adopted, expressing the strong regard entertained by the brethren for Mr. McLaren, and their sympathy also with the people at Brampton in prospect of the loss they are soon to sustain; the charge there is to be declared vacant on the 27th inst., by Mr. Milligan, and he is also to act as interim moderator of the Session. The Sessions of College St., Chalmers, and West Toronto Junction Churches reported favourably as to the petition received at the previous meeting from Dovercourt Mission, praying for regular congregational organization. A com-