

## Ministers and Churches.

MR. JOHN McLEOD, B.A., licentiate, has received and accepted a unanimous call from Scotstown, Que.

THE Rev. J. R. MacLeod, of Kingsbury, Quebec, is spending a few weeks with friends on the confines of Lake Huron.

THE Rev. James D. Ferguson, B.A., late of Kennebec Road, has been called by the congregation of Windsor Mills and Lower Windsor.

A HIGHLY successful lawn social was held in the agricultural grounds, Cookstown, recently, by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church. The band of the 36th Battalion was present and added to the evening's enjoyment. About \$50 was realized.

THE congregation of Union Church, Brucefield, under the divine blessing, has so increased since the settlement of the Rev. J. H. Simpson in June last, that they have decided, and the contract has been let, to put in a gallery which will increase the sitting accommodation very considerably; congregation and pastor alike are very much encouraged.

A *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Columbia was held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, B.C., on September 20, when various matters connected with the extension of the work of our Church were satisfactorily disposed of. If the Home Mission Committee be liberal and prompt at this juncture, our cause will be greatly advanced.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, September 19, the Rev. T. G. Thomson, of Vancouver, Moderator of Session, officiating. There was a large attendance of members. Fifteen members were added to the congregation; five on profession of faith, and ten by certificate. Rev. R. Jamieson has occupied the pulpit during the past three months.

AGINCOURT Auxiliary Women's Foreign Mission Society held their eighth annual meeting lately. Mrs. Kells, president of the Presbyterian Society, Toronto, was with us, also Mrs. Cowan. Both gave earnest addresses, which were very much appreciated. The society is progressing. Contributions are a little over \$30 in advance of last year, and ahead of any former year. The office bearers were re-elected.

THE ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, N.B., held a very successful bazaar on the 9th September, which enabled them to pay off \$1,018 of the remaining debt on the manse. This handsome sum was realized without the aid of lotteries or any other questionable method. The congregation has recently adopted the envelope system, and is in a very flourishing condition, both financially and spiritually.

THE Presbytery of Brandon desire to engage, for the winter season of 1886-7, three students or student catechists. The districts for which they are required are important and well settled. The salaries remaining for the year or more will receive the remuneration of catechists, viz., at the rate of \$600 per annum. Any persons desirous of engaging in this work can get any additional information from the Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. J. Robertson.

THE Winnipeg *Free Press* says: A large number of leading citizens, sympathizing friends of Rev. Dr. King and family, attended Wednesday afternoon the funeral of Mrs. King, which took place from the residence of the Rev. Doctor, near Manitoba College, to Kildonan Cemetery. Rev. D. M. Gordon, pastor of Knox Church, conducted the services at the house and also at the grave. The pallbearers were Rev. Dr. Bryce, Rev. Prof. Hart, Mr. Justice Taylor, James Fisher, J. B. McKilligan and Stephen Nairn.

A LECTURE under the auspices of the auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Brucefield, on the subject "From Jerusalem to Bethlehem," was delivered with great acceptance on Wednesday, 29th ult., in Union Church, by the Rev. G. A. Howie, M.A., in Oriental costume. The lecture was of the most instructive character, touched repeatedly with very thrilling Christian power. It would be of great benefit to all Christian congregations were Mr. Howie to visit and address them, as he well can, on Bible lands and customs. His present address is George town.

A VERY pleasant gathering took place on Friday last in the William Street Mission. Unpretentious as many of our Mission Halls are in the city, it is true, nevertheless, that they wield potent influence for good, and in this respect William Street is no exception. The Sabbath school, Sabbath service and Band of Hope have been signally blessed, and they held a kind of rallying meeting to gather the forces and plan out work. The hall was full, and stirring speeches were made by Messrs. McCulloch, of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Shearer, of the Elizabeth Street Mission, Mr. Nicol, of William Street, and the Rev. Mr. Smith. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Yellowlees, and at the close refreshments were served.

ON Thursday afternoon, September 23, the Ladies' Aid in connection with the Dunbarton Presbyterian Church held a peach festival and bazaar at the residence of Mr. William Taylor. Although the morning was anything but promising, the afternoon and evening were favourable and a very enjoyable time was spent. A goodly number of the friends of the congregation partook of the tempting refreshments which had been so plentifully provided, after which the meeting was called to order by the pastor, the Rev. R. M. Craig, when a programme was presented, consisting of readings and music, with a very appropriate address by the Rev. J. J. Cameron, of Pickering. Very much praise is due to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for their untiring efforts on this occasion, as on many others, to advance the interests of the congregation. Proceeds, \$72. The Ladies' Aid has only been in existence about eight months but by the zeal

and activity of all the members has already collected upward of \$250 toward the building fund. The new church which occupies the site on which the old church stood in the village of Dunbarton is now being rapidly pushed forward by the contractors, and when completed will be a credit to the congregation and the pride of the community. It is expected that the opening will take place about the beginning of December, when the committee will spare no pains to have the exercises in connection therewith at once pleasant and profitable.

ON the 26th September, Dr. Torrance, Moderator *pro tem.* of the Kirk Session of Knox Church, Acton, preached to the congregation from Titus i. 5, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest ordain . . . elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." The occasion being the ordination and induction of elders over the people, the sermon was mainly devoted to proof of scriptural authority for Church rule by elders, without going into a formal argument in proof of the Presbyterian form of government, and of the distinction between the teaching and ruling elder. After sermon he narrated the steps from the nomination to the ballot, both by papers, of the elders elect, then called upon those who had been chosen, and who, on being dealt with by the Session, had declared their acceptance, to answer the questions prescribed for such an occasion. Satisfactory answers having been given, they were by solemn prayer inducted or ordained to the office, and commended to Divine grace for guidance in their duties. Mr. Archibald Campbell and Mr. David Henderson, having been formerly ordained, were inducted, and Dr. Lowry, Mr. Alexander Kennedy, Mr. Lachlan McMillan, Mr. John Cameron, not having held office previously, were ordained. This part of the service was followed by addresses to the newly-appointed elders and to the people. The Session of Knox Church now consists of nine members. The congregation is in a healthy condition, and hopes soon to have a settled pastor. Dr. Lowry is now Session Clerk.

THE anniversary services in connection with Elma Centre Church were held on the 19th and 20th September, and, despite the unfavourable weather, proved quite successful. Excellent discourses were delivered on Sabbath by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Harriston. The weather during Sabbath forenoon was very wet and disagreeable, and consequently the attendance at the morning services was somewhat slim; however, the rain ceased early in the afternoon, and a good congregation assembled in the evening. The church was crowded on Monday evening at the tea-meeting. The Rev. Andrew Henderson, M.A., pastor, occupied the chair. The chairman, in the course of his opening remarks, gave some interesting statistics with respect to the progress made during the past few years, from which it appeared that the membership four years ago when he accepted the pastorate was 275, while now it is 450, that Elma Centre membership had increased in that time 56 per cent., and Monckton membership 94 per cent. Interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. A. B. McCallum, M.A., Head Master, Listowel High School, and Rev. Messrs. Ferguson (Methodist), Atwood, Stevenson (Presbyterian), Molesworth, and Rev. Dr. Campbell (Presbyterian), Harriston. Excellent music was furnished by Listowel Presbyterian Choir, Mr. Connelly, leader. Proceeds about \$200. May this congregation increase more and more in liberality and good works, and may its earnest, faithful and indefatigable pastor be long spared to administer to them in holy things.

AT a meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, held at Port Elgin on Tuesday, Sept. 14, the following minute, anent the death of the Rev. Wm. Blain, was submitted by Rev. Dr. Scott, and adopted: The Presbytery, in placing on record a notice of the death of the Rev. Wm. Blain, late minister of Tara, Allenford and Elsinore, who died at Oshawa on the 22nd March, 1886, desire to record the esteem in which he was held as a Christian brother, and as a minister of the Gospel of Christ. For upward of thirty years he laboured in the Christian ministry with a true devotion to the interests of the Master's cause. Having graduated in Knox College in the spring of 1854, in July of the same year he was ordained minister of North Caven, where he laboured faithfully and successfully for seventeen years. At the end of this time a state of declining health rendered it necessary that he should resign his charge. But after a period of rest, his health having been in a measure restored, he again entered on the pastoral work by accepting a call from the congregation of Carrick. From this place, after a pastorate of five years' he was translated to Tara and the adjoining stations of Allenford and Elsinore. Here the work was very arduous, three congregations being included in the charge, and after seven years of faithful and self-denying labour, his bodily constitution gave way and he was under the necessity of demitting his charge in October, 1884. From this time his health continued to decline and his illness issued, at the date already mentioned, in his departure "from the body" to be "present with the Lord." Mr. Blain was a man of quiet and amiable disposition, modest and pleasing manners, and of deep, fervent piety. As a minister of the Gospel, he was anxiously faithful and diligent in performing the duties of the sacred office. His pulpit services were the fruit of a careful preparation, and his preaching, while quiet in manner, was very edifying, and well adapted to feed the sheep and lambs of the great Shepherd. The subject of his preaching was "the Gospel of the Grace of God," and, being presented with a meek and earnest spirit, was felt in the conscience and heart of those to whom the truth in Christ is precious. Now that he is of those of whom it is written "they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them," his brethren of the Presbytery desire to hold his memory in respect, and in the event of his death, they would be reminded of the certainty of their own departure, and would hear an admonition to increased diligence and faithfulness in the work of the Lord to which they have been called. The Presbytery express sympathy with the bereaved family of their departed brother, and pray that the Lord may so keep and guide them, as that their life on earth may be one of Christian usefulness, and of preparation in themselves for "the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him."

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This court met in Sherbrooke on the 21st September. Rev. J. G. Pritchard was elected Moderator for the current year. Elders' commissions in favour of Mr. Jas. Dunbar, for Kingsbury and Brompton Gore, and Mr. Alex. Baptist, for Three Rivers, were presented and accepted. Mr. J. R. Macleod, Mr. Pritchard, and Dr. Mathews reported having dispensed ordinances at Gould, Valcartier and Sawyerville respectively. Mr. Lee was authorized to organize Sawyerville, etc., into a mission station. Point Levis was granted leave to moderate in a call. Dr. Lamont submitted a call from Scotstown. The call was unanimous, and in favour of Mr. John McLeod, B.A., licentiate. The call was sustained. A telegram was received from Mr. McLeod, intimating his acceptance of the call. Trials for ordination were prescribed, and the induction arranged for the 13th October, at eight o'clock p.m., Dr. Lamont to preside and preach, Mr. Pritchard to address the minister and Mr. Macleod, Kingsbury, to address the people. Mr. J. R. Macleod, Convener of the committee appointed to seek the re-arrangement of certain fields in the Presbytery, reported that Richmond and Melbourne had been united to form one pastoral charge, and that a similar union had been consummated between Windsor Mills and Lower Windsor. The Presbytery thanked the committee for their diligence and expressed gratitude for the unions consummated. Dr. Lamont, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. J. R. Macleod were appointed Conveners of the Committees on the State of Religion, Temperance, Sabbath Schools and Statistics respectively. Mr. Pritchard was requested to secure information from Metis with a view to an appointment being made to that field at an early meeting. Mr. Roderique was recommended to the French Board for employment. Mr. Charbonnel reported in regard to French mission work for the last quarter. The Presbytery received the report, and expressed its gratification therewith, and granted Mr. Charbonnel leave of absence for one month. A unanimous call from the congregation of Windsor Mills and Lower Windsor in favour of Rev. Jas. D. Ferguson, B.A., largely signed by members and adherents, was submitted. It was accompanied by a guarantee of stipend for \$450. The call was sustained and placed in Mr. Ferguson's hands, and, at his request, he was granted time to consider the matter. Messrs. Macleod and J. M. Whitelaw, students, submitted discourses which were approved, and these students were certified to their respective colleges. Home Mission and Augmentation grants were revised, and additional grants recommended. Mr. D. Currie tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Three Rivers. The resignation was ordered to lie on the table, and provision was made to cite the congregation to appear at next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Scotstown on the 13th October next, at ten o'clock a.m.—J. R. MACLEOD, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this court was held at Kingston on the 21st day of September, Rev. J. M. Gray, Moderator, presiding. The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, were granted leave on certain conditions to mortgage their church property to the extent of \$4,500 for the enlargement and improvement of their church building. The report of the committee appointed to confer with the officials of Cooke's Church, Kingston, in regard to arrears said to be due their minister, was presented. It was decided that the congregation were not in arrears, as reported in the Assembly Minutes, yet in view of certain promises of increase of stipend made by the Moderator *pro tem.* of the Session at the time the call was given, and also the improved financial condition of the congregation, the Presbytery expressed it as their opinion that the salary should be raised to \$1,200. (These arrears being cancelled, the Presbytery of Kingston presents a complete blank under the heading of arrears.) In compliance with the recommendation of the committee appointed to confer with the officials of the congregation of Camden, etc., the call to Mr. Gauld was set aside. Mr. Craig was empowered to moderate in a new call in this charge, and the Presbytery is to hold an adjourned meeting at Nanapan on the 11th day of October next at two o'clock p.m., to consider said call, and transact other business. An obituary minute was presented in relation to the Rev. Algeron Matthews, from which it appeared that he was pastor first at Lansdowne and then at Trenton. From this latter charge he was released on account of illness, and died on the 10th day of December, 1885. Mr. Matthews was a man of superior abilities, a faithful pastor, an able preacher, and much respected by all who knew him. A petition was presented from the Pittsburgh section of the united charge of Storrington, etc., asking to be united to St. John's Church, Pittsburgh, under the pastoral care of the Rev. John Gallaher. The prayer of the petition was granted, the union to take effect on the 12th day of October. Two calls were tabled in favour of Mr. A. McAulay, B.A., licentiate, one from Dalhousie, etc., and the other from St. Columba, etc., Madoc. The amounts promised were respectively \$850 with manse and glebe, and \$600 with manse and supplements. After conference with a committee of Presbytery, Mr. McAulay declared in favour of the call from Dalhousie, etc. Arrangements were made for his ordination and induction on the 7th day of December ensuing. A committee, of which Mr. Gray is Convener, was appointed to make arrangements for the holding of missionary meetings within the bounds. The Home Mission report was presented. In compliance with recommendations made, it was decided to secure as soon as possible an ordained missionary for Poland, etc., to get the people in the several mission fields to pledge themselves for certain amounts in support of ordinances—to seek a supplement for Storrington, etc., and to instruct the people in mission fields to use in worship our authorized psalms and hymns. The Treasurer's report was submitted. A number of the congregations are still in arrears to the Presbytery Fund.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The Presbytery of Guelph met in Knox Church, Guelph, on the 21st September, Mr. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., of Galt Central Church, Modera-