

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. MR. WATT, of Shakespeare, preached his farewell sermon on Sabbath, 11th M-y.

THE Port Perry and Prince Albert congregations have called, Rev. Hugh Crozier, of Holstein.

THE Rev. G. McKay formerly of Laguerre was inducted as pastor of the congregation of Leeds in the Presbytery of Quebec, on the 8th inst.

THE Rev. John Hogg has accepted the call to Charles street Church, Toronto, and his induction will (D.V.) take place on the evening of Monday, 2nd June, at 7.30.

THE Rev. Alexander Bell of St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro, has been called to Lancaster as successor to Rev. D. Ross, and the call has been sustained by the Presbytery of Glengarry.

THE Rev. John Ferguson having resigned the Conventership of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Huron, Rev. Robert Leask was appointed to that office, to whom probationers are requested to write for appointments.

WE learn that a deputation from Duffin's Creek section of the Rev. Mr. Kennedy's late charge, waited on him, at Dunbarton, on the 12th current (his seventy-fifth birth-day), and presented him with a very affectionate address and a purse containing eighty dollars.

THE Rev. George McKay, formerly of Laguerre, in the Presbytery of Montreal, was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Leeds, in the Presbytery of Quebec, on the 8th inst. The Rev. H. Edmison, Moderator of the Presbytery, preached and presided; the Rev. Mr. Hanron addressed the minister, and the Rev. F. M. Dewey the people.

THE Rev. J. M. King, M. A., of St. James' Square Church, Toronto, sails to-morrow from New York, on a brief visit to Scotland. We heartily wish himself and his partner in life, who accompanies him, a prosperous voyage and happy return to Canada. A notice of the pleasant social gathering and presentation on Wednesday evening will appear next week.

THE Rev. D. M. Gordon of Ottawa left last week for the Pacific coast on a four months leave of absence. He went by rail to San Francisco, but proposes returning from British Columbia by Canadian territory. His pulpit is supplied during his absence by Rev. Mr. Haney, recently assistant in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec. We trust Mr. Gordon's trip will result in his complete restoration to health.

IN making mention of the acceptance by Rev. A. Ross, M. A., of the call to Woodville, the "Eastern Chronicle" says: "Mr. Ross was greatly beloved by his people during his long pastorate of the above church, and will be greatly missed in this county as a faithful and talented preacher of the Gospel. Nevertheless, we wish him a happy and useful career in the pastorate of the church which has just secured his services."

THE second anniversary service of the opening of the new Presbyterian church, Burlington, was held on Sabbath, May 11th. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, preached morning and evening, and the Rev. Thomas Goldsmith, of Hamilton, preached in the afternoon. All three services were well attended and most truly enjoyed, the church being literally filled at each diet of worship. The collections amounted in all to \$164.40, which together with subscriptions either already paid in or about to be paid in, will meet the last instalment of the church debt.

THE Rev. A. B. Mackay of Brighton, England, was inducted as pastor of the Crescent St. Church, Montreal, on Friday last the 16th inst. There was a large attendance of members of the congregation and their friends. The following ministers were present: Rev. Drs. Macvicar and Jenkins, Messrs. J. Patterson, D. Patterson, G. Coull, R. Campbell, R. H. Warden, P. Wright, J. S. Black, J. McCaul, J. Scrimger, J. Fleck, J. Wellwood, J. C. Cattenach, and also Rev. Mr. Galbraith of Nova Scotia. Rev. G. Coull preached a suitable discourse, Principal Macvicar offered the induction prayer, and appropriate addresses were given to minister and people respectively by Dr. Jenkins and Rev. J. S. Black. On the evening of Tuesday last a social gathering of the congregation and their friends to welcome Mr. Mackay was held. The meeting was largely attended and very successful. We congratulate the congregation on this happy settlement, and

heartily join in welcoming Mr. Mackay to Canada and our Canadian Church.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting on the 6th and 7th current, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Moderator. Professor McLaren reported in a call from Charles street, Toronto, to Rev. John Hogg of Oshawa. The stipend promised in the meantime is \$1,800. The call was sustained, and Commissioners were appointed to prosecute the same before the Presbytery of Whitby. Rev. W. Frizzell reported in a call from Queensville, etc., to Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D., late missionary at Formosa. The people themselves have promised a salary of \$500, and the Assembly's Home Mission Committee a supplement of \$200. The call was sustained, and Dr. Fraser, who was present, accepted of it. His induction was then appointed to take place at Queensville, on the 27th inst., Professor McLaren to preach, preside and put the questions; Rev. J. S. Eakin to address the minister; and Rev. W. Frizzell to address the people. Mr. Eakin reported in a call from Sutton to Rev. J. Fraser of St. Ann's and Wellandport. The call was sustained, and Commissioners were appointed to prosecute the same before the Presbytery of Hamilton. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Ottawa was read, accompanying a call from New Edinburgh to Rev. Isaac Campbell of Richmond Hill and Thornhill. The salary promised is \$800. Steps were taken in the ordinary way to cite all parties concerned to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting. A careful report was read from the committee previously appointed anent a proposed consolidation of West King, East King, Laskey and Aurora congregations into two pastoral charges. The report was received, with thanks to the committee, but no definite arrangement was come to; and the committee was re-appointed with the addition of Revs. D. Mitchell and J. Smith and Mr. D. Fotheringham, to confer with all the congregations in King, and report to next ordinary meeting. The annual report of the Home Mission Committee was read by Rev. J. M. King, as Convener. The report set forth ten mission fields, with eighteen preaching stations regularly supplied during the year; average Sabbath attendance, 1,280; families connected with the field, 344; communicants, 488; and as to finances, \$2,299.65 paid for supplies including board; \$5765.39 paid for building, and \$671 received from the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. The report was received, with thanks, especially to the Convener and the Treasurer, and the Committee, with a few changes, were reappointed. Leave of absence was given, as requested, to Rev. W. Frizzell for two months, and to Rev. J. M. King for three, with the understanding that their pulpits will be supplied during their absence. Messrs. John Ross, Donald Tait, S. H. Eastman, R. H. Abraham and Daniel M. Beattie, all of them theological students, underwent a preliminary examination, and the Presbytery agreed to apply to the Synod for leave to take them on public trials for license, which leave the Synod has now granted. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed to assign them subjects for trial exercises. New appointments were made of Commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. J. Alexander in room of Rev. W. Stewart, who asked to be excused; Rev. J. M. Cameron in room of Rev. J. M. King, who will be absent in Europe; Mr. R. H. Hunter in room of Rev. Dr. Reid, who is to represent the eldership of the Presbytery of Manitoba; and Rev. J. Breckenridge and Mr. Peter Crann, because of a recent increase of the Presbytery roll. It was moved and unanimously agreed to nominate Dr. Reid as Moderator of the General Assembly. A report on the State of Religion was read by Rev. A. Gilray, Convener of a committee previously appointed. The report was adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. The remit on General Sustentation Fund and recommendations contained therein was considered and voted on. By a majority it was recommended that the two Funds hitherto united be separated. Dr. Topp stated that after consideration he would not in the meantime submit his proposed overture anent a change in the basis of representation to the General Assembly. On motion also by Dr. Topp, it was agreed, after some consideration, that as Mr. Thomas Scouler (who has gone through the preparatory course and attended one session of the theological at Knox College) has had large experience in missionary work and is of riper years than most students, application be made to the

General Assembly for leave to take him on trials for license after he has attended another session of his theological course. Considerable time was spent in committee of the whole House on the collection of hymns, and it was agreed to appoint Professor McLaren, Revs. D. Mitchell and George Milligan a small committee to suggest other hymns that might be deemed approvable, as also that at next ordinary meeting the report of the committee of the whole shall be received and disposed of, so that a definite judgment may be prepared for the General Assembly. Several other matters, though not of public interest, were taken up and disposed of. The foregoing report has been made as short as possible. Next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held in the usual place on the first Tuesday of June, at 11 a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

P.S.—At a special meeting of Presbytery held at Guelph, an extract minute of the Presbytery of Whitby was read, setting forth that said Presbytery had agreed to the translation of Rev. John Hogg, and the induction of Mr. Hogg was appointed to take place in Charles street Church, Toronto, on the second day of June, at 7.30 p.m., Professor McLaren to preside and address the minister, Rev. J. Carmichael of King to preach, and Rev. G. Milligan to address the people.—R. M.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—At Cornwall, and within St. John's Church there, Wednesday, the fourteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years; which day the Presbytery of Glengarry met, with leave of Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and was constituted. Sederunt, Rev. Niel McNish, B.D., LL.D., Moderator, John Fraser, Wm. Ross, R. Binnie, H. Lamont, D. H. McLennan, Finlay McLennan, Alex. McGillivray, W. A. Lang, Ministers, and Hugh McLean, Colin Cameron, D. McIntyre and D. B. McLennan, Q. C., Elders. Dr. McNish, Moderator, of St. Matthew's Church, Osnabruck, craved permission of Presbytery to moderate in a call in said congregation. Leave was granted. The Rev. Alex. McGillivray, in his capacity of moderator the Kirk Session, laid on the table a call and relative documents from the congregation of Knox Church, Lancaster, in favour of Mr. Alex. Bell, of the Presbytery of Peterborough. It was moved and agreed to that the call be sustained as a regular Gospel call, that the Moderator of the Kirk Session be thanked for his diligence, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward the same to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Peterborough. Mr. McGillivray intimated that he had been appointed by the Kirk Session and Congregation to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Peterborough. The Presbytery cordially approved of the appointment, and confirmed the same. They further did, and hereby do appoint the said Rev. Alex. McGillivray, their Commissioner, to prosecute the call at the bar of said Presbytery. The Clerk read circular letters from the Presbyteries of Halifax, Sydney and Saugeen—intimating the intention of said Presbyteries to apply to the next General Assembly to receive as ministers of this Church Messrs. Duncan R. Crockett, Luke Cunningham, and Gilbert A. Smith, respectively. A call and relative documents—promising a stipend of \$700—from the congregation of Vankleekhill, was laid on the table in favour of the Rev. John Ferguson, of Brussels. It was agreed to sustain the call and to forward the same to Mr. Ferguson. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again at half-past two o'clock in this church, and this diet was closed with prayer. At half-past two o'clock, p.m., same day and place, the Presbytery met according to adjournment. Sederunt same as in forenoon. The clerk stated that Mr. Ferguson had been communicated with in reference to the call from Vankleekhill, and that he had replied in the affirmative; whereupon, the Presbytery appointed his induction to take place on Thursday, the 29th inst., the Rev. Wm. Ross to preside, Mr. Hay to preach, Mr. Fraser to address the minister, and Dr. Lamont the people. It was accordingly agreed to ask leave of Synod to meet at Vankleekhill at one o'clock of the 29th inst., for the purpose of inducting Mr. Ferguson and the consideration of a call to a minister. The Rev. Charles Cameron at this stage entered the court and took his seat. Mr. Cameron craved leave of absence for two months to recruit his health. Leave was cordially granted—it being understood that Mr. Cameron and his session has made arrangements for the supply of the pulpit in the interval. The Rev. John Fraser resigned his appointment