

Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. H. H. Warden, the agent of the new Knox College Building, having moved to this city, his address will hereafter be Toronto Post-Office. Parties desiring to correspond with him will please govern themselves accordingly.

The address of the Rev. John McLean, late of Roxborough, will in future be Rugby Post-Office, County Simcoe, Ont.

Rev. R. H. WARDEN having accepted the appointment of General Agent of the new College, Toronto, has resigned his charge at Bothwell, and with his family removed to Toronto. Previous to leaving his late field of labor he was entertained at a farewell meeting, and presented with an address expressive of the regard and affection of his congregation. The address was accompanied with a purse from the Sutherland's Corners branch of his charge, as also a handsome sum of money from his Bothwell friends. Mrs. Warden was likewise the recipient of several gifts, including one from her Sabbath-school class.

At a meeting of the Chatham Presbytery last week, the members individually testified to their high esteem for Mr. Warden, and the following resolution was adopted, a copy of which has been kindly sent us:—"Having received from the Rev. R. H. Warden, of Bothwell, the resignation of his charge, consequent upon his acceptance of the position of General Agent of Knox College, Toronto, that the Presbytery do accept the same; that the pastoral tie be immediately dissolved, and that Mr. W. Walker be appointed to preach in the church vacant on Sabbath, 1st November. The Presbytery desires to express its deep regret at being called to have removed from their midst their brother, Mr. Warden, who, for the past eight years, has given such full evidence of his ability and zeal, both as a pastor and preacher, who, since the commencement of this Presbytery, has manifested such energy and wisdom as its Clerk and Convener of its Home Mission Committee, and who, in all its bearing towards its members, has shown such unvarying brotherly kindness and regard. At the same time the Presbytery rejoices in the hope that, though at a distance, Mr. Warden may be able to retain in the meantime his connection with the Presbytery, and records its earnest prayer that in the discharge of those duties to which he has been called by the church, and for which he is so admirably qualified, he may long be spared and greatly blessed of God in his person and in his family, and that under the Divine head of the church he may be eminently successful in promoting his glory." It was also agreed to continue Mr. Warden's name on the Presbytery's Roll, and to ask the sanction of the General Assembly therefor. Mr. Warden has consented for a time to retain his position as Clerk of the Presbytery and Convener of its Home Mission Committee. He enters immediately upon his new duties.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal, held on the 9th ult., the following testimonial, submitted by the Rev. R. F. Burns, D. D., was received and adopted, viz:—"The Presbytery would place on record their sense of the worth of the Rev. John McLean, and the success of his pastorate at Roxborough and Finch. He has labored faithfully and successfully, and acceptably, and his labors have not been in vain in the Lord. His people reluctantly part with him. The Presbytery would sympathize with them in their deprivation, and pray that the Great Shepherd may speedily supply them with another pastor after his own heart. The Presbytery trust that their brother may be very happy, and owned of the Master, in his new field of labour."

The Presbytery of Stratford held a *pro re nata* meeting on the call of the Moderator, in Wilkes St. Church, St. Mary's, on Monday of last week, at 2 o'clock. The conduct of the Moderator was sustained, and the induction of the Rev. Mr. McAlpine was agreed to take place in the above church on Wednesday, 11th inst. Rev. J. E. Croft, M. A., to preside; Rev. Peter Scott to preach, Rev. Mr. Hamilton to address the people, and Rev. Mr. Drummond the minister.—*Com.*

A LARGO gathering took place on the evening of the 23rd ult., in the Canada Presbyterian Church, Port Perry. After partaking of a sumptuous feast provided by the ladies of the congregation, Mr. Gordon, M. P., on behalf of the Sabbath school and congregation, presented Mrs. Thom with an elegant gold watch and chain, valued at \$150. Rev. Mr. Thom made a suitable reply. The entertainment was enjoyed by the singing of an excellent choir, led by Mrs. Thom, also by readings of select pieces by Messrs. Crawford and Galloway and speeches of an instructive character by the reverend gentleman present.

The Avonbank Sabbath school annual festival took place on Thursday evening of last week. The church was well filled, the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, pastor, occupying the chair. Short and appropriate addresses were given by the chairman, and the Rev.

Messrs. Hieop and Hall, also by Messrs. J. W. Laird, and A. S. McGregor. The ladies of the congregation, to whom much credit is due, provided an ample supply of cakes and other good things. The proceedings were enlivened by vocal music, rendered by the scholars and others.—*Com.*

Last Sabbath the Rev. W. Walker of Chatham by appointment of the Presbytery of Chatham, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Bothwell, and Sutherland's Corners, and declared the pulpit vacant.

A very pleasant social reunion, styled a Floral Festival, took place in the basement of Knox Church, Ottawa, recently, and was largely attended. The Hon. Mr. Laird occupied the chair, and gave a very interesting and instructive address. The Revs. Messrs. Hunter and Cameron also addressed the meeting. There was a beautiful display of flowers, to which Mrs. Mutlamor contributed largely by a collection made while on a recent trip to Europe. Refreshments were supplied in abundance; tea, coffee, and fruit were heartily partaken of by these present. All enjoyed themselves well, and seemed sorry to part, but trusted soon to meet again under similar circumstances.

SHAMEFUL.—The Hamilton Times says:—"On Saturday, as the Rev. Mr. Wait of Waterdown, was driving into the city he was run into by a wagon being driven quickly, and the driver of which would not give sufficient room for him to pass. The result was that one of the buggy wheels was broken off, and Mr. and Mrs. Wait violently pitched out of the vehicle to the ground. The buggy was also much broken. Proceedings should be taken against the careless teamster who should be made to pay roundly for such ill-mannered and illegal action and for the damages he inflicted."

The editor of the Halifax Witness attended the late Evangelical Alliance meeting at Montreal, where he met Rev. A. Henderson, a Presbyterian minister, who has completed the 91st year of his age and the 64th of his ministry. He is senior pastor of St. Andrew's, up the Ottawa Valley. He is clear headed, and by no means feeble in body. His voice is strong and clear, and his intellect active. He attended the ordinary meetings of the Conference, and most of the Prayer Meetings. He also was present at and seemed to enjoy, the Reception at Principal Dawson's. He belonged to the United Presbyterian Church, and is now a member of the Canada Presbyterian Church. He is one of the oldest, if not the most aged Minister in the Presbyterian connection in the world.

The Rev. Hugh Thomson, of Winterbourne, was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, East Oxford, C. P., on Tuesday, the 21st inst., by the Presbytery of Paris. The Moderator Mr. Wright, Ingersoll, presided. The Rev. Mr. Cavan, Tilsonburg, preached from Heb. iv 16, after which the Moderator put the usual questions to minister and people, and inducted Mr. Thomson as Pastor of the Congregation. The Rev. Mr. McTavish, of Woodstock, then gave a very impressive address to the ministers, and Mr. W. Quarrie, of Princeton, in a practical manner the Congregation. At the close of the service, the Rev. Mr. M. Mullen, of Woodstock, accompanied the newly inducted Pastor to the church door, where a very warm welcome was given him by the congregation. In the evening a tea meeting was held, and very largely attended. After a blessing was asked, an excellent tea was served and enjoyed to the full, got up in first-rate style by the ladies. After which, the Rev. Mr. W. Quarrie, chairman, congratulated the people of East Oxford on the auspicious event of the day, and suitable addresses were delivered by Mr. Peart, of New Durham; Rev. Mr. Locke, of Princeton; Dr. Clarke, Princeton; Rev. Mr. Vincent, on the Saskatchewan Valley, &c., and the Rev. Hugh Thomson, the Pastor. The Princeton choir, under the leadership of Mr. Beamer, rendered excellent and appropriate music, thereby enlivening the occasion. Proceeds eighty-five dollars. On Sabbath Mr. T. Mason preached to a large congregation, on 1 Cor. i. 23, "We preach Christ crucified." The settlement promises to be a happy as it is, a harmonious one.

Mr. J. B. S. BURNER has been called by the congregation of Duntroon and Nottawa.

The annual School of Melville Church Sabbath-school took place on Tuesday, Oct. 20th, in the Highland Creek Orange Hall. There was a large attendance, the hall being completely filled. After all had partaken heartily of the good things provided by the friends of the school, the chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. Geo. Burnfield, M. A. Speeches were delivered by the pastor, and by Mr. William Stephenson, Superintendent of the school. The music was provided by Mrs. John Elliot. A large number of prizes were distributed to the scholars. The entire proceedings were satisfactory and pleasant, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The school has greatly increased during the past year, and much credit is due to those who were engaged in the work.

Presbytery of Chatham.

This Presbytery met in Adelaide street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 29th and 30th September. There was a large attendance of Ministers and Elders, and considerable business was transacted. Among the more important items were the following: A report of an encouraging nature was given by Mr. A. A. Scott of the field in Mersea where he labored during the summer. It was agreed to unite Mersea and Tilbury West for the winter, giving supply alternately to each field. Mr. Scott was certified to the Senate and Board of Examiners of Knox College, Toronto. Rev. P. Nicol reported visiting Chatham settlement, where he found some 22 Presbyterian families, who were anxious for preaching in connection with Dover, and were ready to contribute liberally for the same. Messrs. Walzer, K. Urquhart and J. McKerral were appointed to visit Dover and Cointown as soon as convenient, and endeavor to arrange so that services be held in both places hereafter, with a view to the formation of a congregation at the latter. The Presbytery sustained a call from Florence and Dawn to Mr. D. McKerral; the call was signed by 57 members and 46 adherents, the salary being \$650 per annum. Rev. D. Duff of Brent was appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Bruce. A very encouraging report was received from Wallaceburg where there are now 55 Presbyterian families. The congregation there petitioned to be united to the Sydenham station with a view to call a minister, and Messrs. Gray, Beckett and Wm. Webster were appointed to visit Wallaceburg, Dresden and the Sydenham settlement in regard to the matter, and to cite all interested parties to appear at next regular meeting when the petition will be disposed of. Mr. Gray to preach at Sombra, and Mr. Beckett at Wallaceburg and Dresden on Sabbath, 26th October, and hold missionary meetings during their visit. The Presbytery gave leave to the Comber people to erect a church in that village. The Remits on Union and the Constitution of the Assembly were approved of, Messrs. McColl and McKerral were appointed to audit the Treasurer's books, and the Clerk was instructed to write those congregations in arrears to the Presbytery Fund asking payment of the same. Rev. J. MacLaughlin, and the Session and Congregation of Chatham, were cited to appear at a special meeting of Presbytery to be held in Adelaide St. Church, Chatham, on Wednesday, 28th October, at 11 a.m. The grants to supplemented Congregations and Mission Stations were revised. It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting in Wellington St. Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 5th January next, at 11 a.m.; a conference on the State of Religion to take place on the evening of that day, to arrange for which Messrs. Walker, McColl, K. Urquhart, and McKerral were appointed a committee. The committee appointed to arrange a plan of Missionary Meetings, and the deputation who recently visited St. Anne, Illinois, were instructed to present written reports at the Special Meeting, on the 28th October. A Sabbath School Conference was held on the evening of Tuesday, and suitable topics discussed and addresses given.—R. H. WARDEN, Pres. Clerk.

Presbytery of Cobourg.

This Presbytery met at Port Perry on the second Tuesday of September for the induction of the Rev. W. Hadnett. Mr. Sutherland preached from 1 Tim. iii. 15. Mr. Roger thereafter addressed the minister, and Mr. Mitchell the people. The regular quarterly meeting was held at Milbrook on Tuesday, the 29th of September. Returns to the Remit on Union were called for. Fourteen sessions and congregations reported *unanimously* in favour of union on the basis set down; and in each of two others, viz, Peterboro and Batemore, the same conclusion was reached with only one dissentient. It was unanimously agreed to approve of the proposed enlargement in this representation of Presbytery in the next general assembly. A communication from the Rev. W. Reid, announcing that the assessment on this Presbytery for the assembly's fund for the present year, amounts to \$196, was read. A scheme for the equitable assessment of congregations for this fund was adopted. Instructions were renewed to Mr. MacWilliam to moderate in a call at Norwood and Hastings, when it shall seem desirable to do so. Reports were read from the missionaries within the bounds. These reports showed that satisfactory progress was being made in the different mission fields. Mr. McKay gave in a report of a visit which he paid in the beginning of September to the mission field of Chatham and Burleigh, in which he spent two Sabbaths, dispensing the ordinance of the Lord's Supper twice, and preaching eight times. Mr. McKay strongly recommended the division of this field. The cordial thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. McKay for the very diligent and faithful manner in which he had discharged the duty assigned to him. An annual report of a visit paid by Mr. Clark to Warsaw was given in, and in like manner acknowledged by the Presbytery. It was unanimously agreed to instruct ministers within the bounds to hold missionary meetings within their respective congregations. It was further agreed that the Presbytery shall inquire from time to time whether these instructions have been complied with. The Presbytery's Home Mission Committee were empowered to call on members in turn to give a Sabbath to the mission field, and to arrange, if possible, for a missionary meeting being held at each station. Messrs. Ewing and Loch head were appointed to visit Haliburton at some period convenient for themselves, and also at the same time visit and preach in the Minden Mission Group. Mr. Bennett gave notice that he would at the next regular meeting move that a system of regular Presbyterial visitation of congregations be instituted. It was agreed that the next regular meeting of Presbytery be held at Peterboro' on the second Tuesday of January, 1875, at 11 a.m.; and that in the evening of that day, a conference be held on the state of religion, and that addresses be delivered by Messrs. Douglas, Mitchell, and McKay.—W. DONALD, Pres. Clerk.

Presbytery of Kingston.

At a special meeting held on the 10th day of September last, Mr. R. W. Leitch was ordained, and inducted into the pastoral charge of Camden and Safield. This settlement leaves only one remaining vacancy within the bounds, namely, Lansdowne. A quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Chalmers Church, Kingston, on the 13th and 14th days of October. Messrs. John Ferguson and W. E. D'Argent, missionaries, furnished interesting information concerning their respective fields of labour during the summer. From the report of the former, it appeared that the average attendance at Lansdowne station was 103, and at Fairfax, 67. A Bible class was conducted at each place, as also a Sabbath school and prayer meeting. The attendance at each was very encouraging. 123 visits were made, and hopeful indications presented of good having been done. Five persons declared their intention to make a profession of their faith in Christ at the first opportunity. He received, in addition to board and the use of a horse and buggy, the sum of \$150 for his services. From the report of the latter the Presbytery learned that the average attendance at Mill Haven was about 60, and at Wilton 50. A well attended Bible class was conducted at Mill Haven. Fourteen additions took place at the last dispensation and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. \$15 were received by him, besides board, and more was expected. The Presbytery expressed great satisfaction with the diligence and zeal of these missionaries. A proposal to ordain Mr. Andrew Dowseley, licentiate, as a missionary at Lansdowne, was considered, and the decision in regard to it postponed to the next meeting. It was agreed to take advantage of his services in that field during the interval. The Presbytery, learning that Mr. Gallagher's support was inadequate, appointed a commission to visit the congregations of Glenville and Harrowsmith, for the purpose of stirring them up to greater liberality. Returns from several of the sessions and congregations were read, all of which were favourable to the consummation of union on the terms proposed. Defaulting sessions and congregations were enjoined to send in reports forthwith. Owing to the smallness of the numbers present, the Clerk was instructed to correspond with the absentees, and require them to appear at the next meeting, and present excuses for their non-attendance. In lieu of the usual sermon, Mr. Gray was appointed to prepare a paper for the next meeting suitable as a preparation for the conference on the state of religion. The deferred deliberance against the visitation of the congregation of Amherst Island was taken into consideration, whereupon the following decision was adopted: "This Presbytery would place on record their deep sense of Mr. McIntosh's long and faithful services; at the same time, considering that the infirmities of age are fast bearing upon our brother, would tenderly press upon him the propriety of resigning his charge at our next regular meeting; in the meantime appoint a committee to take into consideration what steps the Presbytery can take towards obtaining a retiring allowance for our brother. It was ascertained that the assessment for the Assembly Fund would require contributions at the rate of seven cents per communicant. The clerk was directed to notify absent members to that effect. A collection for the Presbytery and Synod funds was appointed to be taken up before the end of February next. The Presbytery gave its sanction to an engagement entered into by Mr. Burton with the Bible Society, which would occupy his attention for about two weeks.—THOS. S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, met on Tuesday night last in St. Andrew's Church, pursuant to adjournment in Ottawa in June. There was a fair attendance of ministers and of the laity. The proceedings of the Synod were opened with divine service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rennie, of Chatham, the Moderator of the Synod. The reverend gentleman preached from John xiv. 22, "Judas saith unto Him (not Iscariot), Lord how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us and not unto the world."

The business of the Synod was then opened with prayer.

In the absence of Rev. Professor Mackerras, the Clerk, the Rev. Principal Snodgrass, was invited to fill his place, and consented to do so.

Dr. Snodgrass, upon taking his place, said that, there being no minutes to read, the first thing for them to do was to decide who constituted this Synod.

Mr. Croll thought that on strict technical grounds they should, perhaps, have a new roll, but he for one was quite willing to accept the old roll.

Rev. Dr. Bell held that as the Synod consisted at all times of all the members of all the Presbyteries, this Synod consisted of the present members of Presbyteries, unless there was some special legislation with regard to meetings of this sort, and he thought there was not.

Rev. Mr. Burnett said that this was merely a continuation of the meeting of the Synod in June last, and therefore the Synod must have the same constitution now as it had then.

Rev. Gavin Laing said that he would like to know what their brethren in the Canada Presbyterian Church did with regard to the point under consideration; with a knowledge of their procedure might be useful here.

After a protracted discussion, the Moderator ruled that the members of Synod were those who were members of the Presbyteries at the present time.

Rev. Mr. Burnett expressed his dissent from the ruling.

The Clerk, pursuant to the Moderator's decision, proceeded to read the rolls of Presbyteries as far as they had been sent in. There were only five.

It was ordered that the other Presbyteries meet this morning and prepare their rolls. The Synod then adjourned at 11.35, until Wednesday a.m.

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, adjourned from Ottawa on the 10th of June last, resumed its session on Tuesday evening at Knox Church, Toronto. The Moderator (Rev. T. McTavish, of Stratford) took the chair at half-past seven o'clock. The 67th psalm was sung, and the Moderator read the 17th chapter of St. John's Gospel. Rev. Mr. Scott, of Ottawa then led the Assembly in prayer. The 132nd psalm was sung, and the Moderator engaged in prayer. The Assembly was then constituted. The Moderator expressed his hope that during this season they would find, as in Ottawa, the continued presence of Christ among them and the prevalence of harmony and brotherly love. The roll was then called.

The Clerk (Rev. Mr. Reid) read the resolution sending down the remit to sessions and congregations, and appointing this adjourned meeting.

Rev. Principal Cavan suggested that any business could be taken up by this meeting which was deferred from the previous meeting of the Assembly, and therefore it would be necessary to pass a resolution to take up the Union question.

The Clerk said the adjournment took place for a specific purpose, viz., the consideration of the Union question. The other matters would be taken up subsequently.

Rev. Dr. Proudfoot said it would be a waste of time for the Assembly to take up the returns to the Remits on Union in detail. As usual, they should be referred to a committee. He moved their reference to a committee, to report after devotional exercises to-morrow.

The Moderator re-nominated the same Committee on the Returns to the Remits on Union as had been appointed at the meeting in Ottawa.

The Clerk mentioned that several Presbyteries had sent in overtures on new subjects.

Rev. J. McTavish said he understood that no new business could be taken up at an adjourned meeting of the Assembly.

Mr. T. W. Taylor said it had been so ruled in the Assembly in 1871.

Rev. S. C. Fraser asked the Moderator to rule on the point.

Rev. Principal Cavan said it was too important a matter to ask the Moderator to rule on. There was nothing touching the matter in the Constitution, and no ruling of a Moderator or of an Assembly became part of the Constitution, or bound a subsequent Assembly.

The Clerk considered that it would be dangerous to introduce a precedent of taking up new business at an adjourned meeting.

Rev. Dr. Proudfoot suggested that the question should not be raised at this juncture. The new overtures were of such a character, that he thought they might waive the objection at present, without establishing a precedent.

Rev. W. Moore, of Ottawa, pointed out, that similar business was transacted at the last adjourned meeting of the Assembly.

After some further discussion, Rev. G. Cuthbertson, moved that no new business be taken up.

Rev. A. Wilson seconded the motion.

Rev. J. Ross contended that, properly speaking, this meeting of the Assembly could not take up the returns to the remits on Union. (Laughter.)

Rev. Principal Cavan moved in amendment, that the Assembly decline to make any declaration on the matter at present.

Rev. J. Ross seconded the amendment.

Rev. W. T. McMullen moved that the papers referred to by the Clerk be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

After a long discussion on points of order a motion was made by Rev. Dr. Burns of Montreal, seconded by Rev. Principal McVicar, simply ordering the Committee on Bills and Overtures to meet.

The Moderator, on an appeal from Principal McVicar, ruled Mr. Cuthbertson's motion out of order. He also decided that Mr. McMullen's motion was out of order, as it referred to papers of which the Assembly had no official knowledge.

Rev. Principal Cavan withdrew his motion, and Dr. Burns' motion was agreed to. The diet was then adjourned, to meet again to-morrow at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The Beecher Tilton Exposure.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has returned to Brooklyn, and resumed his duties as pastor of Plymouth Church. His congregation gave him a most enthusiastic reception, and at the first prayer meeting after his return, the church, which was densely crowded, rang with plaudits when he appeared at his desk. No one has any particular right to complain about this ovation. These people know the kind of preaching and the kind of pastor that suits them best, and in a "free country" like Uncle Sam's dominions they have a right to choose for themselves. If many of them are like Mr. Beecher's friends, "Theodore," and "Frank," and "Elizabeth," it seems quite possible that they may not care very much whether Beecher is guilty or not. We were somewhat surprised to see a letter from a correspondent in the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, recently complaining because that excellent paper has not published Mr. Beecher's "statement," and we suppose espoused his cause generally. We think our valued contemporary acted very wisely—as did most of our religious papers—in keeping their columns clear of this deluge of filth. If we of the "lay persuasion" may be permitted to make a suggestion to our friend of the PRESBYTERIAN, we would say, keep your ear out of that filthy pool. The PRESBYTERIAN'S correspondent evidently considers Beecher innocent, and possibly the confederates of that paper think so too, but some of its very best friends who know, have a very different opinion, and if the war once begins, the whole mass of filth will have to run through the PRESBYTERIAN'S columns.—*Stratford Beacon.*