

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. R. Pettigrew, of Weston, has received a unanimous call to the congregation of Glenmorris.

THE Rev. Dr. James, of Hamilton, conducted the anniversary services at St. James' Square Presbyterian Church on Sabbath last.

THE twelfth anniversary services of the East Presbyterian Church were held last Sunday. Rev. Prof. McLaren preached in the morning and evening, and Rev. Dr. Thomas in the afternoon.

THE Presbytery of Saugeen met in St. Andrew's Church, Arthur, on the 6th inst., and ordained and inducted Mr. Thomas as pastor of that congregation. Mr. Thom enters on his work under very favourable circumstances.

LAST Thursday evening a soiree under the auspices of the Young People's Christian Association was held in the College Street Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Alexander Gilray presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, R. Wallace, and J. Holmes. The proceedings were enlivened with excellent music by the choir.

A JOINT meeting of representatives of the congregations of West Adelaide and Arkona, Presbytery of Sarnia, was held on the 20th inst. under the presidency of Rev. Thomas MacAdam, of Strathroy, interim-moderator. In view of the present vacancy it was unanimously agreed to aim at raising a salary for the minister of \$750 in addition to the manse, and without asking a supplementary grant from the Home Mission. This is a most hopeful resolution and likely to be carried out successfully, if one can judge from the fine spirit displayed. It is very encouraging for the movement to raise the salaries of ministers.

THE week before last Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, addressed a very large gathering of the ladies of Uxbridge under the auspices of that section of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the presence of many ladies from all the other Protestant churches of the town. The address was replete with valuable information and contained many earnest and touching appeals in behalf of the millions of women perishing in heathen lands. The effects of Mrs. Harvie's address are already apparent in the increased interest awakened in a cause so dear to every true Christian.

THE first entertainment of the season of the Parkdale Presbyterian Young People's Association was given last week to a crowded and enthusiastic audience in the Presbyterian Church, Duan avenue. The following programme was very excellently rendered. Piano solos by Mrs. Dickson and Miss Gray. Piano Duets by the Misses Little and the Misses Beattie. Readings by the Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Ness. Songs by Miss Maggie Little, Messrs. Alexander, Baxter, Harvey, and Laidlaw. Miss Baxter and Mr. Hall acting as accompanists. The entertainment is to be repeated in a few weeks at the Home for Incurables.

THE Rev. J. Douglas, formerly missionary in India, was inducted on the 14th inst., to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Brandon, Manitoba. The Rev. H. McKellar presided. Rev. Mr. Davidson preached an appropriate discourse from 2 Cor. iv. 5, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." Rev. Mr. McKellar, after referring to the events which led to the call of the Rev. Mr. Douglas, and the steps taken, put the usual questions to the pastor elect, having answered these, and prayer being offered, he was inducted to the pastoral oversight of the Brandon congregation. Thereafter Mr. McKellar addressed the minister and Mr. Campbell the people.

THE new Presbyterian Church in Victoria, in connection with the Greenwood group of stations, Manitoba, was opened for divine worship, on Sabbath, Nov. 11th, 1883. Rev. John M. King, D.D., principal of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, conducted the dedicatory services. His sermons, forenoon and afternoon, were earnest and impressive, and listened to with marked attention. The social held on the following Monday evening was quite a success. After justice had been done to the good things provided by the ladies, an intellectual treat was enjoyed in the shape of addresses, recitations, music and singing. Rev. Mr. Lawrence from Stonewall, whose address was interesting and amusing, was the only minister present besides the

pastor. The Balmoral choir supplied excellent music. The amount realized from the collections on Sabbath, and the proceeds of the social, was about \$70. The Church is a neat frame building 22 x 38, and the whole cost of it is covered by subscription.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—The Presbytery of Hamilton met on the 20th November. Twenty-four ministers and twelve elders were present. A call from Flamboro' was extended to Rev. S. W. Fisher and accepted by him. The induction is appointed for December 6th, at one p.m. A call from St. Anne's and Smithville was extended to Rev. George Crombie and accepted by him. The induction is appointed for December 17th, at two o'clock p.m., at St. Anne's. A call from Jarvis and Walpole to Rev. J. Wells, M.A., of East Williams was sustained and transmitted to the Presbytery of Sarnia. The scheme for Augmentation of Stipends was considered by the Presbytery, and a small committee was appointed to put it in operation, within the bounds of which Rev. S. Lyle is convener. Conferences on the State of Religion and on Sabbath Schools were appointed to be held at the January meeting of Presbytery in Hamilton. Mr. Yeomans was requested to give supply to Wellandport for two months and report.—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Morrin College, on the 13th inst. The attendance was fair. The Rev. R. H. Warden, being present, was asked to sit as a corresponding member. Action was taken to increase the circulation of the "Record" and to make it of more interest and value to the congregations of the Presbytery. Mr. MacLeod reported that the Home Mission Committee had given the grants asked for by the Presbytery. Mr. Warden made a clear statement regarding the Assembly's Scheme for the Augmentation of Stipends. The thanks of the Court were tendered him for his address and a committee consisting of J. R. MacLeod, F. M. Dewey and C. G. Amaron, was appointed to visit all the congregations interested in the scheme. Interesting and encouraging reports were received from the mission stations, both French and English. The deputation appointed to visit Metis reported through Mr. J. R. MacLeod. The report gave a detailed statement of the way in which the work of the deputation was done and of the state of the field, and concluded by recommending that a change in the ministerial supply of Metis be made at an early date. The report was received and its recommendations were adopted.—F. M. DEWEY *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—The Presbytery held a special meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the afternoon of the 6th inst., to consider calls coming before them. There was laid on the table and read a call from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, to Rev. J. B. Duncan, of Forest, promising \$800 with rented house. The clerk intimated that he had cited all parties to appear. When called for, there appeared Mr. Cuthbertson, for the Presbytery of Bruce; Messrs. Scanlan and Steele, for the congregation at Forest; Mr. McMillan for the congregation at Aberarder, and Mr. Duncan for himself. These were heard in order. Resolutions expressive of regret at losing the services of Mr. Duncan and expressive of their high appreciation of his ministerial faithfulness and ability, were read by the commissioners. Mr. Duncan intimated his acceptance of the call, expressing deep regret at the same time, at parting with the congregation, which he esteemed very highly; yet he felt confident that he was following the path of duty in accepting the call from Paisley. Parties were removed, when, on motion of Mr. Thompson, it was agreed to grant the translation in terms of Mr. Duncan's decision; express regret at parting with Mr. Duncan; appoint Mr. Currie to preach and declare the church vacant at Forest and McKay's on the 18th inst., and act as interim moderator of session thereafter. There was laid on the table and read, a call from the congregation of Parkhill and McGillivray to Rev. Alexander Henderson, of Hyde Park and Komoka, in the Presbytery of London. In the absence of Mr. Lees, who moderated in the call, Mr. MacKenzie, commissioner from Parkhill, reported in reference to the same. It appeared that the call was hearty and unanimous, accompanied with a promise of \$1,000 stipend per annum. After questions were put, it was agreed to sustain the call as a regular Gospel call; instruct the clerk to transmit the same, with relative documents to the clerk of the Presbytery of

London, and further appoint the clerk to prosecute the same before that court when the call comes up for consideration. The Presbytery closed with the benediction.—GEORGE CUTHBERTSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Presbytery met at Alexandria on the 18th ult. with a very full attendance. After disposing of elders' commissions, Mr. Fraser read a report with reference to Sabbath desecration on the Canada Pacific Railway which was received and the convener thanked for his diligence. The congregation of Summerstown petitioned for moderation in a call. After hearing commissioners the prayer of the petition was granted, and Mr. Burnet was appointed to moderate in a call on the 9th day of October. This congregation was recommended for a grant in aid of \$150, as also Alexandria, Dalhousie Mills, Glen Sandfield for \$200, \$150 and \$200 respectively. The last named grant was recommended subsequently to this meeting by a committee of Presbytery having Presbyterial power—consisting of Mr. Wm. Ferguson and the clerk. There was produced and read a petition from members and adherents of Knox Church, Lancaster, worshipping in the second concession, and at River Beaudette asking to be disjoined from said congregation and erected into a separate congregation. The petition, not being regularly transmitted, was referred to a committee with instructions to visit the locality, cite the adjoining sessions if necessary, and report in December. The moderator read a letter from the president of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society in connection with this Presbytery—detailing certain facts and asking the sympathy and co-operation of the Presbytery. The Rev. John Ferguson moved that the Presbytery express satisfaction with the facts brought before the Presbytery and appoint a committee to inquire into this matter—and report—said committee to be the moderator, F. A. McLennan, and Mr. Cormack. The motion was seconded by Dr. McNish and unanimously carried. The Rev. Mr. Cormack, on behalf of the treasurer, read a report and the attention of defaulting congregations was ordered to be directed thereto. The Rev. Geo. McArthur was appointed moderator of the session of Roxborough. Dr. McNish reported the adverse decision in the Côte St. George suit, that the committee were in correspondence with the Assembly's committee on Church property, and the further consideration of this matter was left over until next meeting. All the students labouring within the bounds read exercises—except Mr. N. Campbell who was unable to attend and the clerk was instructed to certify them to their respective colleges. The Presbytery now entered upon the consideration of the matter of Presbyterial visitation of which the Rev. John Fraser had given previous notice. Mr. Fraser thereupon left the chair and moved that a Presbyterial visitation of one-third of all the congregations, or as many as may be reached, especially these giving less than \$750 per annum, take place before next meeting. Mr. Cormack moved in amendment that in the meantime a deputation be appointed to visit the congregations referred to in the motion and that Mr. Fraser's scheme be left over until next meeting. Mr. Fraser's motion not being seconded fell through, and the amendment thus became a main motion, was put and carried. The following committee was appointed to attend to this matter, viz., Rev. Alexander McGillivray, John A. G. Calder, ministers, and Messrs. F. D. McLennan and A. J. Grant, elders. Mr. Lang, convener, reported on behalf of the Home Mission Committee. The Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting at Lancaster on the third Tuesday of December (18th), at two o'clock. Alexandria, 25th Oct: This Presbytery met *pro re nata*. The moderator of the session of Summerstown reported he had moderated in a call there in favour of Rev. Hugh Cameron of Kippen; said call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Huron. There was read an extract minute of the Presbytery of Chatham, stating that said Presbytery had sustained a call from Florence and Dawn addressed to the Rev. Dr. Lamont of this Presbytery. The usual steps were ordered to be taken so as to have this matter issued at next ordinary meeting.—HUGH LAMONT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—The Presbytery of Ottawa met on the sixth day of November. Rev. George McKay, of Osgoode, moderator. There were sixteen ministers and six elders present. Messrs. Warden, Christie, Archibald and A. McLaren, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.