

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Peter Wright, of Stratford, has received a unanimous call to Knox Church, Portage la Prairie.

THE Rev. D. C. Hossack, M.A., LL.B., who has just completed his course in divinity at Knox College, has been licensed by the Presbytery and called to St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville. He accepted the call and was ordained and inducted at Orangeville on Monday last.

THE Rev. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., of First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, has been engaged in aiding in special services and in directing the formation of a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough. The organization has been completed and the Society launched with most encouraging promise of usefulness.

A MISSION BAND has recently been organized among the children of St. John's Church Sunday School, Brockville, and is in a very flourishing condition. There is a flower mission in connection. Three bands have been formed in the Sunday school of the first Presbyterian Church in the same town comprising the boys, the girls, and the infant classes.

THE Rev. Dr. Cook, the minister Emeritus of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, completed his eighty-fourth year on April 13. He still retains much of the vigour and health of younger years. Fifty-three years ago on the first Sunday in April he for the first time conducted the service in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec. The Sabbath previous, which was also his first in Canada, he had preached for the Rev. Dr. Matheson in Montreal.

THE Rev. J. D. Leishman has just completed his fifth year as pastor of the Angus Presbyterian congregation. When he came he had charge of the Airlie station as well. In that section there are now three preaching stations, and they are going to have an ordained minister as soon as Mr. Stinson finishes his course in Knox College. For the last three years Mr. Leishman has had charge of only Angus and New Lowell congregations.

At a social gathering held in Wentworth Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, last week, a somewhat interesting event occurred. Previous to its occurrence, however, the pastor, Rev. Jas. Murray, B.A., B.D., gave a brief address on the service of praise, and then called on Miss Ewing, a young lady of the congregation, who read a lengthy and most flattering address to Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Leckie, the leader and organist of the choir respectively, who are leaving the city to take up their residence in Stratford.

THE Presbyterian congregation of North Bay, of which Rev. J. M. Goodwillie is pastor, has recently shown signs of increasing prosperity. During the past missionary half year, and for the first time since its organization, the people have promptly met all their obligations. The church debt has been considerably reduced; an elder has been elected; a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been organized; and in connection with the communion services held on the 14th inst. twenty-two members were added to the communion roll of the congregation.

THE mission which was established over a year ago by St. Andrew's Church, London, in the North end, holding Sunday afternoon meetings in St. George's school house, has been prospering. A committee, composed of officers of St. Andrew's and residents of that portion of the city, have taken into consideration the advisability of erecting a suitable chapel where services can be held. Several good subscriptions have been offered in the event of establishing the mission, and, if a suitable lot can be obtained, the erection of a small church will soon be proceeded with.

At the Young Ladies' College, Brantford, a most attractive Easter concert took place last week. The attendance was large, and the auditors were highly delighted with the fine programme containing a variety of musical and literary features. The music was almost entirely classic and its performance by the lady students was a strong evidence of the artistic excellence and care bestowed in teaching this important branch of feminine accomplishment. Among the selections given was an Easter Carol of great merit written by the Principal, Dr. Macintyre, and set to appropriate music by Professor Garratt. Work at the institution, it is announced, will be resumed on Tuesday, 23rd inst.

THE Rev. Mr. Leishman, Convener of Committee on Sabbath schools in Barrie Presbytery, reports: Fifty-one schools (same number as last year); 4152 scholars, increase of 670 over last year; fifty-four elders engaged; 419 officers and preachers, forty Bible classes, forty-one schools teach Catechism; amount of money raised by schools, \$1,647.30; amount of money expended, \$920.38; amount of money given to Missions, \$385.83. Barrie and Collingwood schools each support a pupil in Point-aux-Trembles; Orillia school gave \$60 towards New Church Building Fund. There has been an increase all along the line in Sunday school work during the year within the bounds of the Presbytery.

THE Rev. H. C. Howard, who formerly had charge of the congregations at Springfield and Aylmer, Ont., has for several months been labouring in Texas. A short time ago, while attending a meeting of his Presbytery, he was summoned home by the announcement that his wife who had last been seen accompanying her children part of the way to school, had been found drowned in the river near their home. How the sad calamity had occurred has not been ascertained. Mr. Howard, who was educated at Knox College, was married before beginning his theological studies, and his wife was a faithful and devoted helpmeet, whose untimely loss is to the survivors a sore bereavement, in which they have the fullest sympathy of their friends.

THE opening of a new building this week in Pottersburg, for the accommodation of the mission work begun there some months ago by the King Street Presbyterian Church, was an event of much interest in that young suburb of the city of London. Rev. Mr. Hunter and Principal Woods preached Sunday afternoon and evening most acceptably to full houses. The social on Tuesday evening was a great success in every way. Addresses were given by the chairman, Rev. Mr. Roger, and Principal Woods. Music was furnished by the King Street Presbyterian choir, assisted by Mrs. Isaac and Messrs. Morrison and Mason. The proceeds realized about \$60, enabling the company of workers from various churches so harmoniously engaged in the undertaking to occupy their neat and commodious hall almost free of debt.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION held a convention on Monday and on Tuesday. It was arranged that valedictories and the address of Principal Grant would be given, with a conversation in the evening, besides the meeting of the University Council and the Endowment Association. On Wednesday, the installation of Chancellor Fleming, C.M.G. takes place, as well as the laurcation of graduates, who this year number more than eighty. A happy feature of Wednesday's proceedings will be the presentation of a portrait of Dr. Grant to the university. As no honorary degrees were conferred last year, it is probable that some distinguished gentleman will be remembered this year. Last week, Dr. Grant received a cheque for \$500 from Senator Gowan, of Barrie, his Sessional allowance. This is the third time he has made a similar donation. He gave the money conditionally, and suggests that the present sum be invested and the interests given for the best essay on some subject connected with constitutional law, history, or political law, and open to all students.

THE closing exercises of Queen's University, Kingston, were begun on Sabbath last by the Rev. A. McGulivray, of Brockville, preaching the baccalaureate sermon to a large congregation. He

based his remarks on I. Chronicles xlii, 23. He addressed the graduates upon the hopefulness and enthusiasm which doubtless animated them as they contemplated their life work. He then dwelt on the factors necessary for acceptable service. He advised that a right cause be the only one that commanded their service. "There is no call to discuss here," he said, "the possibilities of that comprehension of citizenship to which we may one day attain in a federation of all the parts of the Empire to which it is our privilege and pride to belong, but there is an urgent call that we should ask ourselves, Are we realizing what we owe to this fair land where our home is, and that God has given us to possess for Him? Questions affecting our political, social, and commercial life present themselves every day and call for solution. What are we going to do with the partisan politician, the Jesuit, the liquor traffic, the combines? These are among the problems with which we are asked to deal. I am not going to venture on their consideration here, but I submit another question, and on its answer I modestly believe the solution of those greater ones depends. I ask, 'What are we going to do with ourselves?' The public life in all its parts is no better and no worse than the units that make it up."

ERIKINE CHURCH, Montreal, of which Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., is pastor, has issued this year an annual report of more than ordinary interest. Its contents are embraced within a portly pamphlet of eighty pages, in which each of the societies which the congregation has called into existence presents a brief statement of its work. The "Pastor's Greeting," with which the report opens, is full of cheer and quiet confidence, and its tone is fully justified by the facts which the various writers of the report have been privileged to chronicle. Thus within the last twelve months a mission has been established at Maisonneuve, in the east end of the city; Mr. W. M. Rochester, B.A., has been appointed as assistant to the pastor; a flourishing society of Christian Endeavour has been organized. Mr. David Yule, one of the elders, has provided out of his own means a fund sufficient for sending a missionary to China, and a few members of the congregation have provided the necessary revenue for sending out a second missionary to China. Truly this is a record of which any of our churches might be proud. As regards revenue, the total amount contributed last year was \$15,394.06 being an increase of \$1,400 over the preceding year. Of this sum \$7,835.47, (i.e., some what more than one half) was allocated to missionary, educational, and benevolent purposes. Next year, in view of the added cost of the two missionaries who will then be in the field, this amount will exceed \$10,000. At present the average contribution per family for all purposes is \$60.01. The Young People's Association publish an admirable monthly magazine entitled *Life and Work*, which is distributed without charge throughout the congregation. Among the various tables of statistical information contained in the report there is one that shows the very gratifying fact that the number of active workers is steadily increasing. Thus in 1886 there were 213 persons thus enrolled—some of the names, it is true, being counted more than once. In 1887 there were 253; in 1888, 274; while in January, 1889, there were 292. There is a staff of thirteen elders. Membership, 577. The concluding pages contain a very complete list of the names of the members and adherents of the congregation, with information as to their addresses, elders' district, etc. It can safely be said that no more full, satisfactory, and conveniently arranged report has been issued this year by any of our city congregations.

ORANGEVILLE PRESBYTERY.—An adjourned meeting was held April 9. Circular letters were read in favour of the reception of the following ministers into our church, viz.: K. H. Craig, W. M. Cruickshank, J. H. Beatt, James Murray, H. W. Knowles and G. McKay. The Presbytery resolved to ask the Synod to transfer Honeywood to the Barrie Presbytery. The Presbytery nominated Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, as moderator of next General Assembly. Mr. Fowle submitted a minute anent Mr. Armstrong's resignation of the pastoral charge of Hillsburgh and Price's Corners as follows: The resignation of Mr. Armstrong being received, we the members of the Orangeville Presbytery desire to place on record our high appreciation of him as a co-Presbyter, as a faithful and conscientious pastor, and an earnest worker in the cause of Christ. We deeply regret his leaving our bounds, and sincerely hope and pray, that the great head of the Church may speedily open up another sphere where he may employ his varied gifts and graces. Moved by Mr. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Wilson and agreed. That this Presbytery view with the utmost concern the endeavours of Jesuitism to fasten itself on this Dominion, and stonily condemn the action of our legislators in condoning and sanctioning such encroachments and would earnestly urge on the Dominion Government the disallowance of the "Jesuit Estates Bill;" and further we highly recommend the conduct of the thirteen members who by word and vote opposed said bill. Mr. Campbell submitted the report on the state of religion which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's Convener. A speedy transit.—The Synod of Hamilton and London having met April 9th the Presbytery of Paris asked leave to license Mr. D. C. Hossack, said Presbytery immediately transferred Mr. Hossack, by telegraph, to Orangeville Presbytery, then in session for license. The Orangeville Presbytery licensed Mr. Hossack, and at three p.m. Mr. Fowle moderated in a call in St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, which was given to Mr. Hossack. The call was quickly signed by 194 members and 78 adherents, laid before the Presbytery, sustained accepted and Mr. Hossack's ordination and induction arranged for the 22nd April, at 2.30 p.m. The stipend promised is twelve hundred dollars and free house, and four weeks' holidays.—H. CROZIER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MANTLAND.—This Presbytery met at Brantford by permission of the Synod of Hamilton and London, and was constituted on April 9. Mr. Hugh Chambers was appointed commissioner to the General Assembly instead of Mr. Finlay McLennan, resigned. A unanimous call from Duff's Church, Walton, in favour of Rev. David Forrest, of Bayfield, Presbytery of Huron, was sustained. Stipend promised, \$750 per annum and manse. Messrs. Ross and Smillie were appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Huron. A call from the charge of St. Helen's and East Ashfield in favour of Rev. R. S. G. Anderson was sustained. The call is unanimous and cordial. Stipend promised, \$800 per annum and manse and a month's vacation each year. The call was placed in Mr. Anderson's hands. There was also a unanimous call from Whitechurch and East Wawanosh in favour of Rev. R. S. G. Anderson. Stipend promised, \$900 per annum and manse and glebe. The call was sustained and placed in Mr. Anderson's hands. Mr. Anderson then addressed the court and accepted the charge of St. Helen's and East Ashfield. A special meeting of Presbytery will be held at St. Helen's on Monday, May 13, at half past eleven to hear trial exercises of Mr. Anderson, and at half past one p.m. to conduct the ordination services, and induct Mr. Anderson to the charge of St. Helen's and East Ashfield. Rev. T. Davidson, of Wrocester, was appointed to preach, Rev. H. McQuarrie to address the minister, and Rev. F. A. McLennan the congregation. A petition to the venerable, the General Assembly, from the congregations of Fordwich and Gorrie praying to be transferred to the Presbytery of Saugeen, in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, was presented by Rev. Thomas Muir, pastor of the congregations. It was agreed to transmit the petition to the General Assembly, through the Synod, with the recommendation that its prayer be granted. Also that the Clerk notify the Presbytery of Saugeen. It was also agreed that Rev. Mr. McLennan and Mr. John Stewart support the petition before the General Assembly. Leave of absence for three months was granted to Rev. J. L. Murray, of Kincardine. Mr. McLennan was appointed commissioner to the General Assembly instead of Mr. Murray, resigned. The Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dun-

das, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly JOHN MACNAB, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—The Presbytery met in Division Street Hall, Owen Sound, March 18th. Dr. J. B. Fraser was appointed Moderator pro tem. The evening sederunt was taken up in conference on Sabbath School Work. Mr. McAlpine read the Presbyterial Sabbath School Report. Mr. Griffith read an excellent paper on the Sabbath School System of Wales. The subject was fully discussed. Leave was granted to the Moderator of Meaford Session to moderate in a call. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were chosen:—Ministers,—Messrs. Mullan, Somerville, Waits and McLaren. Elders,—Messrs. Murray, Armstrong, Boyd and McGill. A resolution passed at a joint meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Auxiliaries was read. The Presbytery very cordially endorsed their action in forming a Presbyterial Society, and recommended all congregations of the Presbytery to form auxiliaries or mission bands in connection with it. In considering the Sabbath School Report it was deemed advisable to hold a convention of Sabbath School workers early in the summer, and Messrs. Somerville, Waits, McAlpine, McLaren and McLennan, ministers, with Messrs. Creasor and Malcolm, elders, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the same. Mr. Stewart, of Keady, laid his resignation on the table, and asked the Presbytery to recommend him to the General Assembly for leave to retire and have his name put on the list of Annuitants of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The Presbytery agreed to cite the congregation to appear for their interest at an adjourned meeting on the fourth Tuesday of April, at 1.30 p.m. The committee appointed to visit augmented congregations reported. Mr. Somerville presented the Home Mission report. In considering this report the applications for grants to augmented congregations and mission fields were carefully revised. An application from Mr. McNaughton to be recommended to the General Assembly for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and to be put on the Aged Ministers' Fund, was referred to the Presbytery of Bruce within the bounds of which Mr. McNaughton alleges he broke down in his work. Mr. McLennan was instructed to forward his report on the State of Religion to the Convener of the Synod's Committee on that subject. Mr. McLennan was appointed treasurer of the Assembly Delegates' Expense Fund and was instructed to levy two cents per member to meet the expenses this year, and was instructed to attend to it before the meeting of Assembly. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Division Street Hall, April 23, at half past one, and was closed with the benediction.—JOHN SOMERVILLE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—The Presbytery of Whitby met in Whitby on the 16th inst. Reports were read by the respective Conveners, on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Temperance Statistics of 1888, the remit on travelling expenses, etc., and were carefully considered. The report on the Marriage question was also read, but the consideration of it was deferred till next meeting. Dr. Laing was nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. Messrs. Leslie and Renwick were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Messrs. Kippan, Leslie, Abraham and McKeen, ministers, and Messrs. Blakely, Herron, Burns and McLaughlin, elders, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly. Mr. Abraham gave an account of the supplies for the vacant congregations during the last quarter. The following minute in reference to Mr. Craig was adopted and ordered to be inserted in the minutes, viz.:—In parting with the Rev. R. M. Craig, through the acceptance of his resignation of the pastoral charge of Dunbarton and Melville Church, Scarborough, the Presbytery of Whitby desires to record its deep sense of the loss sustained by his removal, and its high appreciation of his zeal and faithfulness in both congregational and presbyterial work—in the latter department, having rendered efficient service as Treasurer of the Presbytery for several years. Whatever his hand found to do, he did it with his might, and up to his strength, and sometimes beyond his strength—he was ready for every good work to which duty called. In the charge in which he has so assiduously laboured during the past five years, an increased membership, better organization and two new (or virtually new) churches testify to the success which has attended his ministry. Members of Presbytery feel that in parting with Mr. Craig they lose a dearly beloved brother, and a zealous and faithful servant of Christ, and of His Church, and they pray that the Great Head of the Church may be pleased soon to direct their brother to a field of labour where, with improved health and ever increasing success, he may continue to prosecute the work to which he has given himself, and they earnestly commend him and his to the care and guidance of Him who says, "Lo I am with you always." The Presbytery also desires to extend its sympathy to the congregations in losing a faithful pastor, and to express the hope that the Head of the Church may be pleased soon to send them a man after His own heart to break amongst them the bread of life. Some considerable time was taken up with hearing reports in reference to the congregation of Utica and also of Cartwright union. Action in both cases was delayed till a future meeting. A letter was read from Mr. R. D. Fraser asking six months' leave of absence. The Presbytery readily granted this request and expressed their sympathy with him under his ailments and the hope that he would return to Bowmanville restored to health and again fitted for the work for which he is so well qualified both by gifts and graces. The attention of the Presbytery was directed to the Jesuits' Estates Bill. Mr. Abraham moved, and Mr. McMechan seconded, the following finding: The attention of the Presbytery having been drawn to the tenor of the debate in the Parliament of the Dominion respecting recent legislation of the Province of Quebec anent the Jesuits' Estate Bill, the Presbytery unanimously agreed that, Whereas the Local Legislature of the Province of Quebec has incorporated and endowed the Society of Jesus, which is the enemy of civil and religious liberty, and which at present exercises an undue and dangerous influence on the legislation of this Dominion: Whereas, a large pecuniary grant was made to the church of Rome in settlement of an alleged claim arising from the forfeiture to the Crown of Great Britain of certain land held in Canada by this Society, and, whereas, the aid of the Pope of Rome was invited and his authority accepted in the ultimate disposition of the grant. Therefore the Presbytery of Whitby enters its most earnest protest against the action of the Local Legislature of the Province of Quebec in passing such bills and the culpable refusal of the Dominion Government and Parliament to set aside the Jesuits' Estate Bill, whereby (1) giving a preference to certain persons on the ground of their creed contrary to the spirit and provisions of Canadian enactments, touching the subject of religion, (2) resuscitating an order of Ecclesiastics, whose influence has been invariably hurtful to the peace and liberty alike of the State and of the church, (3) Shaking the mutual confidence and good will so essential to the consolidation of the various members and populations of the Dominion, and (4) trampling upon the supremacy of our Sovereign Lady, the Queen, and treating with contempt her royal authority as the fountain of law and honour over her own subjects. The Presbytery further agrees to bring the subject under the notice of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston in the hope that some adequate action may be taken to check encroachment of the Roman Catholic Church and preserve equal rights to all the citizens of the Dominion. A. A. DRUMMOND, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—This Presbytery met at Port Hope on the 19th ult., Mr. Bell, Moderator pro tem. Dr. Jamieson was chosen Moderator for the next six months and took the chair. There was presented a unanimous call from the congregation of Cobourg, in favour of the Rev. G. E. Freeman, of Deer Park, Toronto. Mr. Cleland was heard as to the steps taken when moderating in the call. A telegram from Mr. Freeman to the effect that he had decided to remain in his present charge. The call was, therefore, set aside and the Moderator of Session was authorized to proceed with a