

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. DR. COCHRANE, of Brantford, has returned from a trip to Cincinnati, Louisville, and Chicago.

ONE-FIFTH of an acre has been purchased by the Fergus Presbyterians on which to build a church.

REV. D. D. MCLEOD, of Paris, has been asked to take charge of the classes in the Young Ladies' College in Evidences of Christianity and Natural Theology.

THE Rev. J. J. Cochrane, M.A., Thornton, moderated in a unanimous call from Second Innisfil, on the 1st inst., in favour of Mr. John King Baillie, licentiate. Stipend \$700 and a manse.

THE Rev. Dr. Mackay, on Sabbath, the 29th ult., gave very interesting addresses on the mission work in Formosa in the two Presbyterian churches in Paris. The attendance was very large and the interest manifested all that could be desired.

THE Rev. G. F. James, who preached in Knox Church, Hamilton, last Sabbath, is a brother of Dr. James, the pastor of that church, and is one of the delegates from Scotland to attend the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Philadelphia. Dr. Gould, of Edinburgh, another delegate, preached in McNab street Church.

THE Rev. W. Armstrong, M.A., pastor of the Daly street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, who attended the Raikes centenary celebration in England, has recently returned home, and was given a welcome social on Tuesday evening of last week. A very cordial address of welcome was read by Dr. Thorburn, and altogether the reception accorded Mr. Armstrong was most hearty, and gratifying in the extreme.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Philadelphia "Presbyterian" writes of Knox Church, Winnipeg, in terms following: "Knox Church deserves special mention. The pastor is the Rev. James Robertson, a native of Scotland, who holds a very responsible and influential position in the capital and Province of Manitoba. The little congregation of a few years ago has grown to metropolitan dimensions, and the frame building in which it first worshipped, after frequent enlargements, has been succeeded by an edifice which is a credit to Presbyterianism, and by far the most prominent and impressing building of any kind in the city. The membership is somewhat over three hundred, and is steadily increasing. This church has a commanding influence in Winnipeg, and Presbyterianism is making rapid progress throughout the Province."

THE corner stone of the new Presbyterian church, at Brigden, was laid on the 1st inst., by Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Formosa, several other clergymen, of various denominations, being present. After the ceremony was over the audience repaired to the Methodist church, where for an hour and a half they listened with rapt attention to the doctor, who exhibited a few of his Chinese curiosities. His address was intensely interesting, and all were sorry when he got through. The church is advancing towards completion as rapidly as the unfavourable state of the weather will allow, and it is expected to be opened about the first of November. The main body of the building is 35x60 feet, with a basement the same size; cost about \$4,000. This church, when built, will be an ornament to the village and a standing testimony to the enterprise of the Presbyterians of the locality, as well as to the energy and ability of their pastor, Rev. John A. McDonald, late of Wallacetown, who seems to combine these qualities with untiring industry in the work of his congregation, and sincere interest in the cause of Christ.—CON.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—At a meeting of this Presbytery, held at Hanover, on the 22nd July last, Mr. James J. Patterson, under call to Hanover and North Normanby, delivered his public trials on prescribed subjects; was examined on the usual subjects, and, these having been sustained as highly satisfactory, he was ordained and inducted into the pastoral oversight of that congregation. Mr. John Ferguson preached an excellent discourse from 1 Cor. 23, "We preach Christ crucified." Mr. Moffat presided and addressed the people, and Dr. Bell addressed the minister. At the close Mr. Patterson received a hearty welcome from the people of his charge in the usual way. Mr. Patterson enters on his labours in this interesting field under very cheering circumstances of success. At a subsequent meeting, held at Walkerton, on 10th Aug. last, Mr. William Gallagher, student, delivered the

public trials prescribed to him, was examined on the usual subjects, and, these having been sustained as highly satisfactory, he was licensed to preach the Gospel. At a still later meeting, held at Paisley, on the 30th ult., Mr. Gallagher was ordained as a missionary, and designated to the mission field at Sault Ste. Marie and neighbourhood.—A. G. FORBES, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on Tuesday, 31st August, and was constituted by the Rev. J. Hastie, Moderator *pro tem*. The minutes of the 25th of May were read and sustained. Reports were given in of the administration of the Lord's supper at the mission stations. An extract minute was read from Peterboro' Presbytery, and the Clerk instructed to reply. An extract minute was read from the General Assembly in regard to Mr. A. McLeod. Mr. McLeod, being present, delivered a discourse on Matt. xi. 28-30, which was sustained, and the Clerk instructed to certify Mr. McLeod to the College. Considerable time was occupied by a case from Fenelon Falls session, which was remitted to them with instructions. The Rev. Mr. McLennan's resignation of Kirkfield and Victoria was accepted, and a member of Court appointed to read the intimation of vacancy on Sabbath, 5th Sept. Mr. Paul was appointed to cite these congregations and Balsover to appear at next meeting to arrange for future supply and consider suggestion of Home Mission Committee. The severe illness of Mr. McGregor was mentioned and a letter of sympathy ordered to be sent. Mr. McNabb was appointed to attend to the matter of supply for his pulpit if necessary. Session records and certificates of elders requested to be forwarded next meeting. It was moved by Rev. E. Cockburn, seconded by Rev. W. Lochead, and carried, "That Rev. A. Mackay, M.A., be Moderator for the ensuing year." Students, Messrs. A. G. McLachlin and A. B. Dobson, gave in discourses, which were commended and sustained, and certificates ordered. Rev. E. Cockburn, with Leaskdale session, was appointed to organize a Presbyterian congregation at Zephyr in connection with Leaskdale, and inquire into pecuniary matters of both places and report next meeting. Home Mission and other business deferred till next meeting. Adjourned to meet at Woodville, on Tuesday, 14th September, at eleven o'clock a.m.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Court met at Alexandria on the 13th ult. There was a full attendance of members. The convener of the committee appointed at last meeting to watch the Bill to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister, reported verbally that the committee had done nothing, as said Bill was defeated in the Senate; whereupon on motion of Rev. J. Fraser, the committee was discharged. The Presbytery then took up consideration of Mr. Binnie's notice of motion given at last meeting anent the election of commissioners to the General Assembly; whereupon it was moved by Mr. Binnie, and seconded by Dr. McNish, "That the clerical commissioners to the General Assembly from this Presbytery in future be appointed as follows: one-half to be taken from the top of the roll and the other half by open vote, and in the event of there being an odd number, it be taken from the Roll." It was moved in amendment by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. Lang, "That this Presbytery shall hereafter appoint its clerical commissioners to the General Assembly by rotation in the order in which their names stand upon the roll, this rotation, after first taking in those who have not yet been appointed delegates, to commence at the top of the roll." The motion and amendment having been put to the meeting, the motion carried. In reference to the appointment of lay delegates, Dr. McNish moved, seconded by Mr. Burnet, "That hereafter there shall be a roll of Presbytery in which the position of members shall be determined according to the time in which they have entered the Presbytery, and that this roll be followed in the appointment of Moderator of Presbytery and of commissioners to the General Assembly." Mr. J. R. McKenzie moved in amendment "That the representative elders for the General Assembly be elected by open vote." The Rev. Wm. Ross seconded the amendment, and the same having been put to the meeting, the motion carried. In the matter of arrears due by the congregations of Finch and Roxborough to the Rev. N. McPhee, probationer, the Clerk was instructed to correspond with the parties with a view to immediate settlement. All the com-

missioners present reported their attendance at all the diets of the General Assembly. The Rev. Mr. Peltier, minister of St. Hyacinthe being present, was asked to sit and deliberate with the Court. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Charles McLean, student in divinity, to be taken on trials for license. It was agreed on the suggestion of Dr. Lamont to defer consideration of this matter until a later stage. The Rev. John Fraser, or his lawful substitute, obtained leave to moderate in a call to a minister at Roxborough. Mr. John Simpson, treasurer, read an abstract of receipts and disbursements, and was publicly thanked for his efficient discharge of the duties devolving on him. A committee consisting of Dr. McNish, Mr. Burnet, Mr. Wm. Mack, M.P.P., and the treasurer, was appointed to take charge of the matter of arrears and the rating of congregations, and report to next meeting. The Rev. J. S. Burnet read a report on statistics, which was received, and the committee—especially the convener—thanked for their diligence. In reference to that portion of the report bearing on arrears of stipend at Indian Lands, Mr. McGillivray, seconded by Mr. Ross, moved, "That the Presbytery learn with regret that the congregation of Indian Lands were in arrears to their minister at the last annual meeting; at the same time they note with satisfaction that since the report was compiled these arrears have been nearly paid; at the same time this Presbytery would strongly urge upon the congregation of Indian Lands the propriety of not allowing arrears of stipend under any circumstances." The further consideration of this report was deferred until the evening sederunt. Session records were produced and examined, and the Clerk was instructed to attest the same in terms of the reports of the several conveners. A petition from certain parties connected with the East Lochiel mission station was received, read and considered, and its prayer granted on the understanding that they unite with the East Hawkesbury congregation and form one charge. The Rev. D. H. McLennan was appointed Moderator of East Lochiel and East Hawkesbury. The Rev. D. L. McCrae read a valuable report on the State of Religion. The committee, especially the convener, was thanked for their diligence in the preparation of this report, and on motion made they were reappointed. The report on Sabbath schools being called for, the convener of this committee was not present. It was ordered to be forthcoming at next meeting. The Presbytery having resumed consideration of Mr. C. McLean's application, Mr. Burnet moved that the Presbytery adjourn to meet at Cornwall to hear Mr. McLean's trials, and the Moderator was appointed to prescribe these. Mr. Fraser, convener of the committee appointed to visit the various congregations made a statement in regard to the character of the work and the action they propose to take. It was agreed that the matter of arrears be referred to this committee and the Clerk was instructed to furnish them with extracts of the deliverance of Presbytery last year in regard to the various congregations. The Committee on Statistics was appointed a Standing Committee. The Clerk was instructed to note the fact that several members had left the Court without leave of Presbytery.—HUGH LAMONT, Pres. Clerk.

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

VICK'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY. (Rochester, N.Y.: James Vick.)—The September number greets the eye with a full average allowance of floral beauties.

THE PREACHER AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY. (New York: I. K. Funk & Co.)—The thoughtful reader will find in the September number of the "Preacher" much that is suggestive, stimulating and instructive.

MONTHLY NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS FOR BIBLE READINGS. (Toronto: S. R. Briggs, Willard Tract Depository.)—The numbers for June, July, and August, with supplement by Rev. H. M. Parsons, are on sale at the Depository and will be found useful.

INTERNATIONAL S. S. LESSON expositions for the current month are abundantly supplied by the "Westminster Teacher" (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication), and the "National S. S. Teacher" (Chicago: Adams, Blackmer & Lyon Publishing Co.).

ROSE-BELFORD'S CANADIAN MONTHLY. (Toronto: Rose-Belford Publishing Co.)—A lucid and comprehensive paper read before the (U.S.) National Conference of Charities and Correction, at Cleveland,