

## Ministers and Churches.

A MOST attractive sacred concert is arranged for to-night in Erskine Church, in aid of the William Street Mission. A. R. Gaul's famous cantata, "Ruth," will be rendered by most competent and accomplished musicians.

THE Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., of Halifax, delivered his popular lecture on "Rambles in Europe" to a large audience in the Presbyterian Church, St. Stephen. The admission was by ticket, and every seat was occupied.

THE Rev. John C. Cattanach, M.A., was inducted into St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, on Friday evening, the 15th inst. The good work done by Mr. Cattanach in Sherbrooke, Quebec, gives promise of a successful ministry in the Provincial Capital of Nova Scotia.

THE opening services of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, N. B., were held on Sabbath, the 10th inst., when eloquent sermons were preached by the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, and Rev. Dr. Macrae, of St. John. Lieut. Governor Tilley and other prominent citizens were present. On Monday evening the Rev. Dr. Burns lectured to over 900 people.

THE annual meeting of Melville Church, Brussels, of which Rev. John Ross, B.A., is pastor, was held on Wednesday, the 13th of January. The statistical report showed that there were 100 families connected with the congregation, and that the number of members was 183, thirty-five having united during the year, of whom twenty-four were by profession of faith and eleven by certificate, while the dismissions were eleven. The amount contributed for ordinary purposes was \$1,693.05, and for the Schemes of the Church, \$461., making a total for all purposes of \$2,154.05.

At the annual meeting of St. James Square congregation a letter, dated Florida, was read from Dr. Kellogg intimating a decided improvement in his health. He says: "My general health is coming up . . . indeed, I feel quite well. I am sure that you will all continue in prayer for my complete restoration in all respects, and that this so unexpected trial may prove only to have fitted me for a more fruitful ministry among you." Dr. Kellogg expects, with health completely restored, to enter on his pastorate in St. James Square at the time previously arranged, about the beginning of April.

THE various reports read at the annual meeting of Knox Church, Palmerston, on the 13th inst., were calculated to inspire confidence and bright hopes for the future. The past was the best year's showing the church ever made. About \$1,500 were raised for church purposes; twenty-six new members were added; twenty-eight children and one adult were baptized; twenty-three pastoral visits were made; the Sabbath school attendance was about 140. The Ladies' Aid and Ladies' Mission Associations, by energetic and self-denying efforts, accomplished much good. Under Mr. Aull's devoted ministrations the financial standing and spiritual progress have been most encouraging.

A MEMBER of our Church, who is a regular and liberal contributor to Home Missions, has put into Dr. Cochrane's hands a sum of money to pay for a number of copies of any of his publications to be given to pastors of churches, congregational and Sabbath school libraries, as he may see fit. As all his volumes of sermons are out of print, Dr. Cochrane has made arrangements to give a copy of his recently-published work on "Future Punishment" to the first eighty who apply. The book is published at \$3; but will be sent at once, post free, in order of application. Many of our missionaries and ministers, who are not in a position to add largely to their libraries, will doubtless avail themselves of this generous gift.

THE winter entertainment of the Sabbath school of the Presbyterian Church, Dunnville, was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 14. The exercises consisted of reciting verses of Scripture and appropriate poems, singing of spirited hymns and chants, and displaying gilt paper banners, all designed to illustrate the nine fruits of the Spirit. The church was filled with old and young. Presents were distributed. Receipts, \$30. A social was held by the ladies of the church on Monday evening, Jan. 18, at the house of one of their number. Every room was filled. Refreshments, games, music and recitations kept all busy. Mr. J. W. Yeomans, of Hamilton, was the principal vocalist. Receipts at refreshment table, \$15.

THE Rev. W. S. Ball delivered his lecture, on "The war and the men who fought in it," in Mitchell on the 13th inst. under the auspices of the Knox Church Woman's Foreign Mission Society. The lecture throughout was most interesting and instructive. Mr. Ball having opportunity as chaplain of the 7th Fusiliers, London, while in the North-West to gather information, is able to describe in detail the events of the war as only an eye-witness can do. His description of the different bands of scouts and the Montana teamsters is especially rich, as also the brave charge at Batoche by the "Midlands" and Toronto "Grenadiers." The entire audience was delighted with the lecture, and steps are being taken to secure Mr. Ball's return in a few weeks with "The origin, course and results of the war."

THE Presbytery of Paris inducted Mr. R. G. Sinclair into the pastoral charge of Mount Pleasant and Burford on the 19th Jan. The attendance was large. Dr. Beattie presided, the induction sermon was preached by Mr. Boyle, the charge was given to the pastor by Mr. McMullen, and Mr. Wylie addressed the people. The services were very impressive. A cordial welcome was given to the new pastor by the people of his charge. In the evening a crowded social meeting was held, at which addresses were given by Dr. Beattie, who presided, and Messrs. Wylie, McMullen, Alexander, former pastor, and others. Mr. Sinclair, in appropriate terms, responded to the cordial welcome given him. The manner in which the occasion was observed can scarcely fail to leave a lasting and happy impression in the community.

THE Whitby Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society held their annual meeting in Bowmanville on the 19th

inst. The report of the year's work was favourable. The sum raised by the branches within the bounds of this Presbytery was \$940. Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, was present, and added greatly to the interest of the meeting. A general meeting was held in the evening, which was well attended. Mrs. Harvie again gave an effective address, which, we are sure, will bear fruit. Mr. McClelland, Moderator of the Presbytery, also delivered an excellent address on the subject of Foreign Missions. The choir of the church enlivened the meeting with some nice selections, and altogether the members of the society were greatly encouraged, and returned to their homes resolved to labour more assiduously for their sisters in the foreign field.

ON Thursday, January 7, Mr. R. Stewart, B.A., graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregations of North Gower and Wellington. The new church at North Gower not being completed, the ordination took place at Wellington. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather the church was completely filled. Rev. Mr. Scott preached, Mr. Williams addressed the congregation, and Mr. Glassford addressed the newly inducted pastor. In the evening, a large congregation assembled in the church to welcome the new minister. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Scott, McArthur, Hicks, Shearer and Stewart. Several anthems, hymns, etc., were sung by the Manotick choir, and others. The audience dispersed shortly after 10 o'clock, feeling that they had spent a very pleasant evening.

A CORRESPONDENT at New Westminster, British Columbia, writing under date of January 11, says:—"The steamer which carried Rev. J. S. McKay away from us, early in December, carried also a letter from the managers of St. Andrew's to Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, setting forth the need of supply during Mr. McKay's absence. The return mail brought a sympathetic letter from Dr. Cochrane, promising his best efforts to carry out our wishes; and on the 6th of January, a few days more than a month after the managers' letter was written, a telegram brought the news that Rev. S. J. Taylor, M.A., of Moose Jaw, would start at once for New Westminster. Needless to say that the kindness and energy displayed by the Convener of the Home Mission Committee in the matter are most highly appreciated by the congregation. . . The regular services have been kept up uninterruptedly since Mr. McKay's departure. Rev. A. Dunn, of Langley, kindly gave us one Sabbath. Rev. T. G. Thomson, of Granville, (whose sympathy with our pastor and kindness toward his congregation will not soon be forgotten) arranged his work in such a way as to enable him to give us the morning of every alternate Sabbath; and, except one morning service conducted by an elder, the rest of the Sabbath services and all the weekly prayer meetings have been conducted by Rev. R. Jamieson, our old pastor and ever-faithful friend, who has more than once, in these few weeks, taxed his strength to the uttermost, rather than suffer the work to lag. . . I regret that we can, so far, report only negatively good news from Mr. McKay. He has held his own, but was unable, at the date of his last communication to report any substantial progress toward health. . . Our annual congregational meeting will be held in a few days; the reports to be presented will, all things considered, be encouraging. The financial part of them will show the influence of the prevailing depression; but those parts which deal with the evidences of spiritual progress will be much more cheering.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—The Presbytery of Miramichi met in the church at Campbellton, on Tuesday, 5th inst., at eleven a.m., for the induction of the Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown into the pastoral charge of that congregation. There was a large and appreciative audience present. The Rev. Neil McKay conducted divine service, and preached from Rom. i. 16, after which Rev. A. Russell narrated the steps which had led to the calling of Rev. Mr. Brown. Rev. W. Aitken put the questions prescribed in the formula and inducted him into the charge; thereafter he received the right hand of fellowship from the members of the Presbytery. Rev. E. Wallace Waits gave the charge to the minister and Mr. Aitken suitably addressed the people. Mr. Brown received a most cordial welcome from the people of his new charge, on their retiring from the church. He having signified his willingness to sign the formula, his name was added to the roll of Presbytery. The Presbytery, having conferred with the trustees and elders, was closed with the benediction.—E. WALLACE WAITS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The regular meeting of this court was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 12th instant. There was a good attendance of members. Rev. J. McClung was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The attention of Presbytery was very largely given to the consideration of the overture regarding the supply of vacant congregations, and the appointment of a fourth Professor in Knox College. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Tully, Hamilton, Kay, J. Campbell, Turnbull, Wood, Gibson, McKenzie and Russell, was appointed to consider the overture, together with the remit from Assembly on the same subject, and report to next meeting of Presbytery. The appointment of a fourth Professor was considered at length; but it was deemed advisable to defer the vote until next meeting, and appoint Messrs. Hamilton, Grant, Tully, Turnbull, Wright, Wood, McKenzie, Gibson and Russell, a committee to consider it further and report at next meeting. Reports on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Augmentation Scheme were presented by Messrs. Henderson and Turnbull. The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet again on the second Tuesday of March, at 10 a.m.—A. F. TULLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on the 19th of January—Rev. R. M. Croll, Moderator. The most important items of business were the adoption and transmission to the Synod and Assembly of an overture on the mode of electing the Moderator of the General Assembly, submitted by Dr. Macdonald. The overture provides for nomination by Presbyteries, the formation of a list of names thus sent up from Presbyteries and the elec-

tion of the Moderator from that list by ballot. An amendment by Dr. Lang and a second by Mr. Laidlaw, providing for adding to the list by one or more nominations by the General Assembly, were rejected. The overture and amendments will be given elsewhere in full. In reference to the appointment of an additional professor in Knox College, the report of a committee appointed carefully to consider the question was unanimously adopted. The report recommends: First, that no nomination for the proposed additional chair as defined by the Senate and Board of Management be made. Secondly, that the Presbytery recommends that two additional lecturers be appointed, one to deliver a course of lectures on Apologetics and the other to give a course of lectures on Biblical Criticism and Introduction. A report on the unification of the Foreign Mission Committees was laid on the table after the first clause had been adopted, viz., the unification of the Foreign Mission Committees (East and West) is in the geographical conditions of our Church not desirable at present. The mission property on Wentworth Street, Hamilton, was given up to the trustees of St. John's Church, and the congregation were instructed to procure a site for a church, subject to the approval of the Presbytery. The division of the charge of Lynedoch, Silverhill and Delhi was referred to a committee for careful consideration, also the division of Oneida, etc. Arrangements were made for holding conferences in four places, viz., Hamilton, Dundas, St. Catharines and Simcoe, on the State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Schools. The remit anent printing the Minutes of Assembly was approved *simpliciter*—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—The Presbytery of Peterborough met on Tuesday, the 12th inst. There were present fifteen ministers and six elders. Several minutes of Sessions were examined and ordered to be attested as carefully and correctly kept. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Cleland, that the Presbytery require students who may be labouring within the mission fields during the summer months to appear at one of its meetings for examination, or for the delivery of discourses. The committee appointed to visit Havelock reported that the new church in course of erection there was, on the whole, in a good position for those who were likely to worship in it. The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, on the 9th of March, at 10.30 o'clock a.m. The Presbytery examined the system of recording and reporting Sabbath school statistics and work issued by the Assembly's Committee on Sabbath schools, and, on motion of Mr. Carmichael, agreed to recommend the same for use in all the schools within the bounds. Messrs. McEwan and Hay were appointed to address the meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Presbyterian Society in St. Paul's Church school room. Mr. Bell was heard in advocacy of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The Presbytery expressed interest in the fund and resolved to do what it could to increase its income. Mr. Cameron reported that the congregations of Brighton and Colborne had agreed to separate, so as to form two distinct charges, and that each had promised \$500 as stipend to its minister; that Mr. Duncan remain as pastor of Colborne and Lakeport, and that Brighton be declared a vacancy. Mr. Sutherland was appointed to preach in the whole field at an early date, and to read the resolution of the Presbytery, declaring the separation and declaring that Brighton be a vacant charge. Mr. McRae was appointed Moderator of Session in Brighton during the vacancy. The Assembly's remit on printing was considered, and some of the clauses approved of, and others disapproved of. Messrs. Craik and Williamson, of Port Hope, were appointed auditors of the Presbytery books. The Presbytery agreed to make no nomination for the new professorship of Knox College, and recommended the appointment of lecturers for the subjects proposed by the Senate of Knox College. Committees were appointed to promote the cause of sustentation, and to arrange for the visitation of all the congregations within the bounds. Mr. Torrance advocated the cause of the Manitoba College. Committees on the State of Religion were appointed to arrange for a conference on the State of Religion.—WM. BENNETT, *Pres. Clerk*.

### MONTREAL NOTES.

THE Rev. Hugh McLean, recently from Liverpool, England, has been appointed by the Presbytery of Montreal to labour in La Guerre for the winter months.

THE annual missionary meeting of the Second Presbyterian congregation, Huntingdon, was held on the 19th inst. and was addressed by Rev. J. Cormack, of Lachine, and Rev. R. H. Warden, of Montreal. The plate collection at the meeting amounted to the handsome sum of \$60. This congregation is a most liberal and spirited one. Though only numbering forty families, requiring large contributions for ministerial support, it last year gave upward of \$5 per family for the Schemes of the Church. The Rev. James Watson, M.A., has been its pastor for the long period of thirty-one years, and has a very warm place in the hearts of his people.

THE Montreal Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society differs from most of the woman's societies connected with the Church in that its object is not simply to forward Foreign Missions, but also Home and French Evangelization work. In the opinion of many this is a decided improvement, for why should the sympathies of our Christian women be limited in these societies to only one department of the mission work of the Church? It is as much needed in connection with Home and French-Canadian work. Nay, why should woman's associations not embrace all the Schemes of the Church? Might not the number of these studying for the ministry be considerably increased if Christian mothers in these societies talked and prayed and laboured for our theological seminaries? Who should—or would if the opportunity were given—take a greater interest in the widows and orphans of the ministers and missionaries of the Church than our Christian women? If the regular congregational missionary association embraces all the Schemes of the Church, why should not woman's missionary societies