

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterian Synod comprising Congregations remaining apart from the united Church met in Perth last week.

REV. JOHN SMITH, of Toronto, lectured on Monday evening in St. James' Presbyterian Church, London, on "How to Get on in the World."

THE ladies of the Oshawa congregation recently presented their pastor's wife, Mrs. S. H. Lastman, with a purse of about \$75, on the eve of her departure to visit her former home.

REV. MR. NOW, Presbyterian minister at Virden, Manitoba, is preaching to large congregations. His work amongst the people there is beginning to show its results, and they intend having their church erected shortly.

THE Rev. Mr. Mordy, who is to occupy the pulpit of Daly Street Presbyterian Church for a few Sabbaths, preached his first sermon there on Sunday last. The Rev. W. D. Armstrong, the pastor of the congregation, is at present in Europe.

THE congregations of St. Andrew's Church and Brock Street Presbyterian Church, Kingston, are considering calls to their pulpits, now vacant. In connection with Brock Street Church, Rev. J. Ferguson, B.D., now of Chesley, and Rev. W. Ross, of Delta, are spoken of. There does not seem to be any ground for the impression entertained by some that there will be an amalgamation of these two congregations, a new church erected, and an invitation given to some prominent minister to become its pastor. An unwarrantable liberty in this respect has been taken with the name of Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford.

At a largely-attended meeting of the Erskine Presbyterian Church congregation on Monday evening, says the Meaford "Monitor," it was unanimously resolved to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Paterson, of Hanover. An adjourned congregational meeting will be held shortly for the purpose of affording the members of the Church an opportunity to sign the call. In connection with this the Hanover "Post" remarks: We learn with sincere regret that the Rev. Mr. Paterson is likely to resign his charge of the Presbyterian church here. Mr. Paterson is loved and esteemed not only by his congregation but by every resident of the village and we can ill afford to lose such an earnest worker.

THE Presbytery of St. John, has found that the visitation of the stations by a delegate once or twice a year, though highly beneficial, is quite inadequate to meet the felt want. They have accordingly resolved on fairly trying the experiment of an ordained missionary devoting his whole time to the visiting, organizing and encouraging the scattered stations and vacancies. The ladies chiefly, though not exclusively, of St. John City, have come to their aid and provided the needful salary; and Rev. J. McKay, lately of Woodstock, has been designated to the work. Mr. McKay is prosecuting the work, not only with diligence but with enthusiasm; and it is anticipated that his appointment will mark an epoch in the history of Presbyterian missions over a large district of country.

THE Manitoba "Free Press" of last week says: The Rev. John Hogg, late minister of Charles Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, with Mrs. Hogg and three daughters, arrived in the city on Saturday and left Monday morning for Bin Scarth, near Fort Ellice. Mr. Hogg's two sons have been in the settlement for some twelve months and the family intend to make their home there. It will be remembered that Mr. Hogg resigned his charge in Toronto on account of prolonged ill-health, leaving the congregation in good condition, the last communion service being the largest ever held in Charles Street Church. The family will be a valuable addition to the settlement, and with the improved health which change of climate and occupation will bring about, the pastor will, it is to be hoped, ere long be able to resume in a modified degree his much loved labour.

REV. DR. McVICAR, Principal of Montreal, Presbyterian College, preached to a large congregation in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on Sunday evening week. His remarks were directed to a definition of the position and duties of elders and the congregation's duties respecting these office-bearers. The subject was made appropriate by reason of the members of the

church having banded in their ballots on that day, nominating additional elders. The sermon was a powerful and lucid explanation of the eldership and of the qualifications required on the part of those who were called to the position. The following evening the session of this church met for the purpose of summing up the ballots for six additional elders handed in by the members of the congregation on Sunday. The following gentlemen received the highest number of votes, and were accordingly declared elected: Messrs. Adam Turnbull, Edwin Newton, Rev. R. Torrance, James Morrison, George Hood, and Wm. Hunter. The ordination ceremonies will take place shortly.

THE death of the Rev. Robert Binnie, pastor of Knox Church, Cornwall, is announced. Mr. Binnie was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the year 1823. After passing the requisite examinations, he entered the university of his native city. He studied, whilst there, under Sir William Hamilton and Professor Wilson. From thence he went to London, England. Whilst there, he was attacked by a disease, which, for a season deprived him of memory. After recovery he pursued his theological studies. Coming to Canada in 1861, he was ordained a minister of the U. P. Church on the 20th May of the same year. His first charge was at New Glasgow. He removed from New Glasgow to Lindsay. He received a call from Knox Church, Cornwall, which he accepted and took charge on the 12th of May, 1872. During the remaining years of his life, he continued to exert his utmost powers for the cause of his Master. He was a noble, earnest, devout standard-bearer of the cross of Christ. As a pastor, he was beloved and revered by all who knew him. His death, although anticipated by his intimate friends for the past two months, was, nevertheless, a severe blow. He fell asleep in Jesus on Tuesday, 22nd May, at about three o'clock in the afternoon. His sufferings, though extremely painful toward the end, were borne with Christian fortitude and resignation.

THE services in most of the London churches and those in the neighborhood last Sabbath were conducted by members of the Assembly. In the morning at St. Andrew's Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Montreal, preached from Isaiah xlii. 1. Referring to this service the London "Advertiser" says: "The Church contained probably one of the largest congregations ever assembled within it. Mr. Mackay is a brilliant and powerful preacher. Thorough earnestness of purpose, a pleasing voice and energetic deliverance, pure, strong English, with a good deal of the 'poetry of speech' and 'beauty of eloquence' in his utterances, are among his gifts and characteristics. His sermon seemed to have a profound effect, and was heard with deep attention." In the evening an able discourse was preached by the Rev. L. H. Jordan, Halifax. The evening service at Queen's Avenue Methodist Church was conducted by Rev. G. M. Milligan, of old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. The pulpit of Park Avenue Church, Rev. Dr. Proudfoot's, was occupied in the morning by Rev. Professor McKnight, Halifax, and in the evening by the Rev. George Burnfield, Breckville. Principal MacVicar, Montreal, and the Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., Toronto, conducted the services at St. James' in the morning, and the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, of Hamilton in the evening; and Rev. A. J. Mowat, Fredericton, preached in London East.

IN relation to the call recently addressed to Rev. Mr. Barclay, the Montreal "Witness" contains the following: "St. Paul's Church, having given a call to the Rev. James Barclay of Edinburgh, at a salary of \$7,500 per annum, has issued the following circular: 'At a meeting of the committee appointed to select a minister, it was resolved to create a capital sum in the nature of an endowment fund, to meet the increased expenditure in view of the engagement of the Rev. James Barclay, M.A., as minister. The amount aimed at being \$25,000 at the least. Toward this sum a few members have already contributed liberally; the committee, however, deem it desirable that every member and adherent should have the privilege of contributing. For this purpose several gentlemen have been appointed to wait upon the members of the congregation personally, during the next few days, who will give such further information as may be required. It is confidently hoped that they will meet with a hearty reception, and a cordial and generous response to their proposals.' This is signed by Andrew Allan, chairman of the committee. The ex-

pendence yearly of the Church, containing 500 communicants, will amount to about \$11,000. The church was in debt until about eighteen months ago, when its burden was not only cleared off but the tower completed and other improvements made. The salary paid to Mr. Barclay is the highest paid to any Presbyterian minister in Canada, and is second to that of the Rev. Mr. Lamouin, of the Episcopal Church, Toronto, who receives, it is reported, \$8,500. Among the wealthy members of St. Paul's are Messrs. Andrew Allan, Alex. Bunting, R. B. Angus, George Stephen, the Hon. Donald A. Smith, Alex. Mitchell, John Rankin and several leading merchants."

THE Presbytery of Edinburgh accepted the resignation of Rev. James Barclay. Some idea of the magnitude of the congregation of St. Cuthbert's Church, which Mr. Barclay leaves, may be gleaned from figures given by Mr. Gordon, who said that during the five years previous to Mr. Barclay's appointment, Mr. MacGregor laboured under some disadvantages, but to the senior pastor's credit the number of communicants rose from 1,429 in 1872-73 to 3,107 in 1877. Dealing with the progress of the congregation during Mr. Barclay's connection with it, Mr. Gordon said that at present the number of actual communicants was 4,192. The contributions of the congregation, excluding seat rents, amounted in 1877 to £1,433, 1s. 5d.; in 1878, the first year of Mr. Barclay's ministry, £2,096, 6s. 2d.; in 1880, £2,729, 3s. 3d.; in 1882, £3,869, 17s. 4d.; and for the first four months of the present year they had reached £3,500. Dr. MacGregor amended these figures by stating that the actual membership on the purged roll was at present very considerably in excess of 3,000, and that whereas in the year 1873, just before he went to St. Cuthbert's, there sat down to the tables on one communion day 793 persons, on the last communion day there sat down 2,075 persons. The Rev. Mr. Barclay said he had but little to add to what he had said at the last meeting when he gave in his resignation. He had to thank Dr. MacGregor for his kindly words, and also the Kirk session. During these five years that he had been connected with St. Cuthbert's there had not been a shadow of unpleasantness between his colleague and himself or with the congregation. The Rev. Dr. Scott made the motion to accept the resignation, adding: The Church of Scotland was not so poor in men as to grudge one of her best men to a Church which was doing so very nobly as the Canadian Church. He was thankful that the representative that had been taken was a man of Mr. Barclay's calibre, as he did not think from the statements that had been made that the congregation of St. Cuthbert's would in the least suffer. Dr. Norman Macleod seconded the motion, which was adopted.

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.—At its recent meeting Messrs. Ramsay, Robertson, and Davidson were licensed and ordained. Rev. J. W. Mitchell and Mr. James Campbell, of Toronto, were asked to sit as corresponding members. The superintendent read resolutions adopted at a meeting of the congregation of Regina in regard to the first resolution asking for organization. It was moved by Mr. McKellar, seconded by Mr. Pringle, and agreed to, that the request be granted. It was moved by Mr. Borthwick, seconded by Mr. Wellwood, that the supply of Regina, asked for in the second resolution, be referred to the Home Mission Committee. The clerk stated that he had received a communication from Rev. R. H. Warden, stating that the Board of French Evangelization had agreed to the recommendation of the Presbytery, that Mr. Mullins be transferred to the Marais district, and that, at the same time, the Board suggests that a larger amount be contributed to Mr. Mullins' stipend by his new field than Headingly contributed. The matter was referred to the Home Mission Committee. Rev. Mr. Robertson called attention to a request made by Rev. Mr. Scott, who applied to the Home Mission Committee for a grant of \$400 for this year, and whose application was by the committee referred to this Presbytery for its opinion on the matter. It was decided that Mr. Scott's request to the Home Mission Committee for \$400 be recommended by the Presbytery, and that a committee be appointed to consider the question of the re-arrangement of the whole field of south-eastern Manitoba. On motion of Rev. Mr. Gordon, seconded by Rev. Mr. Borthwick, it was resolved, "that the Presbytery, having had their attention drawn to a letter that appeared in the Toronto 'Mail' of the 23rd of March last, containing an attack upon