

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

LAST Sabbath Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, entered on the twenty-first year of his pastorate of Zion Church.

REV. ROBERT THYNNE, of Kirkwall, has tendered his resignation to the congregation over which he has been pastor for upwards of five years.

A TEN o'clock Bible-class has been started on Sabbath morning in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. Macgillivray.

THE Rev. J. W. Penman, late of Carp, has received and accepted an unanimous call from North and South Missouri, in the Presbytery of Stratford; stipend \$800 and manse. The induction takes place on the 30th inst.

THE corner stone of the new Knox Church, Durham, will be laid by the Rev. John McMillan, of Mount Forest, on Wednesday, the 24th day of May. Other ministers will be present, and no doubt it will be an interesting occasion.

THE induction of the Rev. Mr. Beattie to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, took place last week. A large number of members were present. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Paris, and Rev. Mr. Ballantine, of Paris, conducted the services.

MR. W. FOTHERINGHAM, son of Rev. J. Fotheringham, St. Marys, has obtained an honourable standing at the Guelph Agricultural College. He is in his first year, and obtained honours in practical handling and judging of cattle and sheep, zoology, English literature and composition, and arithmetic.

THE plans and specifications for the new Presbyterian church edifice in Barrie have been supplied, and tenders are being invited for the work of construction. The proposed church is to be built after the most modern and approved principles in church architecture, and will be an ornament to the town.

THE Orillia "Packet" says: "The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday, by the Rev. J. Gray, M.A., pastor *emeritus*, assisted by the Rev. R. N. Grant, of Ingersoll. Mr. Grant's sermons on the occasion were highly appreciated. There were 175 communicants."

THE Rev. John Mordy, of Annan and Leith, recently received an unexpected visit from some ladies who presented him and Mrs. Mordy with a purse of money, conveying at the same time to the pastor and his wife the good wishes of the donors—a number of members and adherents of the congregation residing in and around Annan.

THE Rev. J. S. Black, of Erskine Church, Montreal, returned home last Friday after an absence of several weeks in the Southern States. He has inaugurated a new system as to ministers' vacations, by taking his in the spring, so that instead of nearly all the resident clergymen being absent together in July and August, some may always be found at their posts during these months. Mr. Black resumed his work last Sabbath, conducting both services.

A CONFERENCE of the Presbytery of Toronto on the State of Religion is to be held in the church at Brampton on the afternoon and evening of next Monday, the 22nd. A full programme has been prepared. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a large attendance of members of Presbytery, and of the Christian public. Those coming from Toronto may return the same evening if they so desire. The friends at Brampton are making arrangements for the entertainment of all from a distance.

PREVIOUS to the departure of the Rev. F. R. Beattie from Baltimore and Coldsprings, for Brantford, the young people of the Coldsprings took the opportunity, at the close of the prayer meeting, to present him with an address and a purse. The address was read by Miss Maggie Yeaman, and the presentation was made by Miss Jessie Horsburgh. The purse contained \$40, and the address was couched in the kindest terms, and wished Mr. Beattie success in his new charge. On Sabbath, the 30th April, farewell sermons were preached to overflowing congregations in both churches.

THE Commission of the Synod of Hamilton and London on the Kinloss case, met in the Kinloss church on the 9th inst. There were present Rev. W. T. McMullen, chairman, with Rev. John Thomson, Sarnia, Rev. A. D. McDonald, Scaforth, Mr. James Barr, Norwich, and Mr. John Waldie, Bur-

lington. All parties in the case were present, and a very large assemblage of the people of the Kinloss and Lucknow congregations. The whole case has been settled without any appeal being taken to the Assembly, each decision of the Commission being accepted by all parties. A division of property considered fair and equitable was also agreed on by the Commission, accepted by the representatives of both congregations, and recommended for adoption. The Commission continued in session till two o'clock a.m. on Wednesday. At the close the Rev. Mr. Murray, of Kincardine, on behalf of the Presbytery of Maitland and the congregations concerned, proposed a vote of thanks to the Commission for the manner in which the whole business had been managed, and the consideration and courtesy shown to all parties. The motion was adopted amid loud applause by the large audience. The very best spirit was maintained throughout the whole proceedings, and it is to be hoped that this spirit will continue, and that harmony has now been established. This result will be hailed with gratification throughout the Synod.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—The Presbytery of Ottawa met on the 2nd instant in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, with the Rev. John Munro, B.A., Moderator. There was a very good attendance of ministers and elders, and a large amount of routine business was transacted. Mr. Clark was appointed to support the application made by this Presbytery to receive the Rev. Joseph Vessot as a minister of our Church. Messrs. Clark and Dr. Moore were appointed to support a similar application on behalf of Rev. J. A. Vernon. Messrs. H. Bronson and A. Drummond were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, instead of Messrs. James Gibson and Hugh Gourlay, resigned. A call from Knox Church, Winnipeg, with relative papers, to the Rev. D. M. Gordon, was taken under the consideration of the Presbytery, and the usual steps taken in connection therewith to cite St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, to appear for their interests on the 16th instant. The Committee on Remits reported through their Convener, Rev. D. M. Gordon: I. On Sustentation and Supplemental Scheme, in connection with which the following recommendations were adopted: (1) That in view of the annually increasing requirements of the Mission field of the Church, and in view of the other claims at present laid upon those congregations that would be expected to contribute to a Supplemental Fund, or to be aid-giving congregations under a Sustentation Scheme, it is not expedient as yet to create a separate fund for the augmentation of small stipends. (2) That before a special scheme be adopted for the augmentation of small stipends, Presbyteries shall use all diligence to secure from congregations not complying with the terms proposed in the Supplemental Scheme submitted, a rate of contribution at least equal to that therein proposed. (3) That neither schemes submitted be adopted in its present form. (4) That the Supplemental Scheme submitted by the committee, with the view of meeting the case of those congregations that under it might be disposed to reduce their rate of contribution, in order to secure a supplement; also of making provision for deficit of revenue and of suggesting a method of dealing with congregations not giving the minimum rate of contribution. II. On the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers: That the modifications in the regulations submitted be approved, and that the Presbytery take into consideration the whole subject of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, with the view of informing the members of Presbytery concerning it, and of securing a heartier support of the Fund. This report was also received and adopted. The Report on Statistics was read by Mr. Caven; on Sabbath Schools, by Mr. Munro; on the State of Religion, by Mr. Whillans. These reports were all received and adopted.—JOSEPH WHITE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This court met on the 9th and 10th inst. Present: sixteen ministers and ten elders, of whom only eight ministers and one elder remained at the last sederunt. A call from Missouri, signed by 103 members and thirty-two adherents, addressed to Mr. J. W. Penman, with a promise of \$800 as annual stipend, payable quarterly in advance, with a free manse, was sustained as a regular gospel call. Mr. Penman, by telegram, accepted the call, and his induction was appointed on the 30th inst., at South Missouri, at eleven o'clock a.m.; Mr. McAlpine to preside, Mr. Tully to preach, Mr. Gordon

to address the minister, and Mr. Robert Scott the people. Mr. Boyd reported that he had cited the congregation of Millbank to appear for their interests in the matter of Mr. Croly's resignation. Parties were heard, and the resignation was allowed—the vacancy to be declared on the second Sabbath of July; Mr. Boyd to be moderator *ad interim*. The arrears of Biddulph were considered, and arrangements were made for an early settlement. The Blanchard section of the congregation were granted a station to be known as the Presbyterian congregation of Blanchard, on condition of their meeting half the expenses of supply. Biddulph withdrew its petition for transference to the Presbytery of London. Presbytery expenses for the year were allocated to the amount of \$500—chiefly to pay the fare of Commissioners to General Assembly at St. John. The Clerk's letter asking instructions as to the deletion of minutes ordered by commission of Synod last May was taken up. It was carried by a majority that the engrossing in the minutes of Presbytery, of the injunction of the Synod's commission requiring the deletion of the minutes in question, be held to be the deletion required. The attention of Presbytery was called to the decision of Synod anent Presbytery's record, as that decision is found in its printed minutes of last meeting, on the twenty-fifth page, in the following terms: "The Committee on the Records of Stratford Presbytery presented an additional report on said Records. The report was received and adopted, ordered to be engrossed in the minutes of Synod, and the attention of the Stratford Presbytery called to it. The report is as follows: Your Committee report that they have again examined the records of Stratford Presbytery, and can find no minute of what took place when the commissioners of Synod appeared in the Mann case, nor can they find any minutes deleted. They also have to add that the utter want of chronological order in these minutes renders the work of examination much more difficult." It was found that the minutes of Presbytery, as submitted to Synod, contain a full record of "what took place when the commissioners of Synod appeared in the Mann case," and also that the chronological order of the minutes of Presbytery was perfect with one exception, viz.: that the minutes of April and May last, through oversight, had not been engrossed until the minutes of some subsequent meetings had been engrossed, and that the omission had then been corrected by their engrossment, with marginal notes which removed all difficulty in "the work of examination." In regard to the deletion of minutes as ordered by Synod's Commission, Presbytery found that the clerk, on proceeding to the work of deleting, had discovered difficulties owing to the mixing up of the matters to be deleted with other matters which should not be deleted, and that he had, previous to the meeting of Synod, sent the moderator a letter of explanation asking instructions. Further, the Presbytery found that Synod's Commission had ordered the deletion of minutes of which certified copies had been granted in an orderly manner. It was agreed to direct the attention of Synod to these facts, with the request that they be entered upon its record, for the correction of its recent decision in the matter. Mr. Wright obtained leave of absence from his charge for two months. The Committee on Statistics presented a report, which was received with thanks, and laid over for consideration at next stated meeting. A circular letter was read for the reception into the Church of the following ministers, viz.: Messrs. Geo. Crombie, Thos. McAdam, Godfrey Shore, Jos. Vessot, and T. Charbonelle, from other Churches. The declaration of vacancy in St. Andrew's, Stratford, was reported, and Mr. Wait's name removed from the roll. Anent the remit on the Sustentation and Supplemental Schemes, it was agreed to express preference for the former, recommend delay, and sending down both to Sessions and congregations. The remits on Standing Orders and Regulations on Fund for disabled ministers were approved.—JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Pres. Clerk*.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Professor McLaren begs to acknowledge, on behalf of the Alumni Association of Knox College, the receipt of the following sums for the Library Fund, viz.: Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, Toronto, first instalment, \$25; Mr. A. Jeffrey, Toronto, \$10; Mr. Jas. Walker, Hamilton, \$25; Mr. John Henry, Scarborough, per Rev. R. P. Mackay, \$2; Mr. Wm. Crawford, Scarborough, \$1.