

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

A NEW Presbyterian manse is in course of erection at Bolton.

THE Rev. David Mitchell has been elected president of the Belleville Ministerial Association, recently organized.

It is expected that the new Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, will be ready for occupation by the 1st of January, 1882.

THERE is a movement in the direction of establishing a home mission in connection with the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

REV. MR. THOMPSON, of Sarnia, is at present in Winnipeg, having been invited to supply the vacant pulpit of Knox Church there for three Sabbaths.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Wingham is now completely covered in. It is a very handsome specimen of the modern Gothic style of architecture.

A SOCIAL held on the evening of the 10th inst., by the Sabbath school teachers of Cooke's Church, Toronto, in the lecture room of the church, was largely attended.

SPECIAL evangelistic services are in progress in the Presbyterian Church at Cucklenham, in which the Rev. J. M. Cameron, of this city, and others have been taking part.

THE members of the Young People's Christian Association in connection with Chalmers Church, Keady, recently presented their pastor, the Rev. Hugh Currie, with a very valuable buffalo robe.

AT the meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou, N.S., at New Glasgow, on the 1st inst., the congregation of Sherbrooke applied for moderation in a call, and the Rev. Mr. Thompson was appointed to preach in the church there and moderate in the call on the 14th inst.

THE ladies of St. Andrew's congregation, Williams-town, realized \$530 from refreshment tables during the two days of the Glengarry County fair. The same congregation gave \$35, being one half the collection on Thanksgiving day, towards the relief of the sufferers by the Michigan fires.

THE first social of a series to be given during the winter by the Bible-class of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was held in the lecture-room of the church on the evening of Monday, the 7th inst. The attendance was large, and the entertainment of a very pleasing character.

LAST Sabbath evening the Rev. J. James, D.D., of Knox Church, Hamilton, delivered the first of a series of discourses, to be continued during the winter, on the fulfilment of prophecy as exemplified principally in the history of dynasties, nations, capital cities, etc., and particularly in the advent of the Messiah.

A VERY pleasant social was recently held in the new manse of River Street church, Paris, to celebrate its occupation by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Ballentine, and his family. A sum amounting to nearly \$200 was realized. The manse is a handsome structure, roomy and well arranged inside, and beautifully situated.

ON Tuesday evening, 8th inst., a successful concert was held at Uxbridge, under the auspices of the Society of Willing Workers of the Presbyterian church there. A very attractive programme of choruses, glee, duets, solos, etc., was admirably carried out by the members of the Knox College Glee Club, with Professor Collins as pianist.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Mitchell, held a meeting on the 7th inst., and unanimously resolved to extend a call to the Rev. A. F. Tully, of Sherbrooke, Que., offering a salary of \$1,000 and a free manse. The call was signed by sixty members and several adherents on the same day, and it is likely to be very largely signed before being presented to the Presbytery.

THE Rev. G. Burnfield, of Brockville, has been made the first recipient of the degree of B.D. from the Montreal Presbyterian College. Mr. Burnfield sailed by the Parisian last week, on his six months' visit to Egypt, Palestine and the Moabite country. At a farewell meeting held at Brockville on the eve of his departure he was presented with \$300 in gold. In Mr. Burnfield's absence, probationers and others are requested to communicate with the Rev. W. J. Dey, Spencerville, in connection with Home Mission work in the Presbytery of Brockville.

ON the evening of the 10th inst. the members and friends of the Presbyterian church at Napier presented Mrs. J. G. Sutherland with a costly and beautiful set of silverware, together with an address expressive of their long-cherished respect and esteem for her, and their appreciation of her warm and unchanging interest in the cause of religion, and her self-denying and unwearied efforts for the success of everything pertaining to the congregation, and particularly her generosity in entertaining, free of charge, all the probationers who had supplied the pulpit during a long vacancy. To this address Mrs. Sutherland made a suitable reply, thanking her friends very kindly in a few well-chosen remarks.

THE Athelstan Presbyterian church, which was built a little over three years ago, is now virtually out of debt. The original cost of the building was \$8,000. After the first subscriptions were paid in, a debt of about \$3,000 still remained, which was reduced one-half by the praiseworthy efforts of the ladies of the congregation. As this year has been a prosperous one for the farmers of the district, the pastor of the congregation (the Rev. J. J. Casey) urged the managers to go around with a new subscription list. They did so, and the result is that nearly \$1,600 were subscribed, most of which will be paid in before the close of the year. Before another twelve months will have passed away, it is to be hoped that this church—one of the finest country churches in the Presbytery of Montreal—can be declared not only nominally but really free of debt.—COM.

THE new Presbyterian church, Mandaumin, was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God on Sabbath, November 6th, when three sermons were preached—that in the morning by Rev. J. Thompson of Sarnia, afternoon by Rev. G. G. McRobbie of Ridgetown, evening by Rev. G. Cuthbertson of Wyoming. On the Monday a tea and public meeting was held, when spirit-stirring addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Orme, Methodist, Rev. Messrs. McRobbie and Cuthbertson, Presbyterians, and Mr. John Bird, of Mandaumin. The meeting was enlivened by the sweet singing of the Morrison family of Sarnia, who kindly gave their services for the occasion. The proceedings of this truly pleasant evening were brought to a close with prayer by Rev. Mr. Huff, Baptist. Sabbath collections, \$132 98; profits of tea meeting, \$146; given and promised during the evening meeting, \$153. Cost of building about \$3,300, towards which \$3,000 has been paid or promised.—COM.

AT the meeting of the Presbytery of St. John, N.B., on the 8th inst., Mr. Murray's demission of that part of his charge consisting of the congregations at Shediac and Scotch Settlement was laid over until these congregations should be heard from. A report on the condition of the Church within the limits of the Presbytery was submitted by Mr. Hogg. The Home Mission report was then considered, after which the Clerk read a letter from Dr. Bennet tendering his resignation of the pastorate of St. John's Church, St. John. Definite action on this resignation was postponed until next meeting, a Presbyterial visitation of the congregation to take place in the interim. Mr. McCullagh's resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation at St. Andrews, on account of ill-health, was accepted, to take effect on 1st December, a committee to confer with the congregation, and Mr. McCullagh's case to be brought before the Infirm Ministers' Society. A Presbyterial visitation of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, was appointed to be held on the second Monday in January. Steps were taken towards the formation of a Ladies' Missionary Society, some routine business was transacted, and the Presbytery adjourned.

THE Rev. Donald McCannell, appointed missionary to Manitoba, was ordained in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on the evening of the 10th inst. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Smith, Moderator *pro tem*. The members of the Presbytery present were: Principal Grant, Prof. Mowat, Dr. Williamson, LL.D., and Messrs. A. Young, Napanee; T. S. Chambers, Sunbury (Clerk of the Presbytery); F. MacCuaig, D. Kellock, Mill Haven; J. Cumberland, Amherst Island. The divine blessing was invoked by the Moderator, after which the 100th Psalm was sung. An earnest prayer was then offered by Professor Mowat. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Young, of Napanee. He took the 20th and 21st verses of the 1st chapter of Philippians: "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life

or by death. For to me to live is Christ." The usual questions having been put by the Moderator and satisfactorily answered, Principal Grant addressed the new missionary on his duty. He was to look after the souls of his charge from the time they first enter the world till their death. Of course he would have many difficulties to contend with, but he must stand and endure the test. There was an especial responsibility about the charge over which he was about to assume the spiritual control. It was not alone a congregation, but a large field out of which he was to form the nucleus of many Presbyteries. He could go to his field of labour with the confidence that Christ would go with him, and would give him His richest blessing. Rev. J. Cumberland, M.A., Amherst Island, made a few brief remarks on "Mission work," after which the proceedings terminated. The Rev. Donald McCannell was educated in Queen's College, and passed a most creditable examination for licensure. During his whole course of seven years he was never known to miss a class, being present always when required. He has been called by the Home Missions Committee of the Church to go as a missionary to the most important charge of "Big Plains," Manitoba. Mr. McCannell has been very successful in any other work that he undertook, having at one time been assistant to the Rev. Donald Ross, Glengarry.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This court met in Morrin College, Quebec, on the 2nd inst. Mr. McDonald, of Scottstown, was appointed to co-operate with the Assembly's agent in securing contributions towards the fund for the Colleges. A call from the congregation of Lake Megantic, in favour of the Rev. W. Ross, lately of Lochiel, was presented. The call was signed by forty-eight members and one hundred and ninety-four adherents, and was accompanied with a guarantee for stipend to the extent of five hundred and fifty dollars, with manse and glebe. Mr. McMaster appeared in support of the call, and took upon himself the responsibility of guaranteeing an additional \$50 from the people, so that the salary would be six hundred dollars per annum. The call was sustained, and Mr. Ross being present it was placed in his hand. He declared his acceptance of it, and his induction was appointed to take place on the 16th inst. at eleven a.m. A committee was appointed to visit the congregation and Mission field of Lingwick, with the view of uniting them as one charge. Dr. Mathews reported that he had visited the mission at Kennebec Road, and had administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper there. He also stated that the people were building a new church and a manse, and that the services of a suitable missionary had been secured for the winter. Mr. Jos. Allard, graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, after a satisfactory examination, was licensed to preach the Gospel. The following members were appointed as the Presbytery's Committee on French Evangelization: Dr. Cook, Dr. Weir, Dr. Mathews and Mr. Amaron—Mr. Amaron Convener. Arrangements were made for holding missionary meetings throughout the Presbytery. For this purpose the Presbytery was divided into two sections, and a convener appointed for each group of congregations. It was agreed to hold the next meeting in St. Andrew's church, Sherbrooke, on the second Wednesday of February, at eight o'clock p.m. Mr. McDonald was requested to prepare a paper on "The Government of the Presbyterian Church," to be read at the evening conference.—F. M. DEWEY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met at Willis Church, Clinton, on the 8th inst. Rev. Thos. E. Thomson was appointed Moderator till next meeting. The financial and statistical returns from congregations for the year were then read over and examined. Knox church, Goderich, London, and Exeter were found to be in arrears of stipend. Parties were appointed to attend to these arrears and have them removed. Rev. Mr. McDonald was appointed to attend to the Foreign Mission Scheme; Mr. Stewart, Home Mission; Mr. Thomson, Colleges; Mr. Musgrave, Stipend; Mr. McCoy, French Evangelization, Assembly, Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Widows' and Orphans' Funds. These to form a committee and report on the various schemes at next meeting.—Mr. McDonald, Convener. Rev. Mr. Fletcher reported having moderated a call from Caven Church, Exeter, which was in favour of Mr. Thomson, of Brucefield, the congregation offering \$750 and pro-