

Ministers and Churches.

At the meeting of the Barrie Presbytery on Tuesday week Rev. J. Sieveright gave notice that he intended at next regular meeting to bring in an overture anent the formation of a new Presbytery composed of the congregations and mission stations from Gravenhurst north.

THE Session of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was opened on Thursday evening last. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Rev. Professor Campbell, LL.D., on "The Personal Revelation." Unusual pressure on our space compels holding over a full account of that as well as several other matters for next week's issue.

THE Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions for the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Manitoba and the North West, says: The Presbyterian student missionaries are returning to college, and the Synod's Committee makes an urgent appeal for thirty missionaries to supply the most important missions. Severe losses are anticipated if the missionaries are not available for the winter.

ON Sabbath last, Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, of West Selkirk, dispensed the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism at Beausejour, Man. There were six baptisms and thirteen communicants. This was the first communion here, the mission being first opened by Mr. James of Manitoba College, in May last, in which he has laboured for the summer with much acceptance.

THE ladies of the Kirkton Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in large numbers at Mrs. R. Ratchie's, on Wednesday last, to welcome home their pastor's wife who had been absent on an extended tour to the Pacific Coast. Mrs. Fletcher took this first opportunity to thank the ladies for the generous purse they had so quietly handed her before she and Mr. Fletcher started on their long journey and for the warm welcome on their return.

ONE of the most successful concerts ever held in Flesherston was that held in the town hall on the evening of the 24th ult. under the auspices of the young people of the Presbyterian Church. The performers were dressed in antique fashion, and created considerable amusement at the figures they presented. The programme rendered was highly appreciated by the large audience present, many having to go away, not being able to gain even standing room in the hall. Mr. M. Richardson occupied the chair in a very pleasant and graceful manner.

THE Rev. G. B. Howie, M.A., is announced to speak in Lachine on the 26th, 27th and 28th inst. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have arranged to have him give two lectures in Ottawa on 14th and 15th November on "Pleasure as a Mission Field." Dr. Howie is expected in Pembroke on the 16th, 17th and 18th November. It is felt that his addresses are calculated to stimulate interest in Bible study and missionary work. He lectured in Spencerville (Rev. Dr. Kellock's) on the 1st October, appeared in native dress and sang and recited in Arabic.

THE various mission bands of Toronto held a combined meeting in the lecture room of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church last week. The president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Ewart, occupied the chair. An address was delivered by Miss Elizabeth Walker, missionary instructor at the Portage la Prairie Indian School. Miss Walker is a daughter of the Rev. William Walker, Chatham, Ont. She related vividly the encouragements and discouragements which had been encountered in her work, and the improvements made during the past two or three years. Miss Walker's pupils are composed mainly of Sioux Indians who escaped the massacre in Dakota some years ago, and many of them show rare aptitude as scholars. Two pupils, one of whom is forty years of age and the other forty-one, although unable to attend the school but one day in the week, do so with an assiduity that is commendable. The address proved unusually interesting and descriptive.

THE Alumni Association of Knox College held its annual meeting last week, Rev. W. D. Armstrong, of Ottawa, in the chair. The financial report of the Honan Mission, conducted in North China by the students and graduates, proved satisfactory and encouraging. A long letter from Rev. John Goforth was read, in which the obstacles in the way of mission work peculiar to Honan were referred to. These officers were elected for next year: Rev. J. Somerville, Owen Sound, president; Rev. G. E. Freeman, Toronto, vice-president; Rev. W. A. J. Martin, Toronto, secretary-treasurer; Rev. W. Burns, Toronto, treasurer of the Goforth Fund; Rev. W. G. Wallace, Toronto; Rev. R. Haddow, Milton; Rev. J. Mutch, Toronto; Rev. R. Pettigrew, Glen Morris; and Rev. S. H. Eastman, Oshawa, committee. The annual supper was held in the college dining-hall in the evening, at which Drs. Armstrong and Reid, with several others, delivered brief, interesting and appropriate addresses.

THE Presbytery of Paris met at Drumbo, October 2, for the induction of Rev. W. K. Shearer into the pastoral charge of Princeton and Drumbo, the Rev. R. Pettigrew, M.A., presiding as Moderator. The induction sermon was preached by Dr. McMullen, a narrative of the steps taken was given by Mr. Robertson, Moderator of Session, the prescribed questions were put by Mr. Pettigrew, who thereafter called on Mr. Robertson to read in prayer, at the close of which Mr. Pettigrew, as Moderator of Presbytery, declared Mr. Shearer inducted into the pastoral charge, and in testimony thereof gave him the right hand of fellowship, in which he was followed by the brethren. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and the address to the people by Mr. Beattie. Dr. Pentland, on behalf of the congregation, presented an address with a sum of money to Mr. Robertson in acknowledgment of his valuable services as Moderator of Session during the vacancy. As the congregation retired from the church they gave a cordial welcome to their new pastor. The settlement is most harmonious and happy.

THE Young People's Presbyterian Union last week held three district meetings in Parkdale, Leslieville, and Charles Street Churches. All the meetings were well attended. The subject for discussion was the Union's motto: "All things for Christ," and two papers were read at each meeting on "How the local societies and the Union may help to attain the ideal." At the Parkdale meeting Dr. C. H. Laurie, Secretary of the Union, presided, and the papers were read by Miss Logan, of Parkdale, and Mr. R. McLean, of Erskine Church. At Leslieville Church President R. A. Donald filled the chair, and the authors of the papers were Miss Shortreed, of Old St. Andrew's, and Mr. Shaw of East Church Association of Christian workers. In Charles Street Church Vice-President W. S. Leslie presided, and Miss Irish, of Central Church, and Mr. Bradshaw, of Bloor Street Church, contributed papers. The Union will hold a mass meeting on October 28th in Cooke's Church, when Rev. William Patterson and others will speak.

THE Winnipeg Free Press says: The classes in Manitoba College were resumed last week. After the usual opening services of reading the Scriptures and prayer, and a brief address by the Principal of the institution, the students present were enrolled. They formed a goodly band for the first day of the Session, representing all the classes and with one exception (mathematics) all the special courses in the university curriculum. The number joining the college for the first time, either as students in the arts course, or in the preparatory, was exceptionally large—seventeen—though a considerable number of the new students expected have not yet put in an appearance. The professors and teachers were all present, with the exception of Mr. Reid, B.A., a distinguished graduate in philosophy of Toronto University, who has been engaged to lecture in the department of mental and moral science, and who begins his work on the first November. Mr. Reid will take the history of philosophy, Mr. Baird, political economy, and Dr. King, ethics. At present the prospect is that the attendance in the college will be larger than during any previous year.

A MEETING was held last week in the Board room of the Presbyterian Church offices, Toronto Street, for the purpose of dealing with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Convener of the meeting, occupied the chair. There were also present Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. Dr. Parsons, Rev. J. McCauley, Rev. William Burns, William Adamson, Alexander Nairn, J. A. Patterson, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Ottawa; Mayor McLennan, Hamilton, and Robert Laurie, St. Catharines. The committee took up several matters referred to them by the General Assembly held in Ottawa in June. The case of Rev. A. Wilson, for a place on the fund, was discussed, but it was not deemed advisable to place the name on the list. The name of Rev. M. McNaughton, North Knapel, was retained on the list. Copies of remits from the Presbytery in connection with the amendment of the rules were submitted and approved of and the Convener was requested to prepare a circular setting forth the alterations and forward it to the different Presbyteries. He was authorized to issue certificates for the payment of half-yearly annuities amounting to over \$7,000. The new annuitants recommended by the last General Assembly at Ottawa were added to the list. Their names are: Rev. George Christie, Halifax Presbytery; Rev. W. A. Johnson, Quebec Presbytery; Rev. John Crombie, Presbytery of Lunenburg and Renfrew; Rev. A. Currie, Chatham Presbytery; Rev. D. Gordon, Stratford Presbytery; Rev. W. Bremner, Lunenburg and Renfrew Presbytery; Rev. Robert Wallace, Toronto Presbytery; Rev. A. W. Waddell, Chatham Presbytery, and Rev. A. McClelland, Whubny Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—This Presbytery met on September 9, in Spencerville. Elders' commissions were received as follows: From the Session of Wadlington in favour of Robert A. Fisher; from East Oxford in favour of John Alexander; Dixon's Corners in favour of James Sharra; Knox Church, Morrisburg, in favour of Robert Loige; Athens in favour of Joseph Thompson. A deputation appeared from Athens to show why Mr. Flemming should reside at Athens and not at Toledo as recommended at a former meeting of Presbytery. The Home Mission report was presented by Dr. Kellock. It recommended as follows: (1) That Presbytery continue services at Burritt's Rapids; (2) that Mr. Potter be asked to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper there before the student leave for college; (3) that the grant asked for North Williamsburg and Winchester Springs be \$2 per Sabbath; (4) that Rev. Mr. Stuart be asked to dispense sealing ordinances at North Augusta on the third Sunday in October. These recommendations were adopted. The Clerk reported arrears at North Williamsburg for travelling expenses of Presbytery deputation to that field. The Clerk was instructed to pay these expenses out of the Presbytery Fund. The Clerk also called attention to certain arrears at Dunbar and Colquhoun. The matter was left in charge of Mr. Moodie. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Johnston, probationer, in which it was claimed that he was inadequately paid while labouring within the bounds. The matter was referred to Dr. Kellock. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Blair, president of the Brockville Presbyterial. The letter showed that the number of auxiliaries and mission bands within the bounds was twenty and thirteen respectively. That the call for help was more urgent than ever, and that there are still several congregations and mission stations without an auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and concluded by asking the co-operation of ministers in the formation of new societies. The letter was cordially received, and members asked to assist as much as possible and to encourage the formation of new societies. Mr. Hilland presented a petition from East Oxford and Bishop's Mills, praying the Presbytery to make application for \$75 additional grant. Dr. Kellock was appointed to visit those fields. Mr. Macalister presented a plan for the election of delegates to the General Assembly: (1) That all commissioners be sent by rota-

tion; (2) that a roll be kept on which the names of ministers shall be entered according to the date of their ordination, and on which the commissioners selected shall be carefully marked each year. (4) That the order of rotation be as follows: The first name to be taken from the top of the roll, the second from the bottom and so on alternately until the list for each year is completed, that this method be continued each year until the roll is exhausted, care to be taken that if the majority in one year be from the top, the majority the following year shall be from the bottom; (5) if any minister thus elected should decline appointment, the Clerk shall have authority to notify the next in order to take his place, providing always that if a minister thus called upon to take the place of another be unable to go, he shall be considered eligible to appointment the following year. Delegates declining appointment or neglecting to attend when appointed, shall not be considered eligible until the roll is exhausted, except in the case of sickness, the Presbytery may appoint them the following year; (6) in view of the fact that the system of rotation now proposed has been practically followed for the last two years, ministers who have been selected during those years shall not be eligible until the roll is exhausted; (7) that elders be elected by adjournment and ballot. These recommendations were adopted. Messrs. Alexander K. McLennan, Donald D. Macdonald and James Rollins, students of Queen's College, read exercises, which were declared satisfactory. The students were certified to their college. It was agreed to meet again in St. John's Church, Brockville, on the second Tuesday in December, at three p.m.—GEORGE MACARTHUR, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on the 16th ult. The Rev. R. V. McKibbin was appointed Moderator for the next six months and being present took the chair which was vacated by Mr. Pritchard, retiring Moderator. The following committee was appointed to examine the following Kirk Session Records, namely, Strathroy, Messrs. McLennan and John Ross; Oil Springs, Messrs. John Leys and Angus McPherson; Alvinston, Messrs. R. W. Leitch and F. Blaikie; Napier, Messrs. J. H. Graham and Thomas Gordon. Mr. Cuthbertson on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit Alvinston, Napier and Log Church, Brooke, reported that with the view of rearranging the field these congregations had expressed their willingness to be guided by the Presbytery in devising a basis on which a better arrangement might be secured for the maintenance of ordinances among them. Other members of the deputation were heard. It was agreed to receive the report and express satisfaction therewith, and reappoint the deputation with instructions to carry out the proposed arrangements and report at next meeting. Mr. Cuthbertson on behalf of the deputation appointed to confer with a deputation from the London Presbytery with a view of rearranging the fields in and around Ailsa Craig, reported that they had failed to effect any changes from existing arrangements. The committee were thanked for their diligence and were discharged. Mr. Pritchard, on behalf of the Committee on Statistics, gave in an excellent report which was received and considered. After discussion the report was adopted, and the committee thanked for the diligence. Mr. Hector Currie, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, gave in the half-yearly report from May 1 to September 30 inclusive, intimating claims for mission stations and augmented congregations for that period. The report also recommended that application be made for the services of the following gentlemen for the next six months, viz., Rev. John McRobie, Mr. Azelle and another missionary. It was agreed to recommend the name of Rev. John McKee to the Assembly's Committee, as entitled to employment as a Probationer. Also to appoint Messrs. Beamer, Graham and Harley to visit Oil City with the view of getting them to increase their contributions. The report was received and its recommendations adopted. Mr. Currie, Presbytery Treasurer, gave in the annual statement which was received. The Presbytery expressed satisfaction therewith and conveyed their thanks for the treasurer's services. There was laid on the table and read a petition from several members at Arkona asking for a copy of a petition laid on a former occasion on the Presbytery's table in regard to difficulties at Arkona. The Presbytery instructed the Clerk to furnish the petitioners with a copy of the document referred to. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Watford Presbyterian Church on the third Tuesday in December next at ten a.m. Leave was granted to the congregation of Bridgeton to have a call moderated there, if necessary before next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Beamer was instructed to attend to that duty if called upon by the congregation. Mr. McGinnis, student, appeared before the Presbytery, and on motion of Mr. Anderson, the Clerk, was instructed to certify the Presbytery's satisfaction with his labours to the senate of Montreal College. The Presbytery then entered upon consideration of Mr. Johnston's resignation of Alvinston and Napier. Mr. Johnston pressed his resignation. Then on motion of Mr. Cuthbertson it was agreed to receive with regret Mr. Johnston's resignation, the same to take effect on October 31. The Presbytery further expressed their high estimate of Mr. Johnston's character and services and they hope that he may soon enter upon a new field of usefulness. Further that Mr. Graham preach and declare the charge vacant on first Sabbath of November and act as interim Moderator of Session thereafter and, with Mr. Jordan, superintend the supply of the pulpit during the vacancy. The committee appointed to examine the various Kirk Session Records gave in the reports which were received and the records were attested in terms thereof.—GEORGE CUTHBERTSON, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.—This Presbytery met at Virden on the 9th ult. There was a full attendance of members. Mr. Haig intimated that the time had arrived for the appointment of another Moderator; whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wright, Mr. Omand was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months. The Chatelet Session was appointed in-

terim Session of Douglas and authorized to erect a Session in that field. At Mr. Rowand's request a deputation consisting of Messrs. P. Wright, M. C. Rumball, W. W. Miller and Dr. Robertson was appointed to visit the Burnside and Long Creek fields to consider and effect a re-arrangement of stations if such be practicable. A deputation, consisting of Messrs. A. Urquhart, A. Currie, W. McK. Omand and W. H. Irwin, was appointed to visit Oak Lake and adjoining stations, to consider the advisability of re-arranging said stations and report at the next meeting of the Presbytery. On motion of Mr. Rowand a committee, consisting of Messrs. A. McTavish, D. H. Hodges and J. C. Court, was appointed to make arrangements for missionary meetings. On motion of Mr. Rumball, duly seconded, the following students were certified to their respective colleges: Messrs. T. Beveridge, T. C. Camp, W. B. Cumming, W. H. Fraser, John A. Urquhart, R. Patterson, R. E. Knowles and H. Littlehales to Manitoba College; Mr. J. R. Sinclair to Knox College; Mr. D. R. Drummond to Queen's College, and Mr. T. A. Mitchell to Presbyterian College, Montreal. It was agreed that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held in Carberry on the second Monday of December and at the hour of 7.30 p.m. A letter from Mr. Arthur Bowman requesting license and ordination was read. On motion of Mr. Rumball, duly seconded, it was agreed that Mr. Bowman be examined at the next meeting of Presbytery, and if his trials be sustained that the Presbytery do then license and ordain him and ask the Synod to homologate the action. On motion of Mr. McTavish, it was agreed that the Presbytery recommend all Sessions to form a fund with a view to paying the expenses of representative elders in attending meetings of the Presbytery. A request from Mr. Sutherland anent being employed for Sabbath school work by the Presbytery was received, and it was agreed that Messrs. Miller, Wright, Rowand and Rumball be a committee to consider the advisability of engaging Mr. Sutherland's services, and if engaged to make all necessary arrangements. Mr. T. C. Court submitted a request for two months' leave of absence. On motion of Mr. Wright it was agreed that the Presbytery conduct devotional exercises for an hour in the evening, between eight and nine o'clock, and the people of the town be invited to attend. Mr. McTavish submitted a report on allocations for schemes, which was received, and on motion of Mr. Rowand adopted as a whole. Mr. Shearer submitted a report on missionary arrangements, which was received considered *seriatim* and on motion of Mr. Rumball adopted as a whole. The following are its recommendations: 1. That the congregations in the Presbytery be divided into the following groups: Virden group—Virden, Eikhorn, Pipestone, Penrith and Oak Lake. Mr. Hodge, Convener. Brandon group—Brandon, Alexander, Roseland, Chatelet, Douglas and Tarbolton. Mr. Urquhart, Convener. Carberry group—Carberry, Petrel, Arizona, McGregor and Brookdale. Mr. Drummond, Convener. Portage la Prairie group—Portage la Prairie, High Bluff, Burnside and Long Creek. Mr. Wright, Convener. Souris group—Souris, Menteith and Whitewater. Mr. Omand, Convener. Glenboro group—Glenboro, Holland and Treherne. Mr. Haig, Convener. Strathorne group—Strathorne and Wawanesa. Mr. Shearer, Convener. 2. That when practicable the Conveners of the different groups arrange for missionary services by exchanges on Sabbath preceding missionary meetings. That the Conveners report at December meeting of Presbytery. The next hour was, according to previous arrangement, spent in devotional exercises. Messrs. Wright, Urquhart and Rowand gave short addresses, and Messrs. Rumball, Hodges and McTavish led the court in prayer. Mr. Wright submitted the Home Mission report. Mr. Drummond was instructed to correspond with Mr. J. R. Sinclair anent securing his services for Mr. Court's field, and also assuring him of suitable supply during the winter. Mr. H. Littlehales submitted a statement of arrears due him at McGregor and Tarbolton. It was agreed that Mr. Littlehales be requested to send in a detailed account of Sabbath supplied, money received, etc., and that the Home Mission Committee be authorized to deal with the matter. The Presbytery then adjourned.—W. L. H. ROWAND, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—This Presbytery met at Qu'Appelle on the 10th and 11th ult. Mr. J. M. Douglas, Moderator. Most of the ministers within the limits were present. The Rev. Dr. King, of Winnipeg, was invited to correspond and took part in the proceedings, giving an address on Manitoba College. The Presbytery agreed to the following resolution which was carried unanimously: The Presbytery of Regina thanks Dr. King for his address, expresses its sense of gratification at hearing of the very satisfactory progress of the college and commends anew the interests of Manitoba College to the congregations and mission stations within the bounds. It moreover strongly deprecates any such change in the plan of University education at present in operation in Manitoba as would lessen the hold the Church has upon Higher Education in Manitoba and the Territories. The following minute was adopted concerning the resignation of Mr. Taylor: The Presbytery would record with thankfulness that it has had the cheerfully-given and efficient services of Mr. S. J. Taylor as missionary and minister to the congregation of Moosejaw from the time of its formation seven years ago, and as Convener of the Home Mission Committee for the past three years. It would express its unfeigned regret that owing to his resignation occasioned by the appointment of the General Assembly to an important post in connection with French Evangelization that it is called to part with him and it would follow him to his new field of labour with its heartiest goodwill and its prayerful interest in the responsible duties of his new office. Mr. W. R. Sutherland reported his visit to the Presbytery in the interests of Sabbath school work and was recommended to continue to follow the plan arranged for. Applications for aid to the extent of \$125 for each of two churches in Muscowpetung's and Parqua's Reserves were recommended to the favourable consideration of the Church and Manse Building Board. The following