

## Ministers and Churches.

THE address of Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, M.A., is Whithy, Ont.

THE Rev. Thomas Fenwick, formerly of Metis, Quebec, intends leaving in two weeks on a trip to Europe.

THE Rev. Thomas McGuire has declined the call recently addressed to him by Churchhill congregation.

THE address of Rev. W. A. Lang, Clerk of Glengarry Presbytery, will be, until further notice, Wales, Ont.

THE Presbytery of Glengarry recently licensed Mr. M. L. Letch and Mr. J. L. Morin, B.A., to preach the Gospel.

ON the authority of an exchange it was stated two weeks ago that a call had been given by the congregations of St. George. The statement, we have been informed by the Moderator of Session, is incorrect.

THE Rev. F. Snyder, a former student of Knox College, graduated at Princeton Seminary on the 3d ult., and was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Stockton, New Jersey, in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, on the 7th.

THE Rev. J. Sieveright, of Huntsville, formerly of Prince Albert, has been delivering a series of interesting lectures on the North-West in Guelph, Hamilton and other places. The result of these lectures has proved helpful and encouraging to his mission in Muskoka.

REV. ALEX. MATHESON, of the Presbytery of Winnipeg, will be inducted (D.V.) into the pastoral charge of Lunenburg and Avonmore, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, on Tuesday, 23rd June next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Moderator of Presbytery to preside, Mr. John McKenzie to teach, Dr. MacNish to address the minister, and Mr. MacArthur to address the people.

MR. MIDDLEMISS begs very thankfully to acknowledge the following special contributions towards the making up of the deficiency of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund: St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, \$50; Mr. Geo. D. Ferguson, Fergus, \$200; Rev. James Wilson, Lanark, \$10. A few more similar contributions will enable the Committee to order a supplementary payment that will bring up the annuities to the same figure as last year.

A WINNIPEG correspondent writes: Alex. Watson, one of your subscribers, died last Friday from wounds received at Ilochoe. He was a private in "F" Company, 90th Battalion. Almost since its organization he has been one of the faithful workers in St. Andrew's Church, in this city, taking an active interest in Sabbath School and all good work. He was also an active member in the Y. M. C. A., and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May the Lord spare other of our young men still at the front.

THE *Maiford Mirror* says: Rev. J. T. Paterson, who has laboured so persistently and successfully for the past eighteen or twenty months as pastor of Erskine Presbyterian Church, was on Tuesday last the recipient of a call from the united congregations of Knox Church, St. Vincent, and St. Paul's Church, Sydneyham. This speaks well for the esteem in which Mr. Paterson is held by those who have had the pleasure of hearing him discourse in the pulpit. We have not learned whether Mr. Paterson will accept the call or not.

THE re-opening of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, after its recent complete renovation, which took place last Sunday was indeed a success. The sermons morning and evening, by the Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, Toronto, were listened to with rapt attention by large audiences. The tea-meeting on the following evening was well attended, and the provisions were, as is always the case when the St. Andrew's Church ladies take it in hand, both bountiful and excellent. Several very interesting and instructive addresses were given by the resident ministers, and all came away pleased with their treatment and also with the improved appearance of the church.

MR. MACARTHUR, of Finch, at a meeting of Presbytery during Synod at Cornwall, withdrew his resignation of his pastoral charge. Delegates were present from both congregations and represented the people as unanimous in desiring Mr. MacArthur to remain with them. The good people of St. Luke's and South Finch are much attached to their minister, and the possibility of his leaving them brought out their warm feeling toward him very strongly. Every difficulty was at once removed, and an influential deputation charged to represent their desires as strongly as possible to the Presbytery. The way seems clear now for the long continuance of the present happy relations between pastor and people.

ON the 10th of May the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Guelph was formed after being sanctioned by the Presbytery then in session. The meeting was addressed by Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, and Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto. Other members of Presbytery took part. Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus, Moderator of Presbytery, occupied the chair. There are three existing auxiliaries—Fergus (Melville Church), Galt (Knox Church) and Guelph, representing three congregations. The officers of the Presbyterial Society are: President, Mrs. Smellie, Fergus; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Wardrope, Guelph, Mrs. J. K. Smith, Galt, Mrs. Drannie, Fergus; Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Cant, Galt; Secretary, Mrs. D. M. McCrae, Guelph.

THE congregational meeting of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Meaford, was held recently and the meeting was one of the best that has been held for years. The auditors' report for seventeen months was presented, from which the following particulars are gleaned: The Sabbath collections amounted to \$452.95, an advance of fifty seven per cent over 1883. Synod and Building Fund, \$1,192.06; subscriptions to Building Fund, \$639.88. Schemes of Church, \$47.75; tea meetings, \$165.37; total, \$2,518.04. There is a marked increase in all branches of church work. The current or general expenditure during the seventeen months was \$1,714.38, which includes the amount carried to Building Fund. To this must be added interest, etc.,

which brings the total expenditure up to about \$2,300 in round figures. There are now 200 communicants on the roll, an increase of over 100 since the induction of Rev. J. T. Paterson in Sept., 1883. The attendance has also continued to improve since that date. This report must be exceedingly gratifying to the congregation and especially to the pastor, who has laboured indefatigably to bring the church to its present good standing.

THE Rev. Alexander Matheson, the *Selkirk Herald* of the 23rd ult. states, preached his farewell sermon to his Selkirk congregation on the previous Sabbath. In his discourse, Mr. Matheson made no direct reference to the severing of the connection between pastor and people, but the sermon was appropriate to the occasion, and very impressive. What was said in a previous issue of the *Herald*, when Mr. Matheson announced his intention to accept the call from Avonmore, could be repeated now, namely, that his departure is a cause of great regret, for the relations between the pastor and congregation have been always of the best. On the Thursday evening there was a farewell gathering at the residence of Dr. Young, Little Britain, at which a kindly address, expressive of the warm personal esteem, grateful appreciation of Mr. Matheson's ministerial services, and fervent well wishes for his and his family's prosperity and happiness was read by Mr. D. Morrison. In replying to the address, Rev. Mr. Matheson expressed in feeling terms his regret at leaving his friends in Selkirk, but hoped that the step would be to the best interests of all, as it was intended to be. He thanked the friends, on behalf of himself and family, for the many kindnesses received at their hands, and especially for these last tokens of regard and good wishes.

ST. PAUL'S Church, Montreal, has set an example in the way of liberality on behalf of missions worthy of admiration. The congregation has undertaken the support of a missionary in Central India. A reference to the last annual report of St. Paul's shows that the actual number of communicants at the beginning of the year was found to be 490. Eighty-five were added to the roll during the year—twenty-four by examination and sixty-one by certificate from other churches. Ten were removed by death, and ten by change of residence. The present number on the roll of communicants is 555—a net increase for the year of sixty-five. The following is a summary of revenue and contributions: Received by the Board of Trustees, \$10,170.62; received by the Committee for the Schemes of the Church, \$3,799.19; received towards the Congregational Endowment Fund, \$2,697; contributions to Queen's College Fund, \$1,740; contributions to Manitoba College, \$1,500; contributions to Presbyterian College, Montreal, \$1,065; contributions to Augmentation of Stipend Fund, \$1,158.70; missionary contributions of the Sabbath school, \$234.42; the Dorcas and Ladies' Aid Society, \$346.47. Total, \$22,771.40. In addition to these congregational contributions, a large amount is annually paid by members of St. Paul's Church to the benevolent institutions of the city, as well as for educational purposes. The session report increased spiritual life and activity, and a growing interest in the services of the sanctuary.

### THE SYNOD OF MANITOBA.

As the meeting of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories has just closed, a brief communication respecting it may be of interest to your readers. This will not supersede the more formal and detailed account of its proceedings which will, no doubt, be transmitted by the Clerk of Synod.

The preceding Sabbath had been spent at Portage la Prairie, giving me an opportunity of meeting with two of the congregations of the Brandon Presbytery, that of the Portage and that of Burnside. The former, owing to the destruction of the church by fire, is holding its services in the town hall. The building, which is commodious, and the use of which is furnished to the congregation at small cost, was well filled at both services. One may hope that the congregation will be content to use it, until, through their own exertions, aided, as it is to be desired they should be, by the contributions of friends both here and in the East, they are enabled to re-erect their church, without again incurring a burdensome and crippling debt. In the afternoon I was able to visit the congregation of Burnside, now under the pastoral oversight of Mr. Todd, a graduate of Manitoba College. It was pleasant to see evidences of the marked success of Mr. Todd's ministry. The district is not a wide one, but it is an important and interesting one, and from what has been done in it in a comparatively short time, it may be seen what could be accomplished in our wide field of missionary effort, if an adequate supply of wise, zealous and devoted labourers could be secured.

The Synod, which this year was held at Brandon, opened on the evening of Tuesday the 19th. Owing to a delay in the train from Winnipeg, Dr. Bryce, who should have preached the opening sermon, could not be present. This was the more to be regretted that it was understood to be his purpose to direct the attention of the Synod to the claims of our Indian population, a subject with which he is fully conversant. In his absence, and at the request of the brethren, I gave a brief discourse and constituted the Synod. The fitness of things was well observed in the unanimous appointment to the Moderator's chair of the Superintendent of Missions, to whose vigorous and indefatigable efforts the present state of Presbyterianism is in no small degree due.

On Wednesday, when the Eastern contingent had arrived, the Court presented a fair appearance as to numbers, though many fields both in the East and the West were unrepresented. The absence of Messrs. Gordon and Pitblado of this city, and of Messrs. McWilliam and Cameron, of Prince Albert and Battleford, was only too easily explained. It was not the less regretted. The intimate acquaintance with the work possessed by the two former especially, rendered their absence a great loss in connection with some of the matters claiming the attention of the Synod. The loss was compensated to some extent in the larger share which some of the younger members of the Court were thereby led to take in its business. To myself it was a cause of deep

satisfaction, and I trust thankfulness, to observe the zeal and wisdom and ability which some who only a few years ago were students in Toronto displayed in shaping the action of the Synod in the important matters coming before it, and in taking steps to conserve and advance the interests of religion among us.

A considerable part of the time of the Synod was spent in the consideration of three overtures from the Presbytery of Brandon. It will be seen from the report of the proceedings that one of these was withdrawn; another, though strongly pled, failed to obtain the approval of the Court; the third was adopted.

The question of our work among the Indian population naturally engaged the attention of the Synod for some time. The statements respecting it by the Rev. Hugh Mackay, whose supervision of this department of the work many of us feel to be at once so necessary and so likely to be beneficial, were listened to with much interest. The responsibility of action, however, remains with the Foreign Mission Committee.

An v happy appeal case, originating in the Session of the Brandon congregation, occupied a good deal of attention, first of a Committee and then of the Synod. The Court came to a unanimous decision on the case, and though notice was given of an appeal to the General Assembly, the hope may be entertained that the appellant will not prosecute further the matter in dispute.

Some disappointment was felt that in several cases there were either no reports from standing committees or only reports of a meagre and imperfect character. The next Synod it is believed, will witness a great improvement in this respect, and will in that degree make the work of the court more satisfactory and more conducive to the welfare of the church in this wide and important field.

The meeting closed shortly after twelve o'clock on Friday, and just in time to allow brethren from the East to catch the train.

This train was conveying eastward the remains of six of the brave men who had fallen at the front. Three of them were buried here on Sabbath, circumstances having, it was affirmed, occurred to prevent the funeral taking place on Saturday as originally intended. It is needless to say that the streets were lined by thousands of spectators, every window in Main Street being filled. The Garrison Artillery of Montreal, then in our city, attended in full force, a number forming the firing party at the grave.

The service in Knox Church was, on Sabbath forenoon, varied somewhat from its usual character, by the presence on parade of this force with its band. The chaplain, the Rev. J. Barclay, of Montreal, conducted the whole service. The sermon from the text, "Fight the good fight of faith," while more especially addressed to the men in uniform, was one which many others must have found it profitable to hear.

The College has now closed. Most of the students have returned to their homes; some have gone to mission fields in various parts of the Province and of the Territories. A few who expect to take their degree remain in the building. In the meantime the examiners are busy with the papers. The indications are that the students of our own institution will, as they have indeed almost always done, take a high place in the returns. This year, however, for the first time success will mean, in connection with the use made of the Isbister bequest, substantial gains.

JOHN M. KING.

Winnipeg, May 25.

### COMMISSIONERS TO ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

MODERATORS PROPOSED.—Rev. Principal McKnight, D.D., Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D.

JOINT CLERKS.—Rev. William Reid, D.D., Rev. Wm. Fraser, D.D.

#### SYNOD OF MARITIME PROVINCES.

##### PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

Ministers—Alexander Farquharson, Isaac Murray, D.D., James A. Forbes. Elders—D. McLennan, D. McKay, F. Falconer.

##### PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA AND RICHMOND.

Ministers—Alexander McRae, John Rose. Elders—Alexander Campbell, John Matheson.

##### PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

Ministers—A. McLean Sinclair, R. Cumming, E. Scott, William Donald. Elders—John McKay, Alexander McKay, D. C. Fraser, George Murray, M.D.

##### PRESBYTERY OF WALLACE.

Ministers—J. A. McKenzie, S. Boyd. Elders—P. McIntosh, Fred. Robb.

##### PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

Ministers—Thomas F. Cumming, J. H. Chase, M.A., Edward Grant, A. F. Thomson. Elders—Hon. Samuel Creelman, Messrs. Isaac Flemming, J. K. Blair, Silas Black.

##### PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

Ministers—Principal McKnight, D.D., Prof. A. Pollok, R. F. Burns, D.D., R. Laing, Professor Forrest, A. B. Dickie, R. D. Ross, E. T. Bayne, A. Simpson. Elders—J. T. Maclean, James Forest, William McDougal, Isaac Creighton, P. G. McGregor, D.D., Robert Murray.

##### LUNenburg and SHELBURNE.

Ministers—D. Stiles Fraser, B.A., Henry Crawford, James Roshorough, M.A. Elders—James Eisenhauer, J. S. Calder, M.D.

##### PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN.

Ministers—J. McGregor McKay, Samuel Johnston, J. G. Smith, D.D., Joseph Hogg, D. MacCrae, D.D., G. Bruce. Elders—Robert Cruickshank, J. G. Forbes, L. W. Johnston, A. Coburn, R. W. Cowan, Jonathan Weir.

##### PRESBYTERY OF MURRACHIE.

Ministers—James Quinn, F. W. George, M.A., Alexander Russell, T. G. Johnstone. Elders—R. Bustead, George Haddow, James Croil.