

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Dominion Government has issued an Order-in-Council fixing Thursday, November 15, as Thanksgiving Day.

MRS. ARCH. MCARTHUR, of Carleton Place, with commendable liberality, last week presented the sum of \$1,000 to Knox College, Toronto, to establish a scholarship, the same to be known as "The Archibald McArthur Scholarship."

N. SHAW begs to acknowledge the receipt of \$22 from the Ashburn Sabbath school, in addition to the sums already acknowledged some weeks ago in THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, for the rebuilding of the Presbyterian church burnt down last May at Brunell, Muskoka.

THE Rev. John McNeil, who graduated in theology last spring at Queen's College, Kingston, was ordained and inducted pastor over the congregations of Maxwell and McIntyre in the Presbytery of Orangeville. The call extended to him was hearty and unanimous.

REV. G. D. BAYNE, of Pembroke, visited Mattawa lately, and preached there in the Presbyterian Church every evening during nearly a week, and twice on Sabbath. The services were well attended by members of other churches, as well as by Presbyterians. Mr. Bayne's preaching of the Gospel was very plain, pointed and searching. An attractive feature of the meetings was the singing of hymns, led generally by Mr. Bayne himself, who is a good singer. A deep impression was made upon many.

AT Treherne, on the line of the Manitoba S. W. Ry., a neat frame church, 24 x 36, was dedicated on the 30th of September, Dr. Robertson preaching both morning and evening. The congregations were large, and the people rejoiced in having a place of worship of their own, free of debt. There is no other Church in the place. At another of the stations of this group—Holland—a church, 28 x 50, is in course of erection, and is to cost about \$1,500. This congregation was only organized last year, but is now anxious to call a pastor, and it will become self-supporting in a couple of years. Mr. M. Lachlan, of Toronto, did excellent work in this fold last year.

THE Alliston Herald says: The fifty-third anniversary of the first Essa Church was held on Sabbath and Monday week. Two able and instructive sermons were delivered on Sabbath by Rev. Thomas Wilson, of Tottenham. The reverend gentleman was greeted by a good attendance at each service. On Monday evening a most enjoyable time was spent. An excellent tea was provided and presided over by the ladies, after which stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Cochrane, Wilson, Carswell and McCullough. The pastor, Rev. S. Acheson, M.A., occupied the chair, and his affable and good-natured manners added much to the enjoyment of the evening. The attendance was large, and all spent a very sociable time.

THERE will be a special service, appointed by the Presbytery of Toronto, to be held in St. James Square Church, in this city, on Thursday, the 11th inst., at eight p.m., for the ordination and designation of Mr. Donald MacGillivray as a missionary of our Church to Honan, China. The Moderator of the Presbytery is to preside, Dr. Kellogg is to preach, the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, is to deliver the charge to the missionary, and the Rev. Dr. MacLaren is to address the congregation. On Thursday, the 18th inst., at eight p.m., there will be a special service held in Knox Church, this city, to designate Miss May B. Mackay, M.D., as a missionary of our Church to Central India.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in the mission fields of Riverview and Gandier on September 23, by Mr. McClelland, of Shelburne. This field has been brought to a good state of efficiency and harmony during the summer by the tender and faithful conduct and the earnest Gospel preaching of a Knox College student, Mr. David Carswell. Fourteen persons all cast in their lot with the disciples of the Master, eight being the number at Riverview. It is very gratifying to note the good feeling produced in this station. The Presbytery of Orangeville has again united Corbetton, Riverview and Gandier into one mission field. It would make an excellent field for a "volunteer" ordained missionary.

ON Sabbath evening, September 23, the Rev. J. S. Henderson, who is leaving Melbourne for Hensall, preached his farewell sermon in Guthrie Church, Melbourne to an audience so large that many had to stand. Mr. Henderson's departure is regretted not alone by his own congregation, but by the entire community. On Wednesday evening, Sept. 26, at the close of the weekly prayer meeting, Mrs. Henderson was presented with a handsome easy chair, a hanging lamp and a lemonade set, as a mark of the esteem in which she is held by the members and adherents of Guthrie Church. The chair was a fine specimen of the upholsterer's art, and was purchased from Mr. J. Kigour, of London. The lamp and lemonade set were of handsome design, and were purchased from Messrs. Pigot & Bryan. The value of the articles presented was \$48.

BEFORE the close of the opening exercises of Knox College, Principal Caven made an earnest appeal for aid to the library. One feels almost ashamed to take a friend from a distance into the library, as it tells a tale of indifference, if not of neglect, of one of the most efficient aids of ministerial study. Dr. Caven gave a hint that some friend had promised \$500, if nine persons beside would give \$500 each. The Alumni this year made a happy hit for their public meeting. It is not often that an audience will continue so patiently till ten o'clock as they did on Wednesday night. The ground floor was well filled and several ladies were compelled to find a place in the students' gallery. All too short was the time to listen to the admirable addresses given. Dr. Caven presented a fine bird's eye view of the Presbyterian Alliance and its work. Dr. MacLaren by his résumé of the great Mission Conference, made you wish you had been there; and Mr. Wilkie almost stirred up the fighting spirit as he recounted the contests for liberty in India, but all felt as he closed "that the Lord hath done great things

for us, whereof we are glad." The Alumni Association is making itself felt, and if such provision be made for next year we would suggest that the time of meeting cover the three days with two public meetings. The secretary, Rev. G. E. Freeman, of Deer Park, deserves the thanks of society for his arduous efforts on their behalf.

THE first monthly meeting for the season of the Canadian Auxiliary McAll Mission was held in the Y.M.C.A., Thursday, October 4. The president gave a very interesting account of her visit the past summer to two of the stations in Paris. She was pleased to meet Mr. McAll, Mr. Soltan and several other of the workers, and was much impressed with their great love for the work. The first station she visited was the Salle Philadelphia, situated in a good part of the city, those attending were of the more respectable class. She was present at a Bible class for the workers, held every Saturday afternoon; the second was the opening of the first hall, built by the mission in a poor quarter of Paris. The men were in their smocks, and the women with their white caps and aprons. It was a purely Gospel service, all were very attentive. A letter was read from M. Durrelman, missionary at Rochefort and La Rochelle; he speaks with confidence of the work there, giving details of some conversions. On Easter Monday they held an all day praise, prayer and testimony meeting at Rochefort. A letter was read from the Baptist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society asking for a delegate to be appointed in the interest of the mission to their annual meeting, held October 25 and 26, in Toronto. It was decided by the meeting to be advisable to correspond with some of the larger cities or towns in Ontario with a view to forming auxiliaries.

THE opening of the present session of Knox College, the chief feature being the lecture by Professor Gregg, which appears on another page, took place on Wednesday afternoon last. The interest taken in the proceeding, as evidenced by the large attendance of people belonging to the various city churches, and by the large number of ministerial brethren, several of them from a considerable distance, is as great as ever before. Sir Daniel Wilson, President of Toronto University, and Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe College, were present, the former having given some valuable counsels to the students. Principal Caven, who presided, emphasized the necessity of a better-equipped library in connection with Knox College, and stated that some years ago the alumni of their own accord raised on behalf of the library above \$1,100, and more would have been obtained at that time had it not been judged inexpedient to canvass for the library when the Endowment Scheme was just being launched. I am pleased to say that, at their meeting last evening, the alumni unanimously expressed their sympathy with the movement on behalf of the library, resolved to raise \$2,000 of the amount aimed at, and appointed a committee, of which the Rev. R. P. McKay, M.A., is Convener, to carry this resolution into effect. This action should go far towards securing success. May the divine blessing rest upon all that we undertake for the welfare of this college and for the advancement of His kingdom.

THE annual meeting of the Knox College Alumni Association was held on Tuesday evening week. The president, Rev. H. McQuarrie, Wingham, presided. A large number of graduates of the college were present. The following officers were elected: Rev. D. H. Fletcher, Hamilton, president; Rev. R. Pettigrew, Glen Morris, vice-president; Rev. G. E. Freeman, Toronto, secretary-treasurer; Rev. W. Burns, Toronto, treasurer of Goforth Fund; Rev. Messrs. J. Mackay, W. G. Wallace, S. H. Eastman, J. M. Cameron, R. M. Craig, Executive Committee. A discussion took place over the question of raising funds for the library. A movement is being made in the city and elsewhere. The alumni expressed their full sympathy with the movement, and undertook to raise \$2,000 for present use. A committee, with Rev. R. P. Mackay, Parkdale, Convener, was appointed to carry out this work. The annual report of the Knox College Monthly was given, and a new arrangement made for its publication which will greatly increase its efficiency. Mr. J. A. Macdonald was reappointed editor and granted six months leave of absence to visit Great Britain in the interest of the magazine. During his absence the editorial work will be under the charge of the associate editors. The alumni met again after the opening exercises in Convocation Hall on the following day, and a public meeting was held in the evening, when missionary work was discussed, various short addresses being given.

THE Rev. W. A. Hunter, late of Orangeville, was inducted to the pastoral charge of Erskine Church, this city, on the evening of Tuesday week. The Rev. A. Gilray, Moderator of Presbytery and Moderator of Erskine Church during the vacancy, presided. The Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., of Bloor Street, preached an able and eloquent sermon from Jer. xx. 9, after which the induction took place. The Rev. W. T. McMullen, Woodstock, Moderator of the General Assembly, addressed the newly-inducted pastor in appropriate and impressive terms. The Rev. John Neil, of Charles Street Church, delivered a suitable and practical address to the people. Last Thursday evening a cordial welcome social was held in Erskine Church. Refreshments were served in the lecture room, and at eight o'clock a large audience assembled in the church. Mr. J. A. Patterson presided, and short, pointed and interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. Thomas Yellowlees, Drs. Gregg and Parsons, Rev. Messrs. A. F. Macgregor, of West Congregational Church, Campbell, Christ Church Reformed Episcopal, and Elmore Harris, of Bloor Street Church, Mr. McCulloch, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., expressed a hearty welcome to the new pastor, and a letter of apology from Rev. Hugh Johnston was read. The Rev. W. A. Hunter made a fervent and impressive response to the various addresses that had been delivered. The choir at intervals sang several appropriate selections. On Sabbath Mr. Hunter delivered direct and telling inaugural sermons. He begins his ministry in Erskine Church under most favourable auspices.

ON Monday evening, September 14, a meeting of great interest was held in St. Mark's Mission Church, King Street

West. Miss Jessie Gardiner, who for some years had been connected with the Sabbath school and mission work at St. Mark's, was about to leave the city for China, with Hudson Taylor and his band of China Inland missionaries, and a large number of friends and those interested in Foreign Mission work from St. Andrew's and St. Mark's, had gathered to say "good by." In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's, Mr. Gandier, missionary in charge of St. Mark's occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Dr. McTavish, of Central Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Hamilton Cassels, secretary of Foreign Missionary Committee. The time has gone by when Christians meet to condole with Foreign Missionaries, and the addresses were congratulatory and full of good cheer. The friends had gathered to rejoice with Miss Gardiner, and to send her on her way rejoicing. In behalf of the "Willing Helpers" of St. Andrew's "and the Daughters of the King" of St. Mark's, Mr. Gandier presented Miss Gardiner with a portfolio and purse, as a token of their appreciation of the spirit which led her to forsake home, and friends, and country, and go far hence to the heathen with the Word of Reconciliation. Then all united in prayer with Mr. Joss, superintendent of the Sabbath school, and Dr. McTavish, commending the young lady missionary to God and the Word of His Grace. After the meeting had closed, friends lingered for more than an hour saying "Farewell and God speed" to their sister in her noble mission.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.—This Presbytery met at Portage la Prairie, September 19. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The Clerk reported that he had granted a Presbyterial certificate to Rev. J. M. Kelly, giving reasons for so doing and asked the Presbytery to sustain the action which request was granted. An extract minute of the records of the interim Session of Brandon congregation was read, asking Presbytery to take such action as shall supply the connecting links in the records of the previous Session, whereupon it was agreed to instruct Mr. McTavish, the previous Moderator, to give the necessary information. An application for a loan of \$500 to assist the Holland congregation in the erection of a church was recommended to the favourable consideration of the board. The Presbytery then proceeded to the consideration of Mr. Bell's resignation of the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Portage la Prairie. Commissioners were heard in the interests of the congregation which had been duly cited, urging the Presbytery to use all legitimate measures to prevent the pastoral tie being dissolved. Mr. Bell then stated that he still adhered to his resignation, on account specially of failing health. After expressions of regret by the members present, it was agreed to accept the resignation. Arrangements were made to formally dissolve the pastoral tie, Mr. Stalker being appointed to preach on the 30th ult., and declare the pulpit vacant. Mr. Stalker was also appointed Moderator of the Session and was empowered to moderate in a call to a minister whenever the congregation are prepared to take such steps. Minutes of sympathy with the congregation and of regard for Mr. Bell were unanimously adopted. Mr. McTavish was appointed Convener of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, and Mr. Stalker was made Treasurer of the Presbytery Fund, which offices had been held by Mr. Bell. A letter was read from Rev. T. C. Court, declining the call to Rapid City. The Presbytery took steps whereby the attention of Synod's and Assembly's Home Mission Committees be called to the Scandinavian and Icelandic population for which no adequate supply of Gospel ordinances is provided. Mr. Todd presented the Home Mission Report which dealt specially with supply for the next six months. Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Portage la Prairie on the second Tuesday of December.—S. C. MURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie, Tuesday, 25th September, at eleven a.m., Mr. W. A. Duncan, M.A., Moderator. Present, twenty-one ministers and six elders. Dr. Moffat, Secretary of the Tract Society, was present, and was invited to sit with the Presbytery. According to resolution of last meeting to inquire into the financial and spiritual condition of congregations, the Presbytery called for the office-bearers of the first four in the roll, viz., Central Church, etc., Innisfil, Huntsville and Allansville, Hillsdale and Elmvale, Stayner and Sunnidale. A request from the last named that, for reasons assigned, the examination be deferred to next meeting, was granted. The ministers of the other charges, and Mr. Selkirk, elder, Huntsville, gave all the information required respecting their several congregations. In regard to one of them the Presbytery passed a resolution prompting an increase of stipend. A petition was received from the people of Hunter's Corners with ninety-nine signatures asking for services in connection with the congregations of Townline and Ivy, and promising support. The matter was left over to next meeting, and the congregations adjoining were notified to appear for their interests, as were also the petitioners. The Presbytery was engaged for some time with Home Mission business. Numerous reports of summer labour were produced—from the missionaries in the fields, from Mr. Findlay of his work on supervising them, from Dr. Campbell, who visited Collingwood Mountain and Gibraltar, and from Mr. Grant, who visited Longford and Uptergrove, also the Port Sydney stations, and administered the sacraments. He had a special interest in the latter, as the Orillia Sabbath school undertook to pay for this year the usual Home Mission grant, thus relieving the fund to a considerable extent. The schedule of grants for the season were considered. The resignation of Mr. S. Rondeau, M.A., as ordained missionary at North Bay was referred to the Assembly's Committee. Arrangements were made for winter supply of many of the stations. Messrs. John Thompson and James Cranston were received as catechists; and the following appointments were recommended to the Assembly's Committee; Messrs. J. M. Goodwillie, and A. B. Groulx as ordained missionaries, the former to North Bay and the latter to Medonte, Vasey and Victoria Harbour. Mr. Henry Knox to be removed from the last named to Collingwood Mountain.