

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbytery of Whitty will meet in Claremont to induct Mr. A. H. Kippin, late of Dorchester, into that charge, on the 14th inst. at eleven o'clock a.m.

DR. COCHRANE has received from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland £50 for Home Missions, £50 for Manitoba College, £50 for Queen's College, to pay expenses of students going to Manitoba.

THE first annual missionary meeting of Chalmers Church, Toronto, was held last Wednesday evening. Session reported that \$181 had been raised by the monthly mission envelope collections for the past year. Messrs. John Winchester, Dr. John Hunter, F. N. Tennant and R. W. Prittie—members of the congregation—gave excellent addresses on the nature and need of mission work. The Rev. T. McGuire, M.A., formerly of Emerson, gave a very interesting address on the work of our Church in the North West. He spoke also of the great work that is being done there by Mr. Robertson, the superintendent.

We learn that the first party of lads from Mr. Quarrier's Orphan Homes, Glasgow, are expected to arrive in Belleville about the second week in April. Their ages will vary from six to fourteen—some young enough to adopt by those who have no little ones of their own, others old enough to begin with small wages. Farmers, who want some help with their chores, could not do better than secure one of these little fellows and train him up to work. Applications are now being received by Miss E. A. Billborough, Marchmont Home, Belleville, and should be accompanied in every case by a minister's reference.

A VERY successful Sabbath School Convention was held in Lucknow in connection with the Presbytery of Maitland, on February 24th and 25th. Mr. Ross, of Brussels, Moderator, acted as chairman. Mr. Bickell read an interesting report on the Sabbath Schools of the Presbytery. The following topics were discussed: The Sabbath School, its outfit, arrangement, and conduct; the true object of Sabbath instruction; question drawer; the teachers' qualifications; the place of the Shorter Catechism in the Sabbath School; how the Sabbath School should be supported financially; duties of the Sabbath School superintendent; books for the Sabbath School library; what should they be?

"H. C." writes: Having occasion, a short time ago, to drive through parts of the Counties of Grey and Simcoe, I was much attracted by an exceedingly neat-looking brick church of the "Izabean" style, built on a beautiful high situation, Flessington. I was desirous to know to what denomination it belonged, and was delighted on my return to learn that it was our Presbyterian church in Fflesherton, built last summer by some Toronto firm—but all owing, under God's blessing, to the labours of the Rev. A. Wilson, of Markdale and Fflesherton. I was enabled to enter it and see the interior of the body and basement for myself, and without any hesitation I pronounce it a model building. I learned that Mr. Wilson's labours have been greatly blessed since his settlement here a few years ago. The church cost a little over \$5,000, and was opened for public worship last summer, by the Rev. John Smith, of Toronto.

THE annual meeting of the Montreal Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society was held on Friday afternoon in the Lecture Room of the Crescent Street Church. Notwithstanding the very stormy weather the attendance was good. The Rev. A. B. McKay presided. The report was most encouraging, and showed a balance on hand of \$187 after an expenditure of \$1,228 during the year. This society employs a Bible woman among the French Canadians, and a Bible woman and nurse among the English speaking population of the city, in addition to contributing for Foreign Mission work. Addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. S. Lyle, of Hamilton, and R. P. Duclos, of Hochelaga, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. W. J. Dey; Vice Presidents, Mrs. R. Campbell, Mrs. Archibald Campbell, Mrs. Duclos, Mrs. G. A. Grier, Mrs. A. B. McKay, Mrs. A. C. Leslie, Miss McCaul, Miss Sanderson, and Mrs. McBain, Georgetown; Treasurer, Miss McIntosh; Recording Secretary, Miss S. J. McMaster; Corresponding Secretary, Miss J. M. Samuel; Superintendent of French work, Mrs. Duclos; Superintendent of home work, Mrs. Leslie; Advisory Board, Rev. R. H. Warden, Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, and David Morrice, Esq.

THE following address was presented to Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot, D.D., at the close of the Session of Knox College: We, the Theological Students of Knox College, have heard with regret that there is some danger of your resigning the chair of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology which you have occupied for eighteen years. That department is of great practical value, inasmuch as it disciplines the students in the art of utilizing their theological knowledge to the best possible advantage. And the very fact of its value may have led you to believe that the onerous duties of that chair, when coupled with the exacting claims of a large congregation, overwhelm the strength of a single man. This is undoubtedly true; and we are voicing a growing opinion when we desire the day when our Church will provide a permanent Professor in this department, who shall not be overborne by the multifarious calls of a pastorate. The very importance of the chair, however, leads us to regret any likelihood of your relinquishing those duties which belong to it. The enthusiasm of your lectures has quickened the faculties of those who listened to them, while your long experience has deepened the value of your helpful criticisms. And it is on this ground we seize this informal opportunity of assuring you that we will regard with sorrow a cessation of your labours as a Professor in Knox College. Signed in behalf of the students, J. C. SMITH, I. MACKAY.

HELEN CAMPBELL, Secretary, Women's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbytery of Stratford, reports that the first annual meeting of this society was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on Wednesday, March 11th. The President,

Mrs. Gordon, of Harrington, assisted by Mrs. Moscrip, St. Mary's, conducted the devotional exercises. The address of welcome was read by Mrs. Hyslop, of Stratford, and replied to by Mrs. D. J. Campbell, of Mitchell. Then followed the President's address. The reports of the different auxiliaries were read. Only three of these have been in operation during the whole year, the remainder during the last few months. The amount raised was \$240, and two boxes of clothing were sent to the Indians of the North-West Territory. Officers for the ensuing year were elected: Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. McPherson, senr., of Stratford, were re-elected, the former as President, the latter as Treasurer; Mrs. D. S. Campbell as Secretary, Mrs. Turnbull, of St. Mary's, having resigned. Then came a very pleasing part of the programme, an address of Mrs. Frazer Campbell, of Mhow, India, on "Missionary Work." Mrs. Campbell gave a very clear and vivid description of a missionary's life and work, and was listened to with great attention. The Presbytery then met with the ladies, and the general report of the society was read by Mrs. Turnbull, of St. Mary's, and was considered very satisfactory. The annual meeting, both in regard to the large audience and the great interest manifested, was a complete success, and will not soon be forgotten.

THE annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Kingston was held in Cooke's Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, March 17th, under the auspices of the Presbytery. The chair was occupied by the Moderator, Rev. W. M. McLean, of Belleville, who in the name of the Presbytery cordially endorsed the union with the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Western Section. The meeting having been opened with prayer by the Rev. S. Houston, and the reports of the meeting read by the clerk, a very earnest and able address, dealing with the entire subject of Foreign Missions from apostolic times to the present, was given by Rev. J. Gallagher, of Pittsburgh. Rev. R. J. Craig, of Deseronto, graphically described the very real sacrifices made by Hindoo and Mohammedan converts in embracing Christianity. Rev. J. Cumberland, of Amherst Island, and Mr. Gilhit, of Gananoque, addressed the Society in terms of encouragement and sympathy. The Moderator then introduced Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, as the delegate from the General Assembly's Women's Board of Foreign Missions. Mrs. Harvie held the audience spell-bound for nearly an hour by her earnest, persuasive eloquence, while she rapidly sketched the origin and growth of women's work for women in heathen lands; and the needs, aims, and successes of our own mission fields, fully establishing their claims upon our sympathy, demanding a much higher scale of personal sacrifices, and proving in this work, more perhaps than in any other, it is more blessed to give than to receive. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bell, and is described by a local paper as the most successful ever held by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met at Wingham on March 17. Session Records were examined. The following persons were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly: Messrs. Brown, McKenzie, Hartley, McQueen, C. Cameron and Anderson, ministers; Messrs. Campbell, Walker, Coutts, McLaughlin, Edmund and Dawson, elders. Remit on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was considered; number three was disapproved; numbers four and five approved. Remit on marriage with a deceased wife's sister was considered; number one, regarding the permanent obligation of the Mosaic law of incest, was approved. On motion of Mr. Sutherland, it was agreed that this Presbytery adhere to the principle of chapter twenty-four, section four, of the Confession of Faith on the subject of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and do not agree with the judgment of the General Assembly's committee, article number two, or the recommendation following therein. Messrs. Leask and Anderson were appointed to report on remit on Statistics. Mr. Anderson read an excellent report on "The State of Religion." The Secretary, at the request of the Moderator, read an admirable report of the Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Mr. Murray read a short but pointed report on Temperance. Mr. Ross reported regarding the union of Fowndridge with Mulesworth. The claims of aid-receiving congregations were considered. It was agreed to ask for St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, \$150; Pine River, \$300; Dungannon and Port Albert, \$240; Belgrave, \$300; Fordwich and Corrie, same as last year; Langside, \$250. The Sabbath school report read at the Convention was adopted. Messrs. Anderson and Hutten were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. It was agreed that, notwithstanding the action of the General Assembly at its last meeting, this Presbytery reserves its right to nominate a Moderator, and do now nominate the Rev. Principal McKnight, of Halifax, as Moderator of next General Assembly.—R. LEASK, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery held its usual quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on the 10th inst. Mr. McCutcheon was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Elders' commissions for the year were received. Reports from congregations receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund were received, and the Presbytery agreed to apply for \$50 for Mandaamin; \$125 for Point Edward, and \$250 for Forest, with the usual grant to Corunna and Mouretown. In this connection the Presbytery listened at great length to the complaint of Mr. Lees, of West Williams, and agreed to appoint Messrs. Anderson and Lochead to visit West Williams congregation on the matter, and report on the 7th April next. Mr. McAdam gave an interesting report on Sabbath schools, which was received. On motion of Mr. Thompson the report was adopted; he pointed out the necessity of a full return of statistics to enable the Convener to prepare a satisfactory report. The following ministers were elected to the General Assembly in order of the rolls, viz.: Messrs. Johnston, Cameron, and Tibb, and by ballot Messrs. Thompson and McAdam. Elders: Messrs. Tibb, Crawford, McMillan, Hugh Watson and Wm. Watson. Mr. McRobie, minister, and Mr. Leitch, elder, were appointed members of the

Synod's committee on Bills and Overtures. The remit regarding a "deceased wife's sister" was then considered, when on motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. McAdam, it was agreed to approve of the recommendations of the committee on the matter. The remit regarding Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was considered. After the discussion the Presbytery agreed to approve of recommendations Nos. 3 and 5, and to disapprove of No. 4. Mr. Currie, on behalf of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee gave in the half yearly report from 1st of October, 1884, till 31st of March, 1885, which was received. After discussion the report was adopted and the Moderator instructed to sign the necessary schedules as required by the General Assembly. In terms of a request by the people of Waubano, the congregation of Guthrie's Church were allowed to mortgage their church property to the amount of \$500. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was nominated Moderator of General Assembly. Leave was granted the congregation of Parkhill to sell their old church property, and apply the proceeds towards the erection of a new church in that place. Intimation having been received that the Presbytery of Bruce had agreed to the translation of Mr. Geo. McLennan of Underwood and Centre Bruce, his induction was appointed to take place at Camlachie on April 7th next at two p. m., Mr. Tibb, of Burns Church, to preach, Mr. John Thompson to address the minister, and Mr. Leitch to address the people. The next meeting was appointed to take place in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the last Tuesday in June next at ten o'clock, a.m.—GEO. CUTHBERTSON, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—A meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery was held recently. There was a very full attendance. Rev. Mr. Laidlaw acted as Moderator and Rev. Mr. Scouler as Clerk. The Committee on Augmentation presented their report, which was adopted. Rev. Mr. Fletcher moved and it was resolved that Principal McKnight, of Halifax, be nominated to the Moderator's chair at the next General Assembly. The Commissioners by rotation were Rev. Messrs. Stewart, T. D. Johnson, Wm. Robertson and S. W. Fisher; and by election Rev. Messrs. D. H. Fletcher, Dr. Laing, Geo. Burson, R. H. Ratcliffe and R. J. Laidlaw. The elders for the Assembly are Messrs. Jno. Charlton, M.P.; Geo. Rutherford, Thos. Lawrie, Dr. McDonald, David McLellan, R. McQueen, W. Beadle, Geo. Dickson and Andrew Wilson. Mr. Fisher presented a report from the congregations of Strabane and Kilbride, seeking a union of the two. The request was complied with, and the Moderator was instructed to take the necessary steps to unite the congregations. Rev. Mr. Fenton's application was recommended to the Assembly for the list of beneficiaries. A call from Niagara in favour of Rev. J. W. Bell, of this city, was presented. It will be forwarded to Mr. Bell. A call from Lyndoch, Silver Hill and Delhi, was presented to Mr. Hamilton, licentiate of the Church, signed by 100 members and seventy-three adherents, with a guarantee of \$750 stipend. The call was sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by Mr. Hamilton, his ordination and induction to be arranged for at a meeting of the Presbytery to be held next Monday. Rev. Mr. McEwan, of Welland, tendered his resignation, asking that the pastoral tie be dissolved as soon as possible. Mr. Drum, elder of Welland congregation, was heard and handed in a resolution from the congregation acquiescing in the steps taken by Mr. McEwan. The Presbytery being satisfied, it was resolved that the resignation be accepted. Rev. Mr. Burson was appointed Moderator of the Session, and to declare the vacancy on Sunday, March 29. A remit on printing was presented from Dr. Laing and left over until the next meeting. Application from St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, was made by Mr. Watson, to establish a mission in the northern part of the city. Mr. Gillespie and others from Knox Church were heard. They were not quite favourable to the scheme, as they regarded that part of the city as their particular field for mission work. Mr. Laidlaw asked, with the concurrence of Mr. Watson, for leave to withdraw the application, which was granted. Rev. Mr. Ratcliffe, of St. Catharines, presented the Home Mission report, and arrangements were made to supply several mission stations with students during the summer. Rev. Mr. Ratcliffe presented the report of the Conference held at Burlington recently on "The State of Religion." Rev. Mr. Stevenson made application to be employed by the Home Mission Committee in filling appointments. His request was granted. Rev. Mr. Lyle and Dr. McDonald were appointed to serve on the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Some other business was left over until the meeting of the Hamilton and London Synod in the Macnab Street Church, April 13; and the Presbytery adjourned to meet again on Monday next, at ten a.m., in the Central Church.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston on the 16th and 17th days of March, Mr. Maclean, Moderator, in the chair. The remit on Marriage was considered. The three points were disposed of by majorities as follows:—No. 1 was approved. In regard to finding No. 2, the Presbytery declined to express any judgment. No. 3 was approved of. Messrs. Chambers and Robertson dissented from the action taken in regard to Nos. 2 and 3. The remit on certain regulations of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was disposed of as follows: Nos. 1 and 3 were approved of, while No. 2 was disapproved of. In disposal of the remit on lessening the expense of printing, a motion was adopted recommending that the minutes of Assembly be sold at a reasonable rate instead of being distributed gratuitously as at present. A request was made by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the Presbytery to sanction a proposal for union with the General Society, Western Section. Dr. Bell appeared on behalf of the Society. The request was granted. A public meeting was held on the evening of the 17th in the interests of this Society. It was well attended. In addition to addresses made by several members, Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, presented the claims of the Women's Societies in a forcible and impressive manner. Dr. Williamson resigned the Moderatorship of the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston.