

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. John Cameron, Pickering, has received a call to St. John's Church, Chatham, N.B.

THE Rev. Mr. Cruickshank, Montreal, has declined the call to Charles Street congregation, Toronto.

THE Rev. Mr. Paradis, Port Stanley, recently received a handsome presentation from his congregation.

THE Rev. Mr. McIntyre has commenced evangelistic work at Collingwood. His post-office address, until further notice will be Prescott.

THE Latona congregation recently held a successful soiree. The Rev. Mr. McDermid presided. Interesting addresses were delivered by friends of the congregation.

THE congregations of North and South Delaware, of which Rev. J. A. McConnell is pastor, in the annual meeting voted an addition of \$100 to his salary. The salary is now \$800 and manse.

THE Rev. F. R. Beattie, M.A., B.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, has been appointed examiner in the University of Toronto, for the department of Oriental Languages.

THE Rev. James M. Boyd, minister of the united charge of Beauharnois and Chateaugay, in the Presbytery of Montreal, had an envelope containing \$50 handed in to him by the Beauharnois congregation on Christmas morning, expressive of the good wishes of the season.

MR. DAVID ORMISTON, superintendant of St. Andrew's Sunday school, Whitby, Ont., was on the 31st ult. presented with a handsome clock by the teachers and scholars, in recognition of his long and faithful services.

THE Montreal Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society, at their meeting last Friday, adopted a memorial to Her Majesty the Queen, praying her to use her influence for the suppression of infant marriages in India.

THE Presbytery of Pictou at its last meeting adopted a minute expressive of the high estimation held of the life and work of the late Rev. Peter Goodfellow. At the same meeting a call from Scotsburn and Salt-springs to the Rev. Alexander Sutherland Ripley, was sustained.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell retires from the presidency of the Toronto Society for the Prevention of Intemperance. He is succeeded in the chair by the Rev. G. M. Milligan. At the annual meeting a resolution favouring the separation of the liquor and grocery trades was passed.

A MARITIME Province exchange says: Mr. Neil McIntosh, a farmer of Framboise, Cape Breton, and elder of the Presbyterian Church, was 100 years old on Christmas day. He walks three miles to church every alternate Sunday and is in full possession of his faculties. In July last he walked twenty miles in two days.

FROM the Dunedin *Evening Star* we learn that at a soiree held in the North Dunedin church the Rev. A. C. Gillies, formerly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, presided. The *Star* says "he gave a somewhat lengthened but interesting account of the Niagara Falls and the Whirlpool where Captain Webb lost his life."

THE Presbyterians of Brandon held a most successful tea-meeting recently. The chair was occupied by Dr. Fleming. Interesting and suitable addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Douglas and others. The musical and literary part of the entertainment, one of its most prominent features, was ably sustained by a number of trained and accomplished young performers.

THE Brockville *Recorder* says: "a large audience was present last night in the town hall, Smith's Falls, to hear Mr. Burnfield's lecture on Egypt. The meeting was opened by the Rev. J. Crombie, pastor of Union Church, and Mr. F. Frost, mayor of the town occupied the chair. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Union Church, and was listened to with deepest attention, the lecturer being frequently applauded during its delivery. At the close of the lecture the audience examined with much interest the Egyptian articles which Mr. Burnfield had brought to illustrate his lecture."

THE classes were resumed in Knox College on Wednesday last with a full attendance of professors and students. An addition of three has been made to the class in first-year theology, which now numbers sixteen. The numbers in the second and third years theology are sixteen, and seven respectively, thus making a total of thirty-nine. There are also about seventy students studying in the University, and preparatory classes of Knox, with the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in view. This is perhaps a larger attendance of students than on any previous occasion.

THE ladies Bible class of the Central Presbyterian Church presented their teacher, Miss J. Harvie, with two beautiful pieces of silver plate, a fruit dish and a jewel casket, on Thursday evening, the third of January. The presentation was accompanied with an appropriate address expressing the class's very high appreciation of Mrs. Harvie's services, and their very sincere affection for her. Mrs. Harvie was completely taken by surprise, expressed in a few well-chosen words her gratitude for the kindness shown her by her class, her deep motherly interest in them all, and her earnest hope that they might be long spared to each other. Mrs. Harvie has now 109 names upon the roll and the class is always increasing. The pastor, Rev. P. McF. Macleod, who presided, expressed his delight at the progress the class had made under Mrs. Harvie, and prophesied that the lecture hall would soon be insufficient to accommodate them.

A VISITOR to Meaford, under date of June 7th, writes as follows:—"It is just a year ago now since I visited Meaford, and on Sabbath, as usual, I attended the Presbyterian church, which had then been vacant, for a considerable length of time. The attendance upon the services was small, and even the oldest and most zealous members seemed to be completely discouraged; but since that time all has changed. A new pastor, the Rev. J. T. Patterson was inducted over the congregation five months ago. As a result of his labours, the attendance has nearly doubled, fifty new members have been added to the communion roll, and already steps have been taken to sweep off the debt on the church. Truly the Lord is pouring out His spirit here, like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth."

THE annual business meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbytery of Kingston was held in St. Andrew's hall on Wednesday afternoon, January 2nd. The Rev. Principal Grant was present at the opening of the meeting, and gave a brief but appropriate address, referring to the stimulus which the society had received from the visit of several of our missionaries in the field, Miss Rodger, from Indore, Mr. and Mrs. Morton, of Trinidad, and the heroic and devoted Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, who have gone through such perils and privations in blood-stained Eromanga; and to the claim which such Christian labourers have on the sympathy and prayers of those who remain at home. The secretary presented the annual report of the society, together with those of the auxiliaries. The former referred to the interesting and stimulating visit of the missionaries already named, and to the great loss recently sustained by the society in the removal to her heavenly home of its revered and beloved president. Some progress was reported both in interest and in liberality, the last being principally due to the special effort put forth to present one of the ten new churches asked for by Dr. Mackay in memory of the late, beloved and lamented president of the society, Mrs. Machar. The sum of \$250 was devoted to this object and that of \$100 to assisting Mrs. J. F. Campbell's work in Mhow. The office-bearers for the year were duly elected, Mrs. Dickson being chosen as the new president of the society, and Mrs. Donald Ross, late of New Lachine as a vice-president in her room. Mrs. Houston was also chosen as a vice-president in the room of Mrs. A. Wilson, removed to Toronto. Several new names were added to the committee. The annual public meeting of the society will be held as usual in March during the meeting of the Kingston Presbytery.

THE annual meeting of Cooke's Church congregation was held on Wednesday evening, 9th inst. Rev. J. Kirkpatrick in the chair. There was a large attendance, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The reports from the various organizations in connection with the church, revealed a very satisfactory state of things in most departments. Among the

reports presented was one from the session. From this it appeared that ordinances had been regularly administered and that forty-nine persons had been received into the membership of the church during the year. As the report for last year included the January communion seventeen of these had been reported previously, which would reduce the gains at the other communions to thirty-two. In the same period twenty-two persons had been disjoined by certificate, two were dropped from the roll, and two had died, making a total loss of twenty-six, and leaving a membership of 286 as against 280 last year. The fund for the benefit of the poor had received contributions amounting to \$190 80, and reported a small balance after paying all demands. Session had taken steps to secure an addition to the staff of elders, and the congregation had been called on to elect six to this office, who it was hoped would accept the position. The report closed with a reference to the state of religion and enjoined the more regular observance of family worship. The reports of the Sabbath School and Mission School, of the Ladies' Aid Association, of the Young People's Christian Association, of the Mission Fund and of the Music Circle, were severally considered; but, as some of them were incomplete, time was extended and the hope expressed that in future all reports would be ready by January 1st. The report of the managers showed that the receipts for the year amounted to \$3,026 97 and the total expenditure to \$3,391 9, including the improvements made on the property during the year. An effort will be made to wipe out the balance during the current year, this being the only liability now standing against the church. The following persons were elected as trustees for the year—P. G. Close, Jas. Alison, W. J. Hughes, T. Kinneer, Thos. Caswell, Wm. Riddle, S. Wallace, Thos. Miller, and N. McConnell. The thanks of the congregation were tendered to the retiring board, and especially to Mr. Alison, the treasurer, for the exemplary manner in which they had discharged their duties. The question of the adoption of instrumental music in the Sabbath services was then taken up, and it was agreed that the time had come to introduce it, and a resolution to this effect was carried amid great enthusiasm. The meeting closed at a late hour with the Doxology and Benediction.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—The Presbytery met in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, on the 18th inst. The Rev. A. McLennan was appointed moderator for six months. Mr. Somerville reported that he had moderated in a call to a minister in Lake Shore and Leith on the 17th instant; that the call came out in favour of Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D., and was hearty and unanimous; that the salary promised was \$7.50 and manse. Commissioners were heard and the call sustained, and transmitted to Toronto Presbytery with the request that it be issued as speedily as possible. Mr. Somerville was appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Toronto. The petition of Sarawak and Kemble congregations to be erected into a separate self-sustaining charge was considered. Parties were heard, subscription lists of the petitioning congregations were laid on the table. After full consideration the prayer of the petition was granted, the new charge to be known as Sarawak and Kemble, with Mr. McLennan as moderator of session, with power to moderate in a call when ready to do so. The other stations will form a mission field known as Big Bay and Lake Charles with Mr. Millard as moderator of session, the Rev. Mr. Scott acting as assessor with Mr. McKinley in forming it. It was agreed to obtain the services of a student, for three Sabbaths for the field. The evening sederunt was spent on Home Mission work. The Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Harrison, was appointed by the Home Mission Committee to lay the Augmentation Scheme before the Presbytery, but owing to severe affliction in his family was not able to be present. The Presbytery expressed its deep sympathy with Mr. Campbell in his affliction, and Mr. Somerville gave a detailed account of the scheme, which received a full consideration. The amount to be raised by the Presbytery is \$600. This sum was allocated to the various congregations, and committees appointed to visit them. Leave was granted to the moderator of Chatsworth session to moderate in a call to a minister when the congregation is prepared. The Presbytery then adjourned, and was closed with the benediction.—JOHN SOMERVILLE, M.A., *Pres. Clerk*.