

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Henry Sinclair, late of Uptergrove, has received a unanimous call to the charge of Florence and Dawn.

THE closing meeting of St. James Square Church Young People's Association was a very pleasing one. The president, Mr. W. M. Douglas, occupied the chair. A well-selected programme, chiefly musical, was effectively rendered by native talent, with the aid of accomplished artists from other congregations, whose efforts were greatly appreciated.

MR. HOWIE delivered a second lecture in Atwood Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, 20th ult. He also lectured in White Church on Thursday, 21st. In Atwood, Mr. Howie explained the system of farming and tax gathering. In White Church, he referred to the cost and length of time a visit to the Holy Land requires. He described also the various possible routes pilgrims may take. The latter part of the lecture was a description of household matters. The lecturer appeared in the ancient Jewish dress.

A CALL to Rev. J. F. Dustan, of St. Paul's Church, Truro, from Knox Church, Brandon, stipend, \$1,200, was duly considered at the regular meeting of Truro Presbyterian, April 19. Messrs. McDonald and Fraser appeared on behalf of St. Paul's congregation. Mr. Dustan accepted the call, and his translation was agreed to. Mr. Dustan is a most successful minister, and will be much missed. It is rumoured that another member of this Presbyterian is called to a Boston, Mass., congregation, stipend, \$2,000.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed recently in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham. There were sixty-three new members added to the roll, and fifty-eight of these on profession of their faith. Nearly all of the latter were young, and it was a glorious sight to see such an ingathering of precious souls, for it made glad the heart of many a parent. Many of the above were the result of special services, in which Mr. Schiverea took part a few weeks ago, when so many were brought to a decision.

MR. J. GOFORTH gave a missionary address in the Presbyterian Church, Oakville, lately, to a large and deeply-interested audience. His illustrations, with maps and charts and graphic description of heathendom, and the great need of sending out more missionaries, were listened to with rapt attention, and has produced a greater interest in Foreign Missions than was ever felt before. The choir rendered most excellent and appropriate music during the evening, and a large collection was taken up at the close of the meeting.

THE Presbyterian Church at Desboro was recently reopened by the Rev. H. Rose, M.A., Elora. Early in the summer this church was burnt. The congregation, with commendable energy, opened a subscription list, and immediately let the contract. The original wall, being stone, was found strong enough. It was raised two feet. The church as now finished is much more valuable than at first. The cost of the whole amounted to \$517, which is paid except a few dollars, which are about to be collected. The congregation, which is small, deserves great praise for their liberality. The congregation feels thankful to Rev. H. Rose for his two lectures, which realized a handsome sum.

THE Rev. Thomas Wilson, who for many years laboured faithfully in the Gospel ministry at Caledonia, recently retired in order that the two congregations there might be united. The generous manner in which he tendered his resignation endeared him still more to a people by whom he has all through a long ministry been held. The members of Sutherland Street Church, adherents and other friends, presented him with an address expressive of their appreciation of his services and character, and their well-wishes for the future welfare of himself and family. Along with the address there was presented the handsome sum of \$517. Mr. Wilson gratefully and gracefully acknowledged the considerate kindness of those to whom he had so long and acceptably ministered.

MINISTERS of the Church and all interested in the study of Biblical literature will be delighted to know that Dr. McCurdy intends opening two classes in Knox College, Toronto, for the study of Hebrew. The one class is intended for elementary work, and will take up the grammar, illustrating the essential principles of the language by the reading of a few simple texts. The other class will read the earlier chapters of Isaiah, and compare these with portions of Micah. By the light of the Assyrian monuments and of the history of the times the Old Book will appear new, and its truths fresh as water from the fountain. Work such as Dr. McCurdy intends doing must result in good, and good in the highest sense. As the American students of the Word have gathered around Dr. Harper, and made the Summer School of Hebrew famous throughout the States, it is hoped that Canadian students will gather around Dr. McCurdy and make the Dominion school second to none on the continent. The fee for one class or for both is \$5, and the board in the college is \$3.50 a week. The classes open on May 29, and continue for four weeks.

THE Knox College Missionary Band expect to visit the following places during the month of May. Messrs. Goforth and McKenzie will visit Belmont, Yarmouth, St. Thomas, Petrolia, Bridgen and Bear Creek, Wyoming and Corunna during the week beginning May 1; Sarnia, Point Edward, Burns Church and Moore Line, Camlachie, Albarader and Forest, Thedford and Ravenswood during the week beginning May 8; London, Vanneck, Proof Line, Parkhill and Granton, during the week beginning May 15; Stratford, Shakespeare, North Easthope and Avonton, during the week beginning May 22; Clinton and Brucefield, during the week beginning May 29. Messrs. McGillivray and Webster will visit Port Stanley, North and South Westminster, Wendigo, Mosa, Komoka and Hyde Park, during the week beginning May 1; Strathroy, East Williams and Ailsa Craig, Adelaide, Alvinston, Watford and Main Road, during

the week beginning May 8; London, Dorchester, Crumlin, North Nissouri and South Nissouri, during the week beginning May 15; St. Mary's, Harrington, Motherwell and Kirkton, during the week beginning May 22; Seaforth and Egmondville, during the week beginning May 29. Further arrangements will be given later.

SOME time ago four students agreed together to give some months of their time to pressing upon congregations the urgent claims of Christ's work among the heathen. They made an offer of their work to the Foreign Mission Committee, which has been cordially accepted, and on Sunday, the 24th ult., they began work at Wallaceburgh, Windsor and Chatham. Various towns in the western part of Ontario will be visited on Sabbaths, and meetings will be held during the week at intermediate points. At each meeting a collection will be taken up for the Foreign Mission Fund, and it is hoped the response will be so liberal that several additional missionaries may be sent out this year. The railroad expenses are to be paid from the fund, but the work done is to be a contribution to Foreign Missions given by the students themselves. Those who have heard Mr. Goforth know what wonderful power he has in presenting the claims of the glorious work to which he has given his life. Several have been so influenced by his statement of the case as to resolve to give themselves. Messrs. D. McGillivray, C. W. Webster and W. P. McKenzie are arousing much interest in missions at the places where they have been holding meetings.

THE eleventh anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. Burnfield, B.D., was lately celebrated by the First Presbyterian congregation, Brockville. Mr. Allan Cameron, superintendent of the Sabbath school, presided. Rev. Messrs. James Allen, M.A., William Wilson, of the Methodist Church, Dr. Bayne and others were on the platform. The evening was spent pleasantly, and, after refreshments were served, Mr. John K. Reid, on behalf of the congregation, read an address to the pastor, referring to the marked progress of the congregation since Mr. Burnfield's settlement, the self-denying and abundant labours in which he had been constantly engaged, the high value of his pulpit ministrations, the growing appreciation of their superior merit and the affectionate esteem in which the pastor is held. The address was accompanied by the presentation of an elegant gold watch with a handsome monogram inscribed. Mrs. C. H. Buell then, in behalf of the ladies of the congregation, presented Mrs. Burnfield with a superb silk dress and a roll of bills. Mr. Burnfield made a suitable and appropriate response, and Mrs. Burnfield, in fitting terms, neatly acknowledged the handsome gift of which she was the recipient. Speeches and music followed, and a very enjoyable evening occasioned many happy memories.

THE Rev. Hugh Rose, M.A., delivered his lecture on Naples in the Paisley Street Church, Guelph, before a fair audience, considering the number of attractions taking place at the same hour in the city. Rev. Dr. Wardrope offered the opening prayer, and the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Mr. Savage, introduced the lecturer. For nearly an hour the lecturer carried his hearers over the scenery of the Bay of Naples, the city and its surroundings, giving a graphic sketch of its teeming population, and their every day manner of living. The audience were then taken to Vesuvius, and a glowing and thrilling description given of a trip made by the lecturer and others to the crater. Pompeii and Herculaneum were visited, and their history, past and present, pleasantly illustrated. Then Puteoli, Paul's landing place, and Baia were visited, and described. The scenes, over 120, produced by the lime light, were then shown, which embraced all the historic places of this Old Land, works of sculpture and art, and also scenes of other places well known to the intelligent reader of the present day, such as Sorrento, Castellamare, Amalfi, Pastum, Ischia and Capri. At the close a portrait of her Majesty Queen Victoria was shown, the audience rising and singing the National Anthem. The musical part of the evening's programme consisted of a solo by Miss Oltham, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," which was so acceptably rendered that for a hearty recall "The Lost Chord" was given, Miss Goodfellow accompanying on the organ; Mrs. B. Savage, Miss Schofield and Miss Clarke also gave selections. At the close the usual votes of thanks and replies were given, and the audience dispersed, Rev. Mr. Beattie pronouncing the benediction.

THE members of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church and a large number of other citizens assembled recently to witness the ceremony of inducting the Rev. T. G. Thomson as minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Vancouver. The Rev. Mr. Scouler opened the services by preaching a very appropriate sermon. The Rev. Mr. Fraser then gave an account of the steps which had been taken toward the induction, and of the request of the congregation to the Presbytery for a separation from the North Arm Church, and to have Mr. Thomson called as pastor. The request being granted, Wednesday evening was appointed for the induction. Mr. Fraser, after narrating these facts, continued the service, and inducted Mr. Thomson as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Vancouver. After the induction the reverend gentleman delivered the charge to the newly-installed pastor, followed by Mr. Tait, who delivered the charge to the congregation, showing how the congregation might lighten the arduous duties of the pastor, and how the successful working of the Church depended on the co-operation of the congregation with their pastor. At the conclusion of the charge Mr. Fraser led in prayer, and, with the benediction, brought the services to a close. Before dispersing, the congregation congratulated Mr. Thomson on his induction, and heartily wished him every success in his future efforts on behalf of his church and people. Mr. Thomson is a native of Campsie, Stirlingshire, Scotland, and in that village received his elementary education. He subsequently went to Glasgow, and graduated in arts at the university there. On completing his arts course he decided to study for the Church, and, for that purpose, entered the Free Church College of the same place, and went through the usual curriculum. In 1865 he came to Canada, and finished his theological studies

at Knox College, Toronto, after which he was given the charge of a congregation in the northern part of Ontario, was subsequently transferred to another parish, where he continued to work until removed to this district, two years ago. Mr. Thomson has, by his genial, upright and unassuming bearing, gained the respect and confidence of the citizens of Vancouver, and the people of New Westminster district generally.

KNOX CHURCH, Galt, which has undergone extensive repairs and improvements, was re-opened a few Sabbaths ago by the Rev. S. Lyle, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, who preached able and eloquent sermons to large congregations, both morning and evening. In the afternoon, at three o'clock, a meeting was held for the children of the Sabbath school, when addresses were delivered by Mr. A. McPherson, superintendent of the Sabbath school, and by Rev. Mr. Lyle and the Rev. Dr. Smith. The services throughout were most interesting and impressive. On the following Monday evening the re-opening social was held, and attracted a very large audience, the several congregations in the town being well represented. Both the basement and the front of the church surrounding the pulpit were tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the ladies of the Church had left nothing undone in the way of refreshments. Afterward an adjournment was made to the body of the church, where a most interesting programme was rendered. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Smith, occupied the chair, and was surrounded by the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, Rev. Mr. Lyle, Hamilton, and Revs. J. Porteous, J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., D. A. Duff and W. C. Henderson, M.A., Galt. The local clergymen made brief addresses, congratulating the pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, upon the honour which had been conferred upon him by the Presbyterian College, Montreal, as well as upon the evidence of spiritual and material prosperity in the congregation. Rev. Dr. Wardrope followed in a very happy strain, bringing up reminiscences of Mr. Smith's and his own experience in the Ottawa Valley many years ago, when they were both young men. Rev. Mr. Lyle, who is a splendid platform speaker, made a clever and witty address. He took as his theme the various subdivisions of a congregation—headle, elder, trustee, Sunday school, choir, etc., and made same very good points. After congratulating the congregation upon the greatly improved appearance of the church, he remarked that all that was now wanted was a first-class organ and a new school room. Rev. Mr. Macdonnell spoke at considerable length and with much power, dealing principally with the Mission and Augmentation Schemes. The addresses were interspersed with music by the choir, and Misses Webster and Lundy also rendered two solos in a most pleasing manner. The total receipts from the Sabbath collections and the social amounted to over \$400.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, on the 19th of April. Mr. Somerville reported that grants had been obtained for the mission fields and augmented congregations, as applied for, except Wiarton, and that students had been obtained for the summer work, two of whom were graduates, viz., A. E. Doherty, of Big Bay, and D. A. McLean, of Sarawak. It was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery in Big Bay Church, May 31, at half-past one, when these students will be taken on trial for license, and if the examination be sustained Mr. Doherty will be ordained as missionary in Big Bay; Mr. Scott to preside. Mr. Sym to preach, Mr. McAlpine to address the minister, and Mr. Mullen the people. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Maitland was read, showing that Mr. Murdo McKenzie had been received by that Presbytery as a licentiate. Messrs. Fraser, Stewart, Mullen, Sym and the elder for Wiarton, were appointed a committee to ordain Mr. Sym as missionary in Lion's Head and Lindsay. A letter of protest and appeal against resolutions of this Presbytery, passed in 1879 and 1884, was read from Mr. McNaught. The Presbytery agreed to forward the same to the Synod, and appointed Messrs. Somerville, Scott and Fraser to represent the Presbytery before that court. Mr. John Harkness, of Leith, was appointed a delegate to the Assembly, in place of Mr. James Mitchell. It was agreed to a change the regular meeting of Presbytery from the first Tuesday of July to the last Tuesday of June, at half past one p.m., and the meeting was closed with the benediction.—JOHN SOMERVILLE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 3rd inst., Rev. P. Nicol, Moderator. The following were the chief matters which were then transacted. Revs. D. J. Macdonnell and R. Wallace were appointed to support before the General Assembly the overture adopted at last meeting, anent a limitation of trials for license. Commissioners were heard from Knox Church, Milton and Boston Churches enquiring anent the resignation of the said charge by their pastor. The commissioners declared their warm regard for their pastor, and spoke of the good services he had rendered, but said that in view of the reason given by himself they would not oppose his resignation. Rev. M. C. Cameron was then heard, when he adverted anew to the probability of a union between the two Presbyterian congregations in Milton, and asked the Presbytery to loose him from his charge. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to accept the resignation, such decision to take effect on the 22nd instant, and a committee was appointed to prepare a minute, to be submitted at next meeting, expressive of the mind of the Presbytery in regard to their esteemed brother. Rev. J. Murray was appointed to preach to the congregations on the 29th inst., to announce the decision, and declare the charge vacant. After some other action taken in connection with the foregoing, Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, asked and obtained leave of absence from his pulpit for two months, with promise made that his pulpit would be supplied during his absence. A committee, previously appointed, reported *ad interim*, through Rev. J. Neil,