

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterians of Nassagaweya have extended a call to Rev. Mr. Neil, of Albion, which has been accepted.

REV. WM. J. SMYTH, Ph.D., of New Carlisle, Ohio, late of Uxbridge, Ont., has so far recovered from a recent illness as to occupy his pulpit again.

ADVICES from Guelph are favourable to the acceptance of the call given to Rev. J. C. Smith, by the congregation of St. Andrew's, St. John Presbytery, N. B.

THE Rev. J. K. Baillie, of Second Innisfil, has received a unanimous call to St. Matthew's, Osnaburck, Glengarry Presbytery, salary \$850, with manse and glebe.

ON Mrs. Henderson's return to the manse, Hyde Park, after being absent on a visit to her friends in the United States, she was agreeably surprised to find that the ladies of the congregation had laid her dining-room and parlour with a beautiful carpet.

ON the anniversary of his twenty-fifth wedding-day, the Rev. J. K. Smith was presented with a beautifully illuminated address, and an elegant silver casket containing \$50 in silver and \$150 in gold. Mr. Smith, though taken by surprise, replied in his usual happy manner, thanking the ladies most heartily for the gift, and the feelings which prompted it.

THE Presbyterian Sabbath-school at Price's Corners, held its annual pic-nic at that place, Friday, Sept. 22nd. The children were entertained in various ways. After partaking of the good things provided, addresses were given by Rev. R. Fowler, of Erin, and Mr. J. Scott, of Minosa. The proceedings were then brought to a close, all having spent a pleasant time.—COM.

AT a meeting of the congregation of Guthrie's Church, Wendigo, held on Friday, 13th inst., they decided to sell out their interest in the Union Church, in said village, to the Baptist denomination, and build a new one. A subscription list has been started for said purpose, which, together with the price to be received for their share in the old one, already amounts to about twelve hundred dollars.

THE death of the late Lewis Ross, ex-M. P., was made the subject of a special service at the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, when a very large congregation listened to an eloquent discourse delivered by the Rev. R. J. Beattie. The sermon was based upon Hebrews ix. 27, and Matthew xxv. 44: "It is appointed unto man once to die;" "Therefore be ye also ready." Several well chosen anthems were sung by the choir.

WE are gratified to learn that the late Mr. William Cooper, of South Bay, County of Prince Edward, bequeathed \$2,500 to pay off the debt of the Presbyterian Church, Picton, of which he was a worthy member. He also left \$1,500 to the missions of the General Assembly, and \$100 each to the Reverend Mr. Coulthard, and the Reverend Mr. MacMechan, the present and the late pastor of the Picton Presbyterian congregation.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Duff's Church, East Puslinch, on Sunday, October 15th. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. D. Strachan, of Rockwood; Rev. G. Haigh, of Hespeler; Rev. E. McAulay, of Cnief, and Rev. W. Meldrum, of Morrison. The weather being exceptionally fine, for this time of the year, the attendance was large, especially on the Sabbath. Several names were added to the communion roll.

THE congregations of Kinloss and Bervie lately presented their pastor, the Rev. A. G. Forbes, with \$200 and a kindly worded address, expressing their regret that the relationship so happily existing between them as pastor and people was about to be dissolved. Mr. Forbes, in his reply, referred briefly to some of the changes that had taken place since he commenced his labours amongst them (twenty years ago), and expressed his sorrow at parting with so generous and harmonious a congregation. Mrs. Forbes was made the recipient of \$16, from the ladies of Riversdale, which, at one time, formed a part of Mr. F.'s charge.

REV. DR. MURRAY was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Sutherland's River, and Vale Colliery, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., in the presence of a large and deeply interested congregation. Speaking of his departure from the Island, the "Presbyterian" says:—On Monday last the Rev. Dr.

Murray left to be inducted into his new charge at Vale Colliery. We need hardly say that his departure is a public loss to Prince Edward's Island. Everybody knows, or ought to know, what an immense benefit he has been to free and unsectarian education, and to education in general. Many young men became ministers through his personal teaching. For many years he was an active and very efficient member of the Board of Education. The temperance cause has lost an able and active advocate on the Island. The Presbytery will miss him, and the cause of Christ on the Island has lost one who was ever ready to contend earnestly for "the faith once delivered to the saints."

THE new Presbyterian church, Newboro', was opened for public worship, on the 14th inst. The Rev. Geo. Burnfield, B.D., Brockville, preached in the morning and afternoon. The Rev. M. McGillivray, M.A., Perth, preached in the evening. Large and attentive audiences were present at all the services. On Monday evening following, a tea-meeting was held. Addresses were given in the church by Rev. M. McGillivray, M.A., the pastor, Rev. David Y. Ross, M.A., and local ministers and friends. The sum of \$103 was realized at the Sunday and Monday services. The building is 32 x 45, veneered with white and red brick, and has a fine exterior appearance. It was designed by Gordon & Heliwell, architects, Toronto. The stained glass windows were furnished by McCausland & Son, Toronto, and are much admired. A bell of 300 lbs., entirely satisfactory, was cast by Vandusen & Tift, Cincinnati. The church is very handsomely furnished within, and, best of all, only a small debt rests upon it. The congregation has been worshipping for a period of 23 years, without a church building, and are very thankful to God that they are now to worship Him in such a beautiful edifice.

THE Presbytery of Bruce adopted the following minute anent the resignation of the Rev. A. G. Forbes, at its meeting at Walkerton, on the 26th September last:—The Presbytery, in accepting the resignation of the Rev. A. G. Forbes, would place on record its high regard for him as a Christian brother and minister of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. As a man, he is of an amiable and sociable disposition, agreeable manner and exemplary habits. As a Christian minister, he is a sound, faithful, and earnest preacher of the Gospel, and very diligent in attending to all pastoral duties. In the Presbytery he has held the office of Clerk since its formation, about twelve years ago, and his intercourse with the members of the Court has been of the most happy nature. The Presbytery, in parting with him, express their strong Christian affection for him, and their regret that, owing to his sphere of labours which he has occupied for about twenty years, having been reduced by large emigration to Dakota, Manitoba, and elsewhere, he has seen it to be his duty to accept of an appointment from the American Presbyterian Church. And commending him and his family to the Grace of God, praying that the Lord may keep and guide them, and favour him with comfort and success, wherever he may be called to labour in the work of the Gospel.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This court met at Alexandria on the 12th ult. There was a very full meeting. After routine, moderation in a call was granted to St. Matthew's, Osnaburck, and Dr. McNish was appointed to attend to this matter. Mr. Burnet made a statement regretting that owing to his absence from last meeting, he had not been able to convene the committee on the rating of congregations, and could not therefore prepare a committee report; but he submitted a scheme prepared by himself, which was read. Dr. McNish moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, Vankleek Hill, "That the Presbytery having received a report from Mr. Burnet, the Convener of the committee appointed at last meeting to devise a suitable scheme in reference to the Presbytery and Synod Fund, thank Mr. Burnet for his services; but, inasmuch as a difference of opinion prevails as to the best method of raising the Fund in question, appoint a standing committee, consisting of the Clerk, the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, and the Treasurer, and authorize them to take for the future the number of communicants in the various congregations for the basis on which they are to raise the Fund in question." The motion was carried. Against this decision Mr. Burnet dissented, and asked for leave to complain to the Synod, for the following reason, viz: Inasmuch as this motion pro-

fesses to take action on a report which was not before the Presbytery. The Rev. John Fraser adhered to the dissent. The clerk stated that he had received an affirmative reply from Mr. McArthur with reference to the call extended to him from Finch, and moved that the Moderator be authorized to prescribe trials to Mr. McArthur, and if the Presbytery sustain these, that his ordination and induction take place on the 17th Oct., at 11 o'clock a.m. Mr. Laing seconded this motion, and it was agreed to. The students labouring within the bounds read exercises previously prescribed, and the clerk was instructed to certify them to the college authorities. The report on statistics being called for, Mr. Burnet stated he had no special report to make as the Minutes of the Assembly were now in the hands of members. Mr. Fraser moved that the report be received and Mr. Burnet thanked for the manner in which he has discharged his duty, and that the suggestions made by him be adopted. Mr. G. Ferguson seconded, and the motion was carried. The suggestions referred to above were: 1. That the ecclesiastical year terminate with the calendar. 2. That the Conveners report in March. The Rev. J. Fraser submitted the following as a general deliverance: "The Presbytery, on considering the statistical report for the last year is pleased to find that there is a steady increase in the liberality of the congregations within the bounds to all the objects set forth in the report, particularly to the schemes of the Church, indicating a revival of interest in the spread of the knowledge of salvation at home and abroad; and the Presbytery would humbly and devoutly record it as a matter of thankfulness to God. The increase last year in the missionary offering is a very interesting feature of the report, and calls for a special mark of commendation." It was agreed to call for the report on the State of Religion at the March meeting. Leave was granted to moderate in a call at Roxborough when the people are ready. Mr. Fraser gave notice that he would move at the meeting in Williamstown with a view to holding triennial visitation of all the congregations. The Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting at Lancaster on the 2nd Tuesday of January, 1883, and adjourned, to meet at Williamstown on the 27th inst. at 5 o'clock p.m. Williamstown, 27th Sept.—The matter of rating the several congregations was deferred until the meeting in January. A call from the congregation of Osnaburck in favour of Rev. J. K. Baillie, promising a stipend of \$850 with manse and glebe was received and ordered to be transmitted. The Committee on plan for missionary meetings reported through Mr. Fraser, but its further consideration was deferred until January. The recommendations and proposals meantime to be printed and distributed. The several committees appointed to visit supplemented congregations reported, and Alexandria, Summerstown, and Dalhousie Mills were recommended to the Home Mission Committee for grants in aid—the first named being made a special case. Mr. John S. Burnet asked and obtained leave of absence to visit Scotland for three months.—HUGH LAMONT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—On the 19th of September this Presbytery met at Brussels. There was a good attendance of members. Messrs. McColl and Rutherford, students, compeared, read prescribed exercises, were examined as to progress made in their studies, and certified to Knox College. Leave was granted Mr. McRae to moderate in a call at Molesworth. In response to a request from the Presbytery of Stratford, that Maitland Presbytery should take charge of Trowbridge station, with a view to its being re-united with Molesworth, the Presbytery appointed Messrs. McRae, Ross, Brown and Muir, ministers, with the representing elders of their congregations, a committee to visit the congregation of Molesworth, and consult as to the feasibility of a re-union with Trowbridge, and said committee was instructed to confer with any committee appointed by the Presbytery of Stratford in regard to this matter, and report. The Presbytery revised the grants to supplemented congregations; agreed to ask for continuance of grant of \$100 to Pine River; and, with regard to Langside, the Presbytery resolved to ask that the supplement be increased to \$100. Fordyce congregation petitioned that their name be changed to Calvin Church, East Wawanosh.—Agreed to. A letter was read from Rev. A. McKenzie, accepting the call of the congregation of South Kinloss. There was read also an extract minute from the proceedings of Lindsay Presbytery, stating that Mr. Wm. McNabb had signified his ac-