

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

PRINCIPAL MACVICAR, Montreal College, has been lecturing in the county of Bruce.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane has returned from the North-West and ministers to large congregations.

THE Rev. D. M. Gordon, Winnipeg, has been preaching to large congregations at Medicine Hat.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan has returned from the North-West and resumed his ministrations in Old St. Andrew's.

PRINCIPAL GRANT, Queen's College, Kingston, accompanied by Mr. Sandford Fleming, is on his way to San Francisco.

THE ladies of the Brandon Presbyterian church will hold a fancy bazaar and furnish refreshments during the fair about to be held there.

A LECTURE was delivered in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, recently before a large audience by the Rev. W. B. Clark, of Quebec. The proceeds were added to the building fund of St. Andrew's Church.

THE Rev. V. A. DeLoranger returned some time ago to Essex county and applied for admission to the membership of the congregation of Leamington, etc. The session declined to accede to his request. On the afternoon of the 9th inst., he was dipped in Lake Erie by the Baptist minister of Woodslee.

A MEETING of ladies was held under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, on Friday last, in the Y.M.C.A. hall, at which an address was delivered on "India, and Mission Work in India," by Mrs. Keer, wife of Major-General Keer (Bengal Staff Corps).

THE Home Mission Committee will meet in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday the 9th of October, at two p.m. As matters of the greatest importance are to be considered, it is hoped that all the members will make their arrangements to remain until the close of the business.

THE Rev. A. F. Tully, pastor of Knox Church, Mitchell, has gone east for a month's holidays. The evening before he started a large number of the members and adherents of the congregation called at the manse and presented Mr. and Mrs. Tully with a purse containing seventy-one dollars. During Mr. Tully's absence Rev. Mr. McPherson, of Stratford, will officiate.

THE Rev. John McEwen, secretary of the Sabbath School Association announces that the eighteenth Provincial Convention of the Canada Sabbath School Association will be held in Cobourg on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of October next. Cobourg extends a cordial invitation. A good programme will be sent out in two weeks. The Rev. R. R. Merrideth, D.D., of Boston, the distinguished teacher of teachers, is expected.

AT Foxbar, Dundas, the residence of Mr. J. B. Perry, the second of the socials in aid of Knox Church funds was held last week. The handsome residence and grounds were well lighted up and the evening's programme proved very enjoyable. The Dundas Brass Band was present and played several selections and many of the favourite vocalists assisted in the evening's entertainment. The proceeds mount up to a handsome sum.

A GARDEN party given last week under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, of St. James' Presbyterian Church, London, was largely attended and highly successful in every other respect. The beautiful grounds surrounding the church were brilliantly illuminated with Chinese lanterns. Refreshments were served in abundance; the Band of the 7th Fusiliers discoursed excellent music, and these present appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

THE Rev. J. Morton, missionary in Trinidad, is about to visit Toronto. He is expected to give missionary addresses in St. Andrew's Church at the morning service, in St. James' Square Church at the evening service, and to the Sabbath school in Knox Church at three p.m., on Sabbath first, 23rd inst. On the 25th it is expected that Mrs. Morton will attend the meeting of the Murray-Mitchell Association. From his long and faithful service in Trinidad, Mr. Morton's addresses are sure to be of a most interesting character.

THE "Grey Review" says: A congregational meeting was held by Knox Church congregation, Durham,

on Monday week, when the services of Rev. Mr. Forrest were secured for a year. The rev. gentleman is exceedingly popular with the congregation, and if his health would have permitted his acceptance, he would receive the unanimous call of the congregation. However, they are quite satisfied to make the best arrangement with him they can. They paid him his salary in full for the past year and presented him with the sum of \$50 as a mark of their high esteem for his past services.

THE "Peel Banner" says:—It would be difficult to describe the feeling of the people of Streetsville and the surrounding country, especially of those in connection with the Presbyterian church, at the prospect of losing the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, who has been appointed to the mission field at Prince Albert, N.-W.T. Mr. McWilliam has endeared himself to the public by his humble and loving spirit, and his deep interest in everything pertaining to the public good. Christians of all denominations have learned to appreciate his intellectual worth, and to admire his large-hearted Christian charity. He has made himself particularly dear to his own congregation by his earnest solicitude regarding the spiritual welfare of each member of his flock, and by his unselfish devotion to the duties of his sacred office. On Tuesday evening last, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, his friends and admirers assembled in large numbers in the church at Streetsville to give expression to their high sense of his character and worth, and their deep regret at his intended departure. The chair was occupied by the Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Brampton. After devotional exercises the chairman, in an earnest speech, paid a well merited tribute to the high Christian character and many excellent qualities of Mr. McWilliam, and expressed his deep sense of the loss which Mr. McWilliam's removal would inflict, not only upon his own congregation and community, but also upon those neighbouring congregations to whom he had occasionally ministered with very great acceptance. An anthem having been sung, an address expressive of warm appreciation of Mr. McWilliam's work, and kindly wishes for his continued usefulness and prosperity in his new sphere, was read on behalf of the congregation and Ladies' Aid Association by Mr. Wm. Jardine. The valuable gifts by which the address was accompanied being presented by Mrs. A. Simpson and Mrs. W. Barber. Mr. McWilliam was deeply moved as he thanked his people for their kind words and valuable presents. He felt that his first thought should be one of profound gratitude to God, and he could not but exclaim as he had had occasion to do before "we serve a good master." He assured the congregation that he had honestly tried to care for them and help them, making *their joy his joy and their sorrow his sorrow*. After explaining the reasons which had led him to conclude that it would be his duty to accept the appointment to Prince Albert, he proceeded to refer solemnly and tenderly to the future of the congregation. None who heard him will readily forget his kind, thoughtful, earnest words as he reminded the members of the church of their duties to one another, to the congregation as a whole, and to the constituted authorities of the Church. His address, which, both in its tone and in its matter, was simply admirable, was fittingly and feelingly closed with a benediction on the people of his charge. Short speeches were given by the Rev. Mr. Manning, representing the Canada Methodists, by the Rev. Mr. McGregor, of Tilsonburg, and by Mr. James Fleming, M.P. Excellent music was furnished by Mrs. McLelland, Mrs. McGill, Miss M. Webster, and Messrs. J. C. Johnston, and A. A. Graham. On the previous Friday evening the Bible class met in the manse, and presented Mr. McWilliam with a Persian lamb cap and gloves and a well expressed and kindly address, to which Mr. McWilliam made a fitting reply.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Blyth on the 11th of September. Mr. A. H. Drumm, student, read a discourse and the clerk was instructed to certify him to the Senate of Knox College. The holding of missionary meetings was left to the sessions of congregations to make arrangements for, where and how it seems best to hold them, and to report at the March meeting of Presbytery. A petition for aid from the Gaelic station at Goderich was considered, and it was unanimously agreed to ask the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to grant aid to said station to the amount of \$2

per Sabbath. Revs. R. Leask, of St. Helen's, and J. B. Taylor, late of Lucknow, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members. Mr. Archibald McDougall of Porter's Hill offered himself as a catechist for the North-West during the winter. A committee appointed to confer with and examine him recommended the Presbytery to certify him as a suitable person for such work to the convener of the Assembly's Committee on Home Missions. The Presbytery agreed to certify him accordingly. The Rev. R. T. Thomson, M.A., being present, gave in his acceptance of the call to Rodgerville, and his ordination is to take place on the 25th inst. Mr. Patterson tendered his resignation of the Bethany part of his charge. The resignation to be disposed of at next meeting. The estimate of expenditure for the year and the mode of meeting the same was submitted and approved of. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Clinton on the second Tuesday of November at half-past ten a.m.—A. MCLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Sherbrooke on the 11th inst. The application of Rev. G. T. Thirde to be transferred to the Presbytery of Hamilton was granted. The treasurer presented a very satisfactory financial statement. It was agreed that the assessment upon congregations outside of cities for Presbytery expenses shall be upon a basis of five cents per communicant. Dr. Mathews reported having visited Kenebec Road and having moderated in a call to Mr. James Fergusson, B.A. The call was sustained, and his ordination and induction were appointed to take place on the 9th Oct. Dr. Mathews also reported having visited the mission at Moose River. It was decided to proceed at once with the erection of a French mission church at Agnes and also of a church for the mission at Chaudière. Mr. Cattnach reported having ordained elders at Massawippi and Coaticook. The following members were appointed to secure and compile reports for the Assembly: on Temperance, C. E. Amaron; on Sabbath Schools, F. P. Sym; on the State of Religion, J. C. Cattnach; on Statistics, the clerk. Dr. Mathews and F. M. Dewey were appointed a committee to try to secure a larger circulation of the "Record" within the bounds of the Presbytery. Mr. Cattnach was appointed treasurer of the Morrion College Fund. Congregations were urged to carry out the Assembly's instructions regarding the formation of missionary associations. Mr. J. R. MacLeod was instructed to correspond with the convener of the Home Mission Committee to ascertain if that committee would release Mr. Morrison from his engagement at Sault Ste. Marie, in order that he might accept the charge of the congregation of Inverness. The grants from the Home Mission Fund were carefully revised and recommendations were made. The condition of the mission field at Métis was carefully considered, and a committee consisting of Dr. Mathews, C. E. Amaron and J. R. MacLeod was appointed to visit the field at an early date. Dr. Mathews and F. M. Dewey were appointed a committee to devise a scheme by which the Assembly's proposal to increase the stipends of ministers, may be furthered within the bounds of the Presbytery. Arrangements were made to hold missionary meetings throughout the Presbytery. Messrs. J. MacLeod, J. A. MacLean, R. Gamble, and A. W. McConechy, students labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery were certified to their various colleges. An interesting and profitable conference was held on the subject, "What is the best mode of conducting public worship?"—F. M. DEWEY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—The regular meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 11th inst., in the lecture room of Park Avenue Church. Mr. Fraser, St. Thomas, moderator, opened the proceedings. His term of office having expired, Mr. A. Beamer, Wardsville, was appointed moderator for the ensuing term and took the chair accordingly. Mr. A. Burn, formerly of Komoka, now of Dakota, applied for and received a certificate of ministerial standing. An application from the congregation of east and west Williams for reception into the Presbyterian Church in Canada, supported by Messrs. Waters and Ross, commissioners, was received and a motion instructing the holding of a congregational meeting for the purpose of passing a requisite resolution was adopted. Presbyterian families in Brooke presented a request for the appointment of a minister to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to them which was granted. The resignation of Mr. W. R. Sutherland,