

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. James Hastie, Lindsay, has gone on a visit to the North-West.

THE Rev. Principal Cavan, preached last Sabbath in Knox Church, St. Mary's.

THE Rev. John Leishman, of Newburgh and Camden East, has declined the call from Osgoode.

THE congregation of Chalmers Church, Woodstock, have agreed to the introduction of an organ in the Sabbath school.

THE Presbytery of Kingston has agreed to the translation of the Rev. Dr. Smith from St. Andrew's, Kingston, to St. Andrew's, St. John, N. B.

AT a congregational meeting held in Knox Church, Galt, last week, the salary of the popular pastor, Rev. J. K. Smith, was increased by \$500, being now \$3,000 per annum.

THE Rev. James Barclay, of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, has resolved to accept the pastorate of St. Paul's, Montreal, vacant through the retirement of Dr. Jenkins.

DR. SMITH, Kingston, has resigned the Presbyterial convenership of the Home Mission Committee, and the Rev. Mr. McLean, Belleville, has been appointed to the position.

THE Tea Meeting and social given under the auspices of the Rosseau Presbyterian Church; at the Monteith House on Friday evening the, 2nd inst., was a decided success.

REV. JAMES ROSS, of Perth, recently called to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, signified his declination of the call at a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

THE Rev. J. McEwen, Ingersoll, has received a call from the congregation of Parkhill. It is expected, however, that he will accept the secretaryship of the Canada Sunday School Association.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, preached the Baccalaureate sermon in connection with the closing exercises of Queen's University and College, Kingston.

THE Presbyterians have plans and specifications out for a new church, in the village of Fletcher, close to the post-office. At present the school house is used on alternate Sundays by the Roman Catholics and Presbyterians.

FROM the "Bible Society Monthly Recorder" we learn that Pastor Chiniquy at a meeting of the Bible Society committee, asked for a supply of De Sacy's translation of the Vulgate. He was promised a thousand copies of the forthcoming standard edition.

THE Knox College Endowment Committee met last week at Rev. Dr. Reid's office, Mr. Wm. Mortimer Clark, chairman of the College Board, presiding. Arrangements were made for canvassing all the Presbyteries in the Church during the ensuing summer on behalf of the fund.

THE candidates for the moderatorship of the Presbyterian General Assembly for the coming year, as nominated by Presbyteries, are six in number. They are Principal Grant, of Kingston; Dr. King, of Toronto; Prof. McLaren, of Toronto; Kenneth McLennan, M.A., of Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Dr. McKnight, of Halifax; and Dr. Scott, of North Bruce.

At an adjourned meeting lately of the Hamilton Presbytery, the call of St. Catharines to Rev. Mr. Radcliffe was concurred in. It was agreed that St. Ann's and Smithville should be formed into one pastoral charge, supply to be sent from Wellandport. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held on the first Tuesday in May, when the case of Mr. Walker, of Binbrook, will be taken up.

THE congregation of Knox Church celebrated the third anniversary of the induction of their pastor, Rev. H. M. Parsons, by holding a social gathering last week. After tea the chair was taken by Mr. John L. Blaikie. An entertaining programme was carried out. Mr. William Mortimer Clark, on behalf of the congregation, addressed the pastor, to which that gentleman made a suitable reply. There was a large attendance.

THE Knox College Smith scholarship for 1883-4 will be awarded for the best essay on "The love of God as manifested in the Covenant of Works." The competition is open to students of the second and third years in theology. The essays must all be in by the

31st of Oct. next. It may be added that the Senate have resolved that the holding of the scholarship shall not exclude the winner from the general competition for scholarships at the close of the session.

THE Rev. A. Gilray, Messrs. Bain and Johnston appeared before the Presbytery of Kingston last week as commissioners, the first named representing the Presbytery of Toronto, and the others Carlton Street Presbyterian Church, to prosecute the call addressed to the Rev. A. Wilson. They were successful in their mission. Mr. Wilson, after a long and faithful pastorate in Kingston, has undertaken the oversight of the recently formed Carlton street congregation. His induction will probably take place during next month.

THE personnel of the Temporalities Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has lately undergone a change. Mr. James Michie and Sir Hugh Allan having been removed by death, and Rev. D. M. Gordon, Rev. Gavin Lang, and Judge Dennistown by other causes, the following were chosen to take their places:—Donald Ross, B.D., Lachine; Andrew Allan, Montreal; G. M. Macdonnell, Kingston; D. B. McLennan, Cornwall; and James Patterson, Montreal.

THE Winnipeg "Times" says: "Rev. Mr. Urquhart preached in Selkirk Hall last evening to a large congregation. This young man, who has not yet completed his Divinity course in Knox College, Toronto, is a student of considerable promise and ability. He has been engaged to assist Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of St. Andrew's Church, whose pastoral duties have grown so great of late as to almost overtax his powers. This young congregation is to be congratulated in having secured the services of so talented and amiable a person as Mr. Urquhart."

THE Presbytery of Montreal, with commendable interest for the support of its ministers, has secured a guarantee of about \$4,000 by private subscription, with the intention of raising the salaries of those brethren within their bounds whose financial income has been too small. This is right. Other Presbyteries might well go and do likewise. This guarantee, which is for three years, will give the minister in the country charge a minimum salary of \$750 and a manse, while to the town minister it will insure a minimum stipend of \$1,200 and a free house.

THE Presbyterian congregation at Midland, under the pastorate of Rev. D. James, though young is vigorous and promising. The annual meeting showed that a prosperous year had been enjoyed. The Rev. R. N. Grant, Orillia, delivered an interesting, profitable and racy lecture on "Secular Elements of Congregational Success," to a large and highly appreciative audience. In the course of the evening the choir gave several excellent musical selections. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer of the evening, after which the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced.

ON Thursday evening, the 19th inst., the Rev. Thomas Cumming, late of Stellarton, Nova Scotia, was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Joseph Street Church, Montreal, as successor to Rev. Professor Scrimger. The Rev. Robert Campbell preached on the occasion. Principal McVicar addressed the minister, and the Rev. Mr. Nicholls the people. On the following evening a social meeting was held in the church to welcome the new minister. There was a large attendance of the congregation and their friends, and suitable addresses were given by various ministers of our own and other Churches. The utmost good feeling prevailed, and Mr. Cumming enters upon his new field of labour under the most favourable auspices. The congregation is fortunate in thus early securing a minister of Mr. Cumming's experience and ability. May his pastorate be a long and successful one.

THE anniversary services of the West Presbyterian Church were held on Sabbath week. Rev. F. H. Wallace, B.D., of Cobourg, preached at eleven a.m. At three p.m. the Sabbath school and friends were addressed by Rev. J. M. Cameron, Rev. F. H. Wallace, and Mr. W. B. McMurrich, late superintendent of the school. At seven p.m. Rev. H. M. Parsons preached. The anniversary social was held on Tuesday evening. After a large company had partaken of the usual refreshments in the lecture room, all adjourned to the church, when the chairman in a few opening remarks stated that 297 members had been received since the dedication of the new church three years ago, and that, notwithstanding the fluctuating

character of the population, there are over 400 members on the roll. Very able and interesting addresses were then given by Rev. D. Thomas, of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Rev. Hugh Johnston, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, and Rev. G. M. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's, interspersed with several anthems well rendered by the choir under the able leadership of Mr. James Fax, precentor.

THE Winnipeg "Sun" says:—"Some eleven years ago, when Winnipeg was nothing but a small village, the Rev. D. B. Whimster, then of St. Mary's, Ont., was sent here to labour as a missionary. He remained in Winnipeg and other towns west for about five years, and afterwards returned home and spent some years at college. Shortly before leaving, a committee, consisting of persons owning land at Point Douglas common, among whom was Dr. Schultz, were appointed to select a small piece of land for presentation to the rev. gentleman, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the people of Manitoba. The committee accordingly purchased a small lot near the Canada Pacific Railway station at a cost of one hundred dollars. He was presented with the land, but did not get a deed with it at the time. After attending the college for some time, he returned to Winnipeg, where he now is. He recently received a telegram from Ottawa to the effect that the land would be all right, and has since obtained a deed of it. The property was assessed the other day, and was valued at \$16,000. Mr. Whimster is now a retired man."

THE services in connection with the re-opening of Stanley Street Presbyterian Church, Ayr, were held on Sabbath, the 18th February last. The congregations were large, the sermons eloquent and appropriate, the offerings generous, and the whole proceedings of a character exceedingly satisfactory in every sense of the term. Impressive sermons, morning and evening, were preached by Rev. Principal Cavan. On Tuesday evening a soiree, which proved to be a success, was held in the church. After refreshments had been served, the pastor of the church, Rev. Walter Inglis, took the chair. A programme, consisting of addresses by Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Ayr, Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, Messrs. Dixon, Galt, Wm. Inglis, Toronto, Elliot, of Ayr (Methodist), and music by the choir under the leadership of Mr. A. Reid. On the following evening a social for the Sabbath school was well attended. During the time repairs were being made, the session of the sister church kindly invited us as a congregation to worship with them for the time being; the invitation was thankfully accepted, and not only were joint services conducted by both pastors during the interval, but two very interesting and profitable joint communions were celebrated by both congregations. May these services be long remembered by us all, and abundantly blessed by the King and Head of the Church.—COM.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met at St. Thomas, by permission of the Synod, on 10th inst. The Rev. John McEwen tendered the resignation of the pastoral charge of Erskine Church, Ingersoll. The usual citation was issued to said congregation to appear by representatives at next meeting, May 8th, at Paris, when the resignation will be considered. The Presbytery having taken into consideration the case of the Rev. F. R. Beattie, of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, in regard to a certain charge of immoral conduct brought against him in the civil courts, resolved as follows:—"The Presbytery approve of the course taken by Mr. Beattie in meeting the charge, and express their belief in the baseless and wicked character of said charge, from which he has been completely exonerated by the civil court. They likewise approve of the action taken by the congregation of First Church in the resolutions of sympathy adopted by them, accompanied with an increase of salary, in testimony of their unabated confidence in Mr. Beattie. The Presbytery further rejoice that these painful circumstances have been so overruled by a gracious Providence as not to have interfered with the continuance and progress of Mr. Beattie's work in the community, and hereby express their unabated confidence in him, and pray that the painful trial through which he has been called to pass may be blessed to him and to his people, and that he may be enabled to continue his labours with increased devotion and success." The next ordinary meeting is to be held in River Street Church, Paris, May 8th, at eleven a.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.