

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

The *Sentinel-Review* states that considerably over \$1,000 has been subscribed in Woodstock for Knox College Endowment Fund.

In the communication by Principal King in the issue of April 9th, through a typographical error, it was stated that eighty students would enter at once on mission work; it should have been eight.

THE laudable action of Messrs. Hugh, James, and Robert Mackay, of Montreal, in endowing "The Edward Mackay Chair," in the Presbyterian College, in memory of their uncle, is an example of respect worthy of imitation.

At a meeting of the Paris Presbytery held lately a call was laid on the table from the Barrie congregation in favour of Mr. D. D. McLeod, of Paris. The call will be issued at a meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Ingersoll on Tuesday, the 13th May.

THE Synod of Hamilton and London, held at Seaford, has been the largest attended of any former meetings, there having been some 225 members in attendance. A very great interest has been taken by the general Christian public in the business of the Synod.

THE Rev. Dr. Moffat, of Walkerton, lectured at Wroxeter lately for the benefit of the Mechanics' Institute. The warden of the county in the chair. Mr. Gibson, M.P.P. and others gave valuable musical assistance. The topic was "Abraham Lincoln; or, the Power of Pluck and Character." The town hall was crowded.

PERHAPS the largest individual contribution to the Augmentation Scheme is that of the Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Montreal, who sent out in every copy of this month's *Record*, a sermon on "The Unmuzzled Ox," in pamphlet form, admirably calculated to further the interests of the scheme. Apart from the value of the sermon, and its influence in connection with the work, the cost of printing some 40,000 copies of it must have been great, probably several hundreds of dollars. The expense Mr. Mackay personally assumes, giving parties receiving the sermon the opportunity of contributing towards the cost, if they so desire. We trust that many will avail themselves of this opportunity, and forward a contribution, addressed to Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal.

THE Presbytery of Stratford met on April 3rd, at Avonton, and inducted into the pastoral charge of Avonton and Carlingford the Rev. Geo. Crystal. The services were conducted by Messrs. Wright, Hamilton, Kay, and Wilson. A successful social was held in the evening at which Mr. Hamilton, moderator of session in the vacancy, was presented with a valuable set of harness as a mark of esteem. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Hamilton, Pantou, Wilson, McPherson, and Crystal. The report on the state of the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, as appearing at the late visitation of Presbytery, was presented and ordered to be read by the pastor to the congregation next Sabbath. Presbytery was much gratified at the healthy and flourishing condition of the congregation. Presbytery agreed to hold its next visitation at Milverton on the second Tuesday of May.

THE Rev. Dr. King, Principal of Manitoba College, leaves this week for Great Britain. He is a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian Council which meets at Belfast in June. He is expected to read a paper on "Training of Students for the Ministry." He also expects to be present at the Assemblies and Synods of the British churches, where he will have opportunities to present the fraternal courtesies of the Canadian Church and the special claims of the North-West. Dr. King speaks very hopefully of the prospects of Manitoba College. From very many congregations of the Church liberal responses have been made to the appeals recently addressed to them. It is hoped that at the close of the financial year the equilibrium between current revenue and expenditure will be restored. Over \$6,000 has been raised for liquidating the debt resting upon the college. The last two Sabbaths St. James' Square congregation enjoyed the services of their former pastor.

THE induction of the Rev. W. A. Hunter, B.A., late of Parkdale, to the charge of St. Andrew's Church congregation, Orangeville, took place on Thursday,

the 17th inst. Considering the bad roads, the attendance was very fair. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. McDonald, from Eph. ii. 4-7. Rev. R. Wallace presided, offered up the induction prayer, and delivered the charge to the minister. And Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., addressed the minister. In the evening a social meeting was held, supplied by the ladies with abundance of good things; and short addresses on various topics, all of them containing warm congratulations, were delivered by the following: Revs. A. McFaul, chairman, R. Wallace, Walter Reid, Primitive Methodist, R. Monteath, J. R. Gilchrist, G. Clarke, Episcopal Methodist, W. E. McKay, A. Gilray, D. J. Macdonnell, W. A. Hunter, and Dr. Allan, of Parkdale. Music was also rendered at various stages by a large and able choir, led by Mr. R. Skelton. Altogether, the proceedings were very enjoyable, and it is earnestly hoped that the settlement of Mr. Hunter, at Orangeville, will prove not only pleasant to himself, but highly advantageous to the congregation, and be blessed of God to the locality at large.

THE Brock Street congregation, Kingston, have for two or three years past been contemplating renovating and enlarging their church. It is twenty-six or twenty-seven years since it was built and while comfortable enough inside it presents a very plain appearance outside. Besides the congregation has grown so of late that more accommodation has become a necessity. Before Mr. Wilson left plans were procured and, but for the expense which was considered to be beyond the means of the congregation, the work would have been entered on a year or a year and a half ago. It is the same plan substantially that is now adopted but somewhat modified. The contracts have been signed and the work will be begun at once. This is Communion week and the congregation after Sabbath will not be in the church again for six months, the services will be held in the Victoria Hall. There will be an entirely new front which will come out almost to the street line with a handsome tower on one corner. This will give a roomy vestibule over which will be an end gallery that will accommodate some 200 sitters. The roof will be raised eight feet above the present height. Then the floor and the pews will be arranged differently from what they are at present. The floor will slope from the door to the pulpit, and the pews will be semi-circular. The cost of the present contracts will be over \$10,000.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—The Presbytery of Whitby met in Oshawa on the 15th April, Mr. Cameron, Pickering, moderator. The whole of the forenoon was occupied with a conference on the State of Religion and Sabbath School Work, which led to the following finding: "The Presbytery desires to record its gratitude to the Head of the Church for the measure of blessing experienced during this year, and to express the hope that we shall all return to our homes with the earnest resolve to prosecute the work of the Church with more singleness of purpose than heretofore." The delegates appointed to the Assembly were Messrs. Craig, Kennedy, Abraham and Drummond, ministers; and Messrs. Heron, Madell, J. C. Smith, and McCulloch, elders. Prof. McLaren was nominated Moderator of the General Assembly. Mr. J. S. Steele, treasurer of Presbytery, after presenting a very favourable report, gave in his resignation because he has removed from the bounds. A high encomium was passed upon him for his very valuable services, and Mr. J. C. Smith was appointed to fill the position. Mr. H. Crozier was, at his own urgent request, loosed from the congregation of Port Perry and Prince Albert with great reluctance, and with expressions of high admiration of him as a faithful worker in the Master's vineyard. In reference to Mr. Roger's removal from our midst, the Presbytery ordered that this minute be engrossed in their records, viz.: the Presbytery feel constrained to place on record an expression of the high esteem in which they hold their co-presbyter, their sense of his valuable services, their grateful recognition of the fidelity and efficiency with which he discharged all the duties that devolved on him as a pastor of the Ashburn and Utica congregation, and as a member of the Presbytery, and their best wishes and prayers for his abundant comfort and success in his new field of labour. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in St. Paul's church, Bowmanville, on the 3rd Tuesday of July.—A. A. DRUMMOND, Pres. Clerk.

THE COLLEGE FUND.

Instead of only a few hundred dollars, we learn that the College fund receipts are upwards of \$2,000 less than at the same time last year. The following circular has just been issued by Rev. R. H. Warden, the agent of the fund.

The amount asked this year from the congregations of the Church for the College fund was \$19,000; of this amount only \$10,300 have thus far been received, and the ecclesiastical year ends this month. Unless special efforts be made during the next fortnight, especially in those congregations that have not yet contributed, it will be impossible for the several colleges to equalize the revenue and expenditure of the year.

The following resolution was adopted by the Geneva Assembly in June last. "The Assembly would emphasize the necessity of the entire constituency of the three associated Colleges, *loyally* and *heartily* contributing to the common fund."

May I venture to urge that you take immediate action to secure a liberal contribution from your people on behalf of the fund.

As the Assembly meets this year a week earlier than usual, the books must be closed promptly on Saturday, 3rd May, prior to which date all moneys should be received.

Commending this matter to your immediate and earnest attention, believe me—ROBT. H. WARDEN, Agent, College Fund.

We trust that there will be a prompt and hearty response to this appeal, and that even those who have already given will aid in making good the required amount.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Rev. Dr. Reid has received the following anonymous contributions for schemes of the Church, viz.: J. W. S., St. Anns, for Foreign Missions, \$2; A Friend, Toronto, for Aged Ministers' Fund, \$5; and for Augmentation of Stipend Fund, \$5; A Friend, Chicago, for Foreign Missions, Formosa, \$5; Anonymous, Clinton, for Foreign Missions, Saskatchewan, \$5; A Friend, Ayr, for Home Missions, \$10; also for Foreign Mission, \$10; Churchill, Thank-offering, for Home Mission, \$5; A Friend, Wingham, for Foreign Mission, \$1; A Friend, Flamboro' West, for Foreign Mission, Formosa, \$2; J. O., Galt, for Augmentation of Stipend Fund, \$3; A Lady Friend, Knox Church, Vaughan, Girls' School Foreign Mission, Formosa, \$2.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

The Synod of Hamilton and London met at Seaford on Monday evening, 14th inst. The retiring moderator, Rev. A. D. Macdonald, preached an able sermon from the text: "The Sword of Spirit which is the Word of God." The discourse was an elaborate and masterly defence of the divine authority and inspiration of the Scriptures.

At the close of the public services the clerk of the Synod Dr. Cochrane, called the roll. The moderator then in a suitable address thanked the Synod for their kindness in electing him a year ago to the chair, and asked for nominations for a moderator for the ensuing year. The Revs. Messrs. Goldsmith, Burton, and Fletcher, all of the Presbytery of Hamilton, were respectively nominated. On the vote being taken, Mr. Fletcher was elected moderator, by a large majority, and took the chair accordingly.

TUESDAY.

The Synod met again this morning, the first hour being spent in devotional exercises. The report of the Buxton Building Fund was submitted, showing that \$261.70 had been received during the year and paid over to the Rev. Wm. King. The report was received and adopted, and the committee re-appointed for next year. It was agreed that the congregation of Lucan should be transferred from the Presbytery of London to that of Stratford.

A complaint against the London Presbytery by that of Sarnia for having received the East Williams congregation, which the complainants claim is within the bounds of the Sarnia Presbytery, was discussed. Messrs. Cuthbertson and McAdam were heard for the Sarnia Presbytery, and Dr. Proudfoot and Mr. Rennie for the Presbytery of London. After deliberating, it was agreed on motion of Dr. Laing that the complaint be sustained, and that the congregation being within the bounds of Sarnia Presbytery should be under its oversight, at the same time admitting that the London Presbytery had acted from prudence and proper reasons.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Mr. McLean, of Blyth. The report was received, and after a lengthened discussion the following recommendations were adopted:—That temperance societies be organized in every congregation and mission station; that office bearers and members be recommended to use their influence to have the Temperance Act of 1878 submitted in their several counties as soon as practicable, and thus educate and prepare the people for a prohibitory liquor law; that the Synod express its sympathy with the efforts put forth by both Provincial and Dominion Parliaments with a view to the total suppression of the liquor traffic.