

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Thomas Duncan, of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, N.S., has received a call to Edinburgh, Scotland.

It is reported that the congregation of Annapolis, N.S., intend giving a call to the Rev. Thomas Maxwell, late of Little Harbour.

At a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Pictou, N.S., the Rev. A. McL. Sinclair, of Springville, tendered his resignation of that charge. Mr. Sinclair has since received a call from the congregation of Sutherland's River and Vale Colliery.

PREVIOUS to his departure for the old country, the congregation of Union Church, Brucefield, waited upon their pastor, Rev. Mr. Thomson, and presented him with an affectionately worded address, accompanied by a purse of \$160 to assist in defraying the expenses of his trip.

THE Presbyterian Young People's Association of Brampton gave their closing entertainment for the season on Thursday evening last. The programme included an address by the Rev. G. M. Mulligan, of Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and a series of essays, readings, etc., with vocal and instrumental music in the intervals.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Paris, on the 6th inst., the Clerk reported receipt of a call from the congregation at Orillia in favour of the Rev. R. N. Grant, of Ingersoll, signed by 211 communicants and 94-adherents. The stipend promised is \$1,200 with manse. The call will be finally disposed of at a meeting to be held at Paris on the 4th of July.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Paris, held at Woodstock on the 6th inst., there was submitted a very numerous signed and hearty call from the congregation of Innerkip and Ratho in favour of Mr. William McKinley, a graduate of Knox College, recently licensed. The call was sustained, and Mr. McKinley having intimated his acceptance of the same, it was agreed that his ordination examinations take place at next meeting of the Presbytery, July 4th, and that in the event of their being sustained the ordination take place on the 11th July, at 3 o'clock p.m., in the church at Innerkip.

"It is pleasing to note," says the Brockville "Recorder," "that St. John's Church, one of the most beautifully situated religious edifices in Brockville, is soon to be enlarged and otherwise improved, tenders being now advertised for to complete the work. It is proposed, we understand, to build an extension the length of the present edifice and nearly as wide, on the south side, where the lot affords plenty of room. The pulpit will be changed from its present position at the west end to the side next Park street, while the seating of the new portion will be of the amphitheatre style, with incline. A raised choir gallery will also be constructed at the spot where the pulpit now stands."

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.—This court met in Carleton Place on Tuesday, the 23rd day of May, the Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A., Moderator, in the chair. The attendance of members was somewhat smaller than usual. The chief items of business were as follows: Messrs. J. B. Stewart and Jas. Robertson, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and Geo. A. McArthur, of Queen's College, Kingston, were duly licensed to preach the Gospel. The report of the deputation appointed to visit Pakenham anent the matter of the union of the two congregations there was received, whereupon the Presbytery decided to meet in Pakenham on the 5th day of June to issue the matter. It was unanimously resolved to express no preference either for the Sustentation or the Supplemental Scheme, but that the Presbytery adhere to its former expressed preference for the present system. Deputations were appointed to visit supplemental congregations, with a view to the reduction of grants. The statistical and financial returns of the Presbytery were laid upon the table and handed over to a committee to report at next meeting of Presbytery. It was looked upon as a matter for congratulation that returns were received from all the congregations. The evening sederunt was mostly occupied by a Temperance Conference opened by the reading of a very able paper by the Rev. J. M. McAlister.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Woodville on Tuesday, 30th May, Rev. W. Lochhead,

Moderator. All the ministers were present and five elders. A large amount of routine business was attended to. Subjects of discourses were prescribed for the students within the bounds of the Presbytery. The Clerk was appointed to preach at Scott and Uxbridge, and declare the church vacant on the 11th June, and also to act as Moderator of the Session. Representatives were heard from Fenelon and Cambridge congregations on their financial matters, and a deputation, consisting of Rev. A. Currie, M.A., Rev. W. Lochhead, Mr. J. C. Gilchrist and Mr. John Mathie, appointed to meet with the congregations at Glenarm as soon as possible, and report next meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. John Currie and David Bickell were examined on Theology and Church History, and delivered their discourses for license. These trials being sustained, the candidates were in due form licensed by the Moderator as preachers of the Gospel. On 5th June the Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Woodville, and sustained a call from Longford and North Mara to the Rev. H. Sinclair, Knox Church, Oro. The Rev. J. McNabb was appointed to represent the Presbytery of Lindsay at the meeting of Barrie Presbytery. The next regular meeting of Presbytery to be held at Lindsay on the last Tuesday of August at eleven a.m. J. R. SCOTT, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston on the last two days of May. Mr. James Rattray, recently from Scotland, was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. From testimonials tabled it appeared that he had rendered useful service in various capacities in the old country. It was decided that the time for holding quarterly meetings in future be changed from Tuesday to Monday. Mr. Chambers tendered resignation of the Glenburnie section of his charge, for the purpose of having it attached to St. John's Church, Pittsburg. All parties concerned are to be cited to appear for their interests in the matter. Mr. John Robertson applied to be taken under the care of the Presbytery with a view to license. The matter was referred to a committee, who reported favourably respecting his attainments, and recommended that leave be asked of the General Assembly to admit him into the second year of the Theological course, with power to the Presbytery, on the completion of the course, to take him on trials for license, if they shall see fit. This proposal was sanctioned. Dr. Williamson resigned his commission to the Assembly, and Mr. Beattie was appointed in his stead. An application from Mr. John Corbett to be re-admitted into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church was not entertained. The proposed modifications in the regulations of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund were, with the exception of the first one, approved. It was recommended that the old regulation on this point be allowed to remain unchanged. Mr. Mitchell gave notice of motion in regard to the future appointment of Commissioners to the Assembly. A motion submitted by Mr. Wilson anent the better observance of the Sabbath was laid on the table until the next meeting, which will be held in John Street Church, Belleville, on Monday, July 3rd, 1882, at 7.30 p.m.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 6th inst. Leave of absence for three months was given to Rev. D. Mackintosh, who intends revisiting Europe for recruiting his health. He also resigned his appointment as a Commissioner to the General Assembly. Rev. Dr. King did the same thing, and Revs. C. A. Tanner and H. M. Parsons were appointed in their stead. Several elders resigned likewise; and Mr. S. C. Duncan-Clarke was appointed as substitute for one of them. Rev. A. Cross applied for a Presbyterial certificate, as he means soon to return to Scotland. The Moderator and the Clerk were instructed to give effect to his request, testifying to his excellent character and abilities as a minister of the Gospel. Application to be received as a minister of our Church was made by Rev. Daniel Blue, a minister of the Free Church of Scotland. Several certificates were read in his favour; a Committee was appointed to confer with him, and in terms of a recommendation submitted afterwards, the Presbytery agreed to apply in his behalf to the General Assembly. A deliverance was read from a Committee previously appointed anent the memorialists who meet for worship in Temperance Hall, Toronto. The Presbytery, by a majority of 21 over 2, adopted

said deliverance, which was as follows: The Presbytery grant the petition of the memorialists meeting for worship in Temperance Hall, but in doing so would explicitly declare that no sanction is given to the constitution submitted to the Presbytery, inasmuch as certain portions of it are judged to be "inconsistent with the constitution and enactments of this Church," nor can the members of the Church under sanction of the Presbytery divest themselves of the freedom of action in Church affairs, which is their inalienable prerogative. The Presbytery would assure the Sessions which have been consulted that only the marked peculiarities of the application could persuade the Presbytery to adopt a course which may seem not to give due weight to the objections which some of these Sessions urged against a new organization in too near proximity to other congregations. A committee was then appointed, consisting of Rev. A. Gilray, Mr. James Brown, and Alderman Carlyle, to meet with the memorialists aforesaid, for the purpose of receiving from them certificates of Church membership, with a view to their being organized as a new congregation; said committee to report to next ordinary meeting. Agreeably to an application made, permission was given to Deer Park congregation to elect four elders from among themselves; and Principal Caven was appointed to preside at their election, as also at their ordination or induction. The assessors appointed to co-operate with the Session of West Church, Toronto, in taking further evidence in connection with an appeal of Mr. W. Tilley, submitted a report which was received, and they were then discharged. Parties were subsequently called to the bar, and finally the appeal was dismissed, the parties acquiescing. A report was received from a committee previously appointed on the remittant the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Agreeably to said report, the Presbytery approved generally of the remit, but gave its preference to a recommendation that the ministerial rate shall be uniform, instead of being in proportion to professional income. Application was made by Mr. D. B. McDonald, student, to be taken on public trials for license. Said trials were undergone by him, and these being satisfactory, he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

GOSPEL WORK.

MR. MOODY IN GLASGOW.

For a period of eight weeks special evangelistic services were conducted in the royal and ancient burgh of Rutherglen by earnest workers who represented all the Protestant churches in the neighbourhood. Hearty unanimity prevailed and much blessed fruit was reaped. In answer to the earnest appeal of ministers and friends, Mr. Moody has been holding meetings in this neighbourhood. The United Presbyterian Church, the largest in the town, has been placed at his disposal. There had been much prayer for special blessing. Great expectations were cherished.

In the last century Cambuslang, a town not far distant, was the scene of a remarkable awakening, and hopes were entertained that in these days of merciful visitation there might be something like a repetition of those days of grace. The prayers offered have in a marked degree been answered. Night after night the church has been crowded with interested and deeply impressed audiences, and many have sought and found peace in Christ. Impressed with these early tokens for good, arrangements were made for a

MASS MEETING IN THE OPEN AIR.

On Sabbath evening last, from a lorry wheeled into a favourable position in the street, and with ministers of all denominations at his side, Mr. Moody addressed 5,000 persons. Standing with his back to the wind, his words were distinctly heard by those who were at the greatest distance from him. The sight of the great multitude evidently stirred his soul deeply, and his pleadings were intensely pointed and earnest. It was a wonderful gathering. The rich and poor, the gay and frivolous, the dissipated and moral, met together. At all the open windows of the surrounding houses there were seen groups of eager listeners, many of whom never before heard the Gospel so plainly enforced or so touchingly illustrated.