

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

MESSRS. J. Ritchie, John G. Campbell and James Smith called at St. Andrew's manse, Belleville, on Thursday evening, the 29th ult., and presented the Rev. Mr. McLean with a most affectionate address, together with a handsome gift to Mrs. McLean. The whole incident was a most pleasant surprise to Mr. McLean, who replied to the address in fitting terms, and, in the name of Mrs. McLean, thanked the donors for their handsome gift.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Collingwood, was held on Monday, 26th April. The Rev. R. Rodgers occupied the chair. The total receipts for ordinary church purposes during the year were \$1,206, fully meeting all liabilities. The amount raised for Church schemes was \$113; this includes \$28 contributed by the Sabbath school. The total contributions of the Sabbath school amounted to \$79.26. The amount collected on account of Church Building Fund was \$2,896.45. It appeared from the reports that the congregation have raised for various purposes during the year the large sum of \$4,264.45. The Board of Management was unanimously re-elected. A vote of thanks was given to the choir and specially to its able leader Mr. Charles Kelly, for their very efficient services during the year; and also to the ladies for the efficient manner in which they had laboured for the furnishing and adornment of the new church.

THE twentieth anniversary of the Rev. W. T. McMullen's induction to the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Woodstock, was taken advantage of on Sabbath, the 25th ult., by Mr. McMullen to review the course of his twenty years' ministry in the county town of Oxford. We are sorry we can make room only for the following extract from the excellent sermon preached on the occasion: "Twenty years ago, on the 19th of the present month, I was inducted into the pastoral charge of this congregation. The call extended to me was signed by 105 members. The total number of names on the communion roll at that time was about 128; the number of names appended to the call, viewed in proportion to the total membership, was therefore very large. I had the most satisfactory grounds for believing that the call was unanimous and hearty, and that if I accepted it and came to Woodstock I would meet with a cordial welcome. In this I was not disappointed. The pain of separation from my former charge was greater than I had anticipated it would be, but the kind and warm-hearted manner in which I was received here on the day of my induction reassured me that I had correctly interpreted the leadings of Providence, and that in coming here I was walking in the path of duty. The relationship then formed has now stood the test of twenty years, and may surely be said to have vindicated its claim to be regarded as of the Lord. Few congregations have carried on their work and enjoyed their privileges in a spirit of greater harmony for twenty years; and it has fallen to the lot of but few ministers to spend twenty years of such peaceful labour in the work of the Gospel. It seems almost incredible that it can be twenty years. Truly we spend our years as a tale that is told. And now it may be interesting to note in general terms some of the changes that have taken place, and to contrast the circumstances of the congregation at present with what they were twenty years ago. Of the 105 communicants who signed the call to me, about 27 or 28 have gone the way of all flesh; about 35 are still with us; a few of them have become connected with neighbouring congregations, and the rest have left the place. Of the 34 adherents who signed, about 9 are still with us, 12 have died, and almost all the others have removed to reside elsewhere. During the twenty years of my pastorate about 600 persons have been received into full communion in the church on profession of faith and by certificate—an average addition of 30 for each year. There are at present about 340 in full communion in the congregation, and a considerably larger number of adherents. I find by referring to our returns for the year 1862-3 in the printed minutes of the Synod that we contributed to the missionary and other schemes of the Church for that year a total of \$89. For the year just closed we have contributed a total of \$552.80. The credit of this large advance is in a great measure due to the warm-hearted zeal and untiring efforts of the Christian ladies of the congrega-

tion. They have had the exclusive charge of this matter for a number of years past, and in no other department is the increase so large. Our contributions now are more than six times as large as they were for the year '862-3; and a member of the congregation stated to me his conviction a few weeks ago, that we might double our contributions to missions and be none the poorer. I believe that not only would we be none the poorer financially, but much richer spiritually. As regards the increase in the current revenue of the congregation from pew rents and collections, I cannot give the exact figures, but I find that in 1862-3 the sum total raised for all purposes was \$1,817.55, and the sum total for 1869 was \$3,926.27, and for the year closing 31st of March, 1880, \$4,221.80." We trust Mr. McMullen will be spared to celebrate his jubilee (shall we say in the same place?) amid even still more marked indications of Divine favour and guidance.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met at Oshawa, on the 20th April. There was a full attendance of members. The greater part of the forenoon sederunt was spent in conference on the state of religion, which was introduced by Mr. Roger reading the annual report on that subject. Several members took part in the conference, and the Presbytery agreed to recommend that the ministers use increased diligence to secure the co-operation of parents in impressing upon the baptized children of the Church their relation to the covenant, and teaching them that it is their duty and privilege to seek a personal interest in Christ, and to openly acknowledge Him; and to this end, would further recommend that the ministers of Presbytery, not only bring the matter before their own congregations, but that, before next regular meeting of Presbytery, each minister shall exchange pulpits with another, in order, the more effectually to bring the subject before the people. Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected, by rotation. Messrs. Crozier, and Abraham; by ballot, Peattie, and Little, ministers; and Messrs. A. Beith, T. Bingham, T. Yellowlees, and S. Wood, elders. Mr. R. Torrance, Guelph, was nominated moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston at its meeting in Toronto. Mr. James Ross, student of the third year, passed the preliminary trials, and application is to be made to the Synod for leave to take him on trial for license. The draft act anent the reception of ministers was adopted *simpliciter*. The reports of the treasurer and of the Finance Committee were given in and read, from which it appears that \$144 had been expended on the current expenses of Presbytery and the travelling expenses of delegates to the last General Assembly, leaving a balance in hand of \$39. To meet the expenditure of the coming year, it was estimated that a sum at the rate of eleven cents per member would be required. The Presbytery ordered accordingly. The next regular meeting will be held in Bowmanville, on the third Tuesday of July next.—A. A. DRUMMOND, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at Barrie, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 20th and 21st April, for disposal of all unfinished business, and of any other which might arise. Present—fourteen ministers and seven elders. Messrs. Craw and Millard, ministers, and J. Cerswell, jr., elder, having resigned their commissions to the General Assembly, Messrs. Leiper and Gray, ministers, and A. McGoun, elder of the Presbytery of Montreal, were elected in their stead. The resignation by Mr. Panton of the charge of Bradford and Second West Gwillimbury was taken up. A petition was received from Bradford praying that the resignation be not accepted. Memorials from both congregations, and from the neighbouring congregations of West Gwillimbury and Innisfil were also received, in which were set forth steps taken towards effecting the desire of the people for a union of the four congregations under one pastorate. Commissioners were heard in respect to the resignation and to the proposed union. Mr. Panton intimated his desire to withdraw his resignation. The Presbytery resolved to permit the withdrawal of resignation, and to unite the congregations of Bradford and Second West Gwillimbury, West Gwillimbury and Innisfil into one charge under Mr. Panton's pastoral care. Arrangements were ordered with respect to the church property of the extinct congregation at Cherry Creek. Home Mission business engaged for some time the attention of the court. The following resolution was unanimously

adopted: "Whereas the application of the Presbytery to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, for a grant, equivalent to the amount deducted from the grants passed by the Committee in March, 1879, was not entertained; and whereas the sum applied for has been provided by the Presbytery of Montreal at the instance of the Rev. R. H. Warden, Convener of the Home Mission Committee of said Presbytery, it is resolved that this Presbytery cordially acknowledges its obligation to the Presbytery of Montreal for its generous gift whereby the losses of the missionaries and supplemented ministers are repaired, and that the Presbytery tender thanks to Mr. Warden for the interest taken by him in this matter." Deputations were appointed to visit the congregations of Town Line and Ivy, and the stations of Wyebidge, etc., with the view of getting the people to contribute to the stipend sums equal to the reductions made by the Home Mission Committee on the grants hitherto enjoyed by them. On the Assembly's remit as to the validity of ordination by the Church of Rome, a motion was proposed by Mr. Acheson to the effect that ex-priests applying for admission to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church should be re-ordained. An amendment proposed by Mr. Moodie, without expressing any opinion on the subject of the remit, recommended that applications of converted Roman priests for admission to this ministry be dealt with as they arise. The amendment was carried by a vote of six to three. Mr. J. K. Wright, student, was examined on application for license. The examination was sustained, and the Presbytery resolved to apply to the Synod for leave to take Mr. Wright on public probationary trials. Next ordinary meeting to be held at Barrie, on last Tuesday of July, at eleven a.m.—ROBT. MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

The Council of the University of Queen's College met on the 27th ult., and was numerously attended by the local representatives of the graduates, and by a number of the members of Council from a distance, including Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph; Rev. George Bell, LL.D., of Walkerton; and Rev. Malcolm McGillivray, M.A., Scarborough.

The Registrar, R. V. Rogers, B.A., announced the election of Sandford Fleming, C.M.G., to the office of Chancellor of the University. Dr. Saunders, of Kingston, was elected a member of Council in the stead of D. B. McLennan, Q.C., who had been appointed a trustee. Notice of motion for the next meeting was given, to the effect that at future elections for Chancellor all matriculated students, as well as graduates, be allowed to vote.

The Committee which had been appointed to consider the advisability of having a law faculty in connection with the University reported recommending its establishment, and suggesting a curriculum for the degree of LL.B. The report was adopted and sent to the trustees.

Convocation was held on the 28th ult. Convocation Hall was crowded with students, graduates, and their friends. In addition to those present at the meeting of the Council on the previous day, there were Rev. N. McNish, LL.D., Cornwall; Rev. D. M. Gordon, Ottawa; Rev. D. Ross, Lachine, and a large representation of the leading people of Kingston and the vicinity.

Principal Grant opened Convocation with reading the Scriptures and prayer, and then called upon the Professors in the Faculties of Arts, Divinity, and Medicine to present their class prizes. The honour list, the gold medalists, and University prizemen were then announced, each name being loudly cheered. The ceremony of laureation next took place, after which Mr. A. B. McCallum, B.A., a double gold medalist, delivered the valedictory to the art students, and J. E. Galbraith, M.D., University prizeman, to the medicals.

The Rev. Principal then delivered an address intended more especially for the students in the Divinity faculty, who had refrained from nominating one of their own to deliver a valedictory. He began by referring to the dictum promulgated in certain quarters that morality owes nothing to religion, and that the world would continue to be quite as moral as it now is if it lost all sense of religion and all faith in a living God. Declining to discuss the abstract question, he pointed out that the human race cannot afford to throw away any of the motives or impulses which in-