

## Ministers and Churches.

THE congregation of Carberry, Presbytery of Brandon, have cordially and unanimously called Rev. G. C. Patterson, formerly of Heaverton.

THE Rev. R. A. Munro, of the Free Church, Scotland, who has had much experience and excellent record in missions, has gone to fill an appointment in the Presbytery of Calgary.

FORTY new members were received by West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on September 27, before last communion—about half of these by certificate. A good many members moved away north and west during the season; but others take their places.

THE Rev. D. C. Macintyre, M.A., Ph.D., of Beamsville, preached able and appropriate sermons at the morning and evening anniversary services in Knox Church, Dunnville, on Sabbath, the 22nd inst., being the precise date on which this congregation was organized forty years ago.

TWENTY-THREE new members were added to the roll of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Montreal, at the communion service in September. Among these were three Lutherans from Germany. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Smyth, in giving them the right hand of fellowship in the name of the Session, spoke to them in their own language. The membership is now over 500.

THE Mission Band of St. James Square Church, Toronto, held a most interesting entertainment on Thursday evening. Dr. Kellogg gave a fine descriptive account of his late visit to Sweden, and was listened to with interest and delight by a large audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the Doctor's vivid account of what he had seen and heard. After a pleasing musical programme, in which Madame d'Auria, Misses Lay and Kerr took part, the young ladies served refreshments, and the universal feeling was that a happy evening had been spent.

IN connection with the usual weekly prayer meeting of Old St. Andrew's last Wednesday, there was an impressive and affecting farewell service to Miss Harris, who is leaving for Central India on the 7th inst. Rev. G. M. Milligan, on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary and Mission Band of the Church, in a very touching address asked her to accept from these societies, as a token of their love and esteem, an organ, to be used in her work abroad. Also a sum of money for all expenses it would incur in transit. Mr. MacMurchy then presented her with a Bible, from the superintendent and teachers of the Sunday school, with which she has been long connected, and both as scholar and teacher. The service was then concluded by the congregation individually bidding her farewell.

A FAREWELL social was held in First Presbyterian Church, Erasmus, on the evening of Oct. 1, to take leave of the pastor, Rev. J. McL. Gardiner, who has resigned his charge to go south in search of health. Excellent addresses were given by D. Guthrie, M.P.P., Rev. Messrs. Rae, Acton; Leitch, Elora; Mullan, Fergus; Armstrong, Hawkesville; and Strachan, Queen's College. All expressed deep sympathy with the congregation in the loss of their pastor, and with Mr. Gardiner in being compelled to leave his church and country. At the close of the meeting Mr. Gardiner was presented with a farewell address from the Session and members of the congregation, accompanied by a purse containing \$100 in gold. The pastorate just closed has been happy in the extreme.

LAST week the Presbyterians and others of Sudbury held a social at the residence of Mr. Geo. Thompson for the purpose of bidding good-bye to the Rev. Jas. McEwen, M.A., who has been in charge of the Presbyterian mission there for the past year. A decidedly pleasant evening was spent and Mr. McEwen was the recipient of an appropriate gift from his many friends there, together with a very cordial address, in which grateful appreciation of his labours, esteem for his worth, and hopes for his future prosperity found neat expression. Mr. McEwen replied feelingly, and testified to the cordial relations which have existed between himself and the people of his charge, and also to the many kindnesses he received from those outside of his own denomination.

THE Brockville Times says:—We congratulate our friends of St. John's Church, Brockville, on their liberality—it is worthy of the faith that believed that \$1180 would be forthcoming when the fact of its being needed was explained. Yesterday the handsome sum of \$1190 was laid on the plate, and the payment that falls due to-morrow is thus provided for. We learn that contributions ranged from \$120 to 25 cents. Mr. Macgillivray may be excused for being proud of his flock. Their generous response to his appeal and that of the committee is deserving of praise. Doubtless, other congregations with church debts will profit by the example, and we hope the day has come when moneys for church purposes will be given voluntarily, without personal canvassing or resorting to "human devices" that may be open to question.

A WEEK of special evangelistic services in the Presbyterian Church, Flesherton, conducted by the young pastor, Rev. Mr. Ems, previous to communion on Sabbath, the 22nd ult., was a gracious season of spiritual awakening, quickening of believers and souls coming to Christ. Previous to communion the session received ten new members by profession of Faith in Christ, and their names were added to the communion roll. On Sabbath the 29th ult., in the same church in the afternoon, Theodore George Malchiff, of Macedonia, lectured to a full house. His audience listened with rapt attention. Tears came to many eyes as the speakers carried his hearers in imagination to the condition of his countrymen who are yet without the light of the Gospel. Mr. Malchiff, although only mastering the English language, is a pleasant and fluent speaker and will be greeted with a large audience should he again come before the people.

THE first meeting for the season of the Canadian McAll Auxiliary was held in the library of the Y. M. C. A. on Oct. 3. In the absence of the President, Mrs. S. C. Duncan Clark, Vice-president, occupied the chair. Letters were read from Mr. McAll and Mr. Soltan, the latter the treasurer of the mission in Paris, in reference to the Auxiliary undertaking a third hall, a gentleman in Toronto having offered \$300 towards its support. Also a letter from Miss Dodds was read. She is a worker in the mission, and sister of the late Rev. George Dodds, one of Mr. McAll's earliest assistants. One of the members, who had visited Paris this summer, gave an account of some of the halls she saw and her impressions of the work. The treasurer reported \$645. Of this \$535 was forwarded to Paris in July last. The sum of \$1,000 is still required before the close of the year in February to defray the expenses of the stations undertaken by the Auxiliary.

A GALT correspondent writes: The Central Church organ and gallery improvements are nearly ready. They will be a great improvement to the internal appearance, comfort and worship of the church. The gallery is one of the best arranged that I have ever seen. It is in my judgment the best part of the church for every purpose of worship. The organ is being built by Wadsworth, of Montreal, who is a comparative stranger in Canada, but one of the largest and oldest builders in England. The pneumatic arrangement, for which the Wadsworth organs are distinguished specially, looks to the lay observer to be a great improvement upon the old method of wooden lever and bars. The metal pipes are not so likely to be affected by atmospheric changes. The Central Church will be opened next Sabbath by Dr. Mackay, of Montreal, preaching morning and evening; Rev. A. G. King, of Galt, doing duty in the afternoon. By an organ and vocal concert on the Monday evening, at which Dr. Mackay will make an address, and by a social on the Monday week following, they expect to clear a handsome contribution for the heavy expenses which have been incurred.

A LARGE concourse of people from the Presbyterian congregations of Corunna, Mooretown and Knox, assembled at the residence of Mr. Hugh Craig, Corunna, on the evening of the 20th ult., to bid a formal farewell to Mr. Neil Shaw, B.A., who has ministered so efficiently to the spiritual welfare of the said charges during the past six months, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. James McCutcheon, who has been enjoying a well-earned holiday in Scotland, his native land. It was wisely thought before separating with such an esteemed friend to show in some degree their appreciation of his services and their heartfelt sympathy in the great work which God has called him to perform. As soon as the different stations were sufficiently represented, Mr. Shaw was invited to the front and presented with a beautiful gold watch, accompanied by an appropriately worded address, signed on behalf of the members and adherents of the three congregations by Miss Lizzie Craig, Miss Mary Stewart and Mr. Jas. Cruickshank. Mr. Shaw, being taken completely by surprise, replied in a very feeling and appropriate manner, after which all partook of a bountiful repast with such heartiness as to assure the ladies that their efforts in the culinary line were duly appreciated. During the remainder of the evening the company interested themselves in various amusements, interspersed with reading and singing, until early morning, when all dispersed to their several homes, delighted with the pleasure of the evening, and loud in their praises of the hospitality of Mr. Craig and his family.

THE induction of the Rev. A. Gandier to the pastorate of Brampton Presbyterian Church was held last week, at which the large congregation was assembled. The pulpit and platform were profusely decorated with beautiful flowers. Rev. Mr. Amos, Moderator of Toronto Presbytery, presided. Rev. Mr. Glassford, of Streetsville, to whom the duty of preaching had been delegated took for his text Isaiah xvi. 19. The Moderator then put the questions to Mr. Gandier, who was afterwards inducted as minister of Brampton Church. The Rev. G. M. Milligan, of Toronto, delivered an address of counsel to the new pastor. The Rev. Mr. McKay, of Parkdale, addressed the congregation, in the course of which he read a letter from the late pastor, Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver. During the service the choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Milligan, rendered the anthem, "Protect us through the coming night," in which the solo part was taken by Miss Lang, of Windsor, a lady possessing a very fine voice. On Wednesday evening week the ladies held a reception to Mr. Gandier. Dr. Moore occupied the chair. A programme in which Mrs. Milligan, Miss Haggart, Miss Robertson and Miss Balentine took part, greatly enlivened the proceedings. The Rev. A. Gandier enters on his pastorate under the most favourable and encouraging auspices. He is a native of Port Cologne, Quebec Province. He is tall and dark with an independent expression of countenance which would indicate that in a matter in which he considered he was right, he would fight for that opinion. Mr. Gandier received his college education at Queen's, Kingston. He has done missionary work in Halton, Mulmur, and St. Thomas district, and last year assisted Rev. Mr. Macdonnell, of Toronto. During last winter he took a course of study at Edinburgh and this summer was spent in travel in Europe. The Presbyterian Church has a pastor, young, capable, of much ability and of great promise.

DR. MONROE GIBSON, of London, has been spending a brief vacation on this continent. After visiting several of the Eastern States he is now returning from a transcontinental trip via the C. P. R. His stay in Toronto was necessarily brief, having to leave early for Ottawa to fulfil a lecture engagement and visit a brother, Mr. James Gibson, a prominent business man and ex-president of the Y. M. C. A. He passed a busy day last Sabbath in this city, having preached to a large congregation in St. Andrew's church, west, in the morning. In the evening he occupied the pulpit of St. James' Square, the congregation of which a number of years ago he was a member. After the evening service he addressed a union meeting in Association Hall, on "The Unity and Symmetry of the Bible." John Monroe Gibson is a native of Scotland, and commenced his art studies in Glasgow University, where he carried off the first prize in the Greek class, at that time under the care of Professor Lushington, Lord Tennyson's brother-in-law. His father, who had been a Presbyterian minister in Scotland, came to Canada and took charge for a time of a congregation in Owen Sound, moving afterwards to New York, where he died. John Monroe Gibson completed his studies at Toronto University, where he had a brilliant career, being a gold medalist of that institution. He received his theological education at Knox College. On completing his course he was appointed for a time assistant to Rev. Dr. Ormiston, then pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton. He was soon after called to be colleague and successor to the late Dr. William Taylor, of Eskine Church, Montreal, where for a few years he ministered with great acceptance and success. Thence he was called to be pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Chicago, where, also, his individuality was recognized and appreciated. From that busy centre he was called to his present charge at St. John's Wood, London, one of the most important Presbyterian churches in the British metropolis, where, as pastor, he has attained to a position of usefulness and influence it would be difficult to surpass. Dr. Gibson is the author of several important theological works that have been much appreciated and widely circulated. The large auditorium of St. James' Square was completely filled at the evening service. The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Kellogg, and Dr. Gibson gave an able and lucid exposition of the doctrine of prayer. His reflex influence was great, but its chief intent was that it brought the soul into direct communion with God. In bestowing his benefits on the suppliant God wished to bestow Himself. Constant prayer—praying always—meant a full realization of God's presence and a spirit of dependence on Him. The discourse was plain, simple and telling, illustrated graphically from incidents of common life, and delivered with great power and impressiveness. At the close of the service Dr. Gibson was greeted by a large number of his former friends.

THE *Kincardine Reporter* gives a full account of the very cordial reception tendered the Rev. J. T. Murray and Mrs. Murray on their return from Europe. They were met on their arrival at the station by a large number of their friends, and on Friday evening following a public reception was given in Knox Church by the congregation, and the edifice was crowded, many from the Methodist, Baptist, and Episcopal congregations joining in the gathering. The basement was beautifully decorated for the occasion, with foliage plants, flowers, vines and evergreens. The dais at the end of the church was literally banked with flowers, and on the wall was an artistically arranged arch which bore in prominent characters the word "Welcome." Such a home gathering has never before been witnessed in Kincardine. It must have warmed the hearts of those who were being honoured. We are sure it did. The arrangements were perfect, and the programme was carried out with excellent judgment by the chairman, Rev. Mr. Ballantyne. After devotional exercises, the chairman called upon Mr. Malcolm McPherson, an aged and honoured father in the church, to read the address of welcome from the congregation. The address was expressive of the most kindly feelings towards the pastor, pleasure at his return and the best wishes for his future success in his sacred calling. Thereafter little Gracie McPherson presented Mrs. Murray with a bouquet of choice flowers. Rev. Mr. Murray was affected by the words of the address, as well as by the ovation, which had greeted him that evening. His reply was a manly one, it breathed the true spirit of thankfulness to God for his safe return to his field of labour, and his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him by the congregation he so dearly loved. He said that he never had any idea that he would receive such a welcome home. He thanked them for the kind words contained in the address. He believed they were sincerely expressed. Without making ostentation of humility, he said he could not feel that he had deserved all the praise that they had seen fit to bestow upon him. On leaving home they felt quite sure that they would have the prayers of the congregation. While on the ocean enjoying beautiful weather, and while travelling through Britain

and on the continent, at all times enjoying excellent health, Mrs. Murray had remarked "Surely the prayers of our dear friends in Kincardine are being answered." They had visited Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Germany and Switzerland, and from close observations and being able to form opinions of other lands, they had returned home with feelings warmer than ever to Canada, the land of his birth, and to Kincardine, and with no desire to change their lot. In leaving they knew that during their absence there would be sickness and probably death among his congregation, but then he knew that the congregation was ministered to by his good brother Ballantyne, who had the co-operation of the session. In concluding, he hoped the church would have even a more decided career of prosperity than ever before enjoyed, and to ensure that we must feel that all we do is for the Lord, and not for ourselves. He felt that he could not too warmly thank them for the kindness of the people to Mrs. Murray and himself. Short addresses were then delivered by Rev. Dr. Hannon, Mr. John McLeod of Portage la Prairie, and Mr. Walter Duck, M.P.P.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regularly quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Dumfries Street Church, Paris, September 24. Mr. Mark Scott declined the call to Princeton and Drumbo. Mr. H. C. Ross' resignation of the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Ingersoll, was accepted, the pulpit to be declared vacant on second Sabbath of October and Rev. G. Munro, Embro, to be moderator of session during vacancy. A minute was adopted bearing testimony to the ability, zeal and efficiency of Mr. Ross as a minister and assuring him of the prayers and best wishes of the brethren for his success in his future field of labour. A moderation was granted Princeton and Drumbo. Representatives and a petition from New Dundee were heard asking for Gospel ordinances. The Clerk was instructed to correspond with the Presbytery of Guelph in reference to said petition, and Mr. Cockburn was appointed to attend next meeting of Guelph Presbytery in connection therewith, and have charge until Mr. Hardie's return. Mr. P. R. Ross tendered his resignation of St. Andrew's Church, Ingersoll, and it was agreed to consider the same at an adjourned meeting in said Church, October 15th, at 1.30 p.m., citation to be served accordingly. Mr. Pettinger, graduate of Knox College, was licensed to preach the Gospel.—W. T. McMULLIN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, 1st inst. Present, nineteen ministers and seven elders. The Rev. Messrs. W. M. Christie and J. L. Robertson being present, were invited to sit with the Presbytery. A call lately given by the congregation of First Church, Essa, and Burns and Dunn's Churches, was set aside, and Mr. Cochrane, Moderator of the Session, was authorized to moderate in another call when desired. A call from Waukenahe, Fesserton, etc., to Rev. T. L. Turnbull was sustained, and provisional arrangements were made for his induction should he accept the call. The treasurer was instructed to ask from congregations contributions for Presbytery and Assembly expenses at rate of 12 cents per member. On motion of Dr. Gray, seconded by Dr. Fraser, it was unanimously agreed to nominate the Rev. John Laing, D.D. as Moderator of next General Assembly. Home Mission business occupied the larger part of the Session. Report of the superintendent of the mission field for the past six months was received. Reports were also received from above thirty of the missionaries employed in the bounds. The Convener was instructed to prepare the schedules of claims for grants for the half year ended, and forward them to the Home Mission Committee. Mr. Findlay was instructed to see what arrangements may be practicable in order to organize and supply with service a new station at Pickering Lake, in Muskoka, as petitioned for by residents; also to confer with the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College about taking charge of Black River Station, near Longford. The Presbytery recommends the Home Mission Committee to appoint ordained missionaries at Sudbury, Magnetawan, Sundridge and Medonte. Mr. Knox has been removed from the last named to Minnesing, Craighurst and Windhurst for the present. On motion of Dr. Campbell it was agreed to make representation to the Home Mission Committee of the case of fishermen near Manitoulin who are engaged in their labour and do not appear to have services of any kind. The Presbytery adopted a resolution of sympathy with the Rev. R. Ewing and family on account of the death of his son by drowning at Sturgeon Falls while engaged as missionary there.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—This Presbytery met at Qu'Appelle on the 11th ult. There was a fair attendance of members. Mr. Hall, of Wobeser, intimated that he had decided to accept the call to Stonewall, and the Presbytery arranged that at the beginning of October he be released from his present duty and be transferred to the Winnipeg Presbytery. Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Campbell reported that they had dispensed sacrament in the Lansdowne and Touchwood fields respectively. Mr. Taylor reported that he had visited Pense and arranged the matter of request from the people there. It was agreed to sanction the action of the Clerk in certifying Mr. Ogilvie to the Church in California. The Presbytery arranged for moderation in a call to a minister at Regina when the congregation is ready to proceed. The name of Mr. A. D. Ferguson, representative elder of Knox Church, Regina, was placed on the roll. A call from Moose Jaw to Mr. S. J. Taylor was sustained. Mr. Ferry being heard on behalf of the congregation, Mr. Taylor declared his acceptance of the call, and it was agreed to appoint a meeting at Moose Jaw for his induction on Oct. 17, at ten o'clock, the Moderator to preside and address the minister, Mr. Ferry to preach, and Mr. Robson to address the people. Mr. Ferry called the attention of the Presbytery to Sabbath schools and to the studies prepared for the higher education of Sunday school scholars. The Presbytery received the report of the committee appointed to visit Moffat, which recommended the enlargement of the present site for a church. Messrs. Ferry and Hall, having been appointed auditors for the accounts of the Home Mission Committee, reported the accounts to have been kept in a satisfactory condition, and moved a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for his services. Messrs. Ferry and Matheson were added to the Home Mission Committee. Supply was arranged for Qu'Appelle for the present, and it was agreed to ask for the appointment of ordained missionaries at Qu'Appelle, Alameda, Wobeser, and carechists for Saskatchewan and Green Valley. Mr. Hamilton was appointed to represent the Presbytery at the coming meeting of the Synodical Committee. It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Committee on Examination of Students, to certify to their respective colleges the following students, viz.: Messrs. Patterson, Drummond, Fraser, Nichol, Johnston, Scott and Russell. Some minor matters of Home Mission business were attended to and a conference was held with the Board of Management of Qu'Appelle in the evening, the Presbytery adjourning to meet in Moose Jaw on the third Thursday of October next.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—The Presbytery of Quebec met in Quebec on the 24th Sept. Elders' commissions in favour of Mr. Wm. McKelvie for Inverness, and Mr. Robt. Brodie for Chalmers Church, Quebec, were accepted. Circular letters from the Convener of the Home Mission and Augmentation were read setting forth the amount apportioned to this Presbytery for Home Mission and Augmentation purposes. Exercises by Messrs. K. MacLennan, W. J. Jamieson, H. Craig and Narcisse MacLaren were submitted, and on the report of the committee appointed to examine the same, were sustained. These students were certified to their respective colleges. The Rev. Angus McLeod's induction to Winslow was appointed to take place on the 9th October, Rev. John MacLeod to preach, preside and address the minister, and Rev. D. R. Dewar to address the people. The ordination of certain elders at Winslow was recognized notwithstanding minor irregularities to which exception had been