

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. George M. Milligan, B.A., preached the sermon at the sixty ninth anniversary of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, in St. Andrew's Church East, on Sabbath last.

THE Rev. J. C. Smith, son of the Rev. Dr. Smith, has received a call from the Huron Street Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, in which he has been preaching for some time.

THE baccalaureate sermon in connection with the closing exercises of Queen's University was preached by the Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., Ottawa. The missionary sermon was by Rev. Dr. Jackson.

THE contributions for the Schemes of the Church from the congregation of First Church, Brantford, this year, are more than double those of last year. The Sabbath school gave \$50 of the total amount.

THE Erskine Church Young People's Association held their closing concert recently in the school room. Mr. Stark, president of the association, occupied the chair. An interesting programme was well executed.

ON Thursday evening, 19th inst., the Rev. T. T. Johnson, of York Presbyterian Church, delivered a very interesting lecture, entitled "Life in the South," in Mount Zion Congregational Church, Broadview Avenue, under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

ON the 3rd inst. the congregation of Springfield, Ont., waited on the Rev. Mr. Howard, and presented him with an address and a study chair, in token of their appreciation of his services; at the same time expressing their regret that his labours among them had now terminated.

THE united congregations of Ailsa Craig and Carlisle, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Joan Rennie, report for the past year eighty-six families, 259 communicants on the roll, thirty-five communicants added, twenty-two removed. Contributions to Schemes of the Church, \$253, total contributions, \$1725.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in the West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Sabbath last. In the morning the Rev. William Patterson, of Cooke's Church, officiated with great acceptance, in the afternoon Mr. William Gooderham addressed the Sabbath school, and in the evening the Rev. Dr. Parker, of Spadina Avenue Methodist Church, preached an appropriate and impressive sermon.

A LARGELY attended musical entertainment was held in the East Presbyterian Church last week, at which Miss Jessie Alexander and the Church Musical Association gave a number of attractive pieces. Mr. James Stoddard, who for seventeen years has rendered valuable service to the Church as the choir instructor, was presented with a beautifully illuminated address, accompanied by a cheque for \$100. Mr. Stoddard replied in a suitable manner. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Cameron, presided.

THE Rev. Dr. Smith occupied his old pulpit on Sabbath week morning and evening, and administered the Lord's supper. Some seventy-eight new members were added. On the following Sabbath Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, occupied the pulpit, and on Sabbath, 29th inst., Rev. Dr. Smith will preach his farewell sermon, prior to his return to San Francisco. At the last meeting of Guelph Presbytery Rev. Mr. Dickson was continued as Moderator of Session until a regular pastor is secured.

THE Collingwood *Enterprise* says: The Presbyterian Church is to be congratulated on the rapid increase in its membership and the large attendance at its services. On the night of Sabbath week the church was crowded to hear Dr. Campbell's lecture on "The Ball," and indeed numbers were turned away. From what we hear of the lecture, Dr. Campbell does not approve of the dance, and thinks there are other and better forms of amusements for church people. It is said that the building of a gallery for the church is contemplated, as well as the addition of sliding seats.

THE handsome, commodious and tasteful building erected by the Bloor Street Presbyterian congregation, was again filled last Sabbath with large and attentive audiences. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. G. M. Milligan in the morning, and by Principal Caven in the evening. The progress attendant on this effort at Church extension has been most encouraging. At the opening service, it was stated that the membership already amounts to 106; the Sabbath school, under the care of Mr. David Fotheringham and a competent staff of teachers, is in a flourishing condition. The arrangements for the comfort and convenience of teachers and pupils are most complete, a new system of seating introduced by Mr. George F. Bostwick greatly aiding in this respect. A useful and prosperous career is evidently in store for this the latest addition to the Presbyterian congregations of Toronto.

THE closing services of a ten years' ministry by Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., in Knox Church, Owen Sound, terminated about midnight Wednesday. The farewell meetings on Sabbath week were impressive and memorable. Hundreds were turned away, after about 1,200 had gained access to the church. Nearly 600 new members have been added to Knox Church since Mr. Scott's ministry began in Owen Sound. Last evening a public farewell was given in the Town Hall, when members of the Presbytery, representatives of the different denominations, and members of the Town Council made touching allusions to the separation about to take place. Addresses and presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Scott, after which Mr. Scott delivered his farewell words to a representative assemblage that packed the hall. Mr. Scott and family have left for their new charge in Perth.

A VERY pleasant and successful entertainment was held on Monday evening, April 16, in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church, Prescott, under the auspices of the Willing Workers' Mission Band. The room, which was

well filled with guests, was handsomely decorated with flags, flowers and mottoes, the latter being particularly fine. The word "Welcome" was placed above the clergyman's desk, while on either side hung the beautiful mottoes, in fine large gilt letters, on scarlet cloth, "Give God the Best," and "God Gave His Best." The society's motto, "The World for Christ," tastefully executed in hand painting, occupied a prominent place, as did also the touching words, "For His Sake." The first hour was taken up in disposing of a number of useful and fancy articles, which had been made by the young ladies during the winter months. The secretary's report was then read, which showed the society to be in a prosperous condition, although but recently organized. This was followed by solos, duets, readings, etc., interspersed with some fine selections by the members of the orchestra, who kindly consented to be present. Refreshments were served during the evening, and a most enjoyable time was spent by all. The Willing Workers are to be congratulated on the success which has attended their efforts on this occasion. The proceedings were brought to a close by the audience singing the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the benediction by the pastor, Rev. James Stuart. Proceeds, \$45. The officers are: Mrs. A. Greenhill, president; Mrs. George Adams, vice-president; Miss M. Bowden, secretary-treasurer.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—This Presbytery met in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, on the 28th of last month, for the induction of the Rev. Dr. Jardine into the pastoral charge of that congregation. The Rev. Alexander Hamilton preached from John i. 36, 37, and presided. After induction, Dr. Jardine was addressed, and the Rev. Alexander Campbell spoke to the people on the responsibilities of their relationship to their chosen pastor. As the congregation retired, Dr. Jardine was introduced by Mr. McTaggart to the members, adherents and friends, and the Presbytery having conferred with the managers, arrangements were made for the payment of the first quarter's salary the same evening. A reception social was afterwards held in the commodious manse, where provision was made by the ladies of the congregation for the refreshment of the people. A pleasant evening was spent in social converse, and in listening to musical selections from Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Sproat, and to speeches delivered by Archdeacon John McKay, of the Episcopal Church, Mr. Howard, of the Methodist Church, and Messrs. Campbell, Hamilton and Dr. Jardine. Dr. Jardine begins his labours with the cordial good-wishes of his people, his many friends in Prince Albert, and his fellow labourers throughout the Church.—ALEXANDER HAMILTON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox Church, Woodstock, on April 10, Rev. G. Munro, M.A., Moderator. There was a full attendance of members. A very interesting report was received from the Presbyterian Association of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, showing that \$1,218 29 had been contributed during the year, and that all the congregations within the Presbytery except four are represented in the Woman's Foreign Mission Society. The Presbytery expressed very hearty appreciation of the zealous efforts and success of the society. Dr. Cochraue and Messrs. Robertson, McMullen, McTavish, Wylie and Sinclair were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. The appointment of the elders was deferred. The report on Temperance was submitted by Dr. Beattie. The following motion by Rev. W. A. McKay, seconded by Rev. Mr. Boyle, was adopted: That we receive the report; thank the committee, express gratification at the evidence of progress in temperance and at the better enforcement of the law, and earnestly direct the attention of the people within our bounds to the recommendation of the committee, that our people be exhorted to maintain and enforce existing prohibitory laws, to endeavour to secure for all public offices men who are in sympathy with temperance and prohibitory measures. The report on the State of Religion was presented by Mr. D. M. Beattie, and that on Sabbath Schools by Mr. McGregor in the absence of Mr. Pettigrew, the Convener. Next meeting is to be held in Ingersoll, in St. Andrew's Church, July 10, at twelve o'clock in the forenoon.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston recently. Reports were read on Sabbath Observance, Sabbath School work, State of Religion and Temperance. The returns on these subjects were more complete than usual. The remit on the marriage question was considered. A motion was submitted expressing disapproval of the remit in its present form, and recommending that the former part of the sentence be struck out, and the matter referred to left an open question, and that the latter part be retained. An amendment proposing that the remit be approved of was carried by a majority of twelve to eight. The following dissented from the decision: Messrs. Chambers, Robertson, Cumberland, Houston and Kelso. From reports given it appeared that almost all the supplemented congregations had been visited as required. Application was made by the following students of Queen's College to be taken on trials for license: Messrs. M. McKinnon, B.A., J. W. H. Milne, B.A., J. McNeil, G. R. Lang, B.A., D. Munro, W. J. Fowler, M.A., and W. J. Drummond, B.A. After report from the Examining Committee it was decided to apply for Synodical leave to take them on trials for license. The list of students applying for mission employment was revised, and those going out for the first time examined. Mr. Maclean presented the report of the Home Mission Committee. It was decided to ordain Mr. J. A. Snodgrass, at Demorestville, on the 1st of May, at eleven o'clock a.m., and appoint him ordained missionary in that place for a year. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: ministers—by rotation—Professor D. Ross, B.D., Messrs. R. Laird, H. Gracey, M. W. Maclean, M.A., and S. Houston, M.A.,—by election—Messrs. M. MacGillivray, M.A., W. T. Wilkins, B.A., J. H. George, M.A., and J. Cumberland, M.A. The following elders were appointed:

Messrs. A. Macalister, G. Gillies, A. Urquhart, W. Boulter, J. Duff, J. Fowler, M.A., A. F. Wood, M.P.P., Dr. Boulter and J. McIntyre, Q.C. Commissioners unable to attend are asked to notify the Clerk of the fact before the 15th of May. A motion submitted by Principal Grant was adopted, expressing approval of the course pursued by Senator Gowan in endeavouring to secure an improvement in proceedings for divorce. The circular of the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence was referred to the Committee on the State of Religion. Mr. Macalister, treasurer, presented the financial statement. It was found that congregations were responding in an encouraging manner to the call made on them. Mr. Mackie asked and obtained leave of absence for three months to visit Scotland. An adjourned meeting was appointed to be held in Cooke's Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, the 15th day of May, at eleven a.m. THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

The meeting of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa was held in St. Andrew's Church on the 17th inst. and following days. The retiring Moderator, Rev. R. H. Warden, D.D., of Montreal, preached an eloquent opening sermon. The Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's Church, Ottawa, was unanimously elected Moderator for the present year.

The Rev. J. White, Convener of the committee, read the report on Sabbath Observance. He spoke strongly upon the apathy of many so-called Christians in this connection, and the railway corporations came in for some sharp knocks. The Rev. J. Nicholls, of Montreal, seconded the adoption of the report in a vigorous address, dwelling especially upon the necessity of educating the young people and children of our Sabbath schools upon this question. An animated discussion followed upon various aspects of the subject. It was stated that no fewer than fifty trains passed through Smith's Falls upon a recent Sabbath. The recommendations of the report were adopted.

An overture was read from the Presbytery of Montreal and City Mission work. It requests that the General Assembly should take this work under its own immediate care. Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, advocated the adoption of the overture, giving important information and pointing out the importance of the scheme. He moved that the overture be received and adopted, and transmitted to the General Assembly.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald, of Toronto, appeared before the Synod in the interests of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The speaker pleaded earnestly for funds, stating that there would be a deficit this year of \$1,200, and that they would be unable to pay the very small annuities which the ministers were expecting. He proposed to raise an endowment fund of at least \$7,000, the interest of which may be devoted to meet the requirements of the annuitants as they may arise. The needs of the aged and infirm ministers were great, as very few are able to save anything from their stipends. It is, he declared, a question for laymen to consider, and he hoped that, when the committee appeals to the Church in autumn there will be a liberal response. Questions were asked and answered.

Professor Scrimger moved, "That the Synod has heard with pleasure the address of Mr. Macdonald, that the Scheme be commended to the liberality of our Churches, and that persons be appointed in each Presbytery to press the claims of the fund upon the people." Mr. Walter Paul seconded the resolution, and urged a vigorous prosecution of the work.

The report on the State of Religion was read by the Rev. G. M. Clark. It dealt with the duties of the elders; with the religious condition of families; duties of family worship; the salvation of children; of our Sabbath scholars; the hindrances to Christian work in different parts of the Synod; with appreciative mention of Mr. Moody's three weeks' labours in Montreal, and the importance and necessity of teaching the Shorter Catechism to the young. The evening sederunt was given up entirely to a conference upon this report, and other questions affecting the vital interests of the Church.

The report upon Temperance was presented by the Rev. J. M. Macalister. The report dealt with the evils of the saloons, as seen in the demoralization of many of the young and more of the old. Information was given upon the lax manner in which the Scott Act is administered, and the want of earnestness on the part of many temperance people. It was urged that the work of the Law and Order League be extended to the towns and cities in the whole Dominion. It asked that the principles of temperance be taught in all our Sabbath schools.

One recommendation of the report, that the right to vote on the liquor question be extended to women, gave rise to an animated discussion. Dr. Moore, Dr. Campbell, the Rev. Mr. Arthur, Rev. Mr. White, Dr. Smyth, Rev. Mr. Stewart, Mr. W. Paul, Rev. Mr. Whillans, Rev. Mr. Edmondson and others took part in it. On the question being put it was voted down. It was the unanimous opinion of the Synod that all the members and office bearers of our Churches should be total abstainers. The report was adopted after two or three amendments had been passed, and the Synod adjourned till eight o'clock in the evening, when a conversation was held. It was a brilliant affair. Flowers, fruits and many tinted gas shades were in great profusion.

The evening meeting was largely attended by the citizens of Ottawa, and Miss Heddoe contributed not a little to the profit of the conference by a beautiful rendering of "Lead, Kindly Light."

Dr. Moore led off with an admirable fifteen minutes' speech. He dwelt upon the high functions of the Christian ministry. He claimed that they are cultivated and pious men; moreover, they are liberal in their monetary gifts—that they contributed ten per cent. of the \$150,000 which Principal Grant raised for Queen's College. They are also the great leaders in the Scott Act struggle in the Dominion; that the great evangelistic movements of the last few months are the outcome of the labours and pious