

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Stuart Acheson, M.A., occupied the pulpit of Cooke's Church, last Sabbath, both morning and evening.

THE Rev. Dr. John Hall, of New York, will lecture in Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Thursday, the 21st inst., on "Present Social Problems."

As a specimen of one Sabbath's work in Muskoka, one of our missionaries drove eighteen miles, walked twelve, preached three times and made three sick visits.

THE Ladies' Missionary Society of Knox Church, Embro, had a bazaar on Fair-day, from which they realized about \$70 for Foreign Missions.

REV. Mr. McPherson and wife, formerly of Last Williams, have arrived from Scotland, and are making their home in London for the present.

THE Rev. J. McInnis has been called to the pastoral charge of St. Paul's Church, Sydenham, and Knox Church, St. Vincent, Presbytery of Owen Sound. He is to be ordained and inducted on the 20th inst.

MRS. DONALD, wife of the Rev. William Donald, of Pictou, N. S., accompanied by her son, Mr. James Donald, is on her way to Southern California, where for the benefit of her health, she purposes remaining for the winter.

ON Thursday the Presbytery of New York, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of America, agreed to the translation of the Rev. William Wythe, of New York, to the Presbytery of Paris, in order that he may be inducted to River Street Church, Paris, on the 20th of October. Dr. Cochrane and Dr. Beattie, of Brantford, appeared in the interests of Presbytery and congregation.

THE Rev. Professor Bryce, of Manitoba College, writes: Will not some energetic young missionary or some good catechist, who is willing to go to Rainy River and Fort Frances for the winter on a regular salary, communicate with me at once? A new church has just been opened. The region is one of extraordinary beauty, and the people are earnestly desirous of having a man for their new church by the end of October.

THE Sabbath school teachers and Christian workers of Montreal are delighted to learn that Sir William Dawson has kindly consented to take up again a class for giving instruction to teachers and others on the topics of the International Series of Sabbath School Lessons. Sir William has but recently travelled in the Holy Land, and will be able to speak of many of the places mentioned with the accuracy and interest of personal knowledge and observation.

THE Alumni Association of Knox College met last Wednesday. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Alexander Gilray; Vice President, Rev. A. B. Baird, M.A., B.D., Edmonton; Sec. Treas., Rev. G. E. Freeman; Executive Committee, Revs. W. G. Wallace, B.D., W. Frizzell, R. P. Mackay, B.A., W. A. Hunter, M.A., Orangeville, D. James, Midland, and Messrs. William Farquharson and A. McD. Haig. In the evening the members of the Association, with a number of invited guests, sat down to a sumptuous repast. Witty, wise and brief impromptu speeches were made by some of those present. The Glee Club charmed the audience with excellent selections.

A FESTIVAL, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church, Flora, took place in the town hall last week. It was a success in every particular. In connection with the concert it may be remarked that the stained glass windows recently placed in the church by the ladies' exertion, are excellent. They set off the interior of the building to great advantage, and when the rest of the church is fitted to correspond it will be fully equal in appearance to many city churches and inferior to none of them in comfort. It is the intention of the ladies to continue their labours until the desired object is accomplished, and in this they must have the good wishes of all who appreciate their labours and their object.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Fort Langley, British Columbia, was opened for divine worship on September 27. The Rev. A. Dunn, pastor, offered up the dedicatory prayer, and the rest of the services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, who in the early years of its history gave regular supply at Langley. Mr. Jamieson opened the old church thirteen and a-half years ago, and upon him, therefore, naturally and appropriately devolved the duty of opening the new one. His services, both forenoon and afternoon, were most impressive and appropriate, and were attentively listened to by the large congregations. The church is a very handsome building, is hard-finished, will seat about 150, cost about \$1,000, and has no debt upon it. Another new church in Mr. Dunn's field of labour at Mud Bay, thirteen miles distant from Fort Langley, of similar design and cost, is to be opened on Sabbath, October 31st, free of debt.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—This Presbytery met on Sept 15, at Wolseley. There were present Messrs. P. S. Livingston, Moderator; Hugh McKay, John Fotheringham, S. T. Taylor and A. Urquhart, ministers. There were also present several student missionaries labouring within the bounds. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Several appointments and re-arrangements of fields were made for the winter. A number of loans and grants asked for from the Church and Manse Building Fund were favourably recommended by the Presbytery. Applications were read from Messrs. George Evans and Walter Murray asking to be received as catechists. Messrs. McKay, Fotheringham and Urquhart were appointed a committee to arrange for the dispensing of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the different mission fields, and the holding of missionary meetings. The Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had communicated with the several congregations and mission stations within the bounds, as to the financial and general standing of the different fields, and that, in most instances,

had received such information. Mr. A. Robson, who has been labouring for the past two years with much acceptance in Wolseley, having passed a most satisfactory examination, was licensed and ordained as missionary. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Regina.—A. URQUHART, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met in Division Street, Owen Sound, on 18th Sept. Reports were given in from all the mission fields by the committees appointed to visit them. All the reports showed satisfactory progress in the work. Arrangements were made for grouping the fields in the hope of giving at least partial supply during the winter. Crawford and Peabody were united and erected into a pastoral charge to be supplied by probationers. Students were all present and read discourses from subjects prescribed. It was agreed to certify them to the college in which their course is being taken. Wesley Akitt presented himself for examination with the view of studying for the ministry in Knox College. The examination was cordially sustained. Mr. David Ross was granted the status of catechist. Mr. McNeil, one of the students labouring within the bounds of Presbytery, offered himself for winter work, and was appointed to labour in Johnstone and Dagwood, Woolford and Caven group. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Erskine Church, Meaford, on the 29th September. At the adjourned meeting a call from St. Vincent and Sydenham to Mr. John McInnis was sustained and accepted by him. His ordination and induction were fixed for Oct. 20, at half past two o'clock, p.m., in the Sydenham Church. Warton congregation asked leave to moderate in a call, which was granted. Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. Paul's Church, Sydenham, on the 20th Oct., at eleven o'clock a.m., and was closed with the benediction.—JOHN SOMERVILLE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—According to adjournment the Presbytery of Guelph met on the 29th September in Chalmers Church, Guelph. The chief business was the disposal of the resignation by Mr. Cameron of his pastoral charge of Knox Church, Acton. Evidence was produced that the session and congregation had been duly summoned to appear for their interests at this meeting, and a paper was handed in containing the names of five commissioners who had been appointed to represent them. Mr. Cameron having signed his adherence to his resignation the commissioners were heard, all of whom bore testimony to Mr. Cameron's worth, and his zeal and faithfulness since he came to minister among them. After putting questions to them and receiving answers, they were removed and the Presbytery proceeded to deliberate. Thereafter it was moved and unanimously resolved, "That the Presbytery, having heard all the parties in the case, and being assured by Mr. Cameron that he still adhered to his resignation, and that they are shut up to accept the same, which they hereby do with deep and sincere regret. They would, at the same time, put upon record their sympathy with him in the circumstances in which he is placed, and their high appreciation of the motives by which he has been actuated in the course which he has felt himself constrained to take; and their testimony to his ability and faithfulness as a preacher of the Gospel, and a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ; to his conscientious and dutiful attendance on their meetings, to the courtesy and kindness which characterised all his intercourse with members, and to his readiness to undertake any special work or service to which he was appointed. They would pray and hope that the Lord of the harvest may soon open up to him a field of usefulness, in which there may be opportunity for the comfortable and successful employment of the gifts and graces with which he has shown himself to be richly furnished, and that he may be long spared to labour therein. Further, the Presbytery would express their sympathy with the congregation now deprived of his pastoral services and their trust that the Head of the Church may soon send one again to break steadily among them the bread of life so that they shall be able to say: 'Our eyes are now more behold our teacher.' Parties having been recalled this decision was intimated to them and they signified their acquiescence. Dr. Torrance was appointed to preach in Acton on the 4th October, and, after sermon to declare the pulpit vacant in the usual way. He was also appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. The Clerk reported that he had, as instructed, written to the congregations from which no reply had been obtained at last meeting, as to their attention to the taking up of contributions for the Schemes of the Church, and read the answers he had received, from which it appeared that the matter was not overlooked. He next read a supplementary report, showing the estimated amount expected from each congregation in the bounds for the Funds for Aged and Infirm Ministers, for the Widows and Orphans of Ministers, and for Manitoba College. Applications for augmentation of stipend from West Puslinch and Hawkesville and Linwood were directed to be forwarded to the Home Mission Committee. Mr. J. K. Smith and Dr. Torrance were appointed a committee to visit West Puslinch, and Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Tait to visit Hawkesville and Linwood and urge the people there to greater liberality in the support of their ministers, so that a less sum may be required from the Augmentation Fund, to report at their convenience before next March. A committee composed of Dr. Torrance, Convener, Dr. Wardrope, Mr. J. K. Smith, Mr. John Davidson, and Mr. Hugh Rose, ministers, and Mr. Charles Davidson, ruling elder, was appointed to take into consideration any business arising from the proceedings of last General Assembly, requiring Presbyterial notice, and to report at next regular meeting. The proceedings were closed by pronouncing the benediction.—ROBERT TORRANCE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, 29th of September, at eleven o'clock a.m. Eighteen ministers and ten elders were present. Several members were absent on account of affliction. Sympathy with these brethren was expressed, and a resolution was passed conveying to Dr. Fraser an expression of sorrow on account of the decease of Mrs. Fraser. Commissioners to

the General Assembly gave reports. Elders' commissions were received. A call from the congregation of Second Innisfil to Mr. W. A. Duncan, B.A., was sustained, and a telegram having been received intimating his acceptance, arrangements for the trials and examination of Mr. Duncan were made as follows. The Presbytery to meet at Churchill on Tuesday, 13th October, at eleven o'clock a.m., for trials, etc., and should these be sustained, at two p.m. for his ordination and induction—Mr. J. J. Cochrane, Moderator of Session, to preside, Mr. J. A. Morrison, of Oro, to preach, Mr. D. D. McLeod to address the minister and Mr. J. Carswell the congregation. Parties were heard from the congregations of Angus, New Lowell and Airlie, now forming one charge, in respect to a proposal that the two first named be separated from Airlie, and form a charge retaining the pastor, Mr. J. Leishman. The proposal was opposed by the representative from Airlie. After deliberation, the Presbytery agreed to effect the separation on the 1st day of April next, and to assure the Airlie people that every effort would be made to supply them with Gospel ordinances after the separation. Home Mission business engrossed the larger share of the Presbytery's attention. Reports of the Convener and Mr. Findlay reviewed the work of the past six months. Twenty-three students and four catechists were engaged. Extracts from their reports were read showing much good and faithful work. Some of the missionaries were obliged while prosecuting their labours to make long journeys on foot, and the Presbytery agreed to make efforts to obtain the use of suitable means of travelling for the missionaries in future. Several reports were received from members of Presbytery who visited stations and administered ordinances. The report of Mr. D. James, who spent four weeks in the mission field, was of special interest. In each of the Townships of McConkey and Dunchurch, where Mr. R. Harkness, of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society, was labouring, Mr. James organized a congregation consisting of twenty-seven members in the former, and in the latter of ten, to which were added thirteen on profession of faith. His travels in these regions were accomplished in pedestrian fashion. Of the road from Commanda to McConkey he reports: "We found the road rather rough, seven miles of the twenty-five being over a blazed track and that at some points hard to be followed." To reach Dunchurch he walked twenty-eight miles. The Presbytery agreed to tender thanks to Mr. E. Wiman, of Toronto, as representing the Dwight-Wiman Club, for their kind interest and aid given to the members of our church in the Township of Franklin; also to acknowledge gratefully the services of the Students' Missionary Associations of Knox College and of the Presbyterian College in Montreal. Mr. A. G. Jansen, recently arrived in this country from London, applied to be received as a catechist in the employment of the Presbytery. He was examined by a committee appointed for the purpose, and, the report being highly satisfactory, the Presbytery agreed to send his name to the Home Mission Committee and employ him in the mission field. The engagement of Mr. W. J. Hewitt, of Ingersoll, as missionary at North Bay, etc., made by the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, was sanctioned. The General Assembly having given liberty to ordain Mr. Henry Knox, catechist, it was arranged that the Presbytery meet at Magnetawan on Wednesday, the 14th of October, at two o'clock p.m., for his ordination as missionary within the bounds of the Presbytery—Mr. Findlay to preside, Mr. Leishman to preach, Messrs. D. James and T. McKee to address the missionary and the people. Mr. D. D. McLeod was appointed Moderator of Session of Medonte and Vasey, and to provide for the election of additional elders. Arrangements were made for supply by catechists of a considerable portion of the mission field during the winter. It was agreed to recommend to the Home Mission Committee the appointment of Mr. H. Currie, late of the Owen Sound Presbytery, to the charge of Peneanguishene and Wyebridge, and Mr. F. B. Rogers, formerly of Meaford, to the charge of the Couchiching group of stations, both having intimated their willingness to labour in the bounds as ordained missionaries. The present state of the mission work of this Presbytery is satisfactory. The stations have been well supplied during the summer by a large number of labourers, and never before have there been provided so many missionaries for winter service as have been secured. It was also mentioned as a reason for thankfulness that, while there were numerous vacant congregations in the bounds about two years ago, there will be but one after the induction at Churchill on the 13th inst. Leave was granted to the Huntsville congregation to mortgage the church property for \$500 in order to enable them to complete the manse for the use of the missionary.—ROBERT MOONIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 6th inst., Rev. H. M. Parsons, Moderator. Mr. Peter Crann having died since last meeting, his name was ordered to be taken from the roll, and the Clerk was instructed to write to his widow and assure her of the Presbytery's deep sympathy with her, as also of their sense of his worth and valuable aid to the cause of Christ. A draft minute regarding the late Rev. W. E. McKay, of Orangeville, was read from a committee previously appointed and adopted, and a copy thereof was ordered to be sent to Mrs. McKay. Rev. W. G. Wallace was appointed to take oversight of the Scheme of Temperance, said appointment having been omitted at the previous meeting. A report was read from committee anent the organizing of a regular congregation at York Station, consisting of twenty-one members and twenty-three adherents. The report was approved of, and an interim session was appointed. Also the three trustees chosen by the congregation, in terms of application made, had leave given them to borrow \$500 towards finishing their church in course of erection. Dr. Caven reported moderating in a call from the congregation of St. James Square Church, Toronto, the call being given to Rev. Dr. Kellogg, Professor of Dogmatic Theology in the Western Seminary of Alleghany, Pa. On being read, the call was found to be signed by 294 members, and concurred in by fifty-five adherents. The salary offered is \$4,500. After hearing Mr. Henry Darling, one of the two commissioners appointed, the Presbytery sustained the call, and ordered it to be sent to