

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterians of Prince Arthur's Landing are arranging for the erection of a church there.

KINGSTON and Cobourg Presbyteries proposed the Rev. Kenneth McLennan for the Moderatorship of the Assembly.

THE Rev. John Hogg, of Charles Street Church, Toronto, it is gratifying to learn, is recovering from a protracted illness.

THE Rev. Professor McLaren was nominated for the Assembly Moderatorship by the Presbyteries of Ottawa and Barrie.

THE Presbytery of Bruce at its last meeting nominated the Rev. John Scott as Moderator of next General Assembly.

THE Rev. David Mitchell, Belleville, was suddenly prostrated by a severe attack of illness, from which, we are glad to learn, he is now recovering.

THE Rev. Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, Thornhill, were made the recipients lately of two handsome easy chairs and a congratulatory address from the congregation.

IN addition to those Presbyteries reported last week, the following have nominated the Rev. John M. King, D.D., as Moderator of the Assembly: Chatham, Hamilton, and Paris.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, New Westminster, has increased the Rev. Mr. Jamieson's salary by \$200 for this year, and hopes to reach almost, if not altogether, the self-supporting point after this year.

It is earnestly requested that sessions in Toronto Presbytery who have not sent in answers to questions on state of religion would do so as soon as possible. They should be addressed to Rev. R. D. Fraser, C. Aude, P.O.

FATHER CHINQUY is meeting with great encouragement and success in his lecturing tour in Great Britain. His meetings are crowded, and great interest has been awakened wherever he has gone. His efforts have for the most part as yet been confined to London and its neighbourhood.

ON Friday last, 16th, an interesting social meeting was held at the house of Wm. W. Thornton, sr., Mayfield (First Chinguacousy), when Mr. R. Dunsmore, who has for the past forty-five years been the precentor for the congregation, was made the recipient of an address, accompanied by a substantial and elegant family Bible and a comfortable arm chair. Mr. Dunsmore leaves this week for Elderslie.

THE annual meetings of First and Second Chinguacousy (Mayfield and Claude) were recently held. It was reported that the debt on the new manse is extinguished. The sum of \$358.76 was set apart for the various schemes of the Church, etc., of which \$57.76 were contributed by the Sabbath schools and Bible classes. It was agreed that an addition of \$100 be made to the annual stipend of the minister, Rev. R. D. Fraser.

IN connection with the meeting of the Synod of Hamilton and London at St. Thomas, on the 9th April, the Rev. Mungo Fraser has issued a card requesting members to notify him at once, whether they will attend or not, so that satisfactory arrangements may be made for their comfortable reception and entertainment in the youngest city of Ontario. Members will be conducted to their respective destinations on arriving at Knox Church.

THE remains of the late Mr. James Court were brought to Montreal for burial. He was held in the highest esteem by his fellow-citizens. Many of the leading business and professional men and a large concourse joined in the last tribute of respect. The Rev. Mr. McKay, Crescent Street Church, of which Mr. Court was one of the oldest members, and Principal MacVicar took part in the funeral services. The last named gentleman gave a truthful and feeling estimate of the sterling and consistent characteristics of Mr. Court's well spent and exemplary life. Men possessed of excellencies like his are all too few in these times.

THE annual meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, was held lately, Col. Wylie in the chair. The Rev. Mr. Burnfield, the pastor, opened the proceedings with prayer. The report of the year's proceedings, which had been printed and distributed, was read and adopted. The

finances showed a small amount in excess of last year's income. The total receipts from all sources, not including the Building Fund, were \$4,220.50. The expenditure was \$486.57 less, a balance to this amount being in hand, with accounts to pay of about half that sum. The finances are therefore considered in a healthy state. The various officers were then appointed, when the meeting was closed by the customary votes of thanks and prayer.

EIGHTY members of the Wallacetown congregation (from both Wallacetown and Dutton) repaired to the manse and took both the pastor and his wife by surprise. A committee of those who came took possession of the house and furnished a sumptuous tea for all present. After this was over a most cordial address was read to the pastor, setting forth the high estimation in which his ministry was held by the people; at the same time he was presented with a well filled purse. The Dutton section presented the pastor's wife with an address and a similar purse. Mr. Stewart replied thanking those present for giving such tangible tokens of their kindness, at the same time stating that it was only one out of many acts of sincere friendship and attachment received at the manse during the past three years.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, was held recently. The treasurer's report showed the finances to be in a very satisfactory condition. The amount paid in reduction of church debt during the year was \$776, leaving a balance of \$1,300 which is covered by a subscription list completed last year. For the schemes there is an increase over former years. The amount raised under this head, including Sabbath school contribution to Pointe aux Trembles, \$25 raised by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the amount paid on the Queen's College Endowment Fund, was altogether \$428. Stipend and other accounts came to \$1,210, making the total contributions for all purposes \$2,413. The membership increased during the year by ten. At the congregational meeting it was unanimously resolved to raise the pastor's stipend \$200. Later on a tea meeting was held, the object of which was to raise money to make some needed improvements about the manse. The amount realized at this meeting was about \$250. Upon the whole this congregation is in a prosperous and hopeful condition.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on the 20th inst. Twenty-three ministers and nine elders present. The Commissioners to next General Assembly were appointed: ministers, by rotation, Messrs. Croil, Thomson, L.L.D., Abraham, Scouler; by ballot, Laing, Lyle, Fletcher, Ludlaw, elders, R. McQueen, R. Lawrie, W. J. McCalla, J. Charlton, M.P., Geo. Rutherford, A. I. McKenzie, D. McLellan, J. Harcourt. Dr. King was nominated for Moderator of Assembly. A call from Jarvis and Walpole to Rev. Alex. Henderson, of Hyde Park, was reported, signed by 117 communicants and thirty-five adherents concurring, with \$950 for stipend and manse. The Presbytery declined to sustain the call on account of the evident want of unanimity among the people. Also a call from the First congregation, St. Catharines, to Rev. J. H. Ratchiff, of Ancaster, signed by ninety-five communicants and seventeen adherents concurring, with stipend of \$1,200 and manse, was sustained. The Ancaster congregation to appear for their interests at a special meeting on April 9th, to be held in Hamilton. A petition from St. Ann's and Smithville for organization as a charge separate from Wellandport was considered, and the Wellandport congregation are cited to appear for their interest at the special meeting. The overture on ordained missionary supply introduced from the Session of Dunnville was amended, adopted and transmitted to the Synod of Hamilton and London. Messrs. Yeomans and Laidlaw were appointed to support it there. Also the overture by Rev. S. Lyle anent Term Service in the Eldership was received and transmitted. The resolutions on the conference on the State of Religion was reported and adopted. Also the Report on the State of Religion as gathered from the answers to the Assembly's circular was given in by Dr. James. Thanks were returned to Dr. James, and the report was transmitted to the Synod's Committee. A letter published in the "Glasgow Weekly Herald," which it was stated was written by Rev. W. P. Walker, and which contained very exaggerated statements, was brought under notice of the Presbytery. After full deliberation it was

agreed to instruct the Clerk to forward a copy of the minutes adopted by the Presbytery signed by the Moderator to the "Herald," with a view to counteracting the mischief which might have been done by the letter, and to require Mr. Walker to give explanations at next stated meeting of Presbytery. Provisional arrangements were made for hearing the trials of students for license. It was resolved to apply for four students for the summer; and to send Rev. Mr. Stewart to Fort Erie for five weeks. Mr. Robertson, of Strabane, tendered the resignation of his charge, and the congregation was cited to appear at the May meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Scouler and Dr. McDonald were appointed on the Synod's Committee of Bills, etc.—JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO'.—This Presbytery met at Cobourg, on the 13th inst. There were present twelve ministers and seven elders. The Rev. D. L. McCrae was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The Rev. Kenneth McLennan, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. Delegates to the General Assembly were appointed, viz., Messrs. Ross and McCrae by rotation, and Messrs. Torrance, Duncan and Bennett by election. The elders chosen (by ballot) were Messrs. W. H. Taylor, M.D., St. Paul's, Peterboro', W. E. Roxburgh, Norwood, J. Russell, Coldsprings, J. Henderson, Cobourg, and W. Scott, First, Port Hope. On motion of Mr. Bennett, the Presbytery adopted a scheme for the visitation of all the congregations within the bounds. The settled charges were divided into six groups, with a view to the work being done as speedily and with as little inconvenience as possible. Group I. Cobourg, Colborne, etc., Grafton, etc.; Group II. Port Hope (First), Baltimore, etc., Bethesda, etc.; Group III. Norwood, Hastings, Percy, etc., Keene, etc.; Group IV. Mill Street, Port Hope, Garden Hill, etc., Millbrook, etc.; Group V. St. Andrew's, Peterboro', Lakefield, etc., Warsaw, etc.; Group VI. St. Paul's, Peterboro', Springville, Mount Pleasant, etc. The following were the regulations adopted: 1st. That the ministers of each group, with their representative elders, constitute the committee for that group. 2nd. That each committee be invested with presbyterial powers. 3rd. That the minister who, as pastor of only one congregation, be the convener of the committee of which he is a member, and preside at the meetings. 4. That when the visitation is being made in the convener's own congregation, the committee may appoint any other ministerial member of the same committee to take his place as president of the meeting. 5. That after the visitation is held, the committee in each place shall frame a minute expressive of their views as to the state of matters in the congregation, as brought out by the answers to the questions asked, said minute to be read to the congregation on an early Sabbath, with the instructions that it be engrossed in the session records. 6. That committees be instructed to hold their meetings so as to be able to report at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. The Home Mission report was read and considered. It was agreed that, in the event of an ordained missionary not being found for Haliburton and Minden unitedly, Presbytery ask for a grant of \$3.50 per Sabbath for each field, for the payment of two students. Similar action was taken with regard to Clydesdale and Apsley. All session records not recently examined were ordered to be produced at next meeting for examination. Messrs. Bell, Beattie and Cleland were appointed a committee to take charge of records, and to report in reference to session books that have not been laid on the table for attestation. The remit from the assembly on the board of examination was approved of in all its clauses. Mr. Ewing was appointed to moderate in a call at Bobcaygeon and Dunsford, so soon as the people shall request him to do so. Upon motion of Mr. Carmichael, Presbytery agreed to ask the Synod to overture the General Assembly to frame a deliverance requiring Presbyteries to take steps to settle a minister in each charge which shall have been vacant for an undue length of time. Presbytery met in the evening for conference on the state of religion. Interesting addresses were delivered by Messrs. Torrance, Jamieson, Carmichael, and Cooke, ministers, and Mr. Russell, elder. The report of the committee on the state of religion was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to Synod. Presbyterial powers were given to the committee on Sabbath schools to frame a report for presentation to the Synod. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Norwood, on the last Tuesday of June, at 7 o'clock in the evening.—WM. LENNETT, Presbytery Clerk.