

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Trustees of the St. John's Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., have decided to illuminate the edifice with the electric light.

THE Rev. Walter Roger, of Ashburn, has been assisting the Rev. Mr. Bryant in the special revival services now being held in the Presbyterian Church, Bradford.

THE Rev. Mr. Cleland delivered a lecture on the Anglo-Israel theory, in the school-room of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, on Thursday evening week. The "Review" says the attendance was not large, but the lecture was an able and instructive one.

A PUBLIC debate on the Ministers' Stipend Augmentation Scheme of the Presbyterian Church, took place in the Cedar Creek Hall, Galt, the other evening. Three representatives from the Grange, Messrs. J. D. Moore, Jas. Wallace, and John Wilson, spoke in favour of the scheme; while three from the Literary Society, Messrs. R. Rennelson, W. S. Turnbull, and W. Meikle upheld the negative.

THE Rev. J. T. Paterson, who was inducted into the pastoral charge of Erskine Church, Meaford, some three months ago, is meeting with the most encouraging success. The services are well attended, and the congregation most hopeful. Last Sabbath 114 partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Thirty-four were added to the membership of the church. May the good work continue and the pastor's labours be blessed!

AFTER the close of the services preparatory to the communion in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, last week, a meeting of the missionary society of the congregation was held. Rev. J. C. Smith, the pastor, occupied the chair and after the presentation of reports stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Slewright on Home Mission Work, Rev. Mr. Balantyne on Foreign Mission Work, and Rev. Mr. Middlemiss on the subject of French Evangelization.

LAST Thursday, a large congregation was present in West Flamboro' Presbyterian Church at the induction of the Rev. S. W. Fisher of Elora, formerly of Burlington, into the pastoral charge. Rev. Dr. Long presided and preached, Rev. Mr. Burson, of St. Catharines, addressing the minister, and Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Waterdown, the congregation, which is to be congratulated on securing such a tried and talented pastor. Mr. Fisher's health was delicate some time ago, but has been thoroughly restored.

THE Hamilton Woman's Christian Association held their annual meeting last Monday afternoon in the schoolroom of McNab Street Presbyterian Church. There was a good attendance. The report of the work of the past year was considered satisfactory and encouraging. The sum of \$382.96 had been received and \$125.39 expended, leaving a balance of \$257.57. The officers for the ensuing year are:—Mrs. James Watson, president; Mrs. J. D. McDonald, 1st vice-president; Mrs. D. McLellan, 2nd vice-president; Miss J. M. Stewart, secretary; Mrs. J. M. Burns, treasurer.

THE Court of Appeal has been unable to agree on the appeal from the judgment of Vice-Chancellor Blake, upholding the will of the late Rev. Dr. Barrie, of Guelph, which was contested by Mrs. Annie Thomson, the sister and sole heiress-at-law of the deceased, on the ground that the deceased at the time of affixing his signature was incompetent, from mental and physical weakness, to make a will. The will, which bequeaths about \$10,000 to the Home Mission Funds, and the Endowment Funds of Knox College, will therefore stand. The Guelph "Mercury" intimates that it is intended to appeal to a higher court.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane delivered his new lecture, "Across the Rockies, through Salt Lake City to the Golden Gate of California," in his own church last week to a large audience. His description of the ascent of the Rockies, and his impressions of Salt Lake City and the Mormons were listened to with unflagging interest. Southern California also, with its orange groves, and the old Mexican city of Santa Fé, were graphically described. He spoke in strong terms of the curse of Mormonism, declaring that in his opinion nothing but the surgery of the sword would eradicate the pestilent evil. The lecture was in aid of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church, to whom he has promised another on "British Columbia, Its Climate, Resources, and Prospects."

THE Rev. R. J. Beattie and family have been remembered in a kind and generous manner by their friends in Port Hope in view of their departure to Guelph. An elegant and complete silver tea set was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Beattie by the members of the congregations. The Woman's Missionary Society made suitable acknowledgment of the valuable services of Mrs. Beattie as their treasurer, and her Sabbath school class expressed by gifts and words their love for her as their teacher. The members of the choir presented Mr. Beattie with a beautiful album, an easel and quarto picture of themselves. The Bible class made the seasonable gift of a set of valuable furs. Numerous individual gifts expressive of a very kindly feeling were also bestowed on each of the members of the family.

A LARGE meeting of the members of Cooke's Church Young Peoples' Christian Association and their friends was held in the lecture-room of the church last week. Mr. Scott, president, presiding. The literary part of the entertainment was a gratifying success, and consisted of a solo, "Better Bide a Wee," by Miss Corbett, which was pleasingly rendered, "Thy Will be Done," and "Whispering Hope," sung by Mrs. Hind and Mr. Holden, received well-merited applause. The hymn, "My Father Leadeth Me," by the latter gentleman, was also well received. Short and appropriate speeches were delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, and Mr. Henry. The keen interest manifested by all present in the proceedings, and especially in the evangelistic work of the Association affords a very promising outlook for the winter's work.

THE choir of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, invited their late pastor, Rev. R. J. Beattie, to meet with them last Friday evening, at the music room of Mr. T. Long. After practice, Mr. B. P. Ross in behalf of the members, expressed regret at losing his presence, and extended their best wishes for the future happiness of himself and family. He then presented Mr. Beattie with a beautiful album and an easel with a quarto card photograph of the choir. Mr. Beattie said that he had always held the most harmonious relations with the choir, and felt deeply the separation that must now take place. He thanked them heartily for their loyal and cheerful services. He also thanked Mr. Long for the deep interest he had taken in the choir and comforts he had provided for them, and hoped that they would all continue faithful to their Saviour and Church.

JOHN M. MACDONNELL, barrister, youngest brother of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's, Toronto, died in Winnipeg on the 6th inst. He had been ill only two days, suffering from an affection of the heart. Mr. Macdonnell has been connected with the Manitoba bar since its inception. The members of the legal profession attended the funeral in a body to the C. P. R. depot, whence the remains were sent to Kingston for interment. At a special meeting of the Board of the General Hospital, of which Mr. Macdonnell had been long a member, a resolution was passed expressing the sense of the loss which the board had sustained in the unexpected death of one who had taken a deep and unvarying interest in hospital matters. On Monday last, on the arrival of the G. T. R. train from Toronto, the remains were conveyed from the Kingston station to the cemetery, where Mr. Macdonnell's father and mother are buried. The funeral service was conducted by Principal Grant.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—An adjourned meeting of this court was held in Knox Church on Friday. The Rev. Dr. Wardrope acted as moderator *pro tem*. The clerk submitted papers which he had received relative to the vacant pastorate of Knox Church in this city, setting forth the acceptance of the call to said vacancy recently given to the Rev. R. J. Beattie, of Port Hope. Whereupon the induction of the pastor elect was appointed to take place on Tuesday the 18th inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. R. Torrance to preside and induct; Rev. Mr. Morris of Glenallen to preach; Rev. J. B. Mullen, of Fergus, to address the people and Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., of Galt, to give the charge to the intrans. After the transaction of some other routine business, the Presbytery adjourned to meet on the day named in Knox Church for the above and other competent purposes. Notice was given that the pulpit of Knox Church, Elora, had been duly declared vacant in the usual way. Mr. Torrance reported that he had attended the sale of the church property, Preston, and bought

it in, and paid the purchase deposit. It was agreed that his action be approved, and that the new deed be drawn up in his name as trustee. It was left with the committee to take all other steps they saw necessary in connection with that property and the other that had been purchased in Preston for Church purposes.—ROBERT TORRANCE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met again on the 13th inst., mainly for the purpose of deciding on the call to Rev. R. Pettigrew from the congregation of Glen Morris, in the Presbytery of Paris. The committee appointed to visit Weston and Woodbridge reported that they had made the visit, and found that both congregations entertained the opinion that if severally supplied with preaching every Sabbath morning and evening, and aided for a time with a Home Mission supplement, their condition would be rendered more prosperous. Mr. Pettigrew was then heard in regard to the call aforesaid, when he stated that he now saw more clearly than before his way to declare his acceptance of the call. On motion made by Rev. R. Wallace, seconded by Mr. John Harvie, the Presbytery while cherishing a very warm regard for Mr. Pettigrew, and recognizing the good service he had done in various respects as a member of the court, and loth also to deprive his people of his ministerial services, nevertheless agreed in the circumstances to grant his translation to the Presbytery of Paris, said decision to take effect on and after the 6th of January, and appointed the clerk to preach at Weston and Woodbridge the following Sabbath and declare the charge vacant. Also Rev. W. A. Hunter was appointed interim moderator of the session, and the supply of the pulpits was left in the hands of the Home Mission Committee. After disposing of a few other matters, the Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 15th of January, at eleven a.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday 11th inst, and despatched a large amount of business. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane presided as moderator, with the Rev. W. T. McMullen, clerk. There was a very large representation of both ministers and elders. Dr. Caven, of Knox College, was heard regarding the effort now being put forth to raise a sum of \$200,000 for the support of that institution. On motion of Mr. D. D. McLeod, the Presbytery agreed to commend the Endowment Scheme to the several congregations within the bounds and appointed a committee to arrange for the visitation of certain congregations next April. Mr. Balantyne gave in a report regarding the exercises prescribed Dr. Clarke for license, which was received. A committee having been appointed to hear Dr. Clarke's trial discourse, reported their entire satisfaction with all the examinations heard, and Dr. Clarke was thereafter duly licensed as a probationer. The committee appointed to confer with the congregations of Tilsonburg and Collyden regarding the transference of the latter to the London Presbytery, reported adversely to any change being made at the present time, and the Presbytery adopted the Committee's recommendations. Mr. W. A. McKay reported that he had preached in Ingersoll, and intimated the union of these churches in the terms of the Presbytery's decision of last meeting. A committee was appointed to arrange for a Conference on the State of Religion at some convenient time during the winter months. Mr. F. R. Beattie, of Brantford, moved, seconded by Mr. W. A. McKay, the following resolutions:—"That whereas the question of the proper equipment and support of University College and the University of Toronto by legislative grant is now under discussion; and, whereas, several of the denominational colleges of the Province have in various ways expressed their intention to oppose such grants, except on certain conditions: Therefore resolved, that, while this Presbytery cherishes the best wishes for these denominational colleges and their work, yet at the same time the Presbytery is of the opinion that the true interest of higher education in the Province of our university system in particular demands the proper equipment and liberal support of our provincial institutions in Toronto by the Ontario Legislature, as their needs may from time to time require." It was moved in amendment by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Allison, elder: "that the Presbytery, while in favour of the maintenance and proper equipment of the Toronto University and University College, at the same time does not feel called on to express judgment in fuller or more ex-