

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterians of Clayton—a part of the congregation of Ramsay—recently presented the Rev. Robert Knowles with the sum of \$67.

THE new church at North Williamsburg was opened on the 26th ult. The three services were conducted by the Rev. F. McCuaig, of Kingston, who preached appropriate discourses to very large audiences.

THE friends of the Rev. Wm. Shearer, of Bear Brook, surprised him and Mrs. Shearer on the evening of Wednesday, the 29th March, presenting them with an address and a purse of \$40; after which they remained and enjoyed themselves till "the wee sma' hours."—COM.

THE Rev. D. McDonald was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on the 21st ult. Rev. John Bennett, of Almonte, preached, Rev. George Porteous, of White Lake, addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Perth, the people. In the evening a social meeting was held, at which a large assemblage listened to a number of interesting addresses and some good singing, and a very cordial reception was given to the new pastor.

IN view of his removal to Chatham, N.B., the Rev. E. W. Waits, who has been pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, for the past five years, preached his farewell sermon to that congregation on the 26th ult. The church was filled to overflowing, many having to go away unable to find sitting room. On Monday evening, the 27th, a large number of the members and adherents of the congregation met in the basement of the church, and presented Mr. Waits with a gold watch and chain, and an address expressive of their regret at his departure, and their good wishes for the future welfare of himself and family. Mr. Waits and his family left for their eastern home on the 28th by the early morning train, being accompanied to the station by a great many friends.

THE Fraser Settlement branch of the Dundalk and Fraser Settlement congregation had their church reopened on the 26th of February, after having been closed for some time for the finishing of the interior. The Rev. D. Fraser, of Mount Forest, preached morning and evening, in English, to large and appreciative audiences, and in the afternoon in the Gaelic language. On the Monday evening following a very successful soiree was held, at which the pastor, Rev. J. S. Eakin, B.A., presided, and addresses were given by the Revs. Messrs. Fraser of Mount Forest, Morrison of Cedarville, and Chisholm of McIntyre. The proceeds, including the Sabbath collections, amounted to over \$60. The work of finishing the interior of the church has been done in excellent style. A shed is in course of construction, and the congregation is free of debt.

MR. JOHN LOWRY, for many years an active Bible colporteur and Christian worker, died at his residence in this city on the 25th ult. On Monday morning, the 27th, prior to the removal of the remains to St. Thomas for interment, funeral services were conducted at his late residence here by Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, of Cooke's Church, and Rev. J. M. Cameron. Mr. Lowry was in sympathy with all evangelical churches, and he had many friends in the various churches in this city, to whom his labours had made him a familiar and welcome visitor. His quiet and unobtrusive manners won the respect and confidence of men of all shades of opinion, and he has gone to his reward and rest followed by the grateful remembrance of many to whose homes he was a blessing. He was the oldest and most successful of the colporteurs of the Upper Canada Bible and Tract Society, and distributed since his appointment in 1863 over 20,000 copies of the Scriptures. Mr. Lowry was a staunch Presbyterian. In his early life he sat under the ministry of the late Dr. Cooke, then of Killyleagh, in county Down, for whose memory he cherished the fondest regard to his latest hour. During his residence in Toronto Mr. Lowry was an attendant of Cooke's Church, where his voice was often heard in the devotional meetings. He had a wonderful gift in prayer, and in this spirit indeed he lived and died. His sickness was only of a few days' duration, and with a firm expression of his trust in Jesus he fell asleep on Sabbath morning, March 26th, in the seventy-fifth year of age. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith

the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them."—COM.

**PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.**—This Presbytery met in Wingham on the 21st ult. There was a good attendance of members—Rev. W. T. Wilkins, Moderator. Session records were examined and attested. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed: By rotation ministers, Messrs. Leask, McQuarrie, McRae and McNaughten; elders, Messrs. Harrison, Dickson, Campbell and McLennan. By ballot—ministers—Messrs. McQueen and Murray; elders, Messrs. Wilson and Strachan. The resignations of Messrs. Wilkins and Taylor were laid on the table till the meeting of the Synod. Dr. Cochrane was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. A circular letter was received from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto, stating that that Presbytery intended to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive as a minister of this Church the Rev. W. H. Jamieson, M.A., formerly a minister of the Canada Methodist Church; also a similar circular from the Presbytery of London, to receive the Rev. George Crombie, formerly a missionary in China, in connection with the China Inland Mission. The report on the State of Religion, in absence of Mr. Ross, was read by Mr. Murray. The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Mr. Muir, after which a conference on these subjects was held. Addresses were given by Messrs. Sutherland and Hamilton, ministers, on the relation of the Sabbath School to the Family and the Church. On account of the Assembly's Committee on Temperance being so long in sending the questions, the report on that subject was not forthcoming. With regard to the memorial from the Belgrave congregation, it was carried not to reconsider its decision regarding the station in question. Answers to reasons of dissent in connection with the South Kinloss congregation and Fordyce congregations were read, received and adopted. Representatives of congregations were asked whether they had attended to all the schemes of the Church. Those who had not attended to this matter agreed to do so. The grants to aid-receiving congregations were considered. Session records not yet examined are called for next regular meetings in July. Remits were considered anent the Infirm Ministers' Fund. It was agreed to approve of the modifications: Changes in Standing Orders—The first paragraph was approved. The second paragraph was modified by the omission of the last sentence; and in the first sentence, for the words "The Moderator and Clerks of Assembly," substitute "Committee on Bills and Overtures." Sustentation or Supplemental Fund—Mr. Strachan, elder, moved that in the meantime this Presbytery express favour for neither scheme, but recommend that the Assembly send both schemes down to Sessions, to be reported on through Presbyteries to the Assembly in 1883.—Agreed. A call from the congregations of Bluevale and Eadie's to the Rev. A. Y. Hartley, promising a stipend of \$800 and a manse, was sustained. Messrs. Wilkins and Strachan were appointed on Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. The next regular meeting of Presbytery was announced to be held in Knox Church, Kincardine, on July 11th, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.—R. LEASK, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.**—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston on the 21st and 22nd days of March. Mr. George McArthur, B.A., student of Queen's College, Kingston, compared to be taken on trials for license. His preliminary examination was sustained, and application is to be made to the Synod on his behalf. Mr. MacAlister, Treasurer of Presbytery, presented the financial report. A committee was appointed to prepare a statement of the arrears due by congregations to the Presbytery Fund, and to strike a rate of assessment for the current year. Mr. Kelso asked and obtained leave of absence for three months, to visit Scotland. An overture presented by Mr. Wilson, asking the Assembly to add Church government to the subjects for examination of candidates for license, was adopted. The Presbytery resolved to forward a petition to the House of Commons in favour of the bill anent the Temporalities Fund. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. A petition to the Assembly from Mr. Archibald Lees, praying for a reconsideration of the decision come to in his case, was favourably entertained. The committee on the Sustentation and

Supplemental Schemes] reported in favour of the latter, and the Presbytery decided accordingly. Mr. Mitchell presented a report on the State of Religion, tabulated from the returns of Sessions. Mr. McCuaig did the same in regard to Sabbath school work. The latter report recommended that a conference be held on Sabbath school work, and the matter was referred to a committee of which Mr. Gracey is convener. It was decided to hold said conference in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of May ensuing, and the committee were empowered to make the necessary arrangements. From the report of a committee it appeared that, owing to distance, Demorestville and Consecon could not be worked together. Dr. Smith submitted the Home Mission report. It was decided to send Mr. McArthur to Glenvale, etc., as ordained missionary, and to tender thanks to Queen's College Missionary Association for their services during the winter. Twenty-nine students of Queen's College were recommended for employment as catechists. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly:—Ministers by rotation: Messrs. David Kellock, Robert Neill, D.D., and Professor Williamson, LL.D.; and by ballot: Mr. James M. Gray, Dr. Smith, and Principal Grant, D.D. The following elders were chosen: Messrs. John Duff, R. M. Rose, N. D. McArthur, G. S. Hobart, George Gillies, and James Thomson. Mr. Godfrey Shore, student of Queen's College, and formerly a minister of the Nova Scotia Methodist Conference, made application to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. His credentials were favourable, and his examination satisfactory. Application is to be made on his behalf to the General Assembly. Mr. Kelso submitted the petition in regard to religious service in Queen's College during the session, respecting which he had given notice. After consideration, it was laid on the table. The claims of Manitoba College were recommended to the several congregations within the bounds. The overture anent changes in standing orders was not approved of. Committees were appointed to consider the modifications recommended in the regulations of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and to tabulate the returns on temperance. The Presbytery decided to hold an adjourned meeting, on the 30th day of May, and Mr. McCuaig gave notice of motion, to be presented at said meeting, to have the standing order anent places and times of quarterly meetings changed. THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.**—This Court met at Lancaster on the 14th and 15th March. There was a large attendance of members, lay and clerical. The Rev. Mr. Ferguson reported he had moderated in a call at Lochiel, which came out in favour of Rev. Wm. Ferguson, of Glamis, Presbytery of Bruce; stipend promised, \$700 with manse. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the proper officer, and the Rev. Dr. Cameron, of Lucknow, was appointed the Presbytery's Commissioner to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Bruce. Leave was granted to the Trustees of Knox Church, Cornwall, to dispose of their church and manse property, and the Presbytery expressed its approval of the new church site. The congregation of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George was recommended to the Home Mission Committee for a grant of a hundred and fifty dollars for one year. Finch and East Hawkesbury applied for students during the summer, and their request was referred to the Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions. Intimation was given by the Presbytery of Toronto of its intention to apply to the General Assembly to receive Wm. H. Jamieson, M.A., as a minister of this Church. Mr. Henderson, who was recently called to Alexandria, intimated by telegram his declination of said call. An application of Mr. Donald Ross, late minister of Lancaster, to have his name put on the roll of Presbytery, was referred to a Committee. At a subsequent stage the Committee reported recommending that Mr. Ross's name be continued as still in connection with this Presbytery. It was moved by Mr. Burnet, seconded by Mr. McCuaig, that the report be received and adopted. The motion was carried by a majority. From this finding Dr. Lamont asked and obtained leave to enter his dissent for reasons given. To this dissent the Rev. John Fraser, John Ferguson, John Matheson, ministers, and Geo. Elder and Charles McDonald, elders, adhered. The remit on a Susten-