

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. J. C. Pitcher, of St. Sylvester, was inducted into the charge of the congregation of Danville, Presbytery of Quebec, on the 9th inst.

IN our advertising columns appears an announcement of the publication of the Harmonized Edition of the Sabbath School Hymnal to which attention is directed.

LARGELY attended anniversary services were held in West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last Sabbath, when Rev. Dr. Sutherland preached in the morning, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., in the evening. On the following evening a successful tea-meeting was held.

THE Presbytery of Peterborough has granted the translation of Rev. Peter Fleming, and the Presbytery of Toronto will proceed with his induction as minister of Laskay and West King, in the church of the 9th concession of said township, on the 25th inst.; provisional arrangements having been previously made.

THE Stratford *Bazaar* says: Professor Pantou, of Guelph, had a large and intelligent audience on Friday evening to listen to his description of the Rocky Mountain ranges. The Professor is a pleasing speaker, is gifted with descriptive powers of a high order, and has the faculty of imparting valuable information in an interesting and pleasing way. The lecture was a real treat and was greatly appreciated.

THE congregation of St. Stephen, N.H., for a few months vacant by the removal of Rev. A. T. Love to Quebec, have given a call to the Rev. Godfrey Shore, formerly of Lansdowne. Mr. Shore has for the past year been labouring in connection with the Woman's Missionary Society in the Presbytery of St. John, N.H., during which time he did good work. The congregation of St. Stephen are to be congratulated on so speedy and desirable a settlement.

THE committee appointed by the General Assembly to mature a plan for the unification of the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met in Crescent Street Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, 15th inst. The Rev. Mrs. McLaren, Moore, Wardrope, and Messrs. A. D. McDonald, A. McLean Sinclair, and E. Scott were present. The result of the conference was that a plan for the union of the two boards was matured, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, with the recommendation that it be submitted to Presbyteries for their consideration. The proposed plan will not involve much additional expense.

THE *North-West Reporter* says: We had the pleasure of listening to Rev. J. Carmichael, M.A., on Sabbath, the 12th inst., on the analogies between the soldiers in the North-West and the Christian soldier. It was shown that there was a striking concurrence in the attitude of Great Britain and Canada at present and the purposes of Christianity, and the analogies were described and illustrated with characteristic energy and intellectual strength. His eulogy of the courage, promptitude, and progress of the Western troops is timely and just, while his prophecy of the result, not only in the North-West, but in Afghanistan, if Great Britain is pushed into war with Russia, was a noble testimony to the providential leadership of the Anglo-Saxon race in the affairs of the world.

SPECIAL services were held for four weeks in Knox Church, Cornwall, and have just been brought to a close. During the first two weeks the pastor, Mr. Hastie, conducted them himself. For the next two weeks he had the valuable assistance of those members of Presbytery, viz., Rev. J. K. Baillie, of Woodlark, John Ferguson, of Vankleek Hill, and G. D. Bayne, of Morrisburg, whose addresses were most suitable. After sermon an inquiry meeting was held which embraced all present. Many professed to have found the Saviour in the course of the meetings, and in a short time will be received into full communion. The large majority of these are young people belonging to the Sabbath school and Bible class. Much valuable aid was given in the inquiry meetings by members of session and Sabbath school teachers.

IN the reports submitted at the annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Society at Ottawa last week, it appears that the number of life members was 61, of these 17 were added this year; ordinary members 3,729, added during the year, 1,214; Mission lands, 654; Presbyterian Societies, 14, added during the year, 8; auxiliary societies, 134, added during the year, 45; Mission lands, 24, added during the year, 8. The amount contributed by auxiliaries was \$7,910.20; by mission lands, \$1,746.99; revenue from all sources, \$10,657.52. The foreign work may be summarized as follows: three schools for our own Indians in the North-West; one school for girls in Formosa; six schools under the care of our ladies in Central India; six native teachers assisting in these schools; two Bible women; general missionary work in hospitals, zenanas and villages; three lady missionary teachers; one medical missionary; one lady ready for the work; one lady in Canada receiving medical education; donation for Trinidad schools.

THE Rev. Mr. McIntyre, who enters on his third year of evangelistic work, is at present engaged in evangelistic services in Ripley, evidently with great success. Mr. McIntyre called upon Rev. Mr. McQueen, a friend and an old acquaintance, on his way to engage in evangelistic work in another field, being persuaded to remain over Sabbath and preach in the Huron Church and in the Town Hall, Ripley, in the evening. The tokens of the Divine Spirit were such at all the services as to lead to arrangements for a meeting on Monday evening, when there was increased interest. Thus the movement began and goes on. The whole village and the surrounding population avail themselves of the precious opportunity. The extensive Town Hall is filled every night to its utmost capacity with eager listeners, and many manifest a deep sense of their lost condition in sin, and anxiously seek reconciliation through the blood of sprinkling which speaks peace to the guilty conscience and administers healing

to the wounded soul. Mr. McIntyre has spent the most part of the winter months in evangelistic work in Kincardine and Paisley, where large numbers were brought to a sense of their miserable condition by sin, and where many, professedly, in that time have been brought to sit at the feet of Jesus, enjoying that peace which passeth all understanding and which the Lord alone can give.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ingersoll, was held on Monday evening, the 6th inst. The pastor, Rev. P. R. Ross, occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Encouraging reports, showing decided progress in all departments of Christian work, were read. The Clerk of Session, in presenting his report, referred to the harmony at present existing in the church, the increased regularity in the attendance on church ordinances, the deepened interest in spiritual matters and the flourishing condition of the Sabbath school. The report showed that sixty-seven persons were received into the fellowship of the church, and seventeen removed during the year, leaving a membership in good standing of 274. The managers' report was equally encouraging, the total receipts for all purposes for eleven months ending March 31st., being \$3,040.51. A recommendation from the Board of Managers, asking that an effort be made to liquidate the indebtedness on the church property, was then read. On motion, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the recommendation and instruct the managers to canvass the whole congregation for contributions to wipe out the debt. \$1,700 were subscribed at the meeting. The managers are confident that more than the whole amount of the debt (\$2,500) will be subscribed, and that soon they will be able to report their beautiful church edifice free of all debt.

THE annual congregational meeting of Knox Church, Beaverton, was held March 12. From the reports presented it was shown that the congregation is in a flourishing condition financially, and that progress is being made in every department of church work under the very successful pastorate of the Rev. G. A. Patterson, M.A. The total givings for strictly congregational purposes for the year amounted to \$2,056, being somewhat less than the previous year. Total contributions for all other purposes \$478, being an advance of \$202, or 73 per cent. over givings of the year before. For Schemes of the Church, \$258, being an advance of \$71. For other religious and benevolent purposes, \$200. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, composed of eighteen members, contributed \$60, being \$28 more than last year. The Ladies' Aid Society collected during the year \$141.39, for Building Fund and \$55.50 for missions, in all \$196.89, being \$76.89 more than the previous year. Total contributions of the congregation for all purposes, \$2,534. The number of communicants added during the year, on profession of faith, twenty-five, by certificate ten. Total thirty-five. Communicants removed, three, leaving a net gain of thirty-two. In addition to the weekly prayer-meeting, which is largely attended, a women's prayer-meeting is held each Sabbath morning, and also at the same time one conducted by the elders. Both of these, we feel assured, must result in much spiritual good.

THE handsome new Presbyterian Church, Clinton, of which the Rev. A. Stewart, B.A., is pastor, was recently opened for divine service by Rev. Professor McLaren, D.D., and Rev. A. McDonald, of Seaford. Large audiences were present at each service. A successful social was held the following evening, at which a number of addresses were delivered by speakers of distinction. The edifice, says the *Clinton News*, is a credit, not merely to the congregation which erected it, but also to the town, and adds another feature to the many proofs of the steady advancement of this place. We are not wide of the mark when we say that the building, in architecture and in appointment, is the most beautiful and complete in the county, and while due care has been shown to appearances, special attention has been paid to comfort and usefulness. In all the internal appointments these considerations have been kept in view, with most gratifying results. The main part of the basement is intended for a lecture room and Sabbath school room, and with the class rooms, which, by means of folding doors, can be thrown open to the schoolroom, has a seating capacity of about 400. The main auditorium seats 500 without gallery. The room is light, cheerful and well suited for the purposes intended. In the auditorium, all things are made to conduce to the comfort and convenience of the speakers and hearers. The acoustic properties are said to be excellently good, and the architect, Mr. William R. Gregg, of Toronto, is to be congratulated that he has been successful in preserving this important feature together with architectural beauty; while the beautiful stained glass windows, the well-arranged and richly cushioned seats, the good arrangement for heating, the brilliant lighting of gas, and the pleasant and convenient recess behind the pulpit for the choir, all conspire to make it comfortable and pleasant for the audience.

AT the close of his sermon in the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, on a recent Sabbath, the Rev. James W. Mitchell said: I enter to-day upon the second year of my ministry among you, and in reviewing the past year I am happy to be able to rejoice with you in visible and tangible proofs of prosperity as well as deeper proofs of the blessing of God upon our work. The edifice in which we meet has been renovated, modernized and made a comfortable and attractive place of worship. This has been accomplished, as you are aware, by an expenditure, making a moderate allowance for the value of the ladies' work in upholstery, of not less than \$3,000, and it is highly satisfactory that this has been accomplished without debt. The stimulus given by this improvement has been felt in every department of our work—in addition to the families worshipping with us, in the growth of our membership, in increased attendance on public worship and in interest in the affairs of the congregation. It is gratifying to be able to state that the Bible class has more than doubled and that the Sabbath school has largely increased. The prayer-meetings, especially during the summer months, reached very satisfactory, if not unprecedented,

proportions. During the year there have been thirty-two names added to the roll of members in full communion and eleven removed owing to death, change of residence and other causes, leaving a net increase for the year of twenty-one. The present membership of the congregation is 249, a greater number than was ever reached at any previous stage of the congregation's history. The year has been one of pleasant and, I trust, not unfruitful labour. I have found or dial co-workers in the spiritual oversight of the congregation in the members of Session, and have to thank the trustees for the very prompt and satisfactory manner in which they have met all obligations of the congregation. I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing my high estimate of the zeal, energy, and self-sacrifice of the ladies of the congregation, so conspicuously manifested in their large contribution to the comfort and beauty of the church as it now stands; and without thanking the congregation for many acts of kindness by which my work has often been materially assisted. It is a matter of sincerest satisfaction to me to see the young of the flock taking so large an interest in its prosperity and aiding, as they have done during the past year, in forwarding it. I have undertaken the survey in deference to established usage here. The annual congregational meeting, however, is the most appropriate occasion for such statements, and I trust that the attendance at these meetings will soon warrant the review of our work and progress being made at them.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met at Lynedoch, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at eleven o'clock, a.m., pursuant to adjournment, for the purpose of hearing the trial discourses, etc., of Mr. James A. Hamilton, M.A., Licentiate; and for his ordination and induction into the pastoral charges of Silverhill, Lynedoch and Delhi. Rev. M. W. Livingstone, Moderator, *pro tem.* in the chair. The Rev. A. M. Hamilton, M.A., of the Presbytery of Guelph, a brother of the pastor-elect, and the Rev. M. McGregor, M.A., of the Presbytery of Paris, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. Mr. Hamilton read the prescribed exercises, and was examined in New Testament Greek, etc. Several members of Presbytery then expressed their opinion in reference to the manner in which the subjects had been treated, and to the decided ability manifested in the preparation of the several discourses. Special reference was made to the patient research, critical judgment and accurate scholarship of Mr. Hamilton, as exhibited in his Greek Critical. The Presbytery sustained the exercises and examination of Mr. Hamilton as highly satisfactory. The Presbytery having adjourned, again met in the church at half-past two o'clock for the ordination and induction. Rev. George Grant, B.A., presiding. Rev. J. Wells, M.A., preached an admirable and able discourse from Matt. xiii. 31. Mr. Grant then narrated the steps and put the questions, which were duly answered. Mr. Livingstone offered up the ordination prayer, and Mr. Hamilton was solemnly ordained to the office of the holy ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Mr. Grant then, in the name of the Presbytery of Hamilton, inducted him into the pastoral charge of Silverhill, Lynedoch and Delhi; after which the members of Presbytery gave Mr. Hamilton the right hand of fellowship. Rev. R. Thynne, of Port Dover, addressed the newly-ordained minister, and Rev. R. M. Croll, of Simcoe, the congregation. The pastor was then conducted to the door of the church and introduced to the members and adherents of his charge by Rev. Thomas Wilson, of Caledonia, and Mr. John Charlton, M.P. Having agreed to sign the formula when called upon, his name was ordered to be added to the roll of Presbytery. The salary promised is \$750, a quart of which was paid in advance. Mr. Hamilton's call was unanimous; his settlement is a happy one; and his charge, on account both of its extent, and of the presence of able and experienced workers, presents great spheres of usefulness. Mr. Hamilton brings with him to his work an entire consecration, an humble, Christian character; a youthful zeal and a mind well furnished. With the blessing of the Divine Master resting upon his labours, much good work may, in this part of the vineyard, be effected.—R. M. H. CROLL, *Pres. Clerk, pro tem.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—A quarterly meeting was held on the 31st of March in the David Morrice H.L. There were present thirty-eight ministers and twelve elders. Rev. R. H. Warden, Moderator. The remit from the General Assembly in regard to the Assembly minutes was considered, and the Presbytery resolved, by a majority, to recommend to the Assembly that the minutes be issued as in former years. The Home Mission Committee reported through the Convener, showing that regular supplies had been given to vacant congregations and mission stations; that deputations had visited and reported with regard to supplemented charges, showing also the grants made by the Assembly's Committee and making recommendations with regard to the future supplies of the several fields. The Commissioners to the General Assembly are: ministers, by rotation, Rev. Messrs. John Turnbull, James Barclay, M.A., James Watson, M.A., James Patterson, John Macle, Daniel Paterson, M.A.; by ballot, Rev. Principal McVicar, D.D., LL.D., Professor Scrimger, M.A., Charles Doudiet, R. H. Warden and Robert Campbell, M.A. Elders, Messrs. William Drysdale, Warden King, Wm. Paul, Hon. Judge Torrance, Dr. Christie, A. C. Hadden, James Robertson, W. D. McLaren, Captain Ross, J. S. Stirling, and Alexander Macpherson. Rev. James J. Crombie, Scotland, Presbytery of Edinburgh, with a commission from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, was received and his name placed on the roll as licentiate. The induction of Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., Halifax, to the congregation of Erskine Church, Montreal, was appointed to take place on Thursday, the 7th of May at half-past seven p.m.; Rev. R. H. Warden to preach. Rev. James Cormack to preach, Rev. Principal Macle to address the minister, and Rev. James Barclay, M.A., to address the people. Reports of Missionary meetings given in from St. Louis de Gonzague, Cote des Neiges, Harrington, Huntingdon, LaGuette, Elgin and Abitane, Dundee, Ormstown, and St. John's, Montreal. No