

## Ministers and Churches.

DR COCHRANE has received the sum of \$750 from the Church of Scotland, to be divided between Home Missions, Queen's and Manitoba Colleges.

THE Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee (W. S.) will meet in Knox Church, Toronto (D.V.), on Tuesday, the 11th of May next, at eleven a.m.

A MEMORIAL service in connection with the loss sustained by the death of the Rev. Dr. Welch, late United States Consul at Hamilton, was held in Knox Church, at which the pastor (Rev. Mungo Fraser) delivered a touching and impressive sermon.

REV. MR. LOUGHEAD, Presbyterian minister at Kolling River, was found dead a short distance from home by Indians. His riding whip was clasped in his hand. He was riding a young horse, and was thrown, causing instant death. Mr. Loughead was widely known in the North West.

THE Wentworth Street Mission in Hamilton has had another very pleasant and profitable communion season. Eighteen persons were received into full communion; twelve of these were heads of families, and six from the Bible classes and Sabbath school, fifteen of these on profession of their faith, and three by certificate. This makes sixty three added since Mr. Caswell began to labour there eight months ago. The congregation is taking active measures to erect a new church near the present site, but in a better location. There seems to be every promise of there being a vigorous church there in the near future.

THE deservedly popular institution, the Ladies' College, Brantford, was visited on the 6th of April, by the following members of the advisory council: the Rev. D. D. McLeod, Barrie, and the Rev. Dr. Thompson, Sarnia. The college, from the very high standard established, has been growing in favour from year to year; and while it has received the generous support of the Presbyterian Church, still if many of our people only become acquainted with the excellent advantages afforded for the education of their daughters, they would take a deeper interest in it, and would be proud to regard it as an institution identified with the Church work in general. The visitors were not only pleased with the character of the literary work done, but with the attention given to the deportment and ladylike bearing of the young ladies. This has been very much aided by the exercises in calisthenics and drill, under the charge of Major Dearnlay. The college has all the advantages of a select school and home, combined with the very best advantages of a collegiate and university training. The next term opens on the 14th of April; but students will be admitted up to the 25th, after the Easter holidays. This is a delightful term at the college, when the grounds are most attractive and enjoyable. There is a large class completing the college course this year.

**PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.**—The Presbytery of Maitland met in St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, on March 16. Session records were called for and examined. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed: Messrs. Leask, McQuarrie, Murray, C. Cameron, Anderson and McFarlane, ministers; Messrs. N. McDonald, Strachan, Archibald, Maxwell, Penabaker and Bennett, elders. The treasurer reported arrears to the Assembly Fund. Mr. Stevenson asked for assessors in order to form a session at "rowbridge, Messrs. Elliott and Mitchell were appointed. Mr. Hartley reported regarding arrears in the Walton congregation. Leave was granted to moderate in a call in Walton congregation. Mr. Anderson read the report on the State of Religion. Mr. McKae the report on Sabbath Schools, and Mr. Murray the report on Temperance. Thanks and addresses were given in connection with these reports. Mrs. Leask read the report of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. It was moved by Mr. Murray that this court, having heard the second annual report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Maitland, desires to recognize with gratitude to God the goodly measure of success which has attended the efforts of the society during the past year, both in the additions of auxiliaries, and in the greatly increased contributions by the society as a whole. The court expresses its prayerful desire for the divine blessing on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the rapid success of the cause it represents. Reports from aid-receiving congregations were given in and considered. Rev. D. Cameron accepted the appointment to the mission field of Manitowaning. Rev. J. McNabb's resignation of his congregation, on account of infirm health, and with a view to the union of the two congregations in Lucknow, was accepted. Mr. McQuarrie was appointed Moderator of the sessions of St. Andrew's Church and Knox Church, Lucknow. It was agreed to take steps to place Mr. McNabb on the Infirm Ministers' Fund. Rev. John Laing, D.D., of Dundas, was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. The remit on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was approved simpler. The remit on the supply of vacancies was set aside as being complicated, cumbersome and expensive, and the scheme of Dr. Reid, with some changes, adopted. Messrs. Muir and Harrison were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on bills and overtures. Messrs. Leask, McQuarrie and Ross were appointed to consider and consolidate the standing orders and regulations regarding the order of business of the Presbytery and report at the meeting in July.—ROBERT LEASK, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.**—The monthly meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 6th inst., Rev. H. M. Parsons, Moderator; and the following were the principal matters transacted—minor matters are purposely omitted. Pursuant to information received by Dr. Caven, the Presbytery resolved to meet for Dr. Kellogg's induction in St. James Square Church, on Thursday, the 20th of May, at half-past two p.m., the Moderator to preside and deliver the charge. Rev. John Neil to preach, and Dr. McLaren to address the congregation. On the same day, and in the same place, at ten a.m., the Presbytery is to meet for ordinary business. The case was brought up of Rev. Her-

bert C. Ross, of the Methodist Church, who wishes to be received as a minister of our Church. A committee was appointed to confer with him and examine his credentials; said committee reported afterwards, and the Presbytery agreed to apply in his favour to the General Assembly; the Clerk being also instructed to issue circular letters, Rev. J. Mutch reported in a call from Knox Church, Scarborough, in favour of Rev. John Ross, of Brussels. After reading papers, and hearing commissioners, the call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted—with relative documents—to the Presbytery of Maitland. A report was read by Rev. J. M. Cameron, from the committee appointed at last meeting, to inquire as to the time and form for church extension operations in the north-west quarter of the city. The report recommended the taking of measures soon for having a Sabbath school organized; and the considering of what the neighbouring sessions might have to say as to preaching services in the locality aforesaid. The report was received and adopted; and on motion of Dr. Gregg, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Sessions of College Street, Charles Street, Central and Erskine Churches, and the latter point, asking them to report their minds at next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. A minute was adopted expressive of sympathy with Rev. Messrs. T. Lowry and J. A. McDonald in the bereavement recently sustained by them in losing their respective partners in life, together with a prayerful hope that the comforts of the Gospel they have ministered to others may be very richly enjoyed by themselves. A certificate was read from the Presbytery of New Brunswick in favour of Rev. Dr. J. P. McCurdy, now engaged in professorial work at Toronto University, and his name was ordered to be added to the list of ministers without charge residing within the bounds. A letter was read from Rev. A. B. Dobson, tendering the resignation of his pastoral charge. After some consideration, Rev. Messrs. A. Gilray and W. T. Wallace were appointed to visit Balinalfad, and confer there with the pastor and congregations concerned, if so be that the resignation may be withdrawn; but, if not, that the delegates cite the parties to appear at next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. John L. Campbell, B.A., Robert Haddow, B.A., Richard C. Tibb, B.A., R. McIntyre, John Mackay, B.A., George F. Kinnear, B.A., Thomas Wilson, A. McD. Haig, B.A., August H. Drumm, William Patterson, Alex. U. Campbell, B.A., S. S. Craig, and William Farquharson, B.A., all of them theological students who have finished their curriculum at Knox College, appeared for preliminary trials with a view to license. They were dealt with accordingly, and the Presbytery, being satisfied with their examination, resolved to apply to the Synod of the district for leave to take them on public probationary trials. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., was nominated for Moderator of next General Assembly. The minutes of a special meeting of Carlton Street congregation, recently held, were submitted and read, setting forth a diminished attendance on Sabbath services, and serious financial difficulties now devolved on the trustees; resolving also, if the Presbytery should give consent, to authorize the trustees to dispose of all the congregational property, to discharge the congregational liabilities, and to take steps for effecting a dissolution; and appointing Messrs. John McPherson and James Johnson to speak to the foregoing before the Presbytery. After hearing said commissioners, it was moved by Rev. W. Frizzell, seconded by J. Carmichael, and carried, to give consent as applied for, and Rev. A. Gilray was appointed to preach in the church aforesaid on the 11th inst., to read an extract copy of the Presbytery's minutes, and declare the congregation duly dissolved.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

**PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.**—This Presbytery held its regular meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23 and 24. Five seditur were required for the business to be attended to. There were present twenty-five ministers and seven elders. There was a call from Huntsville and Allansville to Mr. J. Sieveright, M.A., who has laboured as missionary there for about eighteen months. The call was sustained and accepted, arrangements made for the induction in May. When the settlement is made this will be the fourth pastoral charge in the Muskoka District. Messrs. A. Melville and R. Ewing appeared as commissioners of the Collingwood congregation in reference to the proposed retirement of Mr. Rodgers from the charge. They spoke in kind and respectful terms of the pastor, and intimated their preparedness to grant him an allowance of at least \$1,200. Mr. Rodgers intimated his acquiescence, and tendered his resignation to take effect at such time as the Presbytery should appoint. After several brethren had expressed themselves suitably to the occasion it was agreed to accept the resignation, and to take effect on the second Sabbath of June. A committee appointed brought in at a later seditur a resolution, which was adopted, setting forth the Presbytery's appreciation of Mr. Rodgers' personal and ministerial character, and of his labours and services to the Church; also expressing sincere regret in view of the demission of the charge, and the hope that he may still labour within the bounds of the Presbytery. Home Mission business occupied the Presbytery for a considerable time. Mr. Findlay's half yearly report of supervision was presented. The grants for last six months for supplemented congregations and mission stations, and the grants for the next twelve months, were duly considered. It was agreed to ask from the Home Mission Committee twenty missionaries for the summer in addition to the eight missionaries to be sent by the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College. Mr. Henry Knox, ordained missionary, received furlough for six months, at the end of which it is hoped he may resume his services. Gravenhurst was taken off the list of congregations receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund for the satisfactory reason that the people will not require aid this year. It was agreed to send up to the Assembly an application of Mr. S. Porter, retired minister in the bounds, to be admitted to the benefit of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; also an application of Mr. Luke G. Henderson, catechist, now in his seventy-third year, that his case be considered, with strong recommendation that, if possible, something may be done for him. The commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follow—Ministers, by rotation. Messrs. G.

Craw, R. Rodgers, A. McDonald, Dr. W. Clarke, H. Currie, H. Knox; by ballot, R. N. Grant and D. D. McLeod; elders: Messrs. A. Melville, T. Goodfellow, T. McKee, W. Fraser, D.D., W. Sturgeon, J. Gray, D.D.; W. Ellisen and Jas. A. Mathier. On reports received from the sessions concerned it was agreed to consent to the incorporation of Mulmur and Rosemont, and of Adajala, with the proposed Presbytery of Orangeville, and to disapprove of Singhampton and Maple Valley being taken into that Presbytery. Reports on the State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Schools were received. A motion, proposed by Mr. McLeod, was adopted referring to the free traffic in liquor existing in many places in this Scott Act county in consequence of there being no adequate legal machinery for the enforcement of the Act, recommending the members of the Church to do all in their power to aid in upholding the law, and calling on them to use every means in their power to inculcate abstinence from the use of intoxicating drink. The Presbytery agreed to transmit with approval an application of Mr. James Brynt, minister of Bradford, etc., that the Assembly sanction his labouring as an evangelist. Messrs. Grant and McLeod were appointed to support the application. The Clerk was instructed to give a Presbyterial certificate to Mr. J. Geddes, who has laboured as ordained missionary in the bounds for about five years, embodying a resolution expressing regard for Mr. Geddes' character and labours, and the hope that he may be employed soon in some other field. Mr. J. K. Smith, of Galt, was nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. The proposed site of a new church at Churchill was approved. The remit on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was approved, that on the unification of the Foreign Mission Schemes approved, with the exception of Articles 6, 8 and 9; that on the supply of vacancies disapproved, with the exception of Clause 3, to which the following is added: "Said committee shall receive from Presbytery Clerks notices of all vacancies within their bounds, and shall receive applications from licentiates, ordained ministers or pastors, desiring to be heard in these vacancies, and shall provide said vacancies with such supply as they are able to provide from the applications before them, and shall submit to the Synod a printed statement of appointments made by them during the year, together with a statement of applications received for supply and for preaching, and that said committee of Synod be enjoined to submit to the Synod at its next meeting after their appointment such regulations as they deem necessary for the proper working of the scheme." An overture was presented by Mr. McLeod and adopted on the consolidation of colleges, asking the Assembly to remit to Presbyteries the following questions: "How many Theological Halls or Colleges are required by the Church?" and "where should these Halls be situated so as best to promote the interests of the Church?"—ROBERT MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

### MONTREAL NOTES.

ON Sabbath last the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered at the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools by the Rev. Professor Coussirat and the Rev. R. H. Warden. Fifty-one of the pupils and teachers sat at the table—of this number fifteen made a profession of their faith in Christ for the first time and were, after careful examination, received into the fellowship of the Church. The service was one of great interest and solemnity. The session of the schools closes on the first of May. It has been one of great blessing. There have been several cases of sickness and for the first time since the schools became the property of the Church one of the pupils has been removed by death. This affliction has been blessed of God to not a few, and the result is seen in the large number who have just united with the Church.

THE annual convocation of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was held in the David Morrice Hall on Wednesday evening, and was largely attended. The Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., presided, and was accompanied to the platform by the professors and a large number of the members of the Senate and of the Board of Management. After the presentation of the prizes, scholarships and medals the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on the Rev. Narayan Sheshadri, of Poona, India. This is the first time this degree has been conferred by the college, and in the selection the college has done honour to itself as well as to Mr. Sheshadri. Messrs. S. Rondeau, B.A., and Mr. N. Waddell, have passed the first examination for B.D. The valedictory address was delivered by Mr. A. Currie, B.A., one of the graduating class, who were addressed by the Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D. Nine students graduate this session. The Rev. Principal MacVicar briefly reviewed the past history of the college, and referred to the need for the endowment of other chairs as also for additions to the library. The session just closed has been most successful, and the attendance of students large, notwithstanding the prevalence of the epidemic in the city last fall.

THE College Board met on the evening preceding the closing exercises. The Rev. W. J. Dey tendered his resignation as Dean of Residence and Lecturer in Classics and Mathematics, on the ground of a strong desire to return to the active work of the ministry. The resignation was accepted; tributes to the fidelity with which he had discharged his duties for the last four years being paid by several of the members. It was resolved to make an effort to wipe out the indebtedness on the ordinary fund of the college, and a committee was appointed to carry this out.

FOUR of the members of the graduating class of the college here have been appointed by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to labour as ordained missionaries in the North West. Three of the other students of the college are also appointed to the North West for the ensuing summer, one of whom goes out under the auspices of the Students' Missionary Society.

AT a meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal ten days ago the resignation by the Rev. James McCaul of the pastorate of Stanley Street Church, was accepted. Mr. McCaul is to be entertained to a farewell social by his people on Monday evening. He sails from New York on Thursday for Britain,