

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Governor-General has appointed the 6th of November as a Thanksgiving Day for the Dominion.

THE Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.A., of St. Andrew's, Lindsay, has declined the call tendered him by Knox Church, Stratford.

THE Rev. A. Wilson having returned home from the East is open for engagements to supply pulpits or lecture. Address, 392 Markham street, Toronto.

THE Home Mission Sub-Committee and Sub-Committee on Augmentation will meet in the lecture-room of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 7th of October, at nine a.m.

THE Presbytery of Quebec is likely to meet with some serious losses shortly in the removal of ministers. Rev. J. R. Maxwell, Three Rivers, is called to the First Church in Vancouver, B.C. Rev. Mr. Lee, of Sherbrooke, is called to Kamloops, B.C., and Rev. Mr. Dewar, to Ailsa Craig, Ont.

THE Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church, which met in Toronto last week, has appointed Miss Minnie Fraser, M.D., missionary to Rutlam, Central India, and Mr. W. Jameson to Central Hindustan. It was agreed that Miss Ross, who has recovered her health, should also return to India.

On the evening of the 19th ult. a large and representative number of the Vankleek Hill congregation met to bid Mr. Kenneth McLennan a farewell on the eve of his return to college. The Rev. D. McEachern, the esteemed pastor of the congregation, occupied the chair, and delivered one of his inimitable speeches. His assistant then made the recipient of an address and a purse containing \$35. The ladies prepared a sumptuous repast to which ample justice was done. A most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close with singing "God be with you till we meet again."

THE Rev. D. L. McCrae, of the First Presbyterian Church, Jamestown, N.Y., and formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, who has never fully recovered from a severe attack of la grippe, has given up pastoral work for a time, and will undertake the work of raising the endowment for his alma mater, the Presbyterian College, Montreal. On leaving Jamestown Mr. and Mrs. McCrae were presented with an affectionate address and many valuable gifts. Among other things Mrs. McCrae was presented with a purse of \$150, and Mr. McCrae with a bag of gold containing nearly \$200.

THE Moosejaw Times says: Rev. Principal King, of Manitoba College, who has been at Banff recruiting for the past few weeks, arrived on Saturday evening week and spent Sunday in Moosejaw. He drove out to Marlborough on Sunday morning and preached for Mr. Gunn at Caron in the afternoon. In the evening he attended service in the Presbyterian Church. During his stay in town he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander. The venerable doctor is returning to his work with a fresh vigour and feels greatly benefited by his western trip. His desire to help along the cause of Christianity would not allow him to be idle even when on a holiday.

A SHORT time ago Rev. Dr. Duval read to his congregation in Knox Church, Winnipeg, a letter from a gentleman up on Lake Winnipeg stating that reading matter for 150 people, who were in the lumbering and fishing districts, would be thankfully received. An appeal was made, and resulted in a large quantity of literature being sent in which will fill two large boxes. At the service on the following Sabbath the reverend doctor announced that a stranger in the city, who had evidently attended the church on the previous Sabbath, had sent him a handsome present of twenty-three volumes which he had purchased at one of the city bookstores. The philanthropic stranger absolutely concealed his identity.

On Sabbath, the 21st of September, the Rev. T. Nixon, of Smith's Falls, dispensed the sacrament in the Darling Mission where his brother, Mr. S. O. Nixon, has been labouring as a student missionary during the summer. On Saturday the Rev. Mr. Nixon conducted two services, baptized twenty adults and thirty children, and examined and received into full communion thirty-two new members. On Sabbath he preached to a congregation of over 250 people and dispensed the communion to 101 communicants. Rarely does it fall to the lot of a student in districts so sparsely settled as Darling to have such a large addition to the membership of the Church. Mr. S. O. Nixon has every reason to feel greatly encouraged with the results of his summer's work. He returns next week to Knox College to pursue his studies.

MR. WILLIAM S. LESLIE writes: The excellent article by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson on the Society of Christian Endeavour, which appeared in THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, deserves the thanks of everyone who is interested in this branch of Christian work. Will you allow me to announce that all pastors and others who wish for information about this movement may obtain helpful literature by addressing Mr. Edwin Lee, 14 Carling Street, London, Ont., who is secretary of the Ontario Christian Endeavour Union. Also, that all societies which have not already done so should report their existence to Mr. Lee, giving him name and address of their corresponding secretary. The annual Provincial Convention will be held in Hamilton, on October 23 and 24, and will be the means of helping and encouraging all who attend.

MANAGERS from the three stations which constitute the Petrol, Manitoba, congregation, recently waited upon the pastor, Rev. T. C. Court and urged him to take a few weeks' holidays, and in order to make the way as clear as possible presented him with a purse, also offering at the same time to make whatever arrangements they could towards facilitating matters in this direction. Mr. Court has now been labouring in this field for six years, during which time he has never taken any holidays, and having recently passed through severe domestic

trials, there is a general feeling throughout the congregation that he should now yield to their wishes and avail himself of a much-needed rest and change. And it is understood that under these circumstances Mr. Court will take a trip to the old country, where his parents still reside, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

CHILDREN'S Day was observed for the first time by the congregation of Stratford, Ont., on Sabbath, September 21. The programme used was that prepared by Rev. John McEwen. Mr. Joseph L. Robertson, superintendent, presided. Addresses were delivered by the pastor of the church, Rev. D. G. Cameron, and Rev. D. G. McQueen, of Edmonton, N.W.T. The reading and singing of the children were excellent. A pleasing part of the programme was the presentation by the pastor of diplomas to successful candidates in the Assembly's course of "Higher Religious Instruction." The school had but a week's notice of the examination or more would have entered upon the work. As it was, three entered, and were successful in winning two diplomas and a prize. It is expected that about four times as many will take up the work for the next examination. The congregation was highly pleased with the services and contributed a collection of \$10.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell returned to Toronto last week from a four weeks' trip to Prince Albert. It will be remembered that he and Rev. Dr. Warden, of Montreal, were commissioned by the General Assembly to visit the congregation of Prince Albert with reference to the Presbyterian Academy at that place. It appears that the Synod of Manitoba in making the appointment of trustees for the academy put in a large number of outsiders and the Prince Albert people did not like this change. The commissioners were instructed to mediate between the parties regarding the misunderstanding and to enquire into the condition of the Church in that section. The result of the visit will be reported shortly to the Home Mission Committee, and in the meantime Rev. Mr. Macdonnell states that their mediation was not without good results. As there has recently been a high school started the academy will be continued as a boarding and day school for girls. Mr. Macdonnell arrived in Prince Albert on the first railway train that ever entered the place, the new railroad being just completed. He speaks very highly of the town and states that the settlers as a whole seem to be satisfied with the harvest.

THE Scottish-American says: Mr. Robert Dunbar, who died at Buffalo on the 18th inst., was the father of the present grain elevator system, and the inventor likewise of a great many mechanical contrivances which are in use all over the world. Mr. Dunbar had nearly reached the age of seventy-eight years, and was born at Carnbee, Fifeshire. He came to America with his parents when a youth, and was brought up in Canada, where he became a mechanical engineer. In 1834 he took up his residence in Buffalo, where he remained until his death. He was one of the originators of the Eagle Iron Works there, and was the designer and architect of nearly all the elevators in Buffalo. He was the first man that ever built an elevator leg that would move up and down by machinery, and his fame as an elevator expert was such that people came to consult him from Great Britain, Germany and Russia, as well as from the industrial centres of the United States and Canada. Mr. Dunbar was an elder of the Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, and a man whose uprightness was universally recognized. He was a brother of the late Rev. John Dunbar, of Dunbarton, Ont.

THE services in connection with the settlement of the Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., in St. George, are now looked forward to by his congregation with peculiar interest, and this year the meetings were more than usually enjoyable. On Sabbath, the 22nd ult., the Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus, preached two intensely practical sermons to large and deeply interested audiences. On the Monday evening following a social gathering was held in the church. Three years ago the congregation decided to hold entertainments without the usual concomitant of tea-drinking, and they are so well satisfied with the experiment that they have no desire to return to the former practice. On this occasion the church was packed to the door, and many were obliged to stand during the entire evening. Charming musical selections were rendered by Miss Ironside and Mr. R. Clark, of Troy; Mr. Fred C. Freeman, of Hamilton, and Mrs. Lyall, of Denison, Texas; while Miss Henderson, of Troy, and Mrs. G. N. Jackson, of Hamilton, gave a number of readings which were very highly appreciated. The Rev. Mr. O'Jery (Methodist) referred to the sterling qualities of the pastor and the grand work he was doing in St. George, and concluded a neat speech by wishing him many happy returns of the day. The voluntary contributions amounted to \$105.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met in First Church, Chatham, on the 9th ult. Elders' commissions were handed in, and the roll was made up. Revs. A. Currie and W. Farquharson, ministers, and F. M. Kerricher, elder, were appointed to hear the discourses of the students labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery. The committee appointed to consider the course to be adopted on the death of a ministerial member of Presbytery, more particularly with reference to his funeral, was re-appointed, and Dr. Battisby was added to the committee. Dr. McRobbie was appointed to visit Bridge End, and authorized to organize into a congregation when they desire or are ready to be so organized. An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in First Church, Chatham, on the 30th inst. Mr. Becket reported that he had moderated in a call at Dawn, and that the call was in favour of Rev. A. McKay, D.D. The call was signed by seventy-four communicants and thirty-six adherents. Commissioners from the congregation were heard, and the Presbytery agreed to ask for a grant of \$300 per annum from the Augmentation Fund. In the event of Dr. McKay accepting the call, Mr. Mc-

Laren was appointed to preach, Mr. Becket to preside, Mr. McCall to address the minister, and Mr. Russell the people. Mr. Bartlet reported that the committee had sold the unoccupied church edifice at Belle River to the municipality of Belle River for \$400. A letter was read from the Rev. J. W. Mitchell declining the call to Dresden and Knox Church, and the call was accordingly set aside. Mr. McLennan was appointed to prepare the Presbytery's report on Temperance. Mr. Larkin that on the State of Religion, and Mr. Fleming that on Sabbath Schools. The following were appointed as the Home Mission Committee: Dr. Battisby, Mr. Gray, Mr. Becket, Mr. Farquharson, and Mr. Manson, ministers, and D. McMillan, A. Bartlet and T. Campbell, elders; Dr. Battisby, Convener. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the second Tuesday in December, at ten a.m. The committee appointed to consider the subject of notices of Presbyteries asking leave of the General Assembly to receive members of other churches into our church, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Mr. Gray and Mr. Bartlet were appointed to hear a discourse from Mr. McMillan, a student labouring at Windsor, who was absent.—W. WALKER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met at Wingham, September 9. Elders' Commissions were received. Mr. Robert F. Cameron, of Cranbrook, was received as a student with a view to the ministry. The Rev. Mr. Howie's resignation was considered. A card from Mr. Howie giving the reason of his absence was read. Mr. George Crooks, commissioner from Knox Church, Brussels, presented a communication from the congregation expressing warm sentiments of love, confidence and attachment to their minister. On motion it was agreed that the resignation be accepted and that it take effect on the last Sabbath of this month. Mr. MacNabb was appointed to declare the charge vacant on the first Sabbath in October. Mr. Forrest was appointed interim Moderator of Session. The pulpit supply was left with the Session till December. It was agreed to apply to the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers to supply in December. Mr. Forrest was instructed to correspond with the committee in regard to supply. Mr. Harris' resignation having been accepted Mr. McLennan whose name is next on the roll was appointed Moderator. Mr. Sutherland, in behalf of committee previously appointed, submitted an arrangement and system of questions for Presbyterial visitation. The report was received and after some discussion further consideration of it was deferred until next meeting. Mr. Hartley gave notice of motion to reconsider the whole question of Presbyterial visitation. A motion to change the system of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly was withdrawn. It was agreed to hold a Presbyterial Sabbath school convention at Wingham on Tuesday and Wednesday, 28th and 29th of October. A programme was submitted and approved. The Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Toronto, has kindly consented to be present and address the convention. Messrs. McLennan and J. McBain were appointed to audit the treasurer's books and report to next meeting. The list of aid-receiving congregations was considered. It was agreed that application be made to the Home Mission Committee for \$200 in behalf of Dungannon and Port Albert for this year. It was further agreed to reaffirm the Presbytery's application in last March in behalf of Belgrave for \$150; Pine River, \$150, and Langside, \$100. Sessions were enjoined to make arrangements for holding missionary meetings, and to report at the March meeting. A communication from the Home Mission Committee was read intimating that \$900 for Home Mission and \$550 for Augmentation Fund are asked from this Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to make out an estimate of the amounts each congregation is expected to contribute for the different schemes of the Church on the basis of families. Mr. John N. Knechtel, a member of Knox Church, Brussels, applied to be received as a lay catechist. A committee consisting of Messrs. Sutherland, McQuarrie, McDonald and Geddes was appointed to confer with Mr. Knechtel and report at next meeting. Messrs. Sutherland, McQueen and their Presbytery elders were appointed to prepare a deliverance on the Marriage Question Remit and report at next meeting. Messrs. McQuarrie, Hartley, W. B. Hutton and Robert Maxwell were appointed to prepare a deliverance on the Remit on Regulations in regard to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund and report at next meeting. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again in the same place on December 9, at 11.15 a.m.—JOHN MACNABB, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Cannington on Tuesday, August 26. The Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.A., Uxbridge, was appointed Moderator for the year. A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. D. C. Johnson, of Beaverton, retiring Moderator, for his faithful and excellent services during the past year. Former minutes were read and sustained. The following special minute on the retirement of the Rev. Alexander Ross, M.A., of Woodville, was sustained: "In releasing Mr. Ross from the charge of Woodville, the Presbytery would desire to record their very high appreciation of his character and usefulness as a minister of the Gospel. They recognized in his removal from their midst that a blank has been caused which is not easily filled, and a loss sustained that for a long time will be felt in their deliberations. His regular attendance, his mature experience, his varied learning, his clear grasp of Scripture truths and exegetical theology all tended to make Mr. Ross a tower of strength to the Presbytery. That restored health and many years of usefulness may be bestowed on their beloved brother is the earnest wish and prayer of every member of this court; and especially that he and his estimable partner in life may enjoy the presence and consolation of the Holy Spirit, and finally obtain the crown of glory that fadeth not away." A document on standing business given in by Mr. Hanna was approved of and ordered to be printed. Standing committees on the Schemes of the Church were appointed. Home Mission and

Augmentation matters were duly attended to, and other routine business. A call from Knox Church, Stratford, addressed to the Rev. Robert Johnston, B.A., Lindsay, was laid on the table, and the Presbytery agreed to hold an adjourned meeting at Lindsay, on Tuesday, September 23, to hear parties concerned. The court also agreed to hold a special meeting at Kirkfield on Tuesday, September 9, at two o'clock p.m., for the induction of Rev. William Galloway as pastor. A call from the congregation of Cambray and Oakwood addressed to Mr. J. P. McQuarrie, licentiate from Knox College, was sustained and ordered to be forwarded. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held at Wick on Tuesday, November 25, at half-past ten a.m.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

## INDUCTION OF REV. NORMAN RUSSELL.

Among the pleasing evidences of interest shown by Presbyterians generally in mission work may be instanced the growing desire for the maintenance of a missionary in a special field by individual congregations. Such a step has just been taken by the Central Presbyterian Church of this city in the ordination of Rev. Norman Russell as a missionary to India. At his induction in the Central Church on Monday evening week the seating capacity of the building was taxed to its utmost. Among those on the platform were Drs. Wardrope, Kellogg, Gregg and Reid, and the Moderator, Rev. William Frizzell; while occupying seats immediately in front of the pulpit were the various members of the Toronto Presbytery.

After devotional exercises in which Professor Gregg and Dr. Kellogg took part, the last named gentleman in chose for his text Zach. x. 3. His discourse—masterly, logical and impressive—was mainly intended to show that the partial confirmation of the predictions of prophetic Scripture; the unprecedented propagation of the Gospel in the heathen world; the unusual awakening and anxious expectancy of the Jewish nation were all but harbingers of the early completion of Christ's redemptive work on earth, and the near approach of the latter reign. The lessons to be drawn from these facts were self-evident; and, in conclusion, he hoped that all present would do everything in their power to hasten the incoming of Christ's glorious kingdom, repeating in unison the invocation, destined, as he thought, to be so soon answered, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!"

Rev. Mr. Frizzell, on rising to put the questions of the formula, stated that although Mr. Russell went out under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Committee, his support had been guaranteed by the congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church. After the prescribed questions had been satisfactorily answered, Mr. Frizzell offered up the induction prayer, during which the ministers of the Presbytery joined in the imposition of hands.

Dr. McTavish, who had been appointed to address the newly ordained missionary, on rising, stated how unworthy he, a comparatively young man, was to give the necessary advice and counsel looked for on such an occasion—advice which could only come by long experience and service in the cause. He would, therefore, leave that office to his venerable friend, the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, who would address the meeting, and confine himself to a few words of congratulation. In the first place, he would congratulate the Church on having as their representative in India a young man of such worth and learning as Mr. Russell. He would, too, congratulate the newly ordained missionary on being admitted to the highest calling God ever gave to man—the office of a Christian minister. He would, moreover, especially congratulate him on being admitted to the highest department of that body—a missionary of Christ's kingdom. He would, also, congratulate him on being the successor of such pioneers of the missionary cause as David Livingstone, William Carey and Dr. Duff. He would congratulate him lastly on going out from home, from kindred, from country with the ever-living, ever present, ever-comforting promise "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." In these days, he said, a great deal was heard of the intellectual acumen of Hindus. In view of this fact, young men, going out as missionaries, were apt to rely only upon their intellectual powers as a means of regenerating the heathen; but regeneration only came by the Spirit. He wished to warn the young man before him against falling into any such error; and to remind him that he was not going into the mission field to engage in intellectual warfare with Hindus, but to lead them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Wardrope presented to Mr. Russell a copy of the Scriptures, a custom usual on such occasions. He stated that he was there not merely to represent the Foreign Mission Committee, but also to represent the hundreds of thousands of persons whose prayers were that day ascending to the foot of the eternal throne, that the newly ordained missionary might be blessed and prospered in his work. Formerly, he said, reluctance was generally expressed by parents to their sons and daughters becoming foreign missionaries. Those days, he thought, were rapidly passing away; and although parents, as was natural, still evinced sorrow at parting with their children, they were, in most cases, glad to see them preaching the unspeakable riches of Christ in the destitute parts of the world.

Principal Grant, on rising to address the congregation, congratulated them upon the step they had taken. He saw in it an impetus to increased zeal in missionary labour at home; and an ever-widening field of work abroad. He hoped that the congregation in supporting Mr. Russell exclusively would not fall off in its contributions to the other schemes of the Church which it had, hitherto, in part sustained. While China, and other lands, might, in retaliation for indignities offered them, passion-intercourse resolutions, India was part of the British Empire, and a large and sure field for missionary work. He hoped they would do all in their power to advance the great cause which was then employing their attention, and the blessing would return unto them sevenfold.