

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. W. H. W. Boyle left Paris this week for a trip to the old country.

THE Rev. George Burnfield, B.D., preached a vigorous, interesting and sensible sermon to young men in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. M. W. Maclean, of Belleville, sailed for the old country on the 16th inst., for three months' leave of absence. The Rev. H. Gracey, of Gananoque, will attend to Home Mission business until Mr. Maclean's return.

ON the 21st inst. the congregation of St. Paul's, Bowmanville, gave a call to Rev. R. D. Fraser, of Claude, to be their pastor. The Presbytery of Whitchy will hold a *pro rata* in Bowmanville on Monday, the first day in June, at two o'clock p.m. to dispose of the call.

NO. 1 Company, 77th Battalion, attended divine service at Knox Church, Dundas, on Sunday morning. Rev. Dr. Laing preached an earnest and appropriate sermon. The collection was for the fund to supply the volunteers in the North-West with comforts and necessities.

DURING the past week the Rev. Dr. Moffat, of Walkerton, delivered special lectures to the Mechanics' Institutes in Thorndale, Glencoe, Dunnville, and Welland. In the past winter Dr. Moffat has travelled two thousand miles lecturing to Institutes under the auspices of "The Association of Mechanics' Institutes of Ontario."

AT the conclusion of the regular sermon in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, on Sabbath evening, the Rev. Mr. Macgillivray alluded in touching terms to the death of the late Mr. A. W. Kippen, at the battle of Batouche, and joined, or behalf of his congregation, in the general sympathy exhibited by all the citizens of the town. The tribute to the deceased was supplemented by a grand rendering of Handel's "Dead March in Saul," on the organ.

INTIMATION has just been received of a grant by the Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland of £250 sterling, towards the endowment of the Theological Chair in Manitoba College occupied by the Rev. Dr. King. The grant is extremely seasonable in the present circumstances of the institution, and as coming from that branch of the Church by which Dr. King was sent out now many years ago as a missionary to Canada, it must be peculiarly gratifying to him.

THE Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Oshawa, recently delivered a lecture in the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, on the Chalk Hills of England. The lecturer gave a clear and concise history of the cretaceous or chalk formation, illustrated with black board drawings and the fine College specimens of this geological era, supplemented by some unique ones of the Doctor's own collecting. Chalk, like coral, forms at the bottom of the sea, and is composed of the shells and remains of myriads of marine creatures so small that a pin's head covers over a hundred of them and a microscope, such as the one the College possesses, shows in common everyday school chalk their wonderful beauty and variety. The chalk cliffs of the Kentish coast in England are, in places, a thousand feet thick, and have been formed by the slow deposit through past ages of cretaceous animals. A vote of thanks for his instructive and interesting lecture was unanimously tendered the lecturer.

THE following memorial from the session of St. David's Church, St. John, N.B., was presented to the Presbytery of St. John at its last meeting: That your memorialists have for some time past viewed with sorrow and alarm the very great increase in the amount of desecration of the Lord's Day induced by the running of railway trains and steamboats, and the carrying on of the business of livery stables and of cigar and other stores and shops and the consequent breaking down of the requirements of the Fourth Commandment, and the deprivation of so many persons of the privilege of worshipping God, and the enjoyment of the rest guaranteed by the institution of the Sabbath. Your memorialists would therefore respectfully ask that it may please your reverend body to take such action in the premises as may seem best to you, in order to bring the matter before the local authorities, and also such further action as may aid in this cause through the superior courts of the Church. -G. Bruce, Moderator of Session. After considerable discussion, a Committee on Sabbath Observance was appointed as follows: Rev. Mr. Bruce, Convener; Rev. Dr. Macrae, Rev. Mr. Hogg, Messrs. Forbes, Milligan and Johnson.

THE statistical report presented by the Clerk to the Presbytery of St. John, N.B., contains the following: The number of churches and stations supplied within the bounds of the Presbytery during the year was eighty-four; number of sittings in these churches, 12,975; number of families, 2,660; number contributing to support of ordinances, 1,618; number of single persons, 281; number of communicants, 3,146; baptisms of infants, 328; of adults, thirty-four; number of elders, 140; number of other office-bearers, 225; average number attending weekly prayer meetings, 1,186; number in Sabbath school and Bible class, 3,126; number engaged in Sabbath school work, 401; number of volumes in Sabbath school and congregational libraries, 7,522. The stipends promised by the congregations amounted to \$18,951; stipends paid by congregations, \$19,734; arrears due by congregations, \$729; total stipends from all sources, \$19,977; amount expended on churches or manse during the year, \$18,281; amount expended on other incidental congregational objects, \$15,360; total expenditure for strictly congregational purposes, \$52,534; total payment for all purposes, \$59,998.

IN a letter to Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Rev. W. McWilliam, the esteemed minister at Prince Albert, writes:—We have had no mail out or in for seven weeks. A sudden opportunity has come of sending you a hasty line by a messenger going out. We are quite secure to all appearance in this place, but waiting with great impatience for the arrival of troops sufficient to put down the rising. The delay must

be working mischief in the minds of the Indians. The work in our school has had to be discontinued, schools and churches being all occupied by troops and settlers, still we continue to have service every Sabbath. My own family and Mr. Sinclair's and Miss Baker (the teacher in the Presbyterian school) are all quite well and cheerful. The Presbyterian manse and church are the only houses in the stockade besides the barracks and the storehouse. We have had great annoyance and discomfort, especially in time of panic, from the crowd flocking in. But I cannot write further. You must not expect any collection for your Home Mission Fund this year. I had just put the books into the hands of the collectors when the outbreak occurred. The farmers around Prince Albert will not get their grain sown in time this year, and the injury done to the settlement after two bad years of frost will be enormous.—Yours faithfully, WM. McWILLIAM.

ON Sabbath, 10th May, Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, missionary from Mhow, India, preached in John Street Church, Belleville, on the importance and claims of foreign missionary work. On Monday evening a large audience assembled to hear an address from Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mr. Thos. Ritchie presided, and after devotional exercises by Rev. T. Mitchell, pastor, introduced this lady with a brief but excellent address. Mrs. Harvie is an excellent speaker, possessing an easy flow of language, a pleasing and forcible delivery, and showing a perfect knowledge of her subject. She rapidly sketched the rise and progress of the various women's missionary societies, which have all sprung up within the last few years, and particularly the one with which she is personally connected, and which has its headquarters in Toronto. This Society, from a small beginning, has increased to such an extent that the amount raised last year by it made a total of over \$10,000. The deplorable moral and spiritual condition of the women of India and China was feelingly described, and an earnest appeal was made to the ladies of Canada to put forth greater efforts, exercise more self-denial and assist by their prayers in the evangelization of the poor down-trodden members of their sex in heathendom. Rev. J. Fraser Campbell followed, and gave some interesting information regarding the condition of the people and the success of missionary work in Central India. The meeting was enlivened by some excellent singing by the choir of the church. Rev. Mr. Campbell also preached on Sabbath evening in St. Andrew's Church.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held in Cooke's Church, Kingston, on May 11th. Mr. Maclean, minister, and Messrs. Gunn and Hudson, elders, resigned their commissions to the General Assembly. To fill up the list, Mr. Samuel Houston, M.A., minister, and Messrs. John Laidlaw and Wellington Boulter, elders, were appointed commissioners. A motion complaining of the appointment by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee of a student as a missionary not recommended by the Presbytery, was negatived, and a milder one adopted. From this action, Messrs. Houston and Gallaher appealed to the Assembly. Messrs. John Hay, B.D., R. C. Murray, B.A., James Brown, B.A., and A. K. McLeod, students of Queen's College, were after due examination licensed to preach the Gospel. Principal Grant presented an application on behalf of Mr. S. W. Dyde, M.A., student of first year in theology, asking the Assembly in view of his long and distinguished course in arts, to grant him the status of a third year's student in that department. The Presbytery passed a strong resolution in favour of the Scott Act about to be submitted to the electors of the city of Kingston and the county of Frontenac, and expressed regret that the Senate had made an attempt to detract from its value.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD. A meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 12th inst. There was a good attendance of members. A notice from London Presbytery was read that application would be made to the General Assembly to receive Rev. R. H. Craig, of the Baptist Church, as a minister of the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Burns, agent for Knox College, and Rev. Allen Bell, of Portage la Prairie, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. Mr. Burns addressed the court with reference to the endowment of Knox College, and arrangements were made to complete the canvass within the bounds. The report of the Home Mission Committee was received, which showed that grants had been made as follow: Millbank, \$50, for the next twelve months; Granton and Lucan, \$100, for twelve months; Wellesley and Crosshill, \$130, for six months. The Presbytery passed a resolution to secure the full grant for the last named field. Rev. A. Bell was heard, and stated that the church building had been destroyed by fire. He sought assistance, and the Presbytery resolved to ask the congregations to give what they could, all contributions to be forwarded to Rev. T. McPherson, Stratford, on or before 1st of September. After disposing of other items of business the Presbytery adjourned to meet in the same place on the 2nd Tuesday of July.—A. G. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Clinton on the 12th inst. Mr. Richard was re-appointed convener of the Home Mission Committee for the ensuing year. Mr. McCoy was authorized to moderate in a call at Brucefield, when the people are prepared for it; stipend not to be less than \$800 with a manse and glebe. Circular letters were read respecting the reception of a number of ministers of other churches as ministers of this Church. On application made a moderation in a call was granted to the congregations of Bayfield and Bethany. The following deliverance was unanimously agreed to in the present state of legislation respecting the Scott Act, and copies thereof to be sent to Hon. A. Vidal and Mr. Jameson, M.P.: Whereas this Presbytery more than once expressed their approval of the Scott Act, commending its adoption to the members and adherents of the Church in this county, and whereas the Act has been adopted in the county by a very

large majority, the Presbytery hoped that the provisions of the Act would be faithfully and fully carried out. It therefore resolved, that this Presbytery regret the action of the Licence Commissioners in passing over all the druggists of the county and appointing as vendors, under the Act, as many parties who were outwardly and openly opposed to the Act, and, still further, they view with grave apprehensions and alarm the amendments to the Act, in the direction of the sale of beers and light wines in Scott Act counties, that have been introduced in the Senate of the Dominion. They hope and pray that these amendments shall not receive the approval of the House of Commons or become law. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery is to be held in Knox Church, Goderich, on the 2nd Tuesday of July at 11 a.m.—A. McLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on the 19th of May. Present, twenty-three ministers and twelve elders. The call from Niagara to Rev. J. W. Bell had been accepted, and the induction was appointed for Tuesday, the 26th inst., Mr. Burson to preside, Mr. Robertson to preach, Mr. Laidlaw to address the pastor, and Mr. Ratcliffe the people. The memorial from East Ancaster, asking that the union of that congregation with Onondago be not continued, was laid on the table, and a committee was appointed to confer with the Presbytery of Paris and the congregations interested, and report not later than the September meeting. The call from Knox Church, Hamilton, to Rev. M. Fraser had been accepted and his translation granted by the Presbytery of London. The induction was appointed for Tuesday, June 23, at 7.30 p.m., Mr. Fletcher to preside, Mr. Hamilton to preach, Mr. Black to address the pastor, and Mr. Abraham the people. A motion was carried to provide a fund for payment of expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly, and the details were left over for consideration at next meeting. Mr. Stewart's term of engagement in the Fort Erie mission field having expired, the supply of the field was left with the session and the convener of the Home Mission Committee. It was resolved to make application to the General Assembly for leave to receive Mr. W. G. Hanna, licentiate, for leave to superintend the education of Mr. Richard Pyke with a view to his entering the ministry, and for granting Mr. W. J. Rae the standing of a theological student having finished his first year. On the recommendation of a committee appointed at last meeting, it was resolved to organize a mission station in the Wentworth Street mission house, Hamilton, and give supply of preaching by students under the care of the Presbytery. The committee further suggested that the propriety of changing the location of some of the places of worship should be considered with a view of having a church accessible to the residents in all parts of the city. The return to the Assembly's remit on printing adopted is a series of resolutions, providing for the printing of the reports of the standing committees before the Assembly opens; the distribution of these to commissioners not later than the second day; the sending of a copy of these reports and two of the minutes of the Assembly to sessions gratuitously, and printing for sale of any number beyond that which may be required.—JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.—This Presbytery met in Portage la Prairie, in the Methodist Hall, on the 12th inst. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Bell, moderator, Mr. McKellar was elected moderator *pro tem*. There were present Rev. Messrs. McKellar, Douglas, Todd, Stalker, Hodnet, Mowat, Smith, Duncan, McTavish, and Solomon Tunkansaiye, ministers; and Messrs. Ross, Millar, Lockhart, Humphries, and Grant, elders. The list of commissioners to the General Assembly was revised. Mr. Stalker, of Gladstone, resigned, and Mr. Todd, of Burnside, was appointed in his place. Messrs. Douglas, Todd, Mowat, and W. Miller were appointed a committee to consider the preparation of reports of Presbytery business for the Press. On recommendation of the committee, the Presbytery agreed to appoint a member of the Presbytery at each meeting to report any business of public interest. The resignations of Rev. Messrs. W. A. MacKenzie, of Carberry, and D. Macrae, Neepawa, were accepted. Several members of Presbytery expressed regret at the loss of their valuable services to the church in Manitoba and sympathy for Mr. MacKenzie in the bereavement which led to his resignation. Messrs. Todd and Stalker were appointed to draw up a suitable minute regarding the services of these brethren in Manitoba. Mr. Douglas was appointed moderator of Carberry Session, with power to moderate in a call when the congregation was ready for such a step. Mr. Smith was appointed to preach at Carberry on Sabbath first, and declare the pulpit vacant. A letter of resignation from Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Battleford, was allowed to lie on the table until next meeting of Presbytery, as it was impossible for him to leave Battleford at present owing to the rebellion. The adoption of an overture to have the Home Mission business of the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories conducted by the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, through Presbyterian representation, as in the other Presbyteries throughout the eastern part of the Church, was moved by Mr. Stalker, seconded by Mr. Todd, and adopted. Its transmission to the Assembly was ordered. Messrs. Stalker and McKellar were appointed to support the overture before the Synod. The objections stated against the present system of operating the Home Mission business of the Synod were, that it is too complicated, expensive and unnecessary for the efficient conduct of the business. The hearing of a complaint and appeal from Dr. Fleming against the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, occupied nearly the whole of Wednesday. A committee was appointed to prepare a finding on the case. The committee reported on Thursday, and recommended that the Presbytery dismiss the complaint and sustain the appeal, and alter in part the decision of the lower court. After a brief discussion this became the finding of the Presbytery. Dr. Fleming intimated his intention to appeal to the Synod against the Presbytery's finding. Mr. Todd, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, submitted the report of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery. It was considered clause by