

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

MINISTERS who may receive a parcel of our posters, will confer a favour by handing them to some reliable person for distribution in stores, post offices, etc. We have sent out 6,000 copies of these bills; and, if properly displayed in places of public resort, they will greatly aid agents in their canvass. The fac-similes of Premium Engravings enclosed should be handed to some one willing to act as agent.

THE congregation of New Glasgow, Que., have resolved to extend a call to the Rev. C. Brouillette of St. Louis de Gonzague.

REV. R. H. HOSKIN has received a unanimous call to the charge of Inverness, Que., and we understand is likely to settle in this field.

THE new Presbyterian church at Cumberland, of which the Rev. Mr. Hughes is pastor, is about completed. It is a brick veneer, 60x40, and will accommodate some four hundred persons. The plastering will not be done until the spring.

THE trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, are building a brick addition to the rear of their church. It is the intention to remove the partition that is now within the church building, and to make other necessary improvements.

THE opening services in connection with the new Presbyterian church at Norwich were continued on Sabbath, the 9th inst., the Rev. Dr. James of Hamilton preaching to large congregations. We are glad to learn that scarcely any debt is left on the building.

A COLLECTION amounting to over fifty dollars for the debt on the Home Mission Fund was taken up in Knox Church, Woodstock, on Thanksgiving Day. The Sabbath school children made a special collection of twelve dollars on the following Sabbath for the same object.

AN eligible lot on which to erect a building for Taylor congregation, Montreal, has been procured on Champlain street, in the east end of the city. The building, which is to accommodate about 350, has already been commenced, and is expected to be ready for occupation in February. The congregation and Sabbath school are both steadily increasing.

AT the last meeting of the Huron Presbytery, held on 14th October, in Brucefield, it was agreed at the request of Knox Church, Goderich, and associated congregations, to delay action until January in regard to the resignations of the Revs. Dr. Ure and Mr. Sieveright, and the hope was expressed that these gentlemen will continue their present ministrations.

A WELCOME social was given in the basement of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on Friday last, by the ladies of the congregation, in honour of the Rev. D. M. Gordon, who has returned from a trip across the continent by the overland route. The social was a grand success, and the respected pastor, who was so honoured on the occasion, must have felt highly pleased at the esteem thus manifested.

A MEETING in connection with the Church Extension Association will (D.V.) be held in the East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Wednesday evening next, at eight o'clock. Revs. Prof. McLaren, D. Mitchell, and Messrs. Blaikie, McLean and Warwick are expected to address the audience. This is the second of a series of meetings to be held in all the Presbyterian churches in the city, in connection with the worthy objects of the Association. It is to be hoped that the attendance will be large.

THE Presbyterian church of Orillia was re-opened on the 9th inst., with appropriate services conducted by the Rev. G. M. Milligan of Toronto. The Presbyterians of Orillia have for some time past been greatly troubled with the pleasing inconvenience of having too little accommodation in their church for their growing numbers. They accordingly, some time ago, set about the work of re-seating and enlarging their place of worship, and have managed to secure the desired accommodation, besides adding greatly to the beauty and convenience of the building. There is now accommodation for 620 worshippers. This, it is expected, will be sufficient for some time to come, though if the same rate of progress is maintained something more will have to be thought of by and by.

A VERY successful special missionary meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., in the Presbyterian

church in Sarnia. The object was to assist the Home Mission Fund. Mr. Macdonnell of Toronto gave the principal speech of the evening. In the course of his address, Mr. Macdonnell discussed the following questions with great point and power. 1st, Are the Home Missions worth the money spent on them? 2nd, Is the work well done? And 3rd and lastly, Is the Presbyterian church in Sarnia going to do its duty? It need scarcely be added that Mr. M. and the audience answered all these questions in the affirmative. As the result of the meeting a Missionary Society in connection with the church was organized, and a large collection taken up. Every one present declared it the finest missionary meeting ever held in the church. This is the true way to overcome the Home Mission deficit and put all the schemes of the Church on a healthy, effective footing.

ON Sabbath last the Rev. Mr. Lyle preached in Central Church, Hamilton, on the 1st and 2nd verses of the 16th chapter of Romans, with special reference to the work of woman in the Church. He closed with the following forcible and timely words: "The Church is not making the best of her materials as long as she does not call in the aid of devoted Christian women. She is practically leaving one of her richest mines of wealth unwrought. At present the lack of system has reduced the Church's state to that of a mob. As a result of this, designing indolence is fattening itself on the careless givings of well-meaning Christian people. If the Church would cease to countenance this great evil, and would do her work efficiently, woman's aid must be called in and utilized. In a word, if the Church would do her very best, and become a greater power of good in the land, she must organize all her forces into a compact army and cease to be a mob. And in any such readjustment of her force, woman must have a higher and more honourable position, must have the position that God and nature have given her—the position of trust and importance so well filled by Phebe. Nor can this be denied her on the ground of innovation, as the office of deaconess is as old as the days of the Apostle Paul. To revive this office is reformation and not innovation. The Church's safest course is to fall back on Apostolic lines, and be as broad as the Bible and not an inch broader."

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The second meeting of the above society was held on Wednesday evening. The President, Mr. A. B. Baird, B.A., in the chair. After devotional exercises and the ordinary routine business, the reception of reports from the remaining mission fields was taken up.

Mr. C. H. Cooke presented the report from the Baysville Mission Group in the Muskoka district. There are four regular preaching stations in this group and a new preaching place was opened at Trading Lake Portage, which is likely to become a permanent station. The average attendance in the four regular stations was as follows: Baysville, 65; Marshall's, 15; Hamilton's, 45; and Uffington 60. The Communion was dispensed at Baysville, Sept. 7th, Rev. A. Findlay, of Bracebridge, and at Hamilton's and Uffington by the Rev. Wm. Dawson, of Gravenhurst. Eight new members were received into the Church. A union Sabbath school was held at Baysville and Uffington. The district is nearly all settled, and the prospects for the future are good.

Mr. A. Robertson then read the report from the Waubaushene field. There are three regular stations in this group, at which the average attendance was as follows. Waubaushene, 100; Port Severn, 50; Sturgeon Bay, 30. There are thirty-four communicants in connection with these stations, of which eight were added at the last Communion, which was dispensed, Aug. 31, by Rev. Mr. Rodgers, of Collingwood. The financial report is encouraging and it is expected that this field will be nearly able to meet its demands without outside aid.

The next report was read by Mr. J. S. Henderson from the Strong field in the Muskoka District. Regular service was held in four stations at which the average attendance was as follows. Mecunoma, 40; Eagle Lake, 40; Strong, 35; Stony Lake, 50. This is a new field and is somewhat wide in extent, embracing four townships. The prospects are very good, as the country is being settled fast, and great interest is being manifested in the services held by the missionary.

Mr. R. Y. Thomson read an encouraging report from

the Central Manitoulin field. This field is also very extensive, comprising no less than six stations. The average Sabbath attendance was as follows: Providence Bay, 26; Mindemoya, 55; Basingthwaite's Settlement, 35; Sandfield Mills, 40; Tehkummah, 80; Michael's Bay, 30. There are at present seventy-eight communicants, fifteen of whom were added this year. There are Sabbath schools in connection with all the stations but one. This field is being settled very fast and there are good prospects of its becoming a self-sustaining charge at no distant day.

The last report was read by Mr. A. B. Meldrum from the St. Joseph's Island Mission. This is an entirely new field, having been taken up by the society only this year, and there are as yet no organized congregations. There are, however, three regular preaching stations which have an average attendance as follows: Hilton, 45; Richard's Dock, 40; Chelmsford, 35. Service was also held once a month in Plumer's township. The Communion is to be dispensed shortly by Rev. J. R. McLeod, of Sault Ste. Marie, when it is hoped that there will be a membership of at least 35. The population of the Island is increasing rapidly. Three years ago it numbered only about 200; there are now over 2,000, and settlers are coming in fast. There is thus opening up an extensive field for mission work. The subscriptions for the support of the missionary were liberal, and altogether the prospects are good.

Mr. A. Hamilton was appointed overseer of the Gaoi Mission for the session.

A petition was read from the Parkdale congregation, asking to be supplied with Sabbath service during the college term. This was agreed to on condition of the payment of \$2.00 per Sabbath to the general fund of the Society. The meeting was then closed with devotional exercises.

M. MCGREGOR, Cor.-Secretary.

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This Society begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following amounts: Per W. A. Hunter, Walton and Brampton, \$15; per J. K. Wright, Dresden, \$21.25; per A. B. Baird, Newmarket, \$16; Aurora, \$7.50; Sutton, 50 cts.; per D. M. Beattie, Mrs. T. Shortreed, Barrie, \$1; per A. B. Dobson, Eden Mills Church, \$11; J. A. Davidson, Eden Mills, \$4; Mrs. Sharp, Rockside, \$3; per R. M. Craig, Horning's Mills, \$4; per W. G. Wallace, Bondhead, \$20.55; per D. Stalker, Crinan, \$12.75; per Thomas Scouler, Merriton Church, \$15; Merriton Sabbath school, \$5; Hayne's Avenue Church, St. Catharines, \$10; Hayne's Avenue Sabbath school, \$12; per A. Meldrum, Hilton, \$39; Richard's Dock, \$25; per R. Y. Thomson, Sandfield Mills and Tehkummah, \$6.25; per A. Robertson, Port Severn, \$70; Sturgeon Bay, \$20; Rev. R. Rodgers, \$2; per J. S. Henderson, Eagle Lake, \$13; Mecunoma, \$13.25; Strong, \$6.50; Stony Lake, \$7; per Miss Walker, Caledon East, \$8.50; per Misses Stewart and McKee, Sandhill, \$13.70; per G. B. Greig, Emsdale, \$24.25; Katrine, \$20.75; Burk's Falls, \$12.50; East Station, \$4.15; Molesworth, \$9.79; Trowbridge, \$1.34; Listowel, \$14; A Friend, \$1; per M. McGregor, Scotch Block, Ancaster East, \$23.65; Barton, \$5.20; per T. Davidson, Commanda Creek, \$13.85; Commanda Lake, \$5.40; Nipissing, \$11.75; Big Bend, \$5; per S. Carruthers, Cobocok, \$39.50; Digby, \$8; Head Lake, \$3; per D. Bickell, Carlow, \$43; Andersen \$1.50; A Friend, Kirkwell, 50 cts.; per A. Henderson, Westminster Church, Teeswater, \$4; per T. Nixon, Long Lake, Mayo, \$3.25; Dodd's, Mayo, \$13.75; per D. James, R. M. Wanzer, a sewing machine, \$30; J. Garrett, \$2; per J. Currie, Woodville, \$60; per G. D. McKay, A Friend, Shower's Corners, \$1; D. M. Beattie, \$2; J. Jamieson, \$2.

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R. Y. THOMSON, Treasurer.

HERE is a paragraph that ought to be copied by every religious paper in the land. The Western Michigan Methodist Conference at its recent meeting expressed its sentiments on the use of tobacco by the unanimous adoption of the following resolutions: 1. That hereafter no young man using tobacco in any form, coming as a candidate for the ministry, shall be received into this Conference; 2. That those members of this Conference already addicted to the use of tobacco are exhorted to desist from it in public and when in the company of persons who do not use it; 3. That all circuits and missions are advised not to send delegates to this Conference hereafter who are users of tobacco; 4. That no local preacher will be ordained an elder who uses tobacco.