

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan has gone to rusticate at Rustico, P.E.I.

THE congregation of Dundalk has extended a call to the Rev. J. Slewright.

THE Rev. Dr. Smyth has tendered his resignation as principal of Denmill Ladies' College, Oshawa.

THE Rev. Mr. McKinley, Innerkip, has gone to Manitoba to spend a short vacation with friends in that country.

THE pulpit of Erskine Church, Montreal, was occupied on Sabbath week by the Rev. George Cuthbertson, Wyoming.

THE Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, has declined the call from the congregation of Charles Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Canada, during his visit to his native town of Paisley, preached in the Free Middle Church as well as in the Abbey.

THE Rev. J. R. Cameron, B.A., recently appointed to the charge of the Presbyterian congregation, Battleford, arrived on the 4th, with his wife and two children.

THE Rev. Mr. McKay was inducted into the Ballyduff and Cartwright congregations on Tuesday, 15th inst. After the induction the Cartwright friends furnished an excellent tea.

THE Rev. John Chisholm, B.A., of Grey county, Ontario, has been preaching in Tiree, Scotland, where he delighted the people by giving them good accounts of their friends in Canada. He has sixty three families in his own congregation.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Kirkfield, on Sabbath, July 6th, by the Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Glenairn. An addition of twenty-nine was made to the membership of the Church. A quiet revival has been going on there during the last three months, under Mr. J. M. Gardiner, a student of Knox College, and this large increase is the result of his faithful labours.

CLAN-WILLIAM is situated about ten miles north of Minnedosa. The district suffered much last year through early frost, and owing to its distance from market the people laboured hitherto under decided disadvantages. The completion of the railway to Minnedosa will, however, afford excellent facilities for shipment now. The district is admirably adapted for agriculture. This season a large area is under crop, and the prospects are excellent. Fewer districts are better adapted for stock-raising, and if the people had a little more capital to devote to this branch of farming no doubt the wealth of the settlement would rapidly increase. Mr. J. MacAulay, of Tiverton, laboured in this fold last winter, and, this summer, he has done a good work there. He went energetically to work to get the people to build a church. During the winter logs were procured, and in spring the people met and erected a substantial and comfortable building, capable of seating about 100 persons. The Church was opened on the 27th of July, by the Superintendent of Missions, when the building was filled to overflowing. The Church is free from debt, except about \$50, and steps are taken to wipe that out at once. The Church and Manse Building Board made a grant of \$100, which encouraged and stimulated the people to the utmost for themselves. It seems as if this fund was the life of church building in the North-West.

FROM the *Harriston Tribune* we glean the following brief biographical sketch of the Rev. D. Fraser, M.A., who has been recently appointed by the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, to the pastorate of Pandora Street Church, city of Victoria, B. C. He is the son of Mr. Andrew Fraser, who was for many years elder in St. Columbia Church, in the township of Lochiel, and was born in 1844. He was led to the Saviour in early life; and mainly among the means used by the Lord to accomplish this result were the counsels of a godly uncle, the late Angus Macrae, of Glensandfield. After enjoying the advantages of a good public school, he entered the Williamstown High School in the spring of 1859. When he finished his course there he taught a public school for a year, and afterwards entered Queen's College, taking the regular course, and obtaining the degree of B. A. in 1864. His frank, honest, genial, manly and upright character made him a favourite with all. He was throughout his course a very successful student. At the

graduating examination he stood at the head of the class, being bracketed with another Glengarry boy, a dear friend of his, the late Rev. Wm. MacLennan, L'Orignal, one of the noblest and most heavenly-minded of men. After his theological course was completed he was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Glengarry, on the 23rd June, 1867, and was ordained and inducted as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Priceville, Ont., on the 14th of August, of the same year by the Presbytery of Guelph in connection with the Church of Scotland. There he remained until January, 1875, when he accepted a call to Saugeen, where he laboured till he was transferred to his present charge in the town of Mount Forest, on the 27th June, 1877. There he has since laboured with great faithfulness and success, being very popular not only with his own congregation, but with all classes of the community. He has always been a strong advocate of temperance, and the present favourable position of that great question before the General Assembly of the Church is in a great measure due to his indefatigable efforts. All who know him are convinced that it would be difficult for the Home Mission Committee to make a better selection for the congregation to which he is appointed, and think that the city of Victoria is to be congratulated on having such a man as Mr. Fraser added to her clerical staff—a man of scholarly attainments, pulpit ability and marked success.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—In accordance with appointment of General Assembly, the new Presbytery of Winnipeg met in Knox Church, on July 16th. Rev. A. Matheson, Moderator; Rev. D. B. Whimster was appointed Pres. Clerk. The call from Rat Portage, in favour of Rev. Mr. Tibb, was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to him. Springfield, Sunnyside, and Cook's Creek, were, in compliance with the united petition thereunto, formed into one pastoral charge and leave granted for a moderation in a call. Mr. Pringle was appointed to moderate, when said congregations are ready. In accordance with instructions from the Synod, the Presbytery nominated Messrs. Gordon, Whimster, and Pringle as its representatives on the Synod's Home Mission Committee. Standing Committees were appointed on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Sabbath observance, Finance and Statistics, and Temperance. Messrs. Pitblado and Pringle were appointed a deputation to visit Clearsprings and associated stations and instructed to report to next meeting as to the re-arrangement of that group and also as to the supply of North Plympton. The Superintendent and Mr. MacFarlane were appointed to visit the district between Shoal Lake and Lake Manitoba to enquire into the religious condition of the settlers, and report to next meeting. Mr. Herald reported that at Fort William and two other outside stations connected with his charge there are sufficient people to require the services of a minister. The Superintendent was instructed to visit that field at his earliest convenience and report. In accordance with a petition therefor, leave was granted to the Managers of Port Arthur congregation to sell a part of their glebe, 66x99 feet. The Clerk was instructed to notify the several congregations to take up the annual collection for the Presbytery Fund. Mr. Pitblado was appointed Treasurer of Presbytery. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Selkirk Hall, Winnipeg, on the second Wednesday in September (the 10th), at ten a.m.—D. B. WHIMSTER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery met in First Presbyterian Church, London, on the 8th ult., at 11 a.m. There was a large attendance of members, especially of ministers. There was not much business of general importance before the court. Considerable time was spent in discussing a report given in by a committee appointed by the Presbytery for re-arranging the field in Ekfrid and the vicinity of Glencoe. The object of the Presbytery in this movement is the securing of more regular services in needy parts of that field, and by means of union reducing the unnecessary number in the village of Glencoe. After discussing the report very fully, and hearing commissioners in support of a petition opposing union on the basis already drawn up, the Presbytery appointed another committee, embracing the members of the former committee, whose main object is to formulate a new basis of union, if possible satisfactory to all the parties concerned. This committee is to report at the December meeting of Presbytery. Standing committees on the various schemes of the Church

were appointed for the year. The following are the conveners of the committees on the respective subjects: Home Missions, John Rennie; Sabbath Schools, Alexander Henderson; State of Religion, W. S. Ball; Temperance, Kenneth McDonald; Examination of Students, Dr. Proudfoot; Auditors' Report, J. A. Murray; Presbytery Business, George Sutherland; Colleges, John Johnstone; French Evangelization, Hugh Cameron; Missionary meetings, John Milloy. On motion of Rev. J. A. Murray, Mr. Rennie was instructed to ascertain by correspondence with the congregations which promised to raise their ministers' stipends to the minimum of \$750 and manse, if these promises have been implemented. The clerk read the Return of the Assembly in the application of Mr. R. H. Craig. The Presbytery, on motion duly made and seconded, agreed to receive Mr. Craig as catechist. Leave was granted to the congregation of Port Stanley to moderate in a call before next meeting of Presbytery. Leave of absence for two months was granted to Mr. McDonald. The Presbytery adjourned to meet again on the second Tuesday of September, at 11 a.m., and was closed with the benediction.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—The Presbytery of Saugeen met in Knox Church, Durham, on the 8th July. Mr. Mullan, of Fergus, and Mr. Burns, of Toronto, being present, were asked to sit and deliberate. The practicability of uniting Ayton and East Normanby with Balaklava in the Presbytery of Bruce, was brought before the Presbytery by request of the Central Home Mission Committee. Mr. Campbell was instructed to confer with Ayton and East Normanby, and also with the representative of the Presbytery of Bruce, and report. Mr. Burns asked permission to make arrangements to canvass the congregations within the bounds for the endowment of Knox College. The request was granted, and all due assistance promised. The union of the two congregations in Mount Forest was next considered. The committee appointed to meet with the pastors and congregations gave in their report, with the recommendation that both pastors be respectfully enjoined to tender their resignations. Commissioners from the congregations were heard; the pastors were also heard. After due deliberation it was unanimously agreed to adopt the report with its recommendation. Both pastors then tendered their resignation. It was further agreed to hold an adjourned meeting in St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, on the 22nd, and call the congregations to appear at said meeting to give reasons, if they had any, why the resignations should not be accepted and the union consummated. The call from Knox Church, Elora, to Mr. Fraser was next taken up. Papers were read, and parties heard. Mr. Fraser then intimated that owing to the peculiar circumstances in which he was placed, owing to the union of the two congregations in Mount Forest not being decided, he would like further time to consider. Mr. Fraser was allowed to the 15th inst., and then to intimate his decision to the Guelph Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed to acquiesce in his decision, and in the event of his accepting said call, to grant his translation. Mr. Morrison was appointed to moderate in a call in Dundalk and Fraser settlements as soon as they are prepared. An extract minute of Assembly was read, intimating that the General Assembly had granted leave to Rev. John Irvine, within the bounds of the Presbytery, to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The Presbytery again met in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, on the 22nd inst. Mr. Fraser reported that he had intimated to the Presbytery of Guelph his declination of the call to Knox Church, Elora. The clerk was instructed to transmit notice thereof to the Presbytery of Guelph. The union of the two congregations in Mount Forest was next considered. A paper from Knox Church congregation was read, intimating that said congregation had agreed to pay to Mr. McMillan \$1,000 as a gratuity or retiring allowance. After all parties were heard, it was unanimously agreed to accept of both resignations. Mr. Thorn was appointed to preach and declare the pastoral charges vacant on the first Sabbath of September, and Mr. Campbell was appointed to meet with the two congregations on the following Sabbath, in Knox Church, afterwards to be called the Presbyterian Church of Mount Forest, and declare the union consummated. Mr. Campbell, along with Mr. S. C. Fraser, James Paul and James Dodds were appointed an interim session, with instructions to elect elders in terms of the basis of