

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbytery of Maitland, at a special meeting held in Chalmers Church, Kincardine Township on March 25, inducted the Rev. George McKay into the pastoral charge of the united congregations of Chalmers Church, Kincardine Township, and Knox Church, Bervie. Mr. Geddes preached, Rev. A. McMay presided. Mr. McLennan addressed the minister and Mr. Murray addressed the congregation.

THE annual business meeting of the "Young People's Presbyterian Union of Toronto" was held in St. James' Square Church on Friday evening week. The retiring president, Mr. R. S. Gourlay, occupied the chair. The following officers were elected for next year: Mr. Richard Donald, of Bloor Street Church, president; Mr. D. S. Leslie, of St. James' Square, vice-president; Miss Donald, of Central Church, Treasurer; Mr. Chas. N. Laurie, of Old St. Andrew's, Secretary. Letters were sent to the Presbyterian ministers throughout the province during the past winter asking for the name and address of any of their young people who might move to the city. All names and addresses will kindly be sent to the Secretary's address, 301 Gerard Street, E.

AT the service, preparatory to the communion, held in Calvin Church, Pembroke, on the evening of the 4th inst., fifty-seven new members were received—forty-nine of whom were admitted upon confession of their faith in Christ. While the new communicants were being received by the Session, the large congregation present sang, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." The impressiveness of the scene cannot be described and will never be forgotten by those who were present. The work in Pembroke is progressing most favourably; 200 members have been added in the last two years; the balance of \$8,000 debt on the Church has been provided for; and, at the last annual meeting, the salary of the pastor, Rev. G. D. Hayne, B.A., was increased by \$200, making it now \$1,400 and a manse.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Markham, Rev. R. Thynne, pastor, was held on the evening of the 31st ult. The report of the Session showed that forty-two new members had been added to the roll during the past year—thirty-five by profession and seven by certificate. Five have been removed from the roll. The present membership is 113; number of families, 60. The various financial reports showed the contributions for the year, as follows: General Fund, \$1,418.95; Schemes of the Church—collections, \$213.63; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$86.99; Sabbath school, \$60; total for the Schemes of the Church, \$360.67. Contributed for the relief of the Chinese sufferers, \$102. Total contributions for all purposes, \$1,881.63. After all disbursements there is a balance in the General Fund of \$145.64. The annual missionary meeting was held in February, and very able addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. H. M. Parsons, of Knox Church, Toronto, and the Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions for the North-West.

OF the Presbyterian Church at Alton, Ill., of which the Rev. Dr. A. T. Wolff, well and favourably known in Toronto, is pastor, the Chicago Interior says: Sabbath was a high day in the First Presbyterian Church, Alton. The floral committee of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour made the pulpit a perfect bower of beautiful and fragrant flowers, and the church was crowded with happy worshippers, both in the morning and at the communion services in the afternoon. The pastor preached an appropriate and pointed sermon from Isaiah liii. 6. Thirty new members professed their faith in Christ, fourteen of whom received the sacrament of baptism, and were welcomed to the fellowship of the church. Nearly all are adults, including a goodly number of men in the prime of life who promise great usefulness to the church. During the present pastorate of three years and four months 139 persons have been added to the church. The present membership is 345. All services are well attended; every department of church work is prosperous, and there is a large and wide awake Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

THE closing meeting of the Chiquiquy lectures, at Washington, D.C., was a large one and of unusual solemnity and interest. When about to be dismissed, the Rev. W. B. Matchett stepped to the platform and said:—Rev. C. Chiquiquy, Rev. and Dear Brother—We ministers of the Gospel and others who have listened to your able and eloquent lectures during the three weeks past, take great pleasure in assuring you of the deep felt sympathy we entertain for you personally, as well as the interest you have awakened in us in the great and palpable errors you have revealed to us, as existing in the so-called Church of Rome. We are deeply grateful for these timely utterances, and we have been moved through you by the Spirit of God to a feeling of intense sadness at the picture you have drawn and the revelations you have made of the blinding errors of that gigantic system, and also by the deplorable fact that so many of our otherwise excellent fellow-citizens so seriously believe them, and, we fear, to the loss of their souls. And permit us to say, dear brother, that we have been moved, also, by the beautiful Christian character and spirit you have exhibited while "going in and out among us," and in your mild and chaste manner in treating the subjects you have so ably discussed, as well as the large class of citizens with the views of whom you have felt it to be your duty to differ; and we trust the lessons we have learned shall be cherished by us when you shall have gone from among us and the years roll by. Already are the good fruits of your mission manifest in the many inquirers after light and truth; and also in the fact that a General Synod of your own Presbyterian Church, in special session here, discussing contemplated changes in their articles,—the ground work of their faith, felt it their pleasure to invite you to address them. And we can but hope that the good work begun by you in our midst will go on. Our prayer is, that the God whom you serve will continue to be with you and yours, to protect and defend, until you shall have finished the "Fight of Faith" and received the crown in the abode of the redeemed! To which Father Chiquiquy replied:—My dear brother, and Christian friends—Though I feel that I do not deserve the praises you address me. I thank you all for this expression of your kind and friendly feelings. With you I acknowledge that a great good has been done these last three weeks in our midst. But to our merciful God alone we must give the praise and glory for it. He has made use of a very feeble instrument to do great things, that every one might see that this is His work and not mine. With the old prophet let every one of us say, "Let all the nations praise the Lord, for His mercy endureth forever!" I thank God that a good number of the citizens of Washington are opening their eyes, and that they see the dark cloud which is rising on the horizon under the name of Roman Catholicism! It is time for you, Christian Americans, to understand that Rome is at work to destroy all your rights and liberties, and that you are taught to protect and defend them at any cost. I thank God for having taken me by the hand into your midst. These last three weeks of Christian labour in your grand city of Washington will be put by me among the most happy days of my long life. May the God of the Gospel bless your constant Christian courtesy towards me! Amen.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.—This Presbytery met March 11 at Orangeville. There were thirteen ministers and five elders present. Mr. Emes reported that the committee appointed by Presbytery had visited stations in the northern part of the Presbytery together with some in Barrie Presbytery with a view to reorganization, but found it impracticable. Mr. Campbell submitted a report on the State of Religion, which showed on the whole a favourable state of spiritual life within the bounds. The Clerk read a circular

letter intimating that the Presbytery of St. John would apply to the next Assembly for liberty to receive, as a minister of this Church the Rev. T. Fullerton, of the Presbytery of New South Wales. The Rev. R. B. Smith submitted to the Presbytery his resignation of the pastoral charge of Rosemont and Mansfield. The Clerk was instructed to cite parties to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. Hudson, Crozier, Ballantyne and Craig, ministers, and P. McGregor, J. C. Shook, T. Ferguson and J. Blackburn, elders, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. Messrs. McMichael and Black, from Black's Corners, and Messrs. Keys, Menay, Wallace and Braiden from Laurel appeared, promising, on behalf of these stations, the sum of \$500 annually, with a view to calling a minister, and asking the Presbytery to give them the status of a pastoral charge and apply to the Home Mission Committee for a supplement. The Presbytery granted them the status of a pastoral charge and agreed to apply for a supplement of \$250. Mr. Shook stated that, acting on the recommendation of Presbytery, the congregations of Corbetton, Riverview and Gandier had resolved to obtain, if possible, a settled pastor, and with that object in view had agreed to raise \$600 annually, and desired the Presbytery to give them the status of a pastoral charge, and apply for a supplement. The Presbytery granted their request and decided to apply for a supplement of \$200 annually. Mr. McClelland read the report of the Woman's Foreign Mission Presbytery then in session showing that the society had collected during the past year for Foreign missions the sum of \$541.53. Messrs. Fowle and McLeod were appointed to convey to the ladies the thanks and congratulations of the Presbytery. The Presbytery's mission agent was instructed to procure a student for Caledon East and St. Andrew's, Caledon, during the summer, and to apply to the Home Mission Committee for a supplement of \$250 with a view to a settled pastorate. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the same place on Tuesday, the sixth day of May next, at 10.30 a.m.—H. CROZIER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting at Barrie on March 18. There was a large attendance of members. The conveners of the Committees on Sabbath Schools and State of Religion and Temperance presented their several reports. The recommendation of the first-named was adopted, viz.: That the question in the printed form relating to the Ministers' Communion class be left out as not belonging to Sabbath school work. The proposal to appoint a superintendent on Sabbath school work was disapproved. In connection with the report on the State of Religion an overture was unanimously adopted to the following effect: That the General Assembly instruct its committee on the State of Religion to intermit for a period of two or three years the questions hitherto sent down to sessions, and meanwhile to prepare and send down such suggestions or directions as may be helpful to sessions in carrying on their work, and to advance the spiritual welfare of the congregations of the Church. The recommendations of the report on Temperance were adopted unanimously and an additional recommendation on a division as follows: That in the opinion of this Presbytery the Assembly's Committee should be constituted by the appointment of members of various shades of opinions; and that the Assembly should maintain a temperate and scriptural position on the Temperance question. Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follows: Messrs W. Fraser, D.D., A. M. Macdonald, B.A., J. M. Goodwillie, M.A., J. W. D. Duncan, B.A., by rotation; J. Leishman, J. R. S. Burnett, W. A. Duncan, B.D., and R. Moodie, by ballot, ministers; Messrs. J. A. Mather, G. Duff, J. M. Stevenson, J. Jamieson, T. Wallace, R. Little, W. R. Tudhope and W. B. Hamilton, elders. Mr. Currie tendered resignation of Wybridge, one of the congregations of his charge. The resignation was laid over to next meeting of Presbytery and the congregations of Penetanguishene and Wybridge were cited to appear for their interests. Home Mission business was taken up. The schedules for grants were passed. Two charges, viz., Bracebridge and Musk, and Esson and Willis Churches intimated that they no longer required aid from the Augmentation Fund, thus only three congregations in the Presbytery are left on the list as aid receiving. The grant to Huntsville and Allansville was reduced from \$300 to \$250. A committee was appointed to consider the matter of procuring a horse for one of the missionaries who was recently appointed to a large and laborious field. Mr. Findlay presented a report on his supervision of the home mission work for the past six months. A special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held for considering a call from Langford and Upgrove at Orillia on April 8, at two o'clock p.m.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—The Presbytery of Brockville met at Spencerville, March 11th inst. In the absence of Mr. MacWilliams who was ill, Mr. Macdunnid took the chair. All the members of the court were invited to address the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the evening. Messrs Hyland and Toye were appointed to examine Spencerville and Ventnor Session Records. Messrs. Higgins, Mackenzie and Stewart were asked to examine reports and report at a future sederunt. The clerk read a letter from Crysler's showing that the congregation there agreed to let their appeal drop. It was decided to hold the next regular meeting of Presbytery in Morrisburgh on 8th July prox. It was decided to ask all the grants for Augmentation obtained last year together with a Home Mission grant for Burrit's Rapids. Dr. Laing of Dundas, was nominated Moderator of the General Assembly. Dr. Kellock the Moderator, and clerk were appointed a committee to draw up a petition praying the General Assembly to place Mrs. Richards on the Widow's and Orphan's Fund. It was decided to apply to the Synod for leave to take Messrs. Sturgeon, Cornett and Cosgrave on trials for licence. Messrs. Dickie and Smith, a deputation from St. Andrew's congregation in connection with the church in Scotland, appeared before the court declaring the desire of that congregation to be united to this Presbytery and seeking instruction as to how to proceed. A deputation with Presbyterial powers was appointed to confer with the congregation and to issue the whole matter. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed as follows: Messrs. Dr. Kellock, H. J. Macdunnid, J. J. Wright, Robertson and Magillivray, ministers, and James Thompson, John Meikle, J. H. Fisher, James Moodie and H. Montgomery, elders. Full and interesting reports on Temperance, Sabbath school work, Home Mission and the State of Religion were received, adopted, and their recommendations considered. In the evening the Presbytery received gratifying reports from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The Secretary's report was read by Mrs. Dowley of Prescott. The report breathed forth thanksgiving to God for His great goodness to the society during the past year. The Treasurer's report presented by Mrs. McGillivray of Brockville showed that after all expenses had been paid a balance of \$750 remained to carry on the Lord's work. Several of the members of Presbytery in short speeches congratulated the ladies on the success that attended their efforts. It was agreed to ask A. K. McLennan to take charge of North Williamsburg. The clerk was instructed to give Rev. Mr. Johnstone a Presbyterial certificate. All the General Assembly's remits to Presbyteries were disapproved. Standing committees for the year were appointed. All the members report diligence in holding missionary meetings.—GEO. MACARTHUR, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, 18th ult. in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, Rev. Mr. Beamer, Moderator, Rev. Mr. Pritchard was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Revs. Messrs. Gauld, Jordan and J. C. McKee, ordained ministers, being present, were asked to sit with the court. Rev. Mr. Currie, minister, and Mr. F. Blaikie, elder, were appointed members of the Synod Committee on Bills and Overtures. Rev. Dr. Laing was unanimously nominated

Moderator of the next General Assembly. Rev. Mr. Anderson reported that he had moderated in a call at Strathroy, on the 24th of February last. The call was in favour of Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., signed by 157 members and 132 adherents, promising \$1,200 annual stipend with manse. Commissioners were appointed as follows: Messrs. Murray and Noble, from the congregation; Mr. Geddes, for the Management, and Mr. Geo. Thompson, for the Session. There was also laid on the table a petition signed by fifty-eight members and twenty-eight adherents, asking for delay. Parties were heard in the above order and questions put by members of the court. On motion of Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed to approve of the Moderator's conduct, sustaining the call as a regular Gospel call, and that the Moderator place it in Rev. Mr. Jordan's hands for his consideration. Rev. Mr. Jordan intimated his acceptance of the call. It was agreed to appoint the induction to take place on the 4th of April next at two p.m., Rev. Mr. Graham to preach, Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson to address the minister; Rev. Dr. Thompson to address the people; Rev. Mr. Anderson to preside. Rev. Mr. McLennan, Convener of the Committee on the State of Religion, gave an excellent report. After remarks by different members, it was agreed to adopt the report, thank the committee for diligence in the matter, and notify the Convener to forward the report to the Convener of the Synod's Committee on that question. Rev. Mr. Tibb, on behalf of the Committee on Sabbath Schools gave a valuable report, which was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to Mr. Tibb. The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and received by the Presbytery, and ordered to be forwarded to the Convener of the Synod's Committee on the question. In terms of reports from aid receiving congregations, it was agreed to ask for the following sums: Oil Springs and Oil City, \$150; Marthaville, \$2 per Sabbath; Point Edward, \$100 per year; Guthrie and stations, \$300; Inwood, Brooke and Weidman, \$2 per Sabbath. Rev. Dr. Thompson was appointed Moderator of Corunna and Mooretown, and also with Rev. Messrs. Tibb, Leitch and Cuthbertson, and Messrs. Cole and Blaikie, elders, a deputation to visit Corunna and stations and report the state of matters there. The following motion was submitted by Rev. Dr. Thomson and ordered to be entered on the records: Since our last meeting, it has pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove by death our dear brother Rev. James McKutcheon, from his field of labour. The Presbytery would take this earliest opportunity of expressing their sense of the great loss sustained by their brother's death. We gladly record our appreciation of his personal character, his uniform general disposition that endeared him to all classes, and especially to those among whom he laboured so faithfully; his warm Christian benevolence that made him the friend of the needy; his marked unselfishness that led him to live so largely for the sake of others, and above all his humble, earnest, deep piety that impressed all who knew him. We further bear willing witness to his devotion in his Master's service, his untiring efforts in a difficult field where he met many discouragements, his missionary zeal that led him to spend most of his days in purely missionary work. He was always a faithful member of our Court, and deeply interested in the spiritual work of the Church. We feel thankful for his long years of successful labours. We bow in humble submission to the decision of our common Master, and pray that the Heavenly Saviour would lead us to a fuller consecration, and to work more diligently while it is day, for the night cometh. And that another labourer may be found to carry on the work that our departed brother sustained so long and faithfully, and that all our labours in the Master's service may be crowned with success. Rev. Mr. Currie, convener of the Home Missions Committee, gave in a report for the half year ending 1st of April, 1890, giving a detail of services rendered and claims for such services for that period. The report was received, and it was ordered that the claims as stated above should be presented to the Assembly's Home Missions Committee for the current year, and that arrangements be made for supply at Sombra, Marthaville, Inwood and stations, Log Church, Brooke, for which it was agreed to ask \$1 per Sabbath. The report was adopted and the Moderator instructed to sign the necessary schedules. In terms of a petition, leave was granted to Petrolia congregation to borrow \$6,000 on church property, and the Moderator was authorized to sign any necessary documents in the matter. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held on the first Tuesday in July at 1 p.m., in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia. The following were elected as delegates to the General Assembly: Revs. Hector Currie, B.A., J. W. McIntock, J. C. Tibb, B.D., in order of the roll, and Dr. Thomson and Mr. Cuthbertson, by ballot, Elders—Messrs. John Ross, Thos. Gordon, Wm. Neil, F. Blaikie, and T. Maybury, by ballot. Rev. Mr. McKee, Dickinson, Northern Dakota, asked to be received as a minister of this church, and tabled his Presbyterial certificate. It was agreed to appoint a committee, consisting of Revs. Mr. Beamer, Dr. Thompson and J. Anderson, ministers; and Mr. Blaikie, elder, to confer with Mr. McKee and report in April next. A report was laid on the table and read, from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with this Presbytery. The Presbytery expressed gratification at the contents of the report and expressed the hope that further and greater prosperity would attend the efforts of the society.

THE PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—This Presbytery met on the 6th of March. There were present fifteen ministers and six elders. The Rev. Joseph Hogg was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months. The Rev. Dr. King reported on behalf of the committee appointed to secure a site for a Sabbath school in the western part of the city. He recommended the neighbourhood of the junction of Young Street and Portage Avenue. A Sabbath school with an attendance of forty pupils is now in operation in the neighbourhood. The North Church, Winnipeg, asked leave to moderate in a call to a minister. The request was granted. Considerable time was given to the discussion of the Home Mission Committee's report. Several fields were rearranged and three new fields undertaken. It was agreed to make application to the Synodical Committee for ordained ministers for Morris, Dominion City and Millbrook and for fourteen student missionaries. The thanks of the Presbytery were accorded to Dr. Bryce for devoting so much time and attention to the Home Mission work of the Presbytery. The remit from the General Assembly, proposing to reduce the number of representatives to the Assembly, was approved. The proposal to appoint a general secretary for Sabbath schools was disapproved; and it was declared not expedient to make connection with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund compulsory. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed: Rev. Messrs. Robert Nairn and James Hamilton by rotation and Dr. King, Joseph Hogg and Dr. Bryce by ballot. The following elders were selected: Professor Hart, D. McArthur (Emerson), C. H. Campbell, Chief Justice Taylor and P. R. Young. Mr. McFarlane reported on behalf of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, Dr. King on behalf of the Committee on the State of Religion, and the Rev. Joseph Hogg on Temperance Work. Dr. King gave notice that at the next meeting of the Presbytery he would present an overture in regard to the moral training of teachers. In the evening the Presbytery met with the Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and passed a resolution expressing appreciation of its work; it also listened to addresses on missions by several of its members. On the 18th inst. the Presbytery met again for the induction of the Rev. C. D. McDonald, D.Sc., late of Thorold, to the pastoral charge of Kildonan. The Rev. Joseph Hogg presided; Rev. W. J. Hall preached; the Rev. John Hogg addressed the people and the Rev. James Douglas the minister. Later in the evening the members of the Presbytery and congregation were entertained at a social meeting in this church.—ANDREW B. BAIRD, Pres. Clerk.