

## Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. John Fraser, who has recently resigned his charge at Indian Lands, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, is about removing his family to Montreal, where they are permanently to reside.

THE Rev. T. Tallach, of Dresden, has received intelligence of the death of his youngest son, which occurred at Virginia City, U. S., on the 17th ult. Deceased was a young man of much promise, and the reverend gentleman has the sympathy of his many friends in the time of trial.

THE Rev. David MacLaren, of Alexandria, moved a few weeks ago into the new manse erected by his congregation. The building stands on the finest lot in the village, and is a large double red brick house, with plenty ground on all sides. The cost, when complete, will be nearly \$2,900.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Columbia, held in Victoria, B. C., March 2, the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly. The Revs. R. Jamieson, D. Fraser and D. McCrae were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, with elders, J. C. Brown, Walter Clark and Sanders.

THE following are the commissioners appointed to the General Assembly at the regular meeting of Truro Presbytery, held March 29: Ministers—Rev. T. Cumming, J. Robbins, John A. Logan, Edwin Smith, B.A.; elders—Messrs. F. Blanchard, H. Tupper, W. Logan, J. Crowe. The call to Rev. J. Baird, from Economy and Fire Islands, was declined and set aside.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Dr. Reid has received from A Friend, \$3, Jewish Missions; A Member of Boston Church, \$2, Foreign Mission Fund; Caritas, Ottawa, \$100, Foreign Missions, Formosa; A Widow's Mite, \$1, equally for Home Missions, Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Pointe-aux-Trembles School; A Friend of the Indians, Dominionville, \$4, for Chief Bear's School.

MR. W. C. HERON, leader of the psalmody, who leaves for Dakota, was presented last week, by the congregation of Burns Church, Ashburn, with a very handsome copy of Matthew Henry's Commentary. An address, expressive of the kindly feelings and high esteem in which Mr. Heron is held, and also of the deep regret at his departure to another land, was read by Rev. A. M. McClelland, and the presentation was made by Mr. T. A. Fisher in the name of the congregation. Mr. Heron made a suitable reply.

ON Tuesday evening, 15th ult., the Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, gave a lecture on "Misplaced Men" in the Presbyterian Church, Ashburn. There was a fair and very appreciative audience. The lecture abounded in wit, eloquence, good advice and plain common sense, all of which were conveyed in a highly interesting manner. A vote of hearty thanks was given to the lecturer for his able lecture to which he made a suitable reply. The Ashburn choir gave several of their selections in their very best style, and added very much to the pleasure of the evening.

THE Lord's supper was dispensed on the 13th ult., in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville. Twenty-two new members were added to the Church on that occasion, fifteen by profession of faith and seven by certificate from other congregations. The evening service was conducted by Rev. Garabed Nergararian, of Nicomedia. The large audience listened with deep interest to his missionary experience, and the history of his conversion and Christian life. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Burnfield, intimated that a special collection would be taken up for Mr. Nergararian's work. The collection was a liberal one.

MR. AND MRS. MCKAY, of St. Andrew's Church, Pickering, on the eve of their departure for the North-West, were presented with an address from the members and adherents of the congregation. It was read by the pastor, the Rev. J. J. Cameron. A very handsome family Bible was also presented by Misses Miller and Dunlop, in behalf of the congregation, to Mr. and Mrs. McKay as an expression of affection and esteem. Dr. Gunn, who was visibly affected, replied in a few appropriate words, expressing thanks for the kindly expression of feeling. After a short prayer, the company sat down to refreshments, provided with their usual good taste and liberality by the ladies, after which the evening passed pleasantly in social talk and speeches by Mr. Bunting and Dr. Gunn, interspersed by choice selections of music by Mrs. Danbar, Mrs. Miller, Misses Miller and Law. The interesting proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—This Presbytery met in the hall of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 15th March. The Moderator, Rev. William Hamilton, presided, and constituted the court with prayer. Sederunt—Rev. Messrs. Johnston, McKay, McCarter, Aitken, Brown, Waits, Hamilton, Cameron, ministers; and Angus Russell, James Edgar and George Stephens, elders. It was agreed to sever the connection between Nelson and Newcastle, and unite Douglastown and Nelson into one pastoral charge. Messrs. Waits, Hamilton and Cameron were appointed a committee to carry this into effect. Rev. William Aitken gave in his reports of the Commissioners' Expense Fund, which showed a balance in hand of \$6.48, and also the Presbytery Fund; the accounts of this fund were audited, and found correct. Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown was appointed treasurer for the current year. Rev. Messrs. Robertson and McCarter resigned their appointment to General Assembly, and it was resolved that no additional appointments be made in their place. The Augmentation Scheme was considered, and a letter from Rev. E. A. McCurdy read, congratulating the Presbytery on its prospect of success in raising the required amount for this fund. The Rev. John McCarter tabled his resignation of Redbank, and it was agreed to cite the congregation to appear for its interests at a meeting of Presbytery, to be held in the church at Red-

bank, on Tuesday, 29th March, at eleven a.m. Catechists were appointed to the various mission fields of the Presbytery as follows: Mr. J. F. Smith, Kent County; Mr. J. S. McIlraith, Escuminac, Quebec; Mr. McKenzie, Kouchibouguac; Mr. Wallace, Flatlands; Mr. Rattee, New Brandon; Mr. Robertson, previously appointed to Tabusintac, and one to be obtained for Caraqueet. Application was made on behalf of Rev. Isaac Baird, for admission into the Canada Presbyterian Church by the ensuing General Assembly, and he was requested to appear in person, with his papers, at the next meeting of Presbytery at Redbank. Several remits from the Assembly were considered, and disposed of. The lay commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed as follows: J. B. McKilligan and George C. McVicar, of Knox Church, Winnipeg, and Colin Campbell and John Patterson, of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in Newcastle, on Tuesday, the 19th July, 1887, at eleven a.m., and the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Redbank on Tuesday, 29th March, at eleven a.m., of which public intimation was made, and this sederunt closed with the benediction.—E WALLACE WAITS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, the 22nd of March, Mr. Carswell, Moderator; present, nineteen ministers and fourteen elders. The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: By rotation, Messrs. R. Fairbairn, B.A., R. Moodie, A. Findlay, J. Sievright, M.A., D. D. McLeod and J. Leishman; by ballot, Messrs. J. R. S. Burnett and J. Campbell, M.A., Ph.D., ministers; Messrs. J. A. Mather, A. Melville, A. P. Cockburn, M.P., J. M. Stevenson, P. Murray, W. Goodfellow, T. Wallace and W. Black, elders. The matter of difficulty arising out of the removal from Hunter's Corner's to Stroud, by the part of the Churchill congregation, which met at the former place, was taken up. A motion, tabled on January 25, after hearing parties, required the congregation to return to the former place of worship, and an amendment to the motion declined to interfere. These motions were held over until a deputation should meet with parties representing the Innisfil congregations, with the hope of inducing them to come to an amicable understanding. The deputation did not effect their purpose, and, at the meeting next reported, the Presbytery came to vote on the motions, the result being that twelve voted for the amendment and eleven for the motion. Against this finding—not to interfere—Dr. Frazer dissented, Messrs. Acheson, Burnett, Leishman and McConnell dissented, and protested for leave to appeal to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, for reasons to be given in. Messrs. McLeod, Grant, ministers, and Stevenson, elder, were appointed to answer the reasons, and to defend the action of the Presbytery before the Synod. Mr. Leishman presented the report on Sabbath Schools, and was instructed to send it up to the Synod. Home Mission business was dealt with. Reports were received from deputies to congregations receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund. The schedules of grants to Mission Stations for the past half year, and for the next twelve months, were passed, as were those for grants from the Augmentation Fund; and arrangements were made for the summer's work in the mission fields. Mr. Findlay presented a report of his labour of supervision for the past six months. The Presbytery expressed "gratification at the good tidings brought from the missionary field through the diligent and faithful labours of the Superintendent, and of the missionaries in the field." The reports showed that the mission stations contributed liberally to the Home Mission Fund, and that a considerable reduction of grants in aid will be effected by rearrangement and growth of the stations. Mr. Findlay was instructed to convey to the widow of the late Mr. W. M. Robertson, catechist, the sympathy of the Presbytery in her recent bereavement. The Conveners on the State of Religion and on Temperance were instructed to send their reports to the Synod; and as there was not sufficient time to consider them, these reports will have precedence of all business at next ordinary meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 17th May.—ROBERT MOODIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Morrin College, Quebec, on the 15th March. There was a large attendance of members. The remit on co-operation with other Churches was considered, and after lengthy discussion, was laid on the table. The Rev. John MacLeod, B.A., of Antwerp, N.Y., at present a Congregational minister, made application to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. His papers were found to be regular and satisfactory, and, after conference with him, the Presbytery unanimously resolved to transmit his application to the General Assembly. Official intimation was received from the Presbytery of London, setting forth that calls from Glencoe and Dutton and Wallacetown, in favour of the Rev. D. Currie, B.D., of Three Rivers, had been sustained by that Presbytery. The Session and congregation of Three Rivers were cited to appear for their interests at a special meeting of Presbytery, to be held on March 23. Reports were presented from all the augmented congregations within the bounds. Mr. Clark, Presbytery treasurer, submitted his report for the year, which was received and adopted. Mr. Clark also resigned the treasurership, and Mr. J. R. MacLeod was appointed in his stead. Delegates to the General Assembly were appointed as follows: By rotation, Messrs. T. Z. Lefebvre, B.C.L., Archibald Lee, B.A., and James Sutherland, with the following alternates: Messrs. J. G. Pritchard, B.A., Dr. Lamont, and J. R. MacLeod; by ballot, A. T. Love, B.A., and Dr. Matthews, with G. Maxwell, and J. D. Fergusson, B.A., as alternates, ministers; and the following elders: Messrs. W. G. Davie, Dr. Thompson, Alex. Baptist, Robert Brodie and Dr. Weir. The grants for the half-year ending March 31 were revised, and recommendations for grants from the Home Mission and Augmentation Committees, for the ensuing year, were made. The Presbytery, realizing their inability, from lack of men and means, to provide for the entire destitution of regular religious ordinances prevailing in many parts of the Province, resolved, after serious and full discussion, to overture the General Assembly upon the subject. An interesting, and in

some respects an encouraging, report upon the State of Religion within the bounds, was presented by Dr. Lamont, which was ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's Committee on the State of Religion. Reports on Temperance and Sabbath Schools were read by Mr. Geo. R. Maxwell and Mr. James Sutherland, respectively. These reports were received, and ordered to be transmitted. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Tanner and Pritchard, was appointed, with a view to looking after Presbyterian immigrants upon their arrival at Quebec. The Convener of the Presbytery's French Evangelization Committee reported that a mission day school (French) had been opened in the city of Quebec, and a colporteur secured, since the last meeting. Upon the motion of Mr. Tanner, seconded by Dr. Weir, the Presbytery resolved to apply to the General Assembly for leave to retain the name of Mr. Anderson (Levis) upon the Presbytery roll. Mr. Johnston was appointed to Kennebec Road district till October 1. A petition from the congregation of Levis, setting forth Mr. Anderson's claims upon the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, was presented, and ordered to be transmitted to the committee on that fund. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Morrin College, Quebec, on July 12, at ten a.m. J. R. MACLEOD, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery met at Kingston in quarterly session on the 21st and 22nd days of March, Mr. Mackie, Moderator, presiding. The deputation appointed to visit supplemented congregations presented reports, which were taken into account in connection with the recommendations made for supplement. The action of the Home Mission Committee in appointing Rev. James McElroy to labour at Portland as ordained missionary was confirmed, and his name put on the Presbytery roll. The remits were considered. Respecting the one on marriage, two motions were submitted. One by Mr. Chambers was in substance as follows: Disapprove of the remit, because, in leaving the teaching of the Confession on this subject unchanged, the proposal to refrain from discipline would be illogical and inconsistent, and in making the non-exercise of discipline obligatory and imperative would do violence to the conscientious convictions of a number of ministers, elders and communicants. The other, by Principal Grant, that the remit be approved of, was adopted by a majority. The remit on co-operation was, by a majority, approved of, so far as to express a wish for the continuance of the committee. Messrs. Chambers, Young and Gracey presented respectively the reports of the State of Religion, Sabbath School Work and Intemperance. The two former were received. That on Temperance was, by a majority, laid on the table, on the ground that the Assembly's committee had no authority to issue questions on the subject. The Presbytery's Committee was asked to frame queries on the matter, to be sent to Sessions. At a later stage they reported their inability to do as desired. Mr. Cumberland reported progress in regard to the Fredericksburgh Church property. One thousand, one hundred and forty-six dollars have been subscribed, of which about \$700 have been paid. Mr. Maclean presented the Home Mission report. The mission grants and supplements to be recommended were agreed on. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Messrs. A. Givan, B.A., W. Allan, A. McAulay, B.A., Dr. Williamson, Principal Grant, Messrs. M. W. Maclean, M.A., J. M. Gray and W. Coulthard; elders—Mr. G. Gillies, Rev. J. Fowler, M.A., Messrs. A. Urquhart, L. Meiklejohn, J. Duff, W. Boulters, W. J. Dick and W. G. Craig. A list of students seeking employment was submitted, and, after examination, recommended. The following students of Queen's College applied to be taken on trials for license: Messrs. A. Gandier, B.A., W. G. Mills, B.A., Jacob Steele, B.A., Louis Pettin, B.A., J. H. Buchanan, B.A., and S. Childerhose, B.A. After examination it was decided to ask leave of the Synod of Toronto, etc., to take them on public probationary trials for license. The examining committee were authorized to examine Messrs. J. F. Smith and W. Hay at a later date, and report results. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of Assembly. Mr. Gallagher submitted an overture for transmission to the Assembly on the matter of issuing questions by committees of Assembly, asking that the queries, before being sent to Kirk Sessions, be laid before the Assembly, and sanctioned. Messrs. Mackie and Gracey were appointed a committee to confer with the congregation of Storrington, etc., in regard to their affairs, and report what arrangement they consider best for working that field. Mr. Macalister, treasurer of Presbytery, presented a very elaborate and encouraging report respecting the Presbytery Fund. Messrs. Young and Fowler were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills, etc. Mr. Wilkins submitted a motion requiring a majority of votes in the appointment of each commissioner to the Assembly.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee met on Tuesday and following days, in St. Andrew's school room, Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener, in the chair, with Mr. Warden as Clerk. There was a full attendance of members representing all the Presbyteries in Quebec and Ontario; with Rev. Mr. Robertson and Rev. Mr. Pablado, of Manitoba. The first day was occupied with the claims presented by mission stations and augmented congregations for mission and ministerial work during the past six months, and in making grants for mission stations and supplemented congregations for the coming year.

At the evening meeting, the Rev. Allan Findlay, Superintendent of Missions for Muskoka and Algoma, gave in an interesting report as to the places he had visited during the past six months, and the progress made in the different fields under his care.

Dr. Reid, the Agent of the Church, presented a statement showing the present state of the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds, from which it appeared that there had been received for Home Missions up to date (including a small balance at the beginning of the year) the sum of \$29,-