

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. R. Torrance, D.D., Guelph, intends to leave December 15 for the old country and a tour around the world.

THE Presbyterian Church, Woodville, has given a call to the Rev. A. McAuley, of Dalhousie, in the Presbytery of Kingston.

THE Rev. Dr. Sexton preached in the Presbyterian church, Thorold, on November 23rd, to unusually large congregations.

THE united charge of Bayfield Road and Berne have been declared vacant; probationers and others wishing a hearing will address Rev. J. H. Simpson, Brucefield, who is the Moderator *pro tem*.

THE Rev. Norman Russell, Rev. Mr. Thompson, Miss Frazer, and Miss Ross, who left Canada, for India some time ago, sailed on the 22nd ult. from England for Bombay per steamship *Roumania*.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan preached the annual sermon under the auspices of the Toronto St. Andrew's Society, taking as his text 1. Cor. i. 26, from which he deduced several important lessons from the life of John Knox.

At the meeting of the Buffalo Presbytery on November 25, the Rev. D. L. McCrae, late of Cobourg, applied for letters of dismission to the Presbytery of Montreal, having to resign his church at Jamestown in consequence of ill-health. The Rev. Dr. Sexton, who belongs to the same Presbytery, is talked of as a successor to Mr. McCrae.

At St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, last Sabbath morning the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. William Watt, who for the past twenty-one years has been a missionary at Tanna, an island of the New Hebrides group in the South Sea. He gave an interesting account of the condition of the New Hebrides and of the result of missionary effort there. He and Mrs. Watt have arranged to address several meetings during their stay in Toronto.

THE regular meeting of the West Presbyterian Church Band of Hope, Toronto, was held last Thursday evening and was well attended. Mr. James Watt, chairman of the Board of Management, delivered an excellent address on the power and influence of the little words Yes and No. Miss Jennie McGregor conducted the musical portion of the entertainment, and the interest of the children was well sustained throughout the meeting.

IN last week's obituary notices there appeared one announcing the death of a fine, promising, young lad whose death occurred under distressing circumstances. Two sons of Mr. James Allison, Toronto, were examining a rifle, when it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering the head of James, the younger of the two. The youth so unfortunately cut off was sixteen years of age and exceptionally bright and clever. The sympathy of their many friends is with the parents in their misfortune.

A CORRESPONDENT signing himself "Kingston" writes: Can you or any of your subscribers give information as to the whereabouts of a person called Dr. Wad-el Ward? He was round these parts last winter and summer, preaching and lecturing in our churches and showing a stack of letters recommending him from ministers of our Church. On the strength of these he borrowed money from persons in Kingston, six months ago, promising to return the same in two days. Those loans have not been returned, and we would like to know where the man is now.

THE Chicago Interior says: The Cornwall-on-Hudson Church, of which Rev. Hugh Russell Fraser was recently installed pastor is showing evidence of material prosperity. The expenditure of about \$1,000 in painting the interior and making other desirable improvements has had the effect of making the building one of the handsomest church edifices in the district. Mr. Fraser enters on his first pastorate with the most encouraging prospects. He is a young Canadian, a graduate of Knox College, Toronto, class of 1888.

THE Rev. A. J. Mowatt, of Fredericton, has been unanimously called by Erskine Church, Montreal. The salary offered is \$3,600. The Erskine Church mission at Maisonneuve is progressing favourably. A new mission building is at present being erected. On the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving Day Dr. Warden asked the congregation for a thanksgiving collection of \$1,500 to aid in erecting the mission building. Upwards of \$1,200 were put on the collection plate in response, and the balance has since been contributed by those absent from the thanksgiving service.

THE annual meeting of the auxiliary of Union Church, Brucefield, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held on Thursday evening, the 27th ult., and was in every particular a grand success. The annual address was given by Rev. T. G. Newport, Episcopal minister of Bayfield. His subject, which was handled in a masterly and earnest Christian manner, was "Reasons why we should help missionary work." Choice vocal and instrumental music was furnished by the choir under the leadership of Mr. J. B. Jameson, and by six little folks under the care of Miss Annie Campbell; the choir was taken by the pastor. The society have raised during the past year \$179.22 by its twenty members and small mission band.

THE monthly meeting of directors of the Upper Canada Tract Society was held on Tuesday week, Rev. John Burton, B.D., in the chair. This old society is quietly carrying on its work very successfully. Mr. Bone is still on the Welland Canal doing excellent work among our sailors. The other four colporteurs in Ontario, Muskoka and Manitoba last month travelled 857 miles, visited 1,486 families, and sold 1,218 Bibles and religious books to the value of \$365. Bibles, books and tracts were granted according to the needs of the field. Special grants of tracts are made every month to reach the masses. A special committee was appointed to attend to the permanent investment of the generous bequest of the late William Gooderham. An excellent report of the work done in October was presented by Dr. Moffat.

THE Rev. A. Finlay, Superintendent of Missions, Algoma District, writes: As the time approaches when many of our Sabbath school officers will be making a change in their libraries—cutting out many of their books which have been read by the scholars—I would suggest to such that these books if in a fair state of preservation may yet do good service in many of our schools in the mission field. I am frequently asked to secure such books by many of our schools. Magazines, also, such as "Good Words," "Sunday Magazine," etc., are enquired for and can be made useful in many localities. I shall be glad to hear from any who have such to part with. The long winter evenings are coming on and those who have such by them can bestow a great boon on others by parting with what to them may be old, but to these others as new and interesting as though fresh from the press.

THE *Calgary Herald* says: The lecture last week by Rev. Dr. Cochrane in Knox Church, Calgary, on the Apostle Paul in Rome was regarded as a rich intellectual treat by a large audience. It included a generous estimate of the great apostle's character and disclosed a very thorough and learned acquaintance with Italian scenery and Rome's attractions in Paul's day. How Paul spent his time in Rome was graphically described, fact and imagination combining to produce a realistic picture. The lecturer was exceedingly animated and possessed the art of communicating his enthusiasm to his audience, whose attention was riveted on the theme and the speaker until the close. There can be little doubt of the lecture leading to a more thorough study of Paul's life, as revealed in the Acts and the Epistles. Rev. Mr. Berdman made an efficient chairman. At the close a vote of thanks was moved by Principal Short on behalf of Knox Church Literary Society and seconded by Mr. Black, and supported by Rev. Mr. Leach. The references were exceedingly complimentary to the lecturer. Dr. Cochrane responded in a happy manner. Rev. Mr. Munro pronounced the benediction.

THE numerous friends of the Rev. John McCarter, of Metis, will learn with interest that he has been appointed by the Presbytery of Ottawa to the Church at Bearbrook, which is situated within the bounds of that Presbytery and about sixteen miles from the city. During Mr. McCarter's residence in Metis he has done much good work and made many good friends, both among the residents and the visitors, who have fully appreciated his services. In addition to his ordinary pastoral duties he has, with the co-operation of Mrs. McCarter, conducted a Young People's Guild, mothers' meeting, and two flourishing Sabbath schools. In the summer months Mr. McCarter did excellent work in connection with the Presbyterian Church at Little Metis, preaching there with much acceptance. He has also been instrumental in establishing a day school at Leggit's Point, which is partly supported by Lady Stephen. A school of this kind has long been needed in the district, and the people feel highly grateful to Mr. McCarter for his philanthropy in this direction. It has been placed under the control of trustees, subject to the Committee of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec. The people of Bearbrook are to be congratulated upon the appointment of so devoted and energetic a minister as Mr. McCarter.

THE *London Advertiser* says: *Seldom or never* has the lecture-room of King Street Presbyterian Church, London, presented so inviting an appearance as when the anniversary "At Home" of the Christian Endeavour Society of that church was held recently. The ceilings and walls of the room were neatly draped with red, white and blue bunting, while the platform, with its fine array of potted flowers, and mantel, sofa, easy chairs, etc., had the appearance of a cosy parlour. The programme was an excellent one, the various numbers being well executed. Rev. J. Tolmie, of Brantford, in an interesting address, extolled the power and influence of the Christian Endeavour Society. Refreshments were served by the young ladies of the Church. The programme consisted of the following: Chorus by the choir; instrumental solo, Miss Silk; duet, Misses Cole and Marriott; solos, Miss Mutch, Messrs. Mason and Morrison; dialogue, Misses Robertson and Hunter, Messrs. Begg, Black and Babcock; quartette, Misses Carson and Marriott, Messrs. Hutchison and Allen; recitation, Miss Golding; instrumental duet, Miss Shelton and Mr. Hardy. Rev. Walter M. Roger officiated as chairman and congratulated the society on the success of their "At Home." The attendance was large and all present spent an enjoyable evening.

AN appreciative audience assembled last week in the lecture-room of the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, says the *Times* of that city, to hear Dr. Alexander, of University College, lecture on "The Chief End of Man." Mr. Thomas Cook, Jr., acted as chairman. Before the lecture a short programme of excellent music was given by Mrs. Weir, Miss Kate Macdonald, Miss Annie Osborne and Mr. Herbert Morton. Rev. Dr. Fletcher introduced the lecturer in a few appropriate words, referring to his brilliant career as a student at the London University, England, and as a post-graduate student at the Johns Hopkins University. The people of Hamilton watched with interest and pride the career of Hamilton boys who were distinguishing themselves in different walks in life. Dr. Alexander, after referring to the days of his boyhood, when he attended Sabbath school in the basement of MacNab Street Church, where he was carefully instructed in the Shorter Catechism, delivered (in choice language, such as became a professor of English literature) a really fine lecture on "The Chief End of Man." His object was not to amuse or entertain, but to instruct and stimulate thought, and certainly his able lecture was eminently fitted to accomplish that end. The subject was treated from an educational standpoint. It will long be remembered by those who heard it. A cordial vote of thanks, moved by Dr. Macdonald and seconded by Principal Robertson, of the collegiate institute, was tendered to the lecturer. Both the mover and seconder of the motion spoke in highly complimentary terms of the excellent lecture.

As our readers are aware, the girls' school at Pointe aux-Trembles has just been enlarged to about double its former size. The entire amount required for this has been secured. In addition to the extension, the whole of the old building has been renovated, and a new mansard roof put on. The entire building is now heated with hot water, and has been furnished throughout with new beds and bedding, tables, chairs, crockery, etc. The classrooms have been supplied with new desks, blackboards, etc., and everything has been done tending to increase the efficiency of the institution. To meet the expense of the heating, furnishings, etc., there is still required about \$2,500, which it is necessary to raise before the end of the year. It was intended to have a formal opening of the new building last month, but owing in part to delay in getting the work completed and in part to the desire to have the indebtedness first removed, the formal opening was postponed. It is hoped that the sum required will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, so that the public opening may take place early in January. Many of those who have contributed towards the enlargement of the buildings will doubtless gladly help to make up the sum still needed for furnishings, etc., so that the committee may be free from debt and in a position to admit as many pupils as the buildings can accommodate. The Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools have been greatly honoured of God in the past. With increased facilities it is hoped that the work may be even more fruitful with good results in the years to come. Those desirous of helping this good work are respectfully requested to forward their contributions without delay to the Rev. Dr. Warden, 108 St. James Street, Montreal.

IN the departure of the venerable Mme. Amaron from the scene of her abundant earthly labours, one of the oldest links of the French-Canadian mission work with the past is broken. Mme. Amaron came to Canada about fifty years ago with her husband, who survives her, from Yverdon, Switzerland, being one of those devoted workers from Protestant Switzerland, few of whom remain, whose national name honourably became a by-word for evangelical Protestantism in French Canada. They came in two bands, the Baptists, who established the mission at the Grande Ligne, and those who were brought out by the non-denominational French Canadian Missionary Society; whose work long centred at Pointe aux-Trembles, and finally passed into the hands of the Presbyterians. Mr. and Mrs. Amaron were of the latter, and it was under Mrs. Amaron that the school was first established at Belle Riviere which developed into the Pointe-aux-Trembles College. She was a woman of remarkable energy and ability as well as of devoted zeal. Possessed of great executive power and sound judgment, she had done a work far-reaching in its consequences. She was loved of all as well as admired. She passed away at Berthier *en hât* on the 17th ult. The funeral, at which all her numerous children were gathered, was conducted by the Rev. Theodore Lafleur at the house, and by the Rev. Messrs. Windsor and McManus at the church, where over her remains Roman Catholics and all Protestant denominations mingled their tears. On the morning of the funeral her venerable husband took her white hand and uttered a most touching and prophetic prayer that the eyes of thousands of those Roman Catholics whom she came to evangelize might be opened.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on November 18. The mission station on Locke Street, Hamilton, was reported as organized with thirty one members. Waterford and Wingham Centre were established as a vacant charge. Calls from Cayuga and Mt. Healy to Rev. J. D. Johnston and from Thorold to Rev. J. W. Mitchell were accepted, and two inductions were appointed for December 2, at two and half past seven p.m. respectively. A call from Erskine Church, Hamilton, to Rev. A. G. Mitchell, of Waterloo, was set aside, as Mr. Mitchell said he would not accept it. Arrangements were made for holding a presbyterial conference in connection with the January meeting. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of dividing the Presbytery. The vacancies are Erskine and Locke Street Churches, Hamilton, Orinda and Hagarville, Port Dalhousie and Louth, North Pelham and Wellandport, Waterford and Windham Centre. Standing committees were appointed.—JOHN LATING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in Brucefield on November 11. The remit on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was considered and disposed of. The remit on the Marriage question was delayed till next meeting. Consideration of the report on missionary meetings was delayed till next meeting. It was agreed to have an exchange of pulpits for preaching missionary sermons. Mr. McDonald was unanimously nominated as Moderator of next Assembly. The following deliverance was adopted respecting the removal of Mr. J. A. McConnell from the Presbytery: "In accepting the resignation of the Rev. J. A. McConnell of the pastoral charge of Bayfield Road and Berne, the Presbytery of Huron desire to place on record the esteem in which he was held by the Presbytery. He was faithful in his attendance and in the discharge of all duties required of him by this court of the Church; the most friendly and brotherly feelings existed always between him and his brethren. On their parting with him the Presbytery would pray that the Great Head of the Church would make him eminently useful, and abundantly successful in the field to which he is gone, and graciously bless and guide him and his family." The next meeting is to be held in Clinton on the third Tuesday of January.—A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.—This Presbytery met November 11 at Orangeville. Rev. R. Hughes, of Ottawa Presbytery, being present, was asked to correspond. The Clerk read a communication from Rev. R. B. Smith to the effect that he declined the call from Corbetton, Riverview and Gandier, and

said call was accordingly set aside. Leave was granted to Mr. McClelland to moderate in a call at Corbetton, Riverview and Gandier, and to Mr. Hudson to moderate at Maple Valley and Singhampton. The Presbytery agreed to ask the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for \$100 supplement for Singhampton, conditional on settlement. The Presbytery passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Mr. Joseph Blackburn, elder of Flesherton, in his protracted illness. Mr. Ballantyne reported that he had allocated to the various congregations within the bounds the sum of \$300, this being the amount asked of this Presbytery for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Mr. Hossack reported that Mr. McClelland and he had conjointly allocated the amounts required for the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds. A committee composed of Messrs. Campbell, Hudson and McGregor was appointed to examine the statistical and financial returns to the General Assembly, and on their report it was found that there was a great disparity in the contributions of several of the congregations to the various Schemes of the Church, some giving almost nothing to certain schemes—notably the Augmentation Fund—while a comparatively large amount was given to others. On motion by Mr. Hossack, seconded by Mr. Fowlie, it was agreed that, at the request of any minister, the Presbytery would appoint another to preach to his congregation on the Schemes of the Church. Mr. Emes tendered to the Presbytery his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregations of Markdale and Flesherton. On motion, duly seconded, an adjourned meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Orangeville, on Tuesday, December 9, at two p.m., when Mr. Emes' resignation shall be considered. Mr. Emes reported that he had moderated in a call in the Osprey charge in favour of Rev. Robert Hughes, of Ottawa Presbytery. The call was signed by 112 members and 106 adherents, and there was a guarantee for \$625 stipend annually. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Ottawa Presbytery, and the Presbytery's Mission Convener was instructed to apply to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for \$100 per annum supplement. The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held at Orangeville on Tuesday, January 13, at ten a.m.—H. CROZIER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Chalmers Church, Richmond, on November 11. There was a large attendance of ministers. Mr. David Pugh (Calvinistic Methodist) was invited to sit with the Presbytery. A conference on "How to Create and Sustain an Interest in the Prayer-Meeting" was held. Rev. D. Tart opened the discussion. Elders' commissions in favour of Messrs. P. Johnston and H. MacLeod for Richmond and Lingwick respectively were accepted. Session record of Windsor Mills was attested. The Rev. A. MacLeod gave a report ament the union of Agnes and Marsboro. The conditions proposed were found to be impracticable. The call from the First Church, Vancouver, B. C., to Rev. G. R. Maxwell, of Three Rivers, was considered. Parties were heard. Mr. Maxwell having intimated his acceptance, the Presbytery agreed to his translation, and appointed Rev. A. T. Love Moderator of the Session during the vacancy. The call addressed to Rev. D. L. Dewar, of Scotstown, by the congregation of Ailsa Craig, etc., was next considered. Professor Macadam appeared for the Presbytery of London. The translation was granted, and Rev. Evan Macauley appointed Moderator of the Session. The Presbytery then proceeded to dispose of a third call—that of Kamloops congregation (B. C.) to Rev. A. Lee, of Sherbrooke. Mr. Lee's translation was granted, and Rev. John MacLeod was appointed Moderator of Sherbrooke Session during the vacancy. Rev. James Sutherland reported having moderated in a call at Kinnear's Mills. The call was presented and read. It was in favour of Rev. James M. Whitelaw, B.A., of Valcartier. Stipend, \$750

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