

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

LAST Sabbath the Rev. Dr. Cochrane preached his twenty second anniversary sermon in Zion Church, Brantford.

THE Rev. J. Carmichael, Norwood, formerly of Markham, paid a visit to his former congregation lately and took part in the services.

A SHORT time since in Free St. John's Church, Walkerton, Rev. Dr. Moffatt gave an interesting and instructive lecture, on the "Life of the late President Garfield," to a large audience. Proceeds over \$50. During the past few years Dr. Moffatt has given special attention to American Biography, political, military and religious, the result of which, to his own and other congregations, has been capital lectures, on Stonewall Jackson, President Lincoln, and President Garfield.

A SHORT time since Bishop Cridge, Bishop of Reformed Episcopal Church, Victoria, conducted divine service in the Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, British Columbia, being anniversary services commemorative of the organization of the congregation twenty-one years ago. The bishop preached a most excellent sermon to a crowded congregation. His concluding remarks, reviewing the past twenty-one years, were very solemn and appropriate. There seemed a peculiar fitness in securing the valuable services of Bishop Cridge for the occasion, as next to himself, the Rev. Mr. Jamieson has ministered to the same congregation for a much longer period than any other clergyman in the Province.

THE Hamilton Presbytery met in First Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, lately, to induct Rev. Mr. Radcliffe, the new pastor of that Church. Rev. Mr. Caruthers, of Beverly, preached the induction sermon, after which the moderator put the necessary questions. They being satisfactorily answered by the pastor elect, he was, after prayer, declared duly inducted pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Catharines. Rev. John Laing, of Dundas, delivered an impressive address to the minister, and Rev. C. McIntyre, of Beamsville, an earnest and practical address to the people. After the benediction was pronounced, Mr. Radcliffe was introduced to his new congregation, who gave him a hearty welcome. In the evening a social entertainment was given at which amongst others Rev. Messrs. Laing and Chrystal gave addresses.

VERY successful union revival meetings have been held for nearly four weeks at Acton in the charge of the Rev. J. M. McIntyre, formerly of Spencerville, an earnest and active worker in the cause of Christ. The meetings, for the most part, have been very largely attended, and a deep interest manifested throughout. Many, both old and young, manifested a desire to serve the Lord. We trust that these special efforts will be attended with much good, and that an abundant outpouring of God's Holy Spirit will be realized, and that the good seed sown will take deep root and bring forth fruit unto eternal life, and to God and Christ be all the glory for His sake. It is Mr. McIntyre's intention to go home to his family for a couple of weeks, after which he will return this way going to Guelph to hold a week's services in that place, he is leaving here with the gratitude and good wishes of all; and may God keep him in health and strength to long continue in the good work.—COM.

THE Presbytery of Miramichi met on Tuesday 1st May, for the purpose of inducting the Rev. James Quinn, late of Tabusintac, into the pastoral charge of St. Luke's congregation, Bathurst. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Waits who had been appointed to conduct Divine service, the Rev. Mr. Aitken, moderator of Presbytery, preached an appropriate sermon, narrated the steps in the call, put the usual questions and having received satisfactory answers offered prayer, and inducted Mr. Quinn into the charge of St. Luke's. After the induction the moderator and members of the Presbytery gave Mr. Quinn the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Mr. Nicholson then addressed the minister, Rev. Mr. Russel the people, and closed the service. The newly inducted minister received a very cordial and hearty welcome from the members of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Aitken constituted the session and introduced Mr. Quinn as the moderator, who after a short conference with the elders closed the session with the benediction. There was a good attendance of the congregation and a deep interest manifest through the entire service.

THE closing concert of the College Street Presbyterian Church Y.P.C.A. was held on the evening of the 10th inst. Despite the very unpropitious state of the weather a goodly number were present. The first piece on the programme was a piano duet by Miss King and Prof. Bohner which was creditably performed. Mr. G. Winters followed with a solo which elicited an encore. A comic quartette by Miss Lawson, Mrs. Sneider and Messrs. Sneider and J. Alexander was received with unmistakable tokens of appreciation. The place of Miss Rees, who was unable to be present, was very efficiently supplied, in both numbers of the programme, by Miss H. Corlett, who sang, with her customary pathetic expressiveness, "Jessie's Dream." Miss Corlett's second number was a more lively song, entitled "Tit for Tat." A recitation by Miss Alexander, which exhibited on her part a fine sense of the ludicrous, was enthusiastically received. A piano duet by Miss Lillie Claxton and Prof. Bohner, a solo by Miss Lawson, a reading by Mr. J. Alexander which was creditably performed, and a second quartette by Miss Lawson, Mrs. Sneider and Messrs. Sneider and J. Alexander concluded a very enjoyable programme.

MR. JAMES MITCHEL, who died on the 1st of April, was born in Glendermott, Londonderry, on the 15th May, 1783, and would, had he lived a few days longer, have completed his hundredth year. In his younger days he had some experience of the distractions of that country so dear to all her sons. His forefathers took a prominent part in the defence of Derry, and he, when a young man, served in the army under Capt. Skipton. Although but a mere lad at the time of the rebellion of the "United Irishmen" his reminiscences of those stirring times were fresh until the close of life. But he served another and better Captain, in a nobler service. For thirty years he was ruling elder in the first Presbyterian Church of Glendermott, and after coming to Canada continued a consistent member of Knox Church, Scarborough until the close. Naturally modest and retiring, and shrinking from the responsibilities of office, he would not accept the eldership in this country although requested to do so. His last illness was brief. Having enjoyed remarkable vigour of body and mind until within three weeks of his death, it may literally be said that he dropped like ripe fruit. All but three of his family survive him. He died clinging to Him whom he trusted and loved for so many years.

THE Presbytery of Montreal held an adjourned meeting to induct the Rev. Thomas Cumming, late minister of Stellarton, Pictou Presbytery, as minister of St. Joseph St. Church, Montreal, on Thursday, 19th April, at 8 o'clock p.m. The call is a very harmonious one. The large congregation was well represented. The late pastor, Professor Scrimger, M.A., presided. Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A., preached. After the prescribed questions were put and replied to in a satisfactory manner, the Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., addressed the newly inducted minister, and Rev. John Nicholls the congregation. Mr. Cumming received a very cordial welcome from the congregation as they retired, and his name was added to the roll of the Presbytery. On the following evening arrangements had been made by the congregation to welcome their new minister by a public entertainment. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Revs. A. B. Cruchet, J. Nicholls, of St. Mark's, and Mr. Dixon, rector of St. Jude's; and after a very sumptuous banquet in the lecture room, provided by the ladies, addresses of welcome were continued by Rev. Jas. McCaul, of Stanley Street Church, and by Rev. Mr. Sparling, of the Ottawa Street Methodist Church. The Rev. Mr. Cumming spoke in reply in very suitable terms. Rev. Professor Scrimger presided, and introduced the speakers. The pleasure of the evening was greatly promoted by the choir of the church, who rendered several selections in a very charming manner.

A LARGE and enthusiastic meeting of the congregation of St. James' Presbyterian Church, London, was held recently in order to receive the annual financial statement and transact other necessary congregational business. The chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. D. McGillivray, and Mr. A. K. Melbourne was appointed secretary. The annual statement read by the secretary was a most encouraging document, evidencing a most fruitful year. For the year the weekly offerings have averaged \$30 per week; \$1,700 have been expended in church improvements and almost an

equally large amount for other objects. The net congregational contributions for all purposes exceeded \$3,000. The hearty adoption of the report was emphasized by a motion moved by Mr. W. Jones and seconded by Mr. John Mitchell, and unanimously carried, that the church henceforth ask no further aid from the Home Mission Fund, and that the salary of the pastor be increased \$200 per annum. All this is eminently flattering to the popular and energetic pastor. When he assumed charge of the church two years ago the congregation consisted of twenty families, with a communion of thirty two members, and owing to various unfortunate incidents in its history the annual revenue was but a few hundred dollars. The congregation now comprises eighty families and a communion of 155 members, with an annual revenue of between \$2,000 and \$3,000. During the evening vigorous congratulatory addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Rennie, of Alisa Craig, Convener of Home Missions, and Rev. Geo. Sutherland, Clerk of the Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church a few days ago, the Rev. Mr. Stephen, moderator. There were laid on the table and were read letters from Dr. Gray to Dr. Cochrane, and resolutions of Dr. Cochrane and his committee, in regard to the union of the Presbyterian churches in this Province with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Also, the resolutions of the congregation at Nanaimo, of the 22nd February, in which they ask a minister from the Church of Scotland. Mr. Dunsmuir, their representative elder, expressed his pleasure at the action they had taken, and generously promised to give for Wellington £50 a year for three years to the minister of Nanaimo—provided he is sent from Scotland. For this liberality he received the hearty thanks of the Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular quarterly meeting of Presbytery was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in River Street Church, Paris, the Rev. John McEwen presiding as moderator. Several minor matters having been disposed of, the court entered on consideration of Mr. McEwen's resignation of his pastoral charge, Rev. Mr. Inglis taking the chair. Messrs. Hegler and Matheson appeared on behalf of Erskine Church. Mr. McEwen and the parties named having been heard, the following finding, on motion of Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. McKay, was unanimously adopted, "That the resignation be accepted, and the pulpit of Erskine Church, Ingersoll, be declared vacant on and after the 20th inst. The Presbytery part with Mr. McEwen with much regret, not only on account of the active and prominent part which he has taken in the business of the court, but also his kind and uniformly courteous manner and his readiness to co-operate with the brethren in all Christian work. While deeply sensible of Mr. McEwen's eminent fitness for the position on which he is about to enter in connection with Sabbath school work throughout the Province, the Presbytery cannot refrain from expressing the hope that he may return to the pastorate after serving for a time in the inviting sphere presented to him at present; and the Presbytery follow him with their prayers and best wishes for his usefulness and success, and the comfort of himself and his family. The Presbytery commend the congregation of Erskine Church to the Great Shepherd, and pray that they may soon have a pastor to go in and out among them and break to them the Bread of Life." The Rev. Mr. McGregor was appointed to preach in Erskine Church on the 20th inst., and declare the pulpit vacant, and the Rev. W. A. McKay was appointed moderator of session during the vacancy. The advice of the Presbytery was asked by Mr. McKay in reference to difficulties in his congregation, in connection with the organ in the Sabbath school. He gave a brief statement of the circumstances. Mr. Watson, elder of Chalmers Church, was also heard. Mr. Robertson, of Chesterfield, moved that a committee of Presbytery be appointed to meet with the congregation, the Session, Board of Management and Sabbath school teachers, to consider the nature and extent of these difficulties, with a view to their removal, and report to an early meeting of Presbytery. It was moved in amendment by Mr. McLeod that a special meeting of Presbytery be held in Chalmers Church on the 15th inst., at 11 a.m., and that the session and congregation be invited to meet with the Presbytery in the evening at 7 o'clock. The vote stood ten to ten, and by the casting vote of the moderator the motion was carried. The committee was