

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. DR. WATERS, of Newark, N. J., was in Halifax, Nova Scotia, last week.

THE Rev. Mr. Fotheringham, of St. Mary's, took up a section and a half of land while on his trip to the North-West.

REV. JOHN PRINGLE, prior to leaving Georgetown for Manitoba, was presented by his old congregation with a gold watch.

THE address of Rev. T. S. Chambers, clerk of Kingston Presbytery, will in future be 202 William street, Kingston, Ont.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., has unanimously resolved to extend a call to the Rev. J. Smith, of Guelph, Ont.

THE Rev. E. Cockburn and family left for home to Uxbridge on Friday, 8th inst., after spending nearly two weeks visiting his relations in Blenheim, Woodstock and Brantford.

THE Rev. George Burnfield, B.D., of Brockville, Ont., lately delivered an address to the congregation of Rev. John Morrison, Scotch Presbyterian Church, Waddington. Subject, "From Jerusalem to the Dead Sea."

THE Rev. Principal McVicar, L.L.D., of Montreal, preaches morning and evening on Sabbath, 24th Sept, in the West Flamboro' Presbyterian Church, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of the organization of the congregation in that place.

THE Wellington County Sabbath School Convention, held in Knox Church, Harrison, ended its labours on the 7th inst. It was a very satisfactory, interesting and successful meeting in every respect, acknowledged by all to be the best ever held in the county. It was decided to meet next year in the city of Guelph.

THE anniversary of the re-opening of the Wardsville Presbyterian Church on the 3rd and 4th inst. was exceedingly successful. A fair addition was made to the funds of the church. The audience was entertained by select local musicians, assisted by Miss Raymond and Miss Gilmour, of London; followed by a lecture on the "Centennial Exhibition of 1876," by the pastor, Rev. A. Beamer.—COM.

A GARDEN party was given by Rev. R. D. and Mrs. Fraser at the Claude manse on the 7th inst. Between three and four hundred were present, including friends from all the denominations in the neighbourhood. The lawn was gaily illuminated with Chinese and other lanterns, and the Brampton brass band gave some choice selections of music. The proceeds are to go to the improvement of the manse grounds.

THE Arthur "Enterprise" says: "We are much pleased to notice that very extensive and tasty improvements have been effected lately in the Presbyterian church here. In fact, we may say the interior of the edifice has undergone a complete renovation. Among the improvements may be mentioned the erection of a gallery, painting of seats, and the changing of the pulpit. The Rev. Mr. Somerville, who had been absent for about four weeks for the benefit of his health, was very agreeably surprised to see what had taken place in his absence.

MR. A. ROBERTSON, a student of Knox College, Toronto, and who has filled the pulpit of Rev. A. Fraser, Wendigo, during the summer, was made the recipient of the sum of seventy-two dollars on Wednesday evening, 13th inst., which was collected by a few of the ladies of the congregation. The following address was read to him: "Dear Friend,—During the short time you have been amongst us you have won the goodwill and esteem of all with whom you have come in contact, and as you are soon to leave for the purpose of pursuing your studies, your friends take the opportunity of showing their appreciation of your labours by presenting you with this packet, containing seventy-two dollars, given not grudgingly, or as of necessity, but from the heart. They would also express their hope that wherever your lot in life may be cast your labours for the Lord may be neither barren nor unfruitful, and when life's work is over, it shall be said unto you, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' Signed on behalf of the congregations of Guthrie's Church, Wendigo, and Cooke's Church, Caradoc—Mary G. Begg, Mary Gentleman, Mary McNeil, Eliza Hyndman, Lizzie Cooper." Mr. Robertson made a suitable reply,

thanking them for their present, also for past kindnesses shown him. He was also presented with twenty dollars by the Longwood Station congregation the previous week.—COM.

ON Tuesday, the 12th inst., the Presbytery of Kingston inducted the Rev. Godfrey Shore into the pastoral charge of Lansdowne, Fairfax and Sand Bay. The Rev. J. Leishman, of Newburgh, preached and presided on the occasion. Revs. A. Wilson and F. McCuaig addressed the people and the minister. The following day there was a large gathering at Sand Bay, a new and promising station opened by Mr. Shore some time ago. The occasion was the laying of the corner-stone of a new church. The Rev. Dr. Jardine, of Brockville, delivered a thoughtful address on "Presbyterian Principles." (In the absence of A. Gunn, Esq., M.P., of Kingston, who was to lay the chief stone, Mrs. Jardine, of Brockville, performed that service. Stones were also laid by Mrs. Mallory, of Mallorytown, Mrs. Shore, of Lansdowne, and one on behalf of Hon. W. Christie, of Brockville. Many others gave subscriptions to the new church. After tea, the audience dispersed, and the new Presbyterian congregation was fairly under way. Twelve months ago the Presbytery of Kingston was on the verge of giving up this Lansdowne field. The cause was thought all but extinct. The field was for a time actually abandoned. Then it was that the Rev. G. Shore entered the field. In a few weeks things began to rise. The spirits of the few people there began to rise. The new missionary worked. His example became infectious. The results within one year are a settlement, an old debt paid, an old church repaired, a neat, new church costing upwards of \$1,200 is almost finished and paid for at Fairfax, another church on the way at Sand Bay, with a large increase in attendance and membership. Verily this is progress. Would that the Lord would send a similar revival to all the mission fields of our Church and Presbyteries! —COM.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—The Presbytery of Ottawa met in the Presbyterian Church, Aylwin, on the 31st ult., for the induction of the Rev. Wm. Shearer into the pastoral charge of Aylwin and Desert. Dr. Moore preached and put the usual questions to the pastor-elect; Mr. Bayne addressed the pastor, and Mr. Findlay the people. Mr. Shearer was cordially welcomed by the congregation at the close of the services. The induction of Mr. Shearer as pastor marks a stage of advancement in the history of the congregation. Heretofore it has been served by ordained missionaries. A settled pastor will be more in the line of the people's ideas as Presbyterians. The field is wide, and will afford ample scope for the pastor's energies. The people of Aylwin and the Desert and associated stations have had a good record in the past for their kindly treatment of their ministers, and we have no doubt Mr. Shearer will fare as well in this respect as any who have gone before him. There is a noble harvest to be gathered in among the hardy sons of toil on the Gatineau. May the Divine Spirit make the ministry of the new pastor a source of rich blessing to both old and young throughout his wide field.—COM.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met on the 12th inst., sixteen out of eighteen ministers attending, with ten elders, and Messrs. J. M. Goodwillie and D. C. Johnston, invited to correspond. Only three of the Session records due were submitted, two having been submitted at the July meeting. Messrs. John Campbell, Granton; J. S. Henderson, Trowbridge, and Alex. Hamilton, Motherwill, students, were heard their discourses, which were sustained, and they were ordered to be certified to their respective colleges. Mr. James Hamilton, Motherwell, was received as a student for the ministry. A call from Elma Centre and Monckton to Mr. Andrew Henderson was sustained and accepted, and arrangements made for his ordination on the 25th inst. Mr. Bell was appointed to meet the Presbytery of Maitland and seek a re-union of Molesworth and Trowbridge. Mr. Fotheringham stated that he had received a letter for Mr. James Smith, of Ahmednagar, India, detailing his plans and labours in a very interesting mission work, and asking help to fit up a room for a class in his High School to the amount of \$250. The Presbytery agreed to recommend its people to contribute to this object. Mr. Smith was ordained at St. Mary's, in September, 1879, and his name is on the roll of this Presbytery. It was agreed to print for circulation the report of the Presbytery's

statistical committee. Sessions were instructed to see to having missionary meetings, and report at the March meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—A regular quarterly meeting of this court was held in Scotstown on the 6th inst. The attendance of members was very good. The Rev. Daniel Gordon, of Harrington, Ont., being present, was asked to sit as a corresponding member. Messrs. Ferguson, Currie, McConechy, McKay and McLeod, students labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery, submitted written exercises on subjects previously appointed. These exercises were sustained, and the clerk was instructed to certify these gentlemen to their respective colleges. After a satisfactory examination, Mr. John Pritchard, B.A., and Mr. J. Morrison were licensed to preach the Gospel. A petition was presented by Mr. Cattnach, on behalf of the Mission stations of Massawippi, Coaticook and Richby, praying that they be organized as a congregation, and that a Session be appointed. Their prayer was granted, and Mr. Cattnach was instructed to take all needful steps in the matter. A similar petition from the Gould Mission station was presented. It requested not only to be recognised as a congregation, but also to be given power to build a church. The request was granted, and it was agreed to ask for a grant of one hundred dollars per annum from the Home Mission Fund to aid them in the support of ordinances. Mr. W. McMaster was appointed as treasurer to receive contributions in aid of Morrin College. Mr. McMaster reported that he had received from Mr. Gunn, M.P., of Kingston, the offer of a lot on which to build a church at the Chaudière. It was agreed to accept the offer, secure a deed, and take immediate steps in the matter of organizing a congregation and building a church there. The grants from the Home Mission Committee were revised and new recommendations made. The Presbytery recommended the French Board to employ the Rev. Thos. Charbonell, recently of the Methodist Church, or make to it a grant of money so that his services might be secured within the bounds of the Quebec Presbytery. Leave to moderate in a call was granted to the congregation of Danville.—F. M. DEWEY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Lindsay was held on Tuesday, the 12th September, at Woodville, the Rev. A. Ross, M.A., Moderator. The call from St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, to the Rev. J. McNabb, Beaverton, was taken up and commissioners heard, when Mr. McNabb accepted the call. The following motion, made by Mr. Hastie, seconded by Mr. Cockburn, was agreed to: "That the Presbytery having heard Mr. McNabb's acceptance of the call addressed to him from St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, Presbytery of Maitland, do hereby agree to his translation to the Presbytery of Maitland, and would record the following minute in regard to him. For eight-and-a-half years Mr. McNabb has been minister of Knox Church, Beaverton, and South Mara, during which time he has discharged all his duties to the very great satisfaction of the Presbytery. His attendance on the Church Courts has been most faithful, and his attention to the business thereof earnest and efficient. His intercourse with the brethren has endeared him to all, and left an impression only for good. It is with much satisfaction that the Presbytery learns from his congregation, through its commissioners to-day, of his abundant and successful labours as their pastor, and their strong desire to have him continued as their minister still. The Presbytery therefore records its deep and sincere regret that it must now bid adieu to their brother as a co-presbyter; and its earnest prayer and hope is that he may be blessed by the Divine Master in his future charge even more abundantly than he has been in his late field. It also expresses its sympathy with the congregations of Beaverton and South Mara in their present trial, and its hope that at no distant day a suitable pastor may be settled over them. And it commends this brother to the hearty welcome and unreserved confidence of St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, and the Presbytery of Maitland." The Rev. A. Ross, M.A., was appointed to preach at Beaverton and declare the charge vacant, to act as Moderator of Session, and moderate in a call when they are prepared. It was agreed to hold a special meeting at Uxbridge on Monday, 18th, at 9 o'clock a.m., in connection with a call to Rev. A. G. McLaughlan, from Leaskdale and Zephyr. Next regular meeting at Uxbridge on the last Tuesday of November at 10 o'clock a.m.—JAMES R. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.