

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Mr. Cameron presided, at the moderation in a call to Rev. J. M. Crag, on the 3rd July, by the congregations of Dunbarton and Highland Creek.

THE Presbyterian congregations of Parkhill and McGillivray have sent a call to Rev. G. C. Patterson, Summerstown. It has been forwarded to the Presbytery of Glengarry.

A PICNIC was held at Gordon's Grove, on Dominion Day, in connection with St. Andrew's congregation, Pickering. A most enjoyable time was spent in healthful games, and amusements in which the young people generally participated. The result was in every way most satisfactory. The proceeds amounted to \$130.

A MEETING of Knox Church congregation, Guelph, was held on Monday evening for the purpose of moderating in a call to one to be their minister. After sermon by the Rev. Robert Torrance, a call was moderated, and came out in favour of the Rev. R. P. McKay, A.M., of Scarboro'. The stipend promised is \$1,400 per annum, payable weekly.

THE Sunday school of St. John's Church, St. John, N.B., of which the Rev. T. F. Fotheringham is pastor, has increased with remarkable rapidity. There are 180 names now on the roll, and last Sabbath 142 were present. Mr. Fotheringham superintends the school himself and has succeeded in infusing much enthusiasm into teachers and scholars.

AT the meeting of the London Presbytery held lately, the call to Rev. A. H. Kippen, of Dorchester, from the Millbank church was not sustained, a request from Guthrie Church, Caradoc, and Brooks Church, Longwood, for permission to moderate a call was granted. The resignation of Rev. W. R. Sutherland, for thirty years pastor of Knox Church, Ekfrid, was received and laid over till next Presbytery.

THE impressive ordination service in connection with the admission of four persons into the eldership of Chalmers Church, Guelph, took place on Sabbath week. After an appropriate and eloquent sermon by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Rev. R. Torrance, E. Newton, W. Turnbull, and Geo. B. Hood were inducted to the eldership. The addition of these four brings up the number of elders to twelve.

REFERRING to the retirement of the Rev. Joseph Elliott, the Lindsay "Post" says. For several years Presbyterian pastor at Cannington, he has been placed on the retired list and this week moved into Toronto. Despite his advanced years he is hale and hearty, and though not able to continue pastoral work will still be ready to fill the pulpit, where he has always been acceptable and eloquent. Mr. Elliott has always enjoyed the esteem and affection of all who knew him, and we trust he may yet have many years of usefulness.

THE Bowmanville "Statesman" records the death of Mr. Alexander Beith of the township of Clarke. He was in his seventy-third year. Mr. Beith was one of the old pioneers of the township and was a man of great force of character and sterling integrity. He was a staunch and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and was regarded in the Oroon congregation to which he belonged (until a few months ago) as a father. In the Synod and General Assembly meetings of the Church he was looked upon as one of the most intelligent lay members, and his opinion on all questions was much valued.

IT is now only some nine months since the Rev. Andrew Henderson, M.A., was inducted into the pastoral oversight of the congregations of Elma Centre and West Monckton, yet during that time the Great Head of the Church has so graciously owned and blessed his labours, that sixty names have been added to the communion roll at those two places. Such gratifying tokens of success should cheer and encourage all faithful labourers in the Master's vineyard, and make them long for a richer and more abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon their labours, and a fuller manifestation of God's power and glory in the salvation of immortal souls.

AN interesting presentation took place lately when Rev. W. S. Ball, chaplain of the 10th Wellington Rifles, was presented with a very handsome silver tea and coffee service, with a massive silver server, and handsome swinging silver pitcher and goblet. A beautifully expressed address accompanied the

articles. Some speech-making was also indulged in, and all the officers spoke in terms of deep regret at the separation now to take place. Mr. Ball having been chaplain since the organization of the battalion in 1865. The address refers to the sound, moral influence which his ministrations have exercised in every camp, and his keen interest in the welfare of the corps, to his good sense, courteous, manly bearing and honest counsel at all times.

IT will be remembered that nearly a year ago the Rev. T. T. Johnston was compelled on account of impaired health, to demit his charge at Molesworth. Since that time he has been residing in the town of Listowel, and his many warm friends will be glad to learn that he has so far recovered his strength as to be able to resume pulpit duties. Though absent from his late and much attached flock he has not been forgotten by them. All, both old and young, cherish a most kindly remembrance of him which was tangibly expressed a few weeks ago by the presentation to him of a purse of about forty dollars. Such a token speaks well both for the congregation and their late pastor, showing that while the pastoral tie has been severed, the stronger bonds of attachment and good will, still exist.

THE Guelph "Mercury" contains a well-written sketch of the late Mr. James Loghrin, of Eramosa, who died on the 1st inst. at the age of seventy-four. He was one of the pioneer settlers, who, by his energy and business abilities, contributed largely to the development of the resources of that fine township. Mr. Loghrin was one of the first members in the Presbyterian Church in Eramosa, and always took a lively interest in its affairs, both spiritual and temporal. He was for many years on its Board of Management. He was also for a considerable period a member of its session, but resigned sometime after Dr. Barrie demitted his charge. He heartily welcomed its present pastor, Mr. McKay, when he accepted the call addressed to him by the congregation, and it was in his house that the Presbytery and several friends met after the ordination services, when the young minister was installed. Some years ago he endowed what was known as the "Loghrin Scholarship" for systematic theology in Knox College, Toronto, amounting to fifty dollars a year, and he continued this up to the date of his death. By his will, Mr. Loghrin has made the following bequests: \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund of Knox College; \$1,000 to Home and Foreign Missions; and \$1,000 as a permanent investment to continue the scholarship of \$50 a year, which he has given for many years past to Knox College.

THE congregation of St. James' square Presbyterian Church, met last week for the purpose of considering the question of Rev. Dr. King's call to the position of principal and professor of theology in Manitoba College. Mr. Henry Darling occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. After devotional exercises, Rev. Dr. King narrated the steps which had been taken so far with reference to his call. He stated that he was in a state of perplexity almost complete. On former occasions when he had received calls he had had light either to refuse or accept, but now he felt compelled to confess that he was not in that position. He would have less difficulty if he could be sure that all the circumstances had been present to the mind of the Assembly and the Committee when they decided on calling him. He did not know if they had compared the two positions—that to which he was called and the one he now occupied. If they had done this, then he felt that a pretty strong case would be made out for his going. He thought that justice to the congregation would insist on a decision being arrived at as soon as possible, and he should try to do so not later than the middle of August, though he would have to visit Winnipeg in order to have all the facts before him. If the situation was a perplexing and difficult one, they had the satisfaction of knowing that they had not created it. Rev. Dr. Caven addressed the meeting and bore testimony to Rev. Dr. King's admirable scholarship and other qualifications fitting him for the new position, but in view of the work he was doing in his present charge he said he was as far as possible from having come to the conclusion that it was their pastor's duty to change his sphere of work. Rev. W. Inglis stated his strong conviction that Dr. King should remain. Mr. Kirkland read the motion adopted at the meeting of the session as follows:—The Session after full and earnest consideration of the

appointment of its Moderator as principal of Manitoba College and professor of theology in the same, and having carefully and prayerfully weighed the various reasons adduced for and against his acceptance of these appointments, and endeavouring to lay aside the deep attachment of the whole congregation to him—an attachment endeared and deepened by the faithful, devoted, and self-sacrificing labours of more than twenty years—endeavouring also to lay aside personal considerations of the congregation and Presbytery in this city, we cannot but come to the conclusion that the interest of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be better promoted by the Rev. Dr. King remaining pastor of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church. Messrs. David Picken, J. Thompson, J. Ewing, and Rev. George Lawrence addressed the meeting thoroughly in favour of the pastor remaining. Mr. W. Kerr moved, and Mr. Andrew Telfer seconded, a motion concurring in the motion passed at the Session, and it was adopted by a unanimous standing vote. Dr. King thanked the meeting for the kind words said of him, asked them for their prayers, and stated that all the letters he had received from his ministerial friends were in favour of his going to the North-West. The meeting closed with the benediction.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in the First Church, Durham, on the 10th inst. The Rev. Peter Strath was appointed moderator for the next six months. The Rev. Mr. Forrest, at present supplying Knox Church, Durham, and the Rev. Mr. Doff, of North Brant and West Beninick, being present were asked to sit and deliberate. Mr. Strath reported that he had ordained elders, as instructed, in St. Andrew's, Proton. Mr. Campbell gave in a report of the Home Mission work of the Presbytery. Mr. David Forrest, after being examined on the subjects prescribed, and delivering the exercises and discourses appointed him, was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. Arrangements were made to canvass the congregations of the Presbytery, in behalf of the endowment of Knox College. Mr. Wilson was appointed to moderate in a call at Dundalk and Fraser Settlement as soon as they are prepared. The Treasurer, Mr. James Scott, gave in a full report of the state of the fund. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Priceville, on Tuesday, the 18th September next, at eleven a.m.—S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—A quarterly meeting was held in the David McCreice Hall, Presbyterian College, Montreal, on the 10th July, with a good attendance of twenty-five ministers and six elders. Rev. Thomas Cumming, of St. Joseph street, Montreal, was chosen moderator for the next six months and took the chair. After the usual routine business, the examining committee after examination reported John H. Graham, B.A., of McGill, and lately Principal of the Huntingdon Academy, recommending him as a student in divinity for the first year. The Presbytery agreed to certify accordingly. Wm. T. Herridge, B.D., student in divinity was now taken on trial for license. These were sustained by the Presbytery as highly satisfactory, and the moderator licensed Mr. Herridge to preach the Gospel and suitably addressed him as to his important duties. Mr. Herridge was transferred to the Ottawa Presbytery with a view to his settlement in St. Andrew's Church, as successor to Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D. The city Mission Committee, R. Campbell, convener, gave a report of the work done during the past quarter, which was found to be of a very important and interesting nature, particularly the suggestions of the committee as to the reception of strangers coming to Montreal from other parts of Canada or the old countries, and caring for their spiritual wants, as well as those of non-Church going people already resident here. Circulars are to be issued to ministers, and notices inserted in Church papers here and elsewhere, giving address of the secretary. The city is to be divided into districts for the purpose of house-to-house visitation, and a district assigned to each congregation in the city, so that reliable statistics may be obtained. There was read an extract from the records of the General Assembly, sustaining the reference of this Presbytery in the case of Mr. Anthony Carbonie and empowering the Presbytery to license and ordain him. There was also read a letter from Mr. Carbonie expressing a wish that the Presbytery would, without unnecessary delay, proceed to his settlement at St. Hyacinth. It was moved by Principal MacVicar, duly seconded and agreed