

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbytery of Quebec has nominated the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, for Moderator of the next Assembly.

THE congregation of Three Rivers have extended a unanimous call to the Rev. George R. Maxwell, of St. Sylvester, Que.

THE Rev. Dr. Moffat, of West Winchester, moderated in a call to a minister to Morewood on the 25th. The Rev. William Shearer, late of Alywin, was unanimously called.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Dr. Reid has received from A Member of Ch. laquacousy First Church, \$5, for Foreign Missions; A Friend, Queen Hill, \$4, equally for Home and Foreign Missions; Friend, Scarboro', St. Andrew's, \$5, for Home Missions; W. R., Cobourg, \$1, for Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; A Friend, \$5, for Jewish Missions; A Member of Gorrie Church, \$5, for Foreign Missions; Reader of Jacob Bear's Letter, 50 cents, for Ronde Lake.

THE Rev. J. Kirkpatrick and his people are much encouraged by the substantial progress of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, for the year ending March 31. Forty-two names have been added to the roll, and the receipts for strictly congregational purposes exceed those of the previous year by more than \$1,000. The church is thoroughly united and harmonious, and its contributions to missions and other benevolent objects show a marked improvement. The pastor has administered the rite of baptism to fifteen persons, has personally conducted thirty-one funeral services, and delivered 127 sermons and seventy-six addresses during the year. The young people have been organized for more effective Christian work, and have now a flourishing society of fifty-eight members.

THE first meeting of the Brandon Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Brandon, Manitoba, on October 19, 1886, five auxiliaries being represented, viz.: Brandon, Charter, Humesville, Portage la Prairie and Rugby. Each auxiliary has, since then, proved a source of strength to the general society, not only in the united money contribution of \$97 40, but also in circulating information on the aims and objects of the society, and assisting the Indian women and children under its charge. The officers are Mrs. MacTavish, Charter, president; Mrs. MacKay, Portage la Prairie, and Mrs. Douglas, Brandon, vice-presidents; Mrs. McDiarmid, Brandon, treasurer; Mrs. Patterson, Humesville, recording secretary; Mrs. Irwin, Brandon, corresponding secretary. The society owes its existence to the representations made by Mrs. Donald McEwen, now of Cornwall, Ont., to some of the ministers of that Presbytery who heartily approved, and leave was granted by the Presbytery to organize.

THE Sabbath school teachers and a very large number of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, Gravenhurst, assembled lately at the manse, and took possession. A large committee of kind ladies having previously arranged a good programme of recreations and a bountiful supply of the good things of this life; and during the progress of an exceedingly pleasant social entertainment another surprise burst upon the occupants of the manse. Mr. A. P. Cockburn rose, and said that on account of the unavoidable absence of the superintendent, Mr. W. R. Tudhope, he had been requested by the Sabbath school teachers and ladies assembled to present a well-filled purse of money to Mrs. Dawson for her long-continued and excellent services as organist and leader of praise in the Sabbath school, and for her unwearied devotion in training the children to sing those beautiful songs of praise. Though surrounded by the surprises of the evening, Mr. Dawson made an eloquent and suitable reply. He said that he could only heartily thank the Sabbath school teachers, and the ladies and members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church for their very thoughtful and substantial kindness of this evening.

### MONTREAL NOTES.

The conversazione given by the Board of Management of the Presbyterian College, in honour of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, on the 21st ult., was most successful. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. D. Morrice, the chair was occupied by Rev. Principal MacVicar, who made a brief statement as to the growth of the college, and especially as to the work of its alumni. Rev. R. H. Warden, on behalf of the Synod, thanked the College Board for their entertainment, and suggested as a jubilee offering the endowment of an additional chair by the congregations in the Synod. Rev. M. H. Scott responded on behalf of the graduates of the college, who were enthusiastically loyal to their Alma Mater. Select music was furnished by a band, and a quartette sang several pieces in fine style. Refreshments were served in the dining room and also in the reading room and one of the class rooms.

At a public meeting held on Friday evening in Knox Church the Presbytery of Montreal licensed to preach the Gospel Messrs. N. Waddell, J. E. Ducloux, G. A. Thompson, S. Rondeau, A. Groulx and H. O. Loisele. The three last named were also ordained. Rev. James Fleck presided, Rev. C. A. Prud'homme addressed the newly-ordained missionaries and Principal MacVicar the people present. Mr. Rondeau has been appointed ordained missionary at Sudbury, on the Canadian Pacific Railway; Mr. Groulx to St. Martin, etc., and Mr. Loisele to St. Jude.

The Rev. L. H. Jordan having resigned his commission as member of the General Assembly, the Rev. F. M. Dewey has been appointed in his stead. Messrs. G. W. (Montreal) and Tait (Georgetown) have also been appointed in room of two elders who were unable to go.

A largely signed call from Vankleek Hill to Rev. D. McEachern, of Dundee, was before the Montreal Presbytery last week, and it was agreed to cite the session and congregation of Dundee to a meeting to be held in Knox Church, Montreal, on Tuesday, May 10, at half-past ten

o'clock a.m. At this meeting calls will be considered from Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine, and from Russelltown and Covey Hill.

The Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, was in the city last week and went west to Winnipeg on Friday evening. While here he received \$1,000 from Sir George Stephen to be used in making good in part to missionaries the loss sustained by them because of the inability of the people to implement their engagements.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, only returned home from the Synod last Friday, having been detained here in consequence of a severe cold and bronchial affection contracted while at the meeting of Synod. He is now much better and will, it is hoped, be able for work in a very short time.

We have had another experience of flood, causing great damage to property and great suffering to many of our citizens in the lower section of the city. The water has again abated, and the river is now open. We have had a long and severe winter; the snow, however, has now all disappeared, and the street cars have been running for several days.

Mr. James Croil and family sailed from Glasgow on Friday last for New York, and are expected here about the 11th or 12th inst.

The annual convocation of McGill University, for conferring degrees in Arts, Applied Science and Law, took place on Saturday afternoon. The chief honors were carried off by Presbyterian students having the ministry of our Church in view. Four of the gold medals were won by them, viz.: Logic and Metaphysics, Mr. W. L. Clay; Classics, Mr. W. M. Rochester; Physical Culture, Mr. Nasmith; and General Proficiency, Mr. R. Johnston. Mr. Nicholson, another of our students, was within two per cent. of the gold medalist in English Literature, and received a special prize of \$25; and still another of our men, Mr. M. McLennan, gained the Neil Stewart prize for Oriental Literature. Ten of the graduates in Arts, this spring, at McGill, enter Theology in our college here next fall. That class will number some sixteen or seventeen in all, and will be one of supreme excellence.

A canvass is now being made in the city for the renewal of the special subscriptions for a term of five years, on behalf of the Presbyterian College. In addition to interest on endowments and congregational contributions, the sum of about \$5,000 per annum is required for the efficient maintenance of the college. The canvass has opened well, and it is hoped that the amount required will be forthcoming. The success of the college and its rapid growth entail additional expenditure. Already, upwards of twenty new students have intimated their intention of being present next session, a number that will doubtless be largely increased before the session opens.

The annual report for 1886 of St. Gabriel Church (Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor) has just been published. There are eight elders and twelve trustees, 185 families and 368 communicants. Reference is made to the changed circumstances of the congregation during the year, consequent on its removal from the venerable old church to the new one on St. Catharine Street. The ordinary receipts for the year were \$2,770, and for all purposes, including the Schemes of the Church, \$4,961. The scholars enrolled in the Sabbath school number 232, with twenty-two teachers and officers. The school gave \$89 for missions last year. There are in active operation in the Church, a Ladies' Aid Society, a Young People's Association, and a Temperance Association, with upwards of ninety members. The report contains the names and addresses of all heads of families, etc., and the front cover has a picture of the new church, the spire or tower, which is not built; but which, the hope is expressed, may ere long be erected, through the liberality of those who have had historical connection with the old church in St. Gabriel Street. The pastor is to be congratulated on the honour just conferred upon him by his Alma Mater. He is the only acting pastor in the large Presbytery of Montreal, who is a Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Campbell is also the senior Presbyterian pastor in Montreal, having been settled in the city for a considerably longer period than any of our other pastors here.

The closing meeting for the season of Erskine Church Young People's Association was held on Monday evening and took the form of a conversazione. The lecture hall was crowded. In addition to music from members of the choir and others, an address was delivered by the Rev. L. H. Jordan. A couple of hours were spent in pleasant, social intercourse. Ice cream and cake were supplied by the ladies of the congregation.

Sabbath last was the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the present Erskine Church building. An appropriate discourse was delivered by the pastor (Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D.), in the course of which he states that, during these twenty-one years, the congregation had contributed about \$150,000 for missionary purposes, or an average of \$7,000 per annum.

### SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

The above reverend court commenced its annual sittings in Knox Church, Montreal, on Tuesday evening 19th ult.

The attendance of members and the general public was fair, considering that there were other attractions in the city at the same time. The delegates were comfortably provided for—a characteristic feature of the hospitality of the Presbyterians of Montreal.

The Synod was opened by an appropriate discourse by the outgoing Moderator, the Rev. J. McLean, at the close of which he made becoming reference to the announcement in the papers of that day that Sir George Stephen and Sir Donald A. Smith had decided to give \$1,000,000 to erect a hospital for the poor of Montreal.

The Moderator was heartily thanked for the ability with which he had discharged his duties during his year of office, and for the eloquent discourse he had just delivered. After thanking the Synod for the honour conferred on him, he requested the members to proceed to elect a successor.

On the motion of Rev. Dr. Campbell, seconded by Rev. A. Lee, the Rev. R. H. Warden, of Montreal, was unanimously chosen Moderator. Mr. Warden took the chair amidst applause, and delivered a succinct address, in which he gave a cheering account of the prospects of Presbyterianism in the eastern portion of the Church, which contrasts with some pessimistic views which are stated from time to time.

### THE REV. R. H. WARDEN.

the new Moderator, has been rather a prominent figure in ecclesiastical matters in the Canadian Church for some years, and is extensively known throughout the entire Church. He has managed portions of the Church finances entrusted to him with carefulness and ability. He is a native of Scotland, having been born in Dundee, and educated at the High School there, and afterward at St. Andrew's University. He graduated in Theology at Knox College, Toronto, in 1866. When licensed, Mr. Warden had several calls, among others one from the Church at Columbus and Brooklin, the charge first held by Principal King, but having accepted Bothwell, then the headquarters of the oil interests, he was ordained in November, 1866.

In 1876 he was appointed secretary-treasurer of the French Evangelization Scheme, secretary of the Home Mission Committee, treasurer of Montreal College and agent of the College Fund of the Church. His father was a prominent merchant in Dundee, and author of several important works, including one on the linen trade.

There are several other ways in which Mr. Warden renders important services to the Church and, taken altogether, he is probably one of the busiest ministers in the Church.

The Synod got through a large amount of work in a business-like manner, and the tiresome prosy speeches which we are sometimes doomed to hear were conspicuous by their absence.

### THE CRUCIFIX BILL.

which seems to be "sat upon" everywhere, engaged the attention of the court, and a petition to the Legislature was carried against it. The subject was discussed in a vigorous speech by the Right Reverend Bishop Ussher, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, who was heartily thanked by the Synod for his address, on motion of Mr. Walter Paul.

"The next place of meeting," which usually calls forth a discussion and a competition, was not the cause of any heated remarks, and, by a unanimous vote, Ottawa was chosen.

The Rev. James Fleck, indulging in a little pleasantry, hoped the Ottawa ministers would all attend the sittings.

Missions in the North-West were spoken to by the Rev. James Robertson, the Superintendent, who thoroughly understands the whole subject and who seems to have got the whole field completely under control, and now only requires more money and more men in order to carry on the work more successfully in that rapidly-extending country. Mr. Robertson does not favour united action with other denominations. The Baptists will not sit at the Lord's table with us, and the English Church repudiates our ordination, consequently he thinks we cannot unite with either. Mr. Robertson spoke approvingly of the zeal and ability of our missionaries generally, but referred specially to a few who are very successful ministers, and from whom he expects still more eminent services in the future.

The entire proceedings of the Synod were harmonious and interesting, and the conduct of the Moderator throughout was the subject of general commendation.

Montreal, April 23, 1887.

### SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.

The Synod of Hamilton and London met in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the 25th ult. Rev. Mr. Burson, St. Catharines, preached the opening sermon to a very large congregation. Rev. W. S. Ball, of Vanneck, was unanimously elected Moderator, and gave a short address of thanks for the honour conferred upon him. The retiring Moderator, Rev. Mr. Burson, was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for general urbanity and efficiency. The first hour next morning was spent in devotional exercises.

The report of the Committee on the Buxton Fund was submitted by Mr. Battisby, showing that the sum of \$239.99 had been received during the year, and paid over to the Rev. Mr. King. On motion the report was received, and the committee reappointed for the ensuing year. Mr. King was heard in reference to his work in the past in connection with the Buxton Mission.

A petition from the Presbytery of Bruce was read, asking the Synod to agree to the transference of Balaklava from that Presbytery to the Presbytery of Saugeen. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, the prayer of the petition was granted, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

There was read and considered an overture from the Chatham Presbytery to the General Assembly, asking that the Assembly should appoint or enjoin the appointment of one or more ministers or members to canvass the Church for the increase of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The overture was supported by Mr. Beckett and Mr. Gray. On motion of Rev. D. H. Fletcher, seconded by Rev. George Burson, the Synod adopted the overture and transmitted it to the General Assembly, and decreed that Dr. John Thompson and Mr. John Gray, ministers, with Mr. J. A. Young, support the overture before the Assembly.

Dr. Cochrane, the Clerk, read a report transmitted by the Board of the Brantford Young Ladies' College, giving particulars as to the present encouraging condition of the institution and its prospects for still greater usefulness, and asking the continued patronage and support of the members of the Synod, and that a visitor from the Synod be appointed for the ensuing year. The Principal of the College, Dr. T. M. MacIntyre, addressed the Court, pressing the claims of the institution upon the attention of the ministers and elders within the bounds of the Synod and Presbyterian families generally. After questions had been asked of the Principal in regard to the working of the college, brief addresses, strongly commending the institution to Presbyterians, were made by Dr. Thompson, Dr. Cochrane, Mr. Wright and others, and the following resolution, on motion of Dr. Laing,