

## Ministers and Churches.

SPECIAL services are being held in St. John's Church, Almonte. Rev. H. Taylor, of Pakenham, is assisting.

THE Rev. R. M. Thornton, of Camden Road, lectured on "Canada Revisited," in connection with Brockley Church recently to a large audience.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Beaverton, met on November 16, for the purpose of preparing a call to a minister. Rev. D. C. Johnson, of Oil Springs, was their choice.

THE Presbyterians of Aylmer, Quebec, extended a call to the Rev. Mr. Miller, and that gentleman having accepted, the congregation at that place will now have a pastor again.

AT the prayer meeting recently Rev. Mr. Dustan resigned his position as pastor of Knox Church, Brandon, owing to preliminary arrangements being made to amalgamate the two congregations. Mr. Dustan has earnestly endeavoured to bring about the union.

THE Rev. F. W. Farries, Knox Church, Ottawa, has been decidedly unwell. It was reported that he had been attacked with typhoid fever, but his medical attendant is not certain that such is the case, though his present indisposition might develop into it.

MISS MACGREGOR, from Indore, India, addressed a meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Deseronto, on Tuesday evening, 15th inst. She gave an interesting account of the manners and customs of the people, showed the costumes worn by the people, and exhibited some idols and relics of heathenism.

THE first nomination for the Moderatorship of the ensuing General Assembly has been made by the Presbytery of Paris. Their choice has fallen on one of their own number, the Rev. W. T. McMullen, of Knox Church, Woodstock, a gentleman who has for many years taken an active and intelligent part in the work of the Church.

As a result of his recent trip across the continent, Dr. Cochrane has prepared a new lecture, entitled "The Queen's Highway to British Columbia over Lakes, Prairies and Rockies." The subject is grand, and the genial and observant Doctor is eminently fitted to make it interesting and instructive. According to announcement, it will be delivered in Zion Presbyterian Church, Brantford, on the 5th December.

THE Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in the North West, wrote to a member of the Ottawa Presbytery some time ago asking for information respecting the charge which was laid before that Presbytery against a missionary in the Territories. The charge was made by a farm instructor who had quarrelled with the missionary. The investigation exploded this charge completely.

DR. COCHRANE has received \$60, proceeds of a missionary meeting at Morden, Manitoba, which was addressed by Mr. Robertson. The people in the North West are doing what they can to help the Home Mission Committee. At Mountain City, a man told the superintendent he had no money, but would contribute a heifer. The heifer was accepted, and will be exchanged for cash. From Carberry also, \$60 has been received.

ON Thanksgiving Day, the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of Peterborough held a union service in St. Andrew's Church. The Rev. A. Bell, pastor of the Church, presided, and addresses were delivered by the Revs. E. F. Torrance, of St. Pauls, and F. H. Wallace of George Street Methodist. Revs. I. Lovell, of Charlotte Street Methodist and J. Clelland, of Port Hope, also took part in the service. The thank offering was devoted to the Nicholls Hospital.

THE 20th November brought the anniversary of the induction of Dr. Campbell to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church at Collingwood. The Rev. R. M. Grant, of Orillia, occupied the pulpit and preached to large congregations. Under the auspices of the Young People's Association, he gave recently, to a large audience, his instructive lecture on "Misplaced Men." The congregation is in a very prosperous condition the church being taxed to its utmost to accommodate the people. All departments of Church work are carried on with excellent harmony and good success.

ON the evening of Tuesday, the 22nd inst., the friends of the Rev. J. W. Cameron, from Thornhill and Richmond Hill, to the number of between seventy and eighty, met in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church, Richmond Hill. Mr. Robert Marsh, having been appointed chairman, read and presented an address to Rev. Mr. Cameron, in which there were cordial expressions of the high esteem in which he is held, warm appreciation of his efforts on behalf of their spiritual welfare, and good wishes for his and his partner in life's future prosperity. Mr. Thomas Parker, of Thornhill, made a short, pointed and very appropriate speech, and then presented the Rev. Mr. Cameron with a package, containing a present of over \$50. Mr. Cameron made a feeling reply, thanking his friends for their kindness to himself and Mrs. Cameron, and expressing his best wishes for the welfare of every member of both congregations and all other friends.

THE first of the Inter-Collegiate Debates was held in Knox College, on Friday evening, November 18, between the representatives of Wycliffe and Knox Colleges. Convocation Hall was filled with a large and appreciative audience representing both colleges. The chair was taken by Professor Geo. Paxton Young, LL.D. The following programme was given: Musical selection, "The Old Brigade" (Barn), Glee Club; essay, "John Bright, and the Politicians," (D. Hossack, M.A.); musical selection, "Eulalie" (Taylor), Messrs. Home, Conning, McLeod and McLaren; reading, selection from "Enoch Arden" (Tennyson), J. J. Elliott, B.A.; musical selection, "Good-Night—Farewell" (Garrett), Glee Club. The subject of debate was, "Resolved, That

to decrease the number of Independent nations is an evil." The affirmative was maintained by Messrs. H. R. Fraser, B.A., and W. J. Clark, representing Knox College, and the negative by Messrs. E. C. Acheson and W. A. Frost, M.A., representing Wycliffe. Both sides of the argument were exceedingly well sustained, but owing to the fact that each side contended for an entirely different meaning of the subject, the chairman found it impossible to render a decision.

MR. D. MCGILLIVRAY writes: I see that the intelligent reporter has once more mixed things in his account of what was said at the farewell meeting of the Third Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance held recently at Kingston. Hence your paragraph in first page of issue of November 23 requires some correction. From that paragraph it appears that Toronto University will send a missionary to Japan, the Congregational College, Montreal, six missionaries, McMaster Hall, three students, Queen's and Knox Colleges one to China, and so on with the other colleges. Our people should understand that the six from the Congregational College, the three from McMaster are not in the same position as the one from Queen's and the one from Knox. The two latter are supported by the students and graduates of these colleges, as is also, at least partially, the one from Wycliffe, while the former students will be sent out as ready by their respective Churches. The six from the Congregational College are volunteers: the one from Knox, the one from Queen's, the one from Wycliffe are only three out of very many volunteers in these colleges. The number of volunteers was stated by the delegates of some colleges, and not by the delegates of other colleges. Further, Toronto University had one delegate at the meeting, but the statement that that university would send one missionary is obviously absurd.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the 15th November. Mr. John Davidson, Alma, Moderator. Dr. Smellie submitted the report from the committees appointed to arrange for holding conferences on the State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Schools, recommending that the conferences be held in Melville Church, Fergus, on the 20th December, and furnishing a programme of subjects to be discussed, the time to be given to each, and the names of speakers by whom each should be introduced. The report was adopted, and the Clerk instructed to get a sufficient number of copies of the programme printed for circulation. Dr. Torrance reported from the committee appointed to consider remits and other matters requiring the attention and action of Presbyteries sent down from the late General Assembly. The principal point in the report had reference to the change proposed to be made in chap. xxiv. section 4 of the Confession of Faith. It was recommended in the report, and to this the Presbytery unanimously agreed, that, instead of altering the Confession, the Questions of the Formula put to office-bearers at their ordination should be so modified as to meet the change of view regarding the marriages referred to. Dr. Wardrope reported that he had moderated in a call at Eramosa, which had come unanimously in favour of Mr. John M. L. Gardiner, and his conduct was sustained. The call was sustained, and Mr. Gardiner having signified his acceptance of it, his induction was fixed for the 13th December, at eleven o'clock forenoon. Dr. Wardrope to preside, Mr. Rae, of Acton, to preach, Mr. Dickson, of Galt, to address the minister, and Dr. Torrance the people. A report from the General Assembly's Committee on the Protection of Church Property was handed in and read, and the Presbytery's Committee was instructed to proceed to carry out the directions given, namely, to complete the sale of the property in New Hamburg, and, in the event of the trustees of the property in Puslinch refusing to offer it for sale, to apply for an Act of Parliament for the purpose. In accordance with requests in a letter from Dr. Smith, of Galt, who, in consequence of sickness in his family, had been under the necessity of removing to California since last meeting, leave of absence was granted him for six months, and Mr. Dickson was appointed Moderator of Session *pro tem.*—The Presbytery being satisfied with the arrangements made for the supply of the pulpit in the meantime. The Clerk reported that at a meeting of the persons applying for services at Preston it had been agreed not to begin them till spring, when they would be prepared to receive a student. It having been communicated to the Presbytery that the Session of the congregation of Knox Church, Elora, had resolved to pay only the minimum remuneration for the supply of services they might receive during the vacancy, it was agreed to put upon record an expression of regret at this decision, and the hope that a sense of justice and self respect would induce them to depart from it, and accept the suggestion made by the Presbytery as to the amount they should give. Careful reports were given in from the delegations that had been engaged in the Presbyterian visitation of congregations. All these were of a gratifying character on the whole, attention being called to each, to some matter in the congregations visited calling for improvement. Ultimately the reports were referred to a committee to examine and summarize their contents, and bring in recommendations based upon them at next ordinary meeting. A circular was read from the Convener of the Home Mission Committee and one from the Convener of the Committee on the Augmentation of Stipends, setting forth the state of the funds of each of these Schemes and urging greater liberality in contributing to them by the congregations in the bounds. It was resolved that each minister be instructed to read the circular to his people on an early day, press the importance of the Schemes, and endeavour to elicit greater interest in supporting them, his diligence in the matter to be inquired into at a future meeting. Reports were read from Messrs. Strachan and Robertson, student missionaries, of their labours in the bounds during the summer months. The Clerk reported that he had received and forwarded to the proper quarter the grant from the Home Mission Committee to Hawkeville and Linwood. It was left with the Sessions of these congregations and of Dracoon and Metz to make arrangements for their own supply during the winter. The Clerk stated the

amount of supply sent to the Presbytery for its vacancies the current quarter by the General Assembly's Committee on the Distribution of Probationers. A letter was read from Mrs. Rose acknowledging the receipt of the minute of Presbytery on the death of her late husband, and thanking them for the expression of their sympathy. Intimation was given that the congregation on the 6th Line, Garafraxa, had, at a meeting duly held agreed to adopt the name of Knox Church, Dracoon. The name was approved by the Presbytery. Next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of January, 1888, at half-past ten o'clock forenoon. The roll having been called and the names of those present taken down, the proceedings were closed in the usual way.

### MONTREAL NOTES.

By a printer's mistake the bequests of the late Mr. John Drysdale, of Ottawa, were last week represented as \$10,000, instead of \$2,000, each to Knox College, Toronto, and the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

At the *pro re nata* meeting of the Montreal Presbytery on Friday last it was resolved to meet in Knox Church here on Tuesday, December 6, at ten o'clock in the morning to hear parties and issue the calls to the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank for St. Andrew's Church, Perth, and to the Rev. D. McEachern from Vankleek Hill.

One of the most spirited and liberal congregations in the whole Church is that of Beauharnois and Chateauguay, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. M. Boyd, B.D. It only numbers sixty-one families in all, yet it is not only self-supporting, but the people contributed last year \$192 to the Schemes of the Church and \$1,676 to all Church purposes, being an average of \$27.50 per family. On Thanksgiving Day last week they took up a special collection for the enlargement of the Pointe-aux Trembles Schools, when the very handsome sum of \$124 was put on the plate, and this, in addition to their regular contributions for the Schemes of the Church. How many of our wealthy city and town congregations gave a larger Thanksgiving Day collection this year?

The Rev. J. M. Macintyre has been conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in Lachute for the past three weeks. These have been largely attended, Henry's Church being crowded every night. Mr. Macintyre was two weeks in the neighbouring village of St. Andrew's before beginning work in Lachute. On Sabbath last the ordinance of the Lord's supper was administered in the Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's, when the Rev. D. Paterson had the joy of receiving sixty-seven new communicants; two by certificate and sixty-five on confession of faith.

For the last six years the Rev. James Patterson has filled the position of Presbyterian city missionary in Montreal, and has won the respect of all with whom he has come in contact. On the evening of Thanksgiving Day he was presented by a few friends of Knox Church congregation with a handsome walnut book-case in recognition of his faithful and self-denying work among the destitute and the afflicted. The presentation was made by Mr. Walter Paul in a few appropriate remarks, expressive of the appreciation in which Mr. Patterson and his work are held by the donors and Presbyterians generally in the city.

The first public meeting this Session of the Philosophical and Literary Society of the Presbyterian College took place on Thursday evening, the Rev. L. A. Jordan, B.D., presiding. The programme included songs by an English and a French quartette; a solo by Mr. Kalem (a student from Armenia), readings by Messrs. Cayer (in French) and Forbes (in English) and a debate on the question, "Should ministers take any active part in politics?" The affirmative was supported by Messrs. M. Mackenzie and W. L. Clay, and the negative by Messrs. R. Henderson and W. M. Rochester. The speaking was exceptionally good, and the discussion much enjoyed by those present.

The Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society are prosecuting their work this season with even more than ordinary vigour. In addition to contributions for Foreign Missions, they support an English nurse among the sick poor of the city, and a French Bible woman in visiting the homes of sick French Protestants and such Roman Catholics as she can gain access to. They also conduct mothers' meetings and children's sewing classes among the French with a view to the furtherance of mission work. The society has a number of auxiliaries at the present time, and is most anxious to increase this number, so that in every congregation of the Church in the Province of Quebec there may be a branch to aid the society, more especially in the French and Foreign Mission departments of its work. To attain this end they invite the co-operation of the ministers in the Province, and will be glad to send one or more ladies connected with the executive in Montreal to aid in forming auxiliaries and mission bands in those districts where there is a desire for them. The society contemplates issuing a printed leaflet every quarter to all the auxiliaries, giving details as to the work in which they are engaged. Copies of this, as well as any information regarding the formation of auxiliaries, etc., may be obtained by addressing the President, Mrs. Archibald Campbell, 240 University Street, or the corresponding secretary, Miss Samuel, Cote St. Antoine, Montreal. With the view of interesting a still larger number of the Presbyterian ladies of the city, the society propose hereafter holding their regular monthly meetings from Church to Church. The meeting on Friday next will be held in Erskine Church, and on the first Friday of January in St. Gabriel Church. Special efforts are put forth to make these meetings interesting and profitable, and it is hoped that the attendance will continue to grow so that the influence of the society may be extended and its power for good greatly increased. They have secured the services of the Rev. Dr. McArthur, of New York, for a lecture in February.

The Rev. James Johnston, author of "A Century of Missions," is at present in Montreal. Mr. Johnston is sec-