

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. David Mitchell, of John Street Presbyterian Church, Belleville, has accepted a unanimous call to a Jersey city congregation.

KNOX College Students' Missionary Society held their fourth annual meeting last week. The attendance was large and the proceedings were very interesting; a full notice of which is unavoidably held over till next issue.

THE Rev. Dr. Kellogg, now under call to St. James Square Church, this city, is seriously ill. His physicians have enjoined absolute rest for a time, to secure which, and the benefit of climatic change, he has gone to the West Indies.

THE annual congregational meeting in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Pickering, was held on the 12th inst. The reports read show the congregation to be in a prosperous condition. The treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$103.98, after all expenses had been paid.

ON behalf of the Bible class in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Oillia, Mr. W. S. Frost presented an organ to the congregation. There was an excellent address accompanying the gift, which, in the name of the office bearers and congregation, was suitably acknowledged by the pastor, Rev. R. N. Grant.

ON last Friday evening, at the close of the "week of prayer" meetings held in Guthrie's Church, Wendigo, the Rev. J. S. Henderson, pastor of the congregation, was presented with a handsome cutter and robe, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the congregation. The presentation was made by Mr. James Lockwood, and the recipient made suitable reply thereto.

CHURCHILL Presbyterians are moving. At the annual meeting on the 11th inst. a most desirable site for a new \$6,000 church was secured, and a subscription list was opened for the immediate construction of sheds for horses, which will be followed in due time by the erection of the church. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of some \$300, after paying all expenses. Their future prospects are very encouraging.

THE annual anniversary of the Sabbath school was held at West Winchester on New Year's evening. Notwithstanding the bad sleighing, there was an excellent attendance of the friends of the school. The ladies did their part most creditably. Then followed the musical and intellectual. The Rev. Dr. Moffat, the recently settled pastor, gave a thoroughly prepared popular lecture, which was very much enjoyed, upon Sir Henry Havelock, the heroic leader in the relief of Cawnpore and Lucknow. The evening's work brought in the very handsome sum of \$150.

THE anniversary in connection with the Presbyterian Sabbath school, Bridgen, was held on the evening of New Year's Day, and proved a great success. The entertainment consisted of recitations, dialogues, singing by the children and members of the Bible class. The children acquitted themselves in a manner that reflects great credit on those who trained them, especially the organist of the church. Rev. J. A. McDonald, the pastor, occupied the chair. Appropriate addresses were delivered by the other resident ministers, and two excellent recitations by Mr. Robertson, student, from Waubuno. Proceeds of the evening, \$55.20.

THE manse, Alvinston, was visited by a few of the cheeriest rays of ministers' sunshine on Christmas Eve last. After the dismissal of the weekly Bible class, the members, to the number of about fifty or more, came trooping in with baskets, parcels, etc., having invited themselves to a rather late supper. The young people took possession of the parlour and proceeded to enjoy themselves in the most off-hand manner possible, while the elder and more sedate of the party prepared supper. After the table was somewhat relieved of its abundance, the folding doors of the spacious manse were thrown open, and Mr. Johnston was presented with a handful of money as a token of appreciation of his services by the class. It was a complete surprise, and Mr. Johnston thanked them in as suitable terms as he could command under the circumstances. Several of the young men brought their musical instruments along and increased the enjoyment of the evening greatly. This is only one of many acts of kindness and generosity by the people of Alvinston and Napier toward their minister.

THE annual business meeting of Erskine Church, Hamilton, was held on Monday, the 11th inst. There was a good attendance of the congregation, and the reports received were most satisfactory and encouraging. Seventy-two members have been added to the roll during the year. The Sabbath school has an average attendance of 215 scholars, with a teaching staff of twenty-eight. The managers' report showed that the financial condition of the church was most satisfactory, all liabilities having been met, and a balance left in the treasurer's hands. The treasurer of the building committee reported that all accounts connected with the building of the new church had been paid, and the debt reduced by over \$2,000. The following allocation of the mission funds was made: Home Mission, \$75; Foreign, \$55; French Evangelization, \$50; Stipend Augmentation, \$50; Knox College, \$33; Manitoba College, \$20; Dayspring, \$20; Knox College Students' Missionary Society, \$20; Assembly Fund, \$7; Widows' Fund, \$5; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$10; Church and Manse Fund, \$12; Welland Canal Mission, \$6. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Scouler, on behalf of the Session, expressed their appreciation of the hearty support which had been given to the various branches of the church's work during the year, and their thankfulness to the great Head of the Church that such a measure of prosperity had attended their efforts. After a hearty vote of thanks had been given to the office bearers for their diligence, the meeting was closed with the benediction.

THE First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, held Sabbath school anniversary services lately. Large audiences were

attracted to participate in them. The Rev. John McEwen's long experience in Sabbath school work, and his prominent position in connection with the Ontario Sabbath School Association for some years past, enabled him to speak with authority on the many practical matters involved in this important department of Christian activity. His sermons and addresses were eloquent, interesting and instructive. On Sabbath afternoon, addresses were delivered by Messrs. D. Chisholm and J. L. Irwin, with the Rev. Mr. McEwen. The scholars and their friends were out in full force, to complete the programme. We are happy to hear from the reports that the school is in a prosperous condition. During the year there has been an advance in the average attendance, and in the amount contributed for home and mission purposes. One of the features of the evening was the rendering of a Scripture concert exercise. The singing and responses were very good, and met with the decided approbation of the audience. The concert exercise was followed by Mr. McEwen, who succeeded in holding the attention of the scholars on a somewhat difficult theme to the very close of a forty five minutes' address. The prizes for the year were distributed to the successful scholars, which was followed by a genuine surprise to the superintendent, Mr. W. Williamson, when Mr. James Craik came forward, and in the name of the teachers and a few friends, presented him with an address, accompanied by a very handsome timepiece. The scholars were made happy as they left the church, by the thoughtful provision in their behalf of Messrs. Sheehy, Paterson and J. F. Clark. The collections were considerably in advance of those of last year and the services much enjoyed. In connection with the same congregation, a series of interesting and profitable evangelistic services are now being held; the pastor of the church being assisted by the Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, and the Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Lindsay.

THE Canadian Post: A large representative meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was held in the church room on Wednesday last. The meeting was called for the consideration of a proposition relative to the building of a new church, and the large attendance of the members, both ladies and gentlemen, showed that a lively interest was taken in the question by the congregation. Sheriff McLellan was appointed chairman, and a statement was submitted by the board of managers, the purport of which was that owing to the present church not affording sufficient accommodation, a new church should be built. They had solicited subscriptions in order to ascertain the feeling of the congregation with regard to the matter, and by sixteen persons the large amount of \$6,050 had been subscribed. Mr. McNeillie explained that although the Presbyterian population in the town had been gradually increasing, in 1864 two churches afforded accommodation for nearly 600 people, while at present there was only accommodation for about 350 people. The Rev. Dr. McTavish stated that the successful working of the church was impeded by lack of accommodation. Opinions were then expressed by members of the congregation, and all were in favour and anxious that a new church should be built. It was decided then that a church should be built in some central locality. Finance and building committees composed of the following gentlemen were then drafted: Finance committee—Sheriff McLellan, S. A. McMurry, D. Dunoon, A. Robertson, Alex. Jackson, Wm. Brown, J. McSweyn, T. Stewart and J. R. McNeillie. Building committee—W. Needler, R. Spier, Andrew Jackson, A. Campbell, D. J. McIntyre, M.P.P., James Hamilton, James Keith, J. Mathie and Thos. J. Ray. The committees were instructed to bring in reports of progress at the annual congregational meeting, to be held in January. There can be no doubt but that our friends of St. Andrew's Church will, in building a new church and enlarging their borders, take a step that will not only add to the importance of the church, but give that accommodation which has so long been urgently needed. We hope to see some scheme matured in time to commence operations early in the coming spring.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this court was held at Belleville on the 21st and 22nd days of December. Mr. Houston was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. Mitchell having made a statement in relation to his present position, a Presbyterial visitation of the congregation of John Street Church, Belleville, was appointed to be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. Mr. Joshua Frazer was deposed from the ministry. Mr. McCuaig gave notice of motion to have the Presbytery divided. The Presbytery expressed disapproval of the appointment at present of an additional Professor for Knox College. A resolution was adopted in the interest of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and Mr. Cumberland, who has charge of this fund within the bounds, was instructed to bring the claims and necessities of it before the several congregations. The committee on the Fredericksburgh Church property were empowered to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of having the church repaired and fitted for re-occupation. It was learned from a deputation that visited McLaren's Mills that the people at that station were desirous of union with the congregation at McDonald's Corners. The Presbytery of Lanark, etc., will be asked to transfer the congregation of Dalhousie to this Presbytery with a view to such union. Arrangements were made for the visitation of all the congregations within the bounds in the interest of the Augmentation Scheme. The Home Mission Committee were empowered to secure an ordained missionary for North Hastings, Mr. Hunt's term of service having nearly expired. An assessment of twelve cents per family is to be sought from all the congregations within the bounds. Mr. Kelso was appointed Convener of the Sabbath School Committees, vice Mr. Young, resigned. The remit ancient unification of Foreign Mission work was considered. The several sections were approved of, with the exception of No. 10. It was recommended that it should be amended by the addition of the words: "And approved by the General Assembly." The remit on the regulation of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was approved of with the exception of No. 5.

In regard to it the Presbytery expressed a decided preference for the present plan of a ministerial rate. The remit on vacancies was referred to a committee, to report thereon at the next quarterly meeting.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 12th inst. Rev. H. M. Parsons, Moderator. The recent death of Rev. James Bain being duly adverted to, Rev. W. Meikle and the Clerk were appointed a committee to prepare a minute, and submit the same at next meeting. A paper was read from the congregation of Derry West expressing their intention, on account of diminished numbers, to unite with and become part of the congregation of Brampton, and asking leave to sell their church property, the proceeds thereof to go to the reduction of the debt on the church at Brampton. After hearing representatives, and both the senior and junior pastor, the Presbytery gave the permission applied for. Letters were read from Rev. J. S. Mackay; the one dated Victoria, December 4, and the other written from Riverside, California, thanking the Presbytery for granting him leave of absence, asking the appointment of one as interim Moderator of his Session, and urging the speedy sending of a temporary substitute for his pulpit at New Westminster. Rev. R. Jameson was appointed interim Moderator of Session, and the Clerk was instructed to correspond with Dr. Cochrane as to the other matter. After hearing representatives from Bethesda Church and Fisherville, the congregations of these places were disunited; supply of preaching for the former to be sent by the Home Mission Committee, and Rev. D. Camelon in the meantime to supply the latter. There was read a letter from Rev. Dr. King, of Winnipeg, acknowledging the liberality of the congregations within our bounds to the college over which he presides, asking a continuance of such aid, a reporting a good increase in the number of students, and avowing his warm interest in the doings of the Presbytery—a Presbytery of which he was so long a member. The Clerk was instructed to reply to Dr. King, reciprocating the good feeling expressed in his letter, and telling him of arrangements lately made to secure from within the bounds considerable aid to the Manitoba College. A letter was read from Rev. J. Carswell, of Barrie Presbytery, transmitting a call from Beeton and Tottenham, addressed to Rev. T. Nixon, minister of Stouffville, together with relative guarantees for stipend. Mr. Carswell stated in said letter that the call had been duly sustained by said Presbytery, and that he had written to the Clerk thereof, asking him to send on an extract minute. The call and the guarantees aforesaid were produced and laid on the table, the Clerk stating at the same time that the extract minute had not yet reached him. (By an error at the post office in Toronto, the minute was not delivered till next day.) Nevertheless it was moved to cite the congregation of Stouffville to appear for their interests at next meeting; but, ere the motion was seconded, Mr. Nixon interposed, and stated that he did not intend to accept of the call. In these circumstances the Presbytery resolved to sist further procedure in the matter, and instructed the Clerk to furnish the Presbytery of Barrie with an extract of the foregoing. Several remits from the General Assembly were dealt with. The one on a scheme for the supply of vacancies throughout the Church was handed over to a committee to be reported on at next meeting. The remit on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was approved of. The remit ancient printing was approved of in the main, but slightly modified. In connection with the young congregation at York Station (close to the Grand Trunk Railroad) a question was brought up by Rev. W. Frizzell as to how railway employees should be dealt with who are asked to work on Sabbath Days, and yet are desirous of membership in the Church. After some consideration thereon, a motion was made by Rev. J. Mutch—and the same was adopted—to appoint a committee to gather facts, to ascertain how far this work on Sabbath days is necessary, and report at next meeting. A committee of eight was then appointed, with Mr. Frizzell as Convener, agreeable to one of the rules recently adopted anent the supply of vacant congregations within the bounds; committees were appointed for the various vacancies, but the names of these need not be given here. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held, not on the first Tuesday of February, which would only give an interval of three weeks; but on the first Tuesday of March, at ten a.m., which all parties concerned will be pleased to remember. Commissioners to the General Assembly to be appointed that day at three p.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Presbytery met at Lancaster on the 15th of December. There were read and received a letter from Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, M.A., declining the call from Alexandria; a circular from Rev. Dr. Reid, anent subjects for fourth chair in Knox College; and an extract from the Presbytery of Brockville giving official notice of Mr. Macarthur's induction at Cardinal; also elders' commissions in favour of Mr. John C. Maginnis and Mr. G. H. McGillivray. Several session records were examined and attested. Mr. Hasie read carefully prepared and full reports of the Presbyterial visitation of Indian Lands and Kenyon. The reports were largely commendatory. In regard to Indian Lands, the congregation was found to be well organized, free from debt, possesses four Sabbath schools and a Bible class, five prayer meetings and a missionary association; but there are two matters not so satisfactory: the field is too large for one minister, and the stipend is too small. The congregation, however, was taking steps to secure an assistant for the summer months. The report was fully considered, and the following motion was agreed to: "That the Presbytery are very much disappointed with the reduction of stipend from \$1,000 to \$800, and think it the duty of the congregation not only to raise the stipend again to \$1,000, but also to pay the amount of arrears accumulated by said reduction since it first took place." Mr. F. A. MacLennan was appointed to preach at Indian Lands, and read the report and the deliverance of Presbytery to the congregation. A committee was appointed to investigate the vacant field south of Dominionville and east of Gravel Hill. The report anent Kenyon Congregation