

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE old Presbyterian manse, Cromarty, was sold recently for the sum of \$400. The new manse is in course of erection, and will be completed on or about the 1st of November next.

THE Presbytery of Owen Sound has appointed Mr. P. McLean, recently officiating at the Rocky Saugeen, to labour at Lion's Head for the summer season.

AN adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Saugeen was held at Ayton, on the 26th ult. After the reading of the minutes the Court proceeded to hear the trial discourses of Mr. Alex. Nicol, probationer, which proved very satisfactory, and therefore they agreed to ordain and induct him into the pastoral charge of Ayton congregation on the following day at 11 a.m. This was done. Mr. Nicol begins his work at Ayton under very favourable circumstances. The Presbytery agreed to appoint Mr. Stewart, of Arthur, as one of the representatives to the General Assembly.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the third current, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Moderator. Though only a month after the previous meeting, there were present twenty-nine ministers and seven elders, besides a number of commissioners and others. The Presbytery took up the call to Rev. Isaac Campbell from New Edinburgh in the Presbytery of Ottawa; but inasmuch as the reasons of translation were not forwarded in time, and the commissioners from Richmond Hill were not prepared to answer them, they were ordered to be sent to the said congregation and Session, that they may be able to represent their interests when the Court shall proceed to issue the call. A petition was read from certain members and adherents of our Church residing in or around Dixie, situated on Dundas street, in the Township of Toronto, stating that for nearly a year they have received supply of preaching from Rev. J. Breckenridge of Streetsville, and praying that inasmuch as he has expressed his willingness to continue supply in the meantime, they be organized as a regular congregation in connection with that of Streetsville. The petitioners were heard through commissioners, and promised support as the Lord would prosper them. The prayer of the petition was granted, and Mr. Breckenridge was appointed to organize at what time he might find advisable. An application was read from the congregation of Chinguacousy for the appointment of one to moderate in a call, with a promise of \$800 as stipend together with a manse. The application was granted, and the work of moderation was assigned to Rev. A. McFaul. A report was read from the committee previously appointed anent the re-arrangement of the congregations in King, setting forth several plans for re-arrangement, and accompanying these with a certain recommendation. The report occasioned considerable discussion, but eventually the committee's recommendation was carried, viz., that the several plans for re-arrangement be sent down for consideration to the several Sessions of the congregations concerned. A letter was read from S. R. Warrender, resigning his charge at Laskey and East King, and pressing the acceptance thereof without delay. It was moved by Dr. Caven, and duly seconded, to cite the congregation to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting. A motion however previously made by Dr. Gregg, and duly seconded, was carried: "That in view of the action taken by the Presbytery in the proposal of re-arrangement of the congregations in King, and in view of the fact that the congregations of Laskey and East King were cited in connection with said proposal, Mr. Warrender's resignation be now accepted." From this decision Dr. Caven dissented. Rev. W. Amos was then appointed to preach to said congregations on the 15th current, and to declare the charge vacant. Messrs. John Ross, Donald Tait, J. H. Eastman, R. H. Abraham, and J. G. Stuart, who had finished their theological curriculum, were taken on public trial for license, and after acquitting themselves to the satisfaction of the Presbytery were duly licensed to preach the Gospel. A telegram was received from Beamsville (and two days later a written official extract was received) stating that the call from Sutton to Rev. J. Fraser of St. Ann's and Wellandport had been accepted by him, and that the Presbytery of Hamilton had agreed to his translation. His induction was then appointed to take place at Sutton, on Tuesday, the 8th July, at two p.m.; Rev. R. P. McKay to preach; Rev.

J. Carmichael of King to preside, put the questions and deliver the charge to the minister; and Rev. J. S. Eakin to address the people. In place of Rev. A. Gilray, Mr. A. McMurchy, M.A., and Mr. Peter Crann, all of whom requested to be relieved. Mr. Isaac Campbell, Mr. Donald Sutherland and Mr. Wm. Adamson were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. The report of the committee of the whole on the hymns was read, and after a number of changes made was adopted by the Presbytery, and ordered to be sent to the Assembly's Hymn Committee. To the same committee was ordered to be sent a report brought up anent additional hymns to be considered by said committee. The Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting to be held on the 15th day of July, at 11 a.m., and ordered Sessions to produce their records for examination at next meeting.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie, on Tuesday, 27th May, at eleven a.m., and found so much business as to render it necessary to sit, with three adjournments of an hour each, till midnight, and from nine till past four on the next day. There was a large attendance of members and of parties interested in the proceedings. The records of Sessions being called for, a committee was appointed to examine them carefully, and to report at next meeting. As it is desired to have these records kept after the rules for keeping the records of the Superior Courts, the committee will probably be as faithful to report deviations as were the examining committees of the late Synod of Toronto and Kingston. A communication from the Presbytery of Lindsay anent the mission station at Black Creek was referred to Presbytery's Home Mission Committee for consideration. Leave was granted to the Moderator of Session of Mulmur and Tossoronto to moderate in a call. The demission of the charge of First West Gwillimbury was considered. Commissioners were heard and stated. *inter alia*, that at a meeting of the congregation on 21st April, a resolution was passed to retain the connection of Dr. Fraser in the relation of senior pastor, and to apply to the Presbytery to take such steps as may be necessary to secure this object. Dr. Fraser assigned reasons for demission after a pastorate of forty-four years. These reasons to the sorrow of the brethren were held to be valid, and the demission was accepted. At a later stage of proceedings a resolution prepared by a committee was adopted. It agreed to confirm the arrangement of the congregation to retain Dr. Fraser as senior pastor and apply to the General Assembly for its sanction, to intimate the pulpit vacant on 1st June, and to apply to the Assembly for a retiring allowance. It expressed high appreciation of Dr. Fraser's services to the Church during his long pastorate; of the value of his diligence, judgment and experience in the conducting of the Presbytery's work; of his uniform courtesy to the brethren, and of his conscientiousness and integrity. It further expressed gratification at the prospect that his relation as copresbyter is not to be substantially changed, and hoped that he might be spared for many years to aid in guiding, as in the past, the deliberations and business of the Court. Mr. Stuart Acheson presented his resignation of the congregation of Cookstown, a part of his charge. A petition was received from the other portion of Mr. Acheson's charge—First Essa—to be united to Burns' Church, Essa; also a petition from the latter in favour of this re-adjustment. The resignation was laid over till next meeting, and the congregations of Cookstown and First Essa cited to appear for their interests. The petitions for re-adjustment were laid over also till same meeting, and the interested congregations cited. The Session of Mulmur and Tossoronto was instructed to lay the affairs of the Mulmur glebe before counsel, inasmuch as there are evident irregularities in the constitution of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Dawson addressed the Court respecting the need of his congregation of help in erecting a manse, and the Presbytery cordially recommended the case to the liberality of churches in the bounds, and appointed a collection to be taken up before 1st November next in aid. After long deliberation the Presbytery agreed to organize a portion of the congregations of Central Church, Craigvale, and Lefroy, Innisfil, as a separate congregation at next meeting, and appointed Messrs. Rodgers, Panton and Acheson, ministers, and R. McKee, elder; a committee to meet with all parties concerned in the Central Church, on 10th June, to

consider questions of property and a place of worship for the new congregation. Notice of intention to organize was to be given to the congregations named above, and to the neighbouring congregations of St. John's and Town Line. An extract minute of the Session of Barrie transmitting a resolution of the Board of Managers was received. The resolution recognized the efficient and continuous labours of the pastor, Mr. Leiper, and the success of his ministry in all its departments, and placed, as a matter felt to be their duty, three months of the present summer at his disposal for travel, providing supply for the pulpit in his absence. The minute of Session sought for Mr. Leiper the necessary leave of absence; this the Presbytery readily granted. Messrs. Rodgers and Scott, ministers, and R. McKee, elder, having resigned their commissions to the General Assembly, Messrs. W. McConnell, J. R. S. Burnett, ministers, and W. McWhinney, elder, were elected in their stead. Anent the deficiency of the funds of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee the following resolution was passed: "After careful consideration the Presbytery expresses the fullest sympathy with every effort to increase the Home Mission funds, and although they do not feel justified on account of the many calls, of a similar kind that are continually being made to meet its local deficiencies within the bounds, they cordially recommend the matter to the kindly and earnest consideration of Kirk Sessions to use their best influence among members of their congregations to make up the deficiencies." Mr. Scott, ordained missionary, gave a report of his labour in Penetanguishene, Midland, Wyebridge, etc. The Presbytery expressed cordial sympathy with him in the difficulties of a large field of labour, and heartily commended his efforts to the liberality of the Church. The gift of a piece of land in Midland as a site of a church having been mentioned in Mr. Scott's report, the Presbytery agreed to tender hearty thanks to A. C. Thompson, Esq., of Barrie, the donor. In connection with the resignation of the Convenership of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee by Mr. Rodgers, a resolution was adopted expressing reluctance to accept of the resignation, thanking him for his arduous labours in the interests of the mission field, and attributing to him, to no small extent, the rapid progress and continual development of the field. The collection of hymns sent down by the Assembly's Committee was considered. The finding to be returned to the Assembly was to the effect that so many improvements and changes are necessary to render the book acceptable, that it is recommended that the work be recommitted for revision and that the committee be enlarged by the Supreme Court so as to embrace the general mind of the Church; also that a larger number of the ordinary metres and such paraphrases as are deemed suitable be inserted. On a report of a deputation to Singhampton to inquire into the condition of that congregation, and of Maple Valley and Honeywood united to it in one charge, the Presbytery instructed the Session to deal with one of the members for pursuing a course of conduct injurious to the character and usefulness of the minister and to the peace of the congregation. The same congregations were cited to appear at next meeting to explain their attitude in regard to financial matters. Communications from the Presbytery of Toronto anent Horning's Mills were laid over to a later meeting. No notice having been taken by the congregations of West Nottawasaga and of Duntroon and Nottawa of an injunction of the Court to pay the sum of \$51 due to a student missionary last summer, the Presbytery resolved to cite said congregations and their Sessions to next meeting to answer respecting the claim.—ROBT. MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

NOTES FROM QUEENSVILLE AND INDUCTION OF REV. DR. FRASER.

MR. EDITOR,—Perhaps a few notes respecting the field over which the Rev. J. Bruce Fraser, M.D., has recently been settled may be of interest to some at least of the readers of the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN. This field is under the care of the Presbytery of Toronto, and contains three preaching stations, viz.: Queensville, North Gwillimbury, and Ravenshoe. Queensville is a small village situated about six miles northward from Newmarket. Here the Rev. John Brown, now retired, preached fortnightly for many years, the congregation at that time worshipping in what was then the New Connection Methodist Church, the use of which was kindly granted. Mr. Brown's