

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE congregation of Amherst Island have given a call to the Rev. A. McLennan, probationer.

AN adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston is to be held on the 15th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m., in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, to dispose of the call from Picton and other competent business.

REV. W. MEIKLE was to have started from Liverpool on the 3rd inst., by the steamship "Quebec," and is expected to arrive at Oakville by the 15th. He is very much improved in health and strength by his trip abroad.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Mount Pleasant is now finished, and will be opened for public worship next Sabbath. A supper will be given on the Monday evening following. The church is a very neat and handsome structure.

THE Rev. B. J. Brown having filled an appointment of six months in the congregation of Sunderland and Vroomanton faithfully and satisfactorily, the congregation held a meeting with a view to call him to settle amongst them as their pastor. Mr. Brown, however, having made up his mind not to settle there, but to go out as a probationer to the vacancies, kindly and honorably informed the people of his intention, so as to prevent them the trouble of calling him and the discouragement of a refusal.

THE Presbytery of Toronto met at Laskey on the 18th ult., for the purpose of ordaining Rev. Samuel R. Warrender over the united congregations of Laskey and East King. His trials for ordination were heard at the morning sederunt, and were cordially sustained. Presbytery met again in the afternoon to proceed with ordination. Rev. Mr. Dick, of Richmond Hill, presided, and offered up the ordination prayer. Rev. Wm. Frizzell, Newmarket, preached the sermon; Rev. John Smith, Toronto, addressed the newly ordained minister, and Rev. Peter Nicol, Vaughan, the congregation. There was a good representation from both congregations, who seemed deeply interested in all the services. At the close Mr. Warrender was conducted to the door of the church, where he received a cordial welcome from his people.

ON Saturday evening, the 28th ult., a large representation of the congregation of Temple Hill Church (Presbyterian), Euphrasia, assembled in the church for the purpose of presenting a purse of \$30 to Mr. William McKinley, before his departure for Knox College. After the meeting was organized, James Paterson, Esq., who occupied the chair, addressed Mr. McKinley in a very flattering manner, assuring him of the kindly feelings entertained towards him by the congregation, and presented him with the purse as a slight token of their appreciation of his services among them. Mr. McKinley made a suitable reply, after which the Rev. A. Stevenson, of Knox Church, St. Vincent, addressed the meeting. Mr. McKinley, who has labored here for the past two summers, has been very successful, especially this summer, there being added to the above church sixteen new members, and fourteen to the Holland Church, of which he also had charge.

THE Presbytery of Whitby met at Enniskillen on the 1st inst. to ordain and induct the Rev. J. Atkinson over the united congregation of Enniskillen and Cartwright. Rev. Mr. Carmichael preached an excellent sermon on Acts viii. 35. Rev. A. Spencer ordained and addressed the minister, and Rev. J. Hogg addressed the people. A very successful festival was held immediately after the service. A very large number sat down and partook of the choice provisions which the ladies of the congregation had provided in great abundance, and thereafter the congregation again assembled in the church and listened to some capital addresses from Messrs. McConnell, Atkinson, Wilson, Little, Hogg, Fairbairn, Howard, and Cuthbertson. Mr. Drummond ably filled the chair, and the choir discoursed sweet music. Mr. Atkinson's prospects are bright. The congregation was never more united, and everything bids fair for a happy and useful pastorate.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met at Kincardine, on the 24th ult. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders present. Drs. Cochrane and Grant being present, were asked to sit and deliberate. Messrs. Millar and Lean, commissioners from Riversdale and Enniskillen, were heard

in relation to that congregation; setting forth their earnest desire for an immediate settlement, and their ability to give at least \$450 with manse, towards the support of a settled pastor. It was resolved to report Riversdale and Enniskillen as a vacant congregation, and to give it a share of the services of all the Probationers in the bounds. The following appointments were made for the following vacancies for the current quarter, viz.: for Riversdale and Enniskillen, Messrs. Currie, Wardrope, Davidson, and Forbes; for Pine River, Messrs. Stewart, Wm. Anderson, Sutherland, McQueen, and Taylor; and for Salem, Messrs. Scott, Tolmie, Gourlay, Blain, and Straith. West Brant and Pinkerton were united into one pastoral charge, under the care of this Presbytery, subject to the approval of the General Assembly; and Dr. Bell was appointed moderator of its Kirk Session. Mr. Wm. Anderson, on behalf of the committee appointed to prepare a minute anent Mr. Graham's resignation, read the following, which was adopted, viz.: "In accepting Mr. Graham's resignation of the pastoral charge of Pine River congregation, in accordance with the resolution of the General Assembly, granting him leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, the Presbytery would hereby desire to place on record a sense of their high regard for Mr. Graham as a member of court and a faithful minister of the Gospel of Christ. Mr. Graham has been an active minister for more than thirty-four years, being first ordained by the Presbytery of London, over the congregation of Egmondville, in which he laboured for the period of thirty years with profit and acceptance to the people under his pastoral care. While minister of Egmondville, Mr. Graham did a large amount of mission work throughout the district now constituting the Presbyteries of Huron and Bruce, being for some time the only minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in these parts. There are few congregations in the foregoing Presbyteries in which Mr. Graham has not proclaimed the gospel with his usual clearness and unction. In parting with Mr. Graham, as a member of this Court, the Presbytery earnestly pray, that in the evening of his active and useful life he and his family may abundantly enjoy the consolation and support of the gospel which he has for so many years preached to others with so much power and acceptance, and that at last when his work is done here he may enjoy the reward of those who have been successful in turning many from sin to righteousness." Mr. Gourlay, minister, and Messrs. Rowand and McKinnon, elders, were appointed assessors to sit in the Session of Chesley. Messrs. Coley and Blue, commissioners from Pine River, were heard in relation to that congregation, setting forth that they were in debt to the amount of one thousand dollars. Still they were anxious to receive whatever supply the Presbytery could obtain for them, and pay for it. Mr. John Mordy, after undergoing the usual examination and delivering the prescribed discourses in a creditable manner, was licensed to preach the gospel. Mr. J. Anderson reported that he had received and forwarded to the treasurer of the Gore Bay mission station in aid of their church edifice, the sum of \$115. The report was received and thanks tendered to Mr. Anderson for his diligence. It was resolved to recommend those congregations who have not forwarded their contributions towards the Gore Bay building fund, to forward them to aid the people of Manitowaning, Manitoulin, in the erection of a place of worship, said contributions to be sent to Rev. A. Tolmie, Saugeen. Mr. Straith read a very interesting report of his mission to Sault Ste. Marie, St. Joseph's Island, and Manitoulin Island. The report was received and thanks tendered to Mr. Straith for his diligence. Dr. Cochrane stated that the Home Mission Committee had appointed Mr. Johnston to labour on Silver Islet subject to the approval of this court. On motion of Mr. Straith the Presbytery cordially approved of the appointment. On motion of Mr. Scott it was resolved as follows: "The Presbytery having heard an address from the Rev. Dr. Cochrane on the Home Mission operations of the Church, and, having also had his assistance in considering the mission work of the Presbytery, agrees to record its satisfaction at his presence and its thanks for his address and deliberative assistance." Dr. Bell and Messrs. Tolmie and Straith were appointed a committee to confer with the Presbytery of Saugeen anent the readjustment of its bounds, pursuant to the deliverance of the General Assembly. There was read a paper of reference from the Session of Knox's Church, Paisley. After hearing parties, it

was resolved as follows: "The Presbytery, having fully considered the reference, agrees, that there being a want of evidence in regard to the circumstances which led to Mr. J. Hay's separation from his former wife, it would not be proper for the session to admit the parties to the fellowship of the Church until satisfactory evidence on that point be obtained." Dr. Bell and Messrs. Scott, Blain, Straith, and Gourlay, ministers, and Messrs. McBride and McKinnon, elders, were appointed a committee on Sabbath Schools to report at the March meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. Cameron, Davidson and Taylor, ministers, and Messrs. Hamilton and Anderson, elders, were appointed a committee on Statistics to report at next meeting of Presbytery. Messrs. J. Anderson, Stewart, Wm. Anderson, Murray and Forbes, ministers, and Messrs. Dewar, Bone and Richardson, elders, were appointed a committee to prepare a plan of visiting the congregations of the bounds, Presbyterially. It was resolved to hold the usual annual missionary meetings, and that each session be allowed to arrange for its own meeting, and to report to first meeting of Presbytery in the new year. Mr. James A. Anderson was certified to the Board of Montreal College. A very interesting and profitable conference on Sabbath School work was held, in which members of Court and Sabbath School teachers took a part. It was agreed to hold an annual meeting of the same kind in connection with the Presbytery. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Port Elgin, on Tuesday, 17th December, at 2 o'clock p.m.—A. G. FORBES, Pres. Clerk.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee (Western Section) met in Toronto on the 2nd and 3rd inst. There were fifteen ministers and five elders present, and also three ministers of the Assembly as corresponding members. Respecting the mission in Central India, the Committee learned that, at present, it was very difficult, if not impossible, to obtain anything like a satisfactory title to property on which to erect missionary premises at Indore, chiefly arising out of the circumstance of the State in which Indore is situated being a *Native State*. Further correspondence with the brethren in Central India was directed, in which information should be asked not only on matters referred to in former correspondence, but also on the advisability of sending to Central India, at an early date, an additional number of lady missionaries, and also on the subject of salaries to missionaries. The Committee had reason to fear that the late sickness with which some of our missionaries had been visited, especially those first sent out, had not only considerably impaired their health, but had also required them to draw largely on their salaries. For the information of the Church generally it may be stated, that at its meeting in June last, the Committee accepted the offer of two ladies, one in Prince Edward Island, the other in Toronto, to become missionaries in the foreign field. Respecting the mission in China, interesting letters were read from Mr. Junor, giving a pretty full account of his labors and experience since his arrival in Formosa, and also from Mr. G. L. McKay, showing that he was continuing to prosecute his labors with energy and zeal. In one of his letters, Mr. McKay states his fears that one of the buildings connected with the mission premises at Tamsui had been attacked by white ants, the fearfully destructive foe of buildings in some countries. Respecting the mission to the Indians in the North-West Territory, steps were taken to continue the education and training of Donald McVicar, one of the orphan children taken up by the late Mr. Nesbit, with a view to his future usefulness. Correspondence was directed to be had with proper parties, seeking for additional information respecting the locations or reserves on which Indians may be settled, so that the Committee may decide as to the propriety of erecting additional houses as residences for missionaries to the Indians in the North-West.—T. L.

AN old Highland clergyman, who had received several calls, asked his servant where he should go. The servant said: "Go where there is most sin, sir." The preacher concluded that was good advice, and went where there was most money.

TWENTY-FIVE ministers, including twelve Roman Catholic priests, have died in the cities of the South-west since the beginning of the yellow fever epidemic. All Protestant Churches—Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian—are represented in the list.