

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. R. WALLACE of this city acknowledges receipt for a disabled minister of \$1.30 from *our little class*, per Rev. S. E. McFarlane.

THE Selkirk "Herald" states that Rev. Mr. Pringle, formerly of Georgetown, now of Kildonan, Man., has been laid aside from active duty by illness.

THE congregation of Florence and Dawn in the Presbytery of Chatham, have given a unanimous call to the Rev. H. Lamont, M.A., D.D., of Dalhousie Mills.

THE Rev. Principal Caven has received from the executors of the late Mr. John McLean, Dummer, an elder in Norwood congregation, a bequest of \$600 for the building fund of Knox College.

DR. WARDROPE, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, acknowledges with thanks receipt from Mrs. G. M. Clark, New Edinburgh, "In memoriam," fifty dollars for the benefit of the Formosa Mission, Pepu-Whan section.

THE corner-stone of a new Presbyterian church for the congregation of Amherst Island was laid on August 30th by Professor Williamson of Queen's College. The weather was pleasant and the proceedings interesting. The building is to be fifty-seven feet by thirty-five, of stones, with tower and spire.

ON Tuesday evening, August 31st, a large number of the Granton congregation met in the church and presented Mr. John Campbell, student, with an envelope containing \$31.25 as a small token of their respect and esteem for him, and an expression of their high appreciation of his services amongst them for the last five months. Mr. Campbell richly deserves this recognition of his valuable services, for under his care the congregation has very much improved in regular attendance, both at the prayer meetings and Sabbath services. He leaves for the purpose of completing his studies at Knox College with the best wishes of every member of the congregation.—COM.

ON Monday evening, the 3rd inst., the members and adherents of East Gloucester Presbyterian congregation spent a very interesting social evening, on the occasion of the departure of their minister, Rev. H. J. McDiarmid for Kempville. The church was crowded to its utmost by the many friends Mr. McDiarmid had gained for himself, including a large number from Ottawa. Mr. J. Lillico, the senior elder occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises. Refreshments were then served. The chairman then explained the reason of their gathering together, which was to bid farewell to their much beloved and highly esteemed pastor. After giving a synopsis of Mr. McDiarmid's work in that place, Mr. D. J. Graham presented an address expressive of the high esteem in which he was held by the congregation and the people generally. Reference was made to his great personal worth and consistent Christian character, also the high value of his pastoral work among them for the past twelve years. The address was accompanied by a purse containing ninety dollars and appropriate presents to Mrs. McDiarmid. In acknowledgment Mr. McDiarmid made an appropriate response.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Woodville on Tuesday, 28th of August, and was constituted by the Rev. A. Ross, moderator. There were present twelve ministers and eleven elders. Minutes of former meetings were read and sustained. Rev. A. Ross, moderator for the past year, retired and Rev. A. Currie, M.A., was duly elected and took the chair, a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring moderator. Documents from the congregations of St. Andrew's Church, Scott and Uxbridge and Mount Albert were read desiring a union. Mr. George Smith and Rev. Mr. McDonald were heard in support of said union. The Presbytery approved of the union and instructed the clerk to send extract minutes to Toronto Presbytery. Session records and treasurer's books were ordered to be forwarded for examination at next regular meeting. Four students gave discourses which were sustained and certificates to college granted. Mr. Robert Myers gave in his trials which were sustained and license duly granted as a preacher of the Gospel. Parties were heard in regard to the organizing of a station at Brown's school house, Mariposa; and the Rev. G. C. Patterson and Mr. John Mattie were appointed to visit the field and report at next meeting of Presbytery. Arrangements

were made in regard to the the Knox College Endowment Fund. Also in regard to mission field and supplemented congregations. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held at Uxbridge on the last Tuesday of November, at ten a.m., adjourned to meet at Lindsay, 25th September, at eleven a.m.—J. R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 4th inst., Rev. R. P. Mackay, moderator. The attendance of ministers was large. A communication from Dr. King, transmitted by Rev. Dr. Reid, was read, setting forth in substance, that after much and painful perplexity, he had seen his way to accept, as he did accept, the unanimous appointment of him by the General Assembly to be Principal and Professor of Theology in Manitoba College. The Presbytery appointed Rev. Dr. McLaren to preach to the congregation of St. James' Square Church the following Sabbath, to intimate to them the decision of their minister, and to cite them to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery on the 25th inst., at eleven a.m. The Presbytery proceeded to dispose of the call from Knox Church congregation, Guelph, addressed to the moderator. The chair being taken, *pro tem.*, by the Rev. J. M. Cameron, and Rev. D. Mackintosh having stated that he had duly cited the congregation of Knox Church, Scarborough, Mr. Mackay stated that he had notified the commissioners expected from Guelph of his intention to decline the call, which he declined accordingly. The call was therefore set aside, and the Presbytery recorded their satisfaction with the decision come to. The moderator having now resumed the chair, application was made by the congregation formerly worshipping in Brockton for liberty to name their church, now in the city, Chalmers Church, Toronto. Said liberty was given. Rev. A. Gilray then reported moderating in a call from said congregation, addressed to Rev. John Mutch, M.A., probationer. The call was read, together with a guarantee for \$900 as stipend, including supplement. After hearing commissioners, the call was sustained and put into the hands of Mr. Mutch, who was present. Mr. Mutch accepted the call. The clerk was then instructed to assign him a subject for a sermon in trial for ordination, he having been recently licensed by the same Presbytery; and his ordination was provisionally appointed to take place on the 25th inst., at three p.m.—Rev. A. Wilson to preach, Rev. H. M. Parsons to deliver the charge, and Rev. A. Gilray to preside and address the congregation. Messrs. J. R. Kay, Andrew McNab, Allan Patterson, and Lucius Ernes applied for examination with a view to entrance as students at Knox College. Said young men were examined by a committee, who afterwards recommended them to be attested, and they were ordered to be attested to the Board of Examiners in said college. A committee was also appointed, consisting of Revs. J. Smith, R. Wallace, J. M. Cameron, A. Gilray, and the clerk, to hear the exercises of students within the bounds, on subjects previously assigned them, and if satisfied therewith to attest the students. A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Builder, B.A., asking the Presbytery to take him soon on public probationary trials, as also to ordain and designate him as a Foreign Missionary. A minute of the General Assembly was read, setting forth that so far as ordination, and designation in Mr. Builder's case, were concerned the Assembly had given authority thereunto to the Presbytery of Paris, as indeed was stated in Mr. Builder's letter. The clerk was instructed to notify said Presbytery of Mr. Builder's application, and to enquire of them whether they would be willing to transfer the authority given them by the Assembly to the Presbytery of Toronto. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Lindsay was read anent a proposal to unite the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Scott and Uxbridge—*alias* Quaker Hill—with the congregation of Mount Albert. Rev. D. B. McDonald, pastor of the latter, and Dr. Forrest, elder, were severally heard, who spoke of the proposal in favourable terms. On motion made, the Presbytery agreed to record their approval of the proposed union, to authorize Mr. McDonald to supply Quaker Hill along with his present charge on and after the first Sabbath of October, and to ask the Synod of Toronto and Kingston to approve of the union now proposed, as also to decide as to which of the two Presbyteries should have the superintendence of the united charge. As convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Com-

mittee, Dr. King brought up the matter of supplements to weak congregations within the bounds. It was stated by Rev. W. Frizzell that the people of his charge would now dispense with further supplement, and had also agreed to raise his salary to \$1,000. Representatives of other congregations were also heard. And the fact being specially adverted to that the late General Assembly had resolved to aim at a minimum stipend of \$750, together with a manse, Dr. King, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell and P. McF. Madeod were appointed a committee to ascertain what congregations within the bounds would require a supplement, so as to reach the said minimum. The Presbytery then adjourned.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

HARPERS' YOUNG FOLKS. (New York: Harper & Brothers.)—Week by week this beautiful and attractive magazine presents its youthful readers with richly varied, instructive, and entertaining reading, brightened by a large number of tasteful and highly finished engravings.

OUR LITTLE ONES, AND THE NURSERY. (Boston: The Russell Publishing Co.)—This home favourite has a character distinctively its own. Its contents are sufficiently varied to afford suitable matter for the youngest as well as more advanced readers. Poem and story are interspersed with much useful information. The engravings are beautiful and attractive.

ST. NICHOLAS. (New York: The Century Co.)—"St Nicholas" finds a welcome into thousands of homes. Its coming is looked for with eagerness, its pictures pored over with delight, the stories are read with joyous glee, and the other papers suggest most animated discussions and elicit not a few strikingly original opinions. The September number of this attractive magazine is fully up to any that has preceded it.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE. (Boston: Littell & Co.)—The numbers of "The Living Age" for August 18th and 25th contain, "The Real Lord Byron" (Quarterly); "Half a Century of Literary Life" (London Quarterly); "John Richard Green," by Edward A. Freeman (British Quarterly); "Classic Conceptions of Heaven and Hell" (Westminster); "Cave Tombs in Galilee" (Fortnightly); "Terry Wigan" (Blackwood); "The North Farm. Now," by J. E. Panton (Tinsley); "Voltaire in England" (Cornhill); "The Empress Eugenie's Flight to England" (Temple Bar); "Grace Darling" (Leisure Hour); "Sea Island Cotton" (Chambers' Journal); "Benvenuto Cellini" (All the Year Round); with instalments of "Uncle George's Will," and "Along the Silver Streak," and Poetry.

HARPERS' MAGAZINE. (New York: Harper & Brothers.)—The leading illustrated magazines reflect the seasons of the varying year. The September number of "Harpers'" is rich in illustration, poetry and descriptive writing suited to the last of the summer months. The frontispiece is a striking conception, suggested by Edgar Allen Poe's "Raven." "The Night's Plutonian Shore" is just such a theme as Gustave Doré delighted to pourtray. There is an air of weirdness in the picture that makes it strikingly suggestive. F. D. Millet gives a graphic description of rural life in Sweden as it is seen in Dalecarlia. Characteristic illustrations add very much to the value of the paper. "The Prisoners.—Part I" is a new story by Rose Hawthorne Lathrop. This is followed by "An Unpublished Chapter of Hawaiian History," by J. F. B. Marshall. Lucy C. Lillie describes scenes possessed of inherent beauty and made famous by Washington Irving. She has selected "The Catskills" for her subject. The paper is profusely and beautifully illustrated. There is a portrait and critical sketch by E. Mason of "Paul Potter," the famous Dutch painter, with two engravings from his celebrated pictures. P. D. Hay writes on the "Haunts of 'the Swamp Fox.'" Several excellent engravings enhance the interest of this contribution. The magnificent residences recently erected in New York for the great railway and other magnates afford an excellent subject for descriptive and pictorial treatment. This paper gives a clear conception of the extensive additions to the architectural attractiveness of the city of New York. The present number contains the fifth part of the serial story "A Castle in Spain." William R. Grace contributes a thoughtful paper on municipal