

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

DR. COCHRANE begs to acknowledge the receipt of \$50 for the Home Mission Fund, from the Rev. Donald Ross, (formerly of Lancaster), and now for a time residing in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Ross has regained his health, and is able to engage in ministerial work.

THE Rev. Dr. Moffat, of Walkerton, lectured in the town hall, Paisley, on Tuesday evening, on President Garfield. There was an excellent audience. There after a provisional board of directors was appointed, with the Rev. J. B. Duncan, of St. Andrew's Church as the president.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Barrie held in Belleville, by leave of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, on the 9th inst., a call was sustained from the congregation of Barrie, to the Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Paris, and ordered to be transmitted to the clerk of the Paris Presbytery.

THE Rev. G. B. Greig was inducted into the pastorate of Knox Church, Paisley, on Thursday, 3rd inst., in the presence of a large congregation. A very able and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Duncan, of St. Andrew's, Paisley, on Heb. xii. 3. The newly inducted minister and the congregation were respectively addressed in earnest and solemn terms by Rev. James Gourlay, M.A., of Port Elgin, and Rev. A. Tolmie, of Southampton. Mr. Greig commences his ministry in Paisley under very auspicious circumstances, and under the Divine blessing good results may be expected therefrom. In the evening at the social meeting addresses were delivered by Revs. Duncan, Tolmie, Gourlay, Greig, Blain, Edge and McDonald. The musical department was under the efficient management of Mr. J. C. Gibson and his well trained choir. Solos were also rendered in a pleasing manner by the Misses Thompson and O'Connor.

THE annual missionary meeting of the Beverly congregation was held on Tuesday, March 4th, at twelve o'clock, noon. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Samuel Carruthers, pastor of the congregation. Robert McQueen, sec. treas., read the annual report of the Missionary Association, supplementing his financial statement with a few appropriate remarks. The financial statement showed that during the past year the congregation had contributed the sum of \$335 to the schemes of the Church. A resolution was adopted to form a Juvenile Missionary Association for the youth of the congregation. By this means it is hoped the children of the congregation will be led to take a deeper and more practical interest in the mission work of the Church. Able and stirring addresses were then delivered by the Rev. S. N. Fisher, on "French Evangelization;" Rev. Dr. Laing on "Colleges," "Home Missions," and "Augmentation;" and Rev. Dr. Wardrope on "Foreign Missions." After singing, this enthusiastic missionary meeting was brought to a close by Dr. Wardrope pronouncing the benediction.

THE evangelistic services held in the Presbyterian Church, Chesley, for nearly six weeks, to which reference was made in a late issue of this paper, have recently come to a close. During the first four weeks Rev. J. M. McIntyre preached night after night to large and interested congregations. The attendance and interest kept increasing until at last the church was so crowded, that benches had to be put in the aisles and the platform and steps of the pulpit utilized for seats. After all some had to go away for want of room. From the very first, large numbers remained in the inquiry meeting to be conversed with about their spiritual interests. From 150 to 200 professed thus to be seeking the Lord Jesus, and of these a considerable number decided to accept Him as their Saviour. Mr. McIntyre is an earnest and powerful preacher of the Gospel, and seems to be abundantly blessed of God, to the awakening of souls. After he left, the work was carried on by the pastor, assisted by the Rev. D. Wardrope, of Teeswater, and, when he went away, Mr. George Thom, evangelist, came and helped on the good work. The number of the anxious and of those who professed Christ, kept increasing to the close. Altogether, the congregation of Chesley has had a season of blessing, which will be productive of great good, not only to itself, but also to members and adherents of neighbouring congregations, Pres-

byterians and others, who regularly attended the meetings.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND—This Presbytery met at Lucknow on the 18th of March. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed: Ministers, Messrs. S. Jones, D. Cameron, J. McNabb, by rotation, J. Ross and R. Leask, by ballot. Elders, Messrs. D. McKinnon, R. Elliot and D. Blue, by rotation, W. Speers and J. Morrison by ballot. Session records were examined. It was agreed to refer to the Synod a matter regarding a congregational book at present held by Knox Church, Lucknow, but claimed by the managers of South kintoss congregation. The remit on the Probationers Scheme was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. McNabb, D. Cameron and Sutherland, ministers, with instruction to prepare a deliverance, and report at the meeting of Presbytery at the Synod. Mr. McQuarrie reported regarding the Augmentation of Stipends. The report showed that a number of congregations had agreed to increase to the minimum, and some beyond it. At the evening sederunt a conference on the State of Religion was held. Mr. Ross read an excellent report on that subject. The report was adopted. The report on Sabbath Schools, read by Mr. Muir at the Sabbath School Convention was also adopted. These reports were ordered to be transmitted to the conveners of the Synod's committees. On the report on Temperance being called for, Mr. Sutherland stated that he had received but few reports, the reason being the Assembly's Committee had been so dilatory in sending the questions on that subject to sessions. Mr. Sutherland was instructed to draw up a report and send it to the Synod's convener on Temperance. Rev. Dr. McLaren was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. Messrs. Ross, minister, and Hutton, elder, were appointed to represent the Presbytery in the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Messrs. Murray, McNabb and Sutherland, ministers, with their Presbytery elders, were appointed to superintend the studies of students during the summer. Mr. D. Cameron gave in the report on aid-receiving congregations.—R. LEASK, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH—This Presbytery met at Cobourg on the 18th March. There were thirteen ministers and seven elders present. Mr. Jamieson, of Garden Hill and Knoxville was appointed moderator for the next six months. Mr. Patterson, late of Bayfield and Bethany, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery. A call was sustained from First, Port Hope, on behalf of the Rev. J. W. Mitchell, late of Mitchell, and has been accepted by him. The call contains a guarantee of salary of \$1,200 per annum—payable quarterly. Mr. Mitchell's induction was appointed to be held on the 2nd of April, at two o'clock p.m. Mr. Cleland to preside, Mr. Thompson to preach, Mr. Bell to address the minister, and Mr. Cook the people. The ministers appointed, as delegates to the General Assembly, were Messrs. Ewing, Bell, Cameron, Cooke and Jamieson. The elders chosen were Messrs. J. Best, Mount Pleasant; H. Carruthers, Cobourg; J. L. Tisdale, Port Hope; Hershaw Little, Garden Hill, and J. Lawless, Baltimore. The report of the Committee on Augmentation of Stipend was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the secretary of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. The report of Committee on Presbyterial Visitation Reports was read by Mr. Bell and considered. The following recommendation of the report was adopted: "The Presbytery records its devout gratitude to God for the greatness of His kindness and the evidence of His refreshing spirit manifested throughout the Presbytery." Messrs. Bennett, Bell, ministers, and Mr. Tully, elder, were appointed a committee to consider the remits of Assembly, and to report at a meeting of Presbytery to be held at the time of the meeting of Synod. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, on the first Tuesday of July at two o'clock p.m. Mr. Windel was authorized to moderate in a call at Cartwright and Ballyduff, so soon as the people are prepared to choose a minister. A letter was read from the Rev. W. White, formerly of Warsaw and Dummer, renewing his application for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and praying that his retiring allowance date from the time of his first application. There accompanied the letter a

medical certificate of Dr. Bell, testifying to Mr. White's illness and the improbability of his ever being able to resume pastoral work. It was unanimously resolved to renew the application on behalf of Mr. White for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and Messrs. Ewing and Bell were appointed and instructed to support the application at the meeting of Assembly. Presbytery held a conference at the evening sederunt, on the subjects of the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperance. Presbytery agreed to hold a further conference on the subject of Temperance, on the first evening of next meeting in Peterborough.—Wm. BENNETT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston on the 17th and 18th days of March. The call to Rev. John Leishman from Angus, etc., was accepted by him, and his translation agreed to. Mr. Young was appointed interim moderator of the kirk session of Newburgh, etc. It was found from the report of Mr. MacLaren, convener of the committee on the Augmentation Scheme, that most of the congregations had been visited in its interests, and with promising results. An appeal from Mr. James Brown, of Shannonville, against the decision of the session of Melrose, etc., in suspending him from Church fellowship was finally disposed of in a way satisfactory to all parties concerned. The appeal was dismissed, but instructions were given to have the sentence of suspension for certain reasons removed. A meeting in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery was held on the evening of the 17th. The attendance was large and encouraging. Addresses were delivered by Principal Grant, Messrs. Gracey and Mitchell. It was intimated by the Principal that a young lady who had just completed her medical course was likely to offer her services as a foreign missionary. Eight students of Queen's College who are to finish their course this session, presented themselves as applicants for license, and were examined. Leave is to be asked of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston on their behalf. Their names are Messrs. Linton, McTavish, Somerville, Pollock, Boyle, Bennett, Moore, and Jas. Murray. The treasurer's report exhibited the financial affairs of the Presbytery in a promising condition. Mr. Chambers tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge. Parties concerned are to be cited to an adjourned meeting to be held in St. Andrew's hall, Kingston, on the 29th day of April ensuing at three p.m. The Home Mission report was presented by Mr. MacLaren, convener. Its recommendations were that thanks be given to Queen's College Missionary Association for their valuable services—that assistance be sought for St. Andrew's Church, Trenton, and St. Andrew's Church, Picton—and that a proposal to unite the congregations of Seymour and Rylston be regarded favourably. These recommendations were adopted. In relation to the last recommendation a committee was appointed to confer with the parties concerned. The Presbytery took up a complaint from Mr. Chambers against Mr. Gallaher for a breach of Church law and order in marrying a man to his deceased wife's sister. Both parties were heard at length. Two motions were submitted to the following effect, one to suspend judgment on the case until the Assembly's committee on that question have reported; the other to express disapproval of Mr. Gallaher's act. Ten voted for the former, and seven for the latter. Mr. Chambers appealed to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston on the ground that no decision come to by the Assembly in the future can make right a violation of law in the past. Mr. McCuaig joined in the appeal. A large number of students (thirty-one in all) were recommended for employment. Two missionaries are to be secured for the Melrose field. The following are the commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers by rotation, Messrs. William T. Wilkins, B.A., Samuel Houston, M.A., James M. Gray and Godfrey Shore; by election, Principal Grant, Messrs. Gracey and Young. The following Ruling Elders were chosen: Messrs. G. S. Hobart, A. Macalister, W. MacKenzie, J. G. Campbell, N. D. MacArthur, G. Gillies and J. Robertson. Professor MacKnight, D.D., of Halifax, was nominated Moderator of the next General Assembly.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA—This Presbytery met at St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, the 18th ult. The Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Alvinston and Napier,