

Ministers and Churches.

PROBATIONERS, etc., in applying for appointments in the Presbytery of Huron are requested to correspond with Mr. Musgrave, Seaforth Post Office, who is Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

A NEATLY PRINTED card containing the texts and topics for the prayer meeting service in Erskine Church, Montreal, has been issued. A glance at the themes selected shows that care has been exercised to make the meetings attractive, interesting and profitable.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Lewis, in the Presbytery of Quebec, have given a call to Rev. C. A. Tanner, of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, and St. John's Church, Markham. The Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto has cited all parties concerned to appear at next meeting of said Presbytery on the 2nd prox., and it is expected that on that day the call will be disposed of.

THE Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., of Galt, and now Moderator of the General Assembly, conducted services in Duff's Church, East Puslinch, on Sabbath, Oct. 10. There was a large congregation, who listened very attentively to his discourse on the Schemes of the Church, and the necessity of contributing liberally to the same. Rev. Dr. Mackay conducted similar services at Knox Church, Galt, to a very large congregation.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed in Duff's Church, East Puslinch, on Oct. 17. Owing to the unfavourable weather, the attendance was not so large as it usually is. The pastor was ably assisted by Rev. G. Haigh, of Hespeler, Rev. J. Cathcart, of Strabane, Rev. E. McAuley, of West Puslinch, and Rev. W. Meldrum, of Morriston. This congregation are preparing to make considerable improvements in their glebe in the way of building.

At a special meeting of the Truro Presbytery, held Tuesday, October 19, a call from the First Presbyterian congregation, Truro, addressed to the Rev. John Kobbins, Glencoe, was sustained, and the Revs. J. Alister Murray, London, and Dr. F. W. Archibald, St. Thomas, were appointed to appear for the interest of Truro at London Presbytery. Stipend promised, \$1,200. A *pro re nata* meeting of London Presbytery to issue the call is appointed for Monday, November 1, at London.

OUR readers who may intend visiting the Great West will be pleased to learn that the Canadian Pacific-Railway are running a First-Class Excursion to the Pacific Coast, Vancouver, B. C., Victoria, B. C., and San Francisco, Cal., and return, on the 29th and 30th October, from all stations on their line, at the very low rate of \$90, to afford families and others a cheap and enjoyable way of spending the Winter on the Pacific Coast. Tickets will be good for seven months, and enable the purchasers to stop over at any point on the line.

THE Mutual Improvement Association of St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, reorganized for the winter on the 18th inst., under most favourable auspices. Sixty members were enrolled, after which the following officers were elected: Rev. M. W. Maclean, M.A., honorary president, Mr. J. Lyons Biggar, president, Mr. John Stewart, and Miss M. Rutherford, vice presidents, Miss E. Robertson, secretary; Miss L. Brownlee, treasurer. Musical and literary committees were appointed. The association enters upon the eleventh year of its existence with the prospect of a most successful session.

A LECTURE on the subject, "John B. Gough," was delivered in Knox Church, Brandon, on Tuesday evening, October 5, by Rev. J. B. Silcox, of Winnipeg. The church was filled to overflowing, and quite a number found it impossible to gain admittance at all. The chair was occupied by Andrew McLean, B.A., who has charge of the congregation at present. The chairman in introducing Mr. Silcox said: That he was welcomed to Brandon as a champion in the cause of temperance and prohibition. His grand utterances on the temperance question, upon various occasions, had won for him the admiration and the confidence of all interested in the great movement, which aims at the complete suppression of that traffic which has so long been blighting and blasting civilization. Mr. Silcox occupied over an hour and a half, and the very great interest of the lecture was shown by the fact that the rapt attention of the large audience was kept throughout. The lecturer gave a clear and graphic outline of Gough's life, and he enunciated the principles which he believed and taught; and concluded by adducing a number of practical lessons from his life and teaching. During the evening, appropriate music was rendered by a choir composed of members of the various city choirs. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Dr. Fleming, in a few well chosen words, seconded by Mr. Lang, and carried unanimously, after which the meeting was closed with the benediction.

ON Oct. 24 the Rev. John McKay, M.A., was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Scarborough. Rev. Dr. Kellogg preached, Rev. Peter Nicol presided and offered the ordination prayer, in the absence of Rev. Mr. McIntosh, Rev. Mr. Monteath addressed the newly-inducted minister, and Rev. R. P. Mackay addressed the congregation. After refreshments the congregation again assembled in the church, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. Nicol, Monteath, Connon, Farquharson, Frizzell and Neil. At the close an address and purse were presented to Rev. R. P. Mackay in recognition of his services as Moderator of Session during the vacancy. Very appreciative references were made to his work in the congregation during a pastorate of seven years. Mr. Mackay acknowledged the gift by some pathetic reminiscences of the mutual joys and sorrows of these years, and expressed the hope that they would as loyally support their new pastor as they had supported him, and that the fruit might be much more abundant. The Markham choir, under the leadership of Mr. Reesor, rendered exceptionally sweet music during the evening. They also were presented with

a purse as an acknowledgment of many similar kindnesses in the past, to which Mr. Reesor, who had consecrated his fine musical talents to Christ, made a suitable reply. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, the church was full both in the afternoon and evening, which is but one of many indications of a hearty and blessed pastorate.

ANNIVERSARY services were held at Ashton, in the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, on Sabbath, 17th inst. The Rev. D. J. McLean, M.A., of Annprior, Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, preached morning and evening, and the Rev. Wm. Craig, Methodist minister, Ashton, in the afternoon. The day was not altogether favourable, but the church was well filled at all the services. A soiree was held the following evening, when, after a bountiful tea, served by the ladies of the congregation in the village schoolhouse, a large audience gathered in the church and listened to interesting and instructive addresses from Revs. A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place, Wm. Craig, of Ashton, and J. G. Stuart, of Balderson. An excellent choir rendered a choice selection of sacred music in such a manner as greatly to add to the interest of the meeting. On Tuesday evening again, the Sabbath school children and their friends assembled at five o'clock, and, after tea, were entertained by their pastor and teachers with readings, music, etc., the whole winding up with a balloon ascension—a fire balloon being sent up, sailing away into space until it appeared a distant star, and then vanished. The interest of all these meetings was much enhanced by the presence of a new organ, which the congregation has obtained for use in the service of praise, and which was used for the first time at these services. The congregation has also purchased a lot immediately opposite the church, on which sheds are to be erected this fall. Let us hope that these things, which indicate material prosperity, may be an aid to the spiritual life of the congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON. It would seem that the financial outlook in Manitoba is improving. At the late meeting of the Presbytery of Brandon, the call of the congregation of Carberry, promising a salary of \$1,000, was accepted by the Rev. David Anderson, and he is to be inducted during this month. The congregations of Virden and Oak Lake petitioned for moderation in calls with a view to speedy settlement. The congregation of Souris, that last season raised only about \$350 toward the support of ordinances, petitioned for a moderation, promising \$700. The field to the south, Whitevale, occupied for the first time this summer, agreed to contribute \$625 toward the support of a minister, and expressed its desire to call. Binscarth and Birtle, on the M. & N. Ry., expressed also their desire to have a settled pastor, and arrangements were made for moderating in calls. Two other fields, Cypress and Strathorne, are moving in the same direction. From this it is clear that one or two favourable seasons would change the character of the Presbytery. If we mistake not, some found fault at last Assembly with the Superintendent for occupying Whitewater, but the offer of the field is the best vindication of this course. There will be occupied next spring a district north of Arden. Quite a number of settlers have gone in there, and others are going. It is proposed to unite with this central district some outlying and remote stations of the Neepawa and Gladstone groups. These congregations would not be weakened, but strengthened, and the wants of the people in the new district could be met.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Scotstown on the 13th October. A letter was read from Mr. John MacLeod, under call to Scotstown, setting forth that he could not obtain an honourable release from Antwerp, where he is now labouring; that on that account he was unable to assume the pastoral charge of Scotstown. The Clerk having fully explained Mr. MacLeod's position, the Presbytery resolved as follows: The Presbytery learns with regret Mr. MacLeod's inability to accept the pastoral charge of Scotstown, owing to the fact that he cannot obtain a release from his present field of labour at Antwerp without violating his engagement with the people there, sympathizes with Scotstown congregation in their present disappointment, sets aside the call to Mr. MacLeod and grants leave to the congregation to proceed with another call when ready. Mr. Currie's resignation of Three Rivers was taken up. A letter was read indicating the people's great reluctance to part with Mr. Currie, and the loss which the congregation would sustain were Mr. Currie to leave, and setting forth Mr. Currie's willingness to allow the resignation to lie on the table. The Presbytery expressed its satisfaction with Mr. Currie's decision to remain meantime at Three Rivers. Mr. Pritchard reported that he had secured information from Metis that the people were prepared to contribute not less than \$300 per annum toward ministerial support, and that they desired to have Mr. D. Mackay appointed an ordained missionary to that field. Mr. Mackay was accordingly appointed as ordained missionary to Metis for one year, dating from 1st Oct., 1886. Mr. Lee reported that he and Mr. Pritchard had visited Sawyerville, Island Brook and East Clifton; that they had organized these fields as a mission station, to be designated "The Sawyerville Group." The Presbytery received the report, and thanked the brethren for their diligence, and instructed the Presbytery's Home Mission Convener to secure supply till the next meeting of Presbytery. A call from Lewis, in favour of Rev. Chas. A. Tanner, of the Presbytery of Toronto, was sustained and ordered to be transmitted. The next meeting was appointed to be held in Sherbrooke on 14th December, at eight o'clock p.m.—J. R. MacLEOD, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—This Presbytery met at Newcastle on Monday, the 4th October. The Rev. William Aitken was appointed Moderator *pro tem*. Elders' commissions were received as follows: from Redbank, in favour of Mr. Benjamin Hubbard; New Richmond, Mr. John W. T. Fallon, Richibucto, Mr. James Murray, and Bass River, Mr. Thomas Irving. The reply from the Presbytery of Kingston, anent Mr. Thomas Marquis,

was read, and consideration deferred. A letter from Mr. Andrew Wilson, of Nelson, Ontario, was read, reporting that he had attended the General Assembly as a commissioner for the Miramichi Presbytery. The Rev. John Robertson, of Black River, was appointed to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's supper at Kouchibouguac, and to exchange with the catechist there, on the 17th inst., for that purpose. A call from Tabusintac and Burnt Church was presented by the Clerk. It was signed by forty-seven members, and fifty-four adherents, and addressed to Rev. J. C. Oehler, late of Princeton College, N. J. The conduct of Mr. Waits in moderating in the call was sustained, and he was instructed to correspond with the Burnt Church section of the congregation to get their pledge to the guarantee of \$450, as well as that of Tabusintac, already obtained. He was also empowered to make application to the Augmentation Committee for a grant of \$300, to supplement the promised salary. The report of committee to visit Charlo was given in, and the committee was thanked for its diligence and discharged. It was agreed that the separation of Belledune from Bathurst must be initiated by petition from the parties concerned. Mr. Brown gave notice of motion that at the next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery, he would move that all assessments be made on the total number of families reported. It was resolved to have the next quarterly meeting at Campbellton, on Tuesday, January 18, 1887; that the committee of supply for Nelson, Messrs. Aitken, McKay and Waits, be continued, with power to effect a union between that congregation and Derby, under the pastoral care of Rev. T. G. Johnston; and that Douglastown be requested to send a commissioner or written communication to the meeting in January, stating what they have done and intend doing in future for supply. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the hall of St. John's Church, Chatham, on Tuesday, November 2, at eleven a.m.—E. WALLACE WAITS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on October 5, Rev. D. M. Gordon, Moderator. The Clerk submitted and read a report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, which, on motion of Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. McFarlane, was, after consideration, adopted. In the report were the following recommendations: (1) That the grant to Dominion City be increased from \$250 to \$300 per annum; (2) That the Presbytery records its opinion that it is desirable to secure an ordained missionary for Fort Frances; but that meanwhile, in view of the grant to this field, it should endeavour to secure the services of Mr. F. W. Nash, or other suitable catechist missionary; (3) To reappoint Rev. R. Nairn to Fort William for the current six months; (4) To recommend that Gretna be supplied during the current half-year from the college, and that the Superintendent of Missions be requested to visit the field; that in view of the urgent necessity for a church building there, the Presbytery request the Church and Manse Board to consider the feasibility of removing the church from West Lynne to Gretna; (5) That Headingley receive fortnightly supply from the college on condition that it agrees to pay its proportion for the same, viz., \$50; and that Professor Hart supply Headingley next Sabbath, and bring this arrangement before the people; (6) That Meadow Lea be supplied fortnightly from the college during the winter; (7) That Milbrook be supplied with a catechist missionary if possible during the winter, and, failing this, that it be supplied from the college. The Presbytery further appointed Mr. McLaren to visit the field, and make inquiries as to the advisability of proceeding to elect elders and report to Presbytery in the matter; (8) That Whitemouth be supplied from the college fortnightly. The Superintendent of Missions reported that he had visited Murillo, and he finds that it is not advisable at present to erect it into a mission field, and that Rev. Messrs. Pringle and Nairn had agreed to give supply as is practicable. Presbytery instructed the Clerk to fill in and transmit, with its authority, the schedule for the amounts required for Augmentation. Mr. J. A. Crac appeared as a delegate from the Riviere Salie group of stations, and presented his commission, which was read. He then addressed the court, and stated that he was appointed by said group of stations to appear here and ask the Presbytery to secure for them an ordained missionary, and he promised \$500 per annum toward his support. Mr. Russell, the student missionary in charge, also addressed the court in regard to his work and the condition of this field, and urged that the appointment sought be made. Dr. Bryce then moved, seconded by Mr. Quinn, that Mr. W. D. Roberts, the missionary at present in charge of Dominion City, be placed in charge of this field for the current six months; and that Mr. Roberts take charge on and after the first Sabbath of November next. It was further agreed to ask the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to increase the grants for the current six months by \$75. The Superintendent was requested to secure the services of a student catechist for Dominion City for the winter. Leave was granted to the Moderator of the Kildonan Kirk Session to moderate in a call to a minister there when they are ready to proceed. Dr. Bryce reported from the Committee on Finance and Statistics anent arrears due missionaries. The report was received and adopted as an interim report. An application from the congregation and managing committee of Knox Church, Rat Portage, for the appointment of the Rev. W. Hamilton Spence to that charge for the next six months was read, and it was agreed, on motion of Hon. Justice Taylor, seconded by Mr. Quinn, to appoint Mr. Spence in accordance therewith. The Clerk was instructed to dispense the sacrament of the Lord's supper at Clear Springs, and also to organize and dispense the communion at Niverville. Rev. W. D. Roberts was appointed to dispense the sacrament at Riviere Salie on the last Sabbath in this month; and Mr. Russell was instructed to make the necessary arrangements and announcements. Professor Hart was appointed to dispense the communion at Headingley. Mr. McFarlane reported that he had dispensed the communion at Meadow Lea; Mr. McLaren was appointed to dispense it at Milbrook, and Mr. Nairn at Rat Portage. Mr. Whimster submitted the constitution adopted by the North Church, Winnipeg, for the consideration and