

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Peter Goodfellow, of Antigonish, is seriously ill.

AT Paisley on Monday afternoon Rev. Dr. Moffat, of Walkerton, moderated in a very unanimous call from St. Andrew's Church to Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Forest.

A VERY pleasant meeting was held last week in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, where very interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. Joseph Builder, soon to go as missionary to India, and Rev. John Morton, recently returned from Trinidad on a short furlough.

AN eight days' mission was held in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg. The Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of the Central Church, Toronto, Rev. J. Jamieson, M.A., of Knoxville, and other brethren took part in the services, which were evangelistic in character.

IN Haynes Avenue Presbyterian Church, on September 29th, Mr. Robert McIntyre preached his farewell sermon to a very large congregation. On Monday evening the friends presented him with a purse of \$45 50, and on Thursday he was also presented with a purse of \$15 from his other field in Grantham.

A RECEPTION to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle, Hamilton, was given last week at the residence of Mr. R. M. Wanzer, which was largely attended by the members of the Central Church congregation and other friends. Mrs. Lyle has just returned from a visit to Ireland, much improved in health, and Mr. Lyle has returned from his summer vacation.

ON the evening of the 3rd of October a happy social gathering took place in the Presbyterian Church at Daywood, Ont., a special feature of which was the presentation by the pupils of the Sunday school of a beautiful address accompanied with a well-filled purse to the Rev. James Ferguson, who has laboured in that locality for the last two years.

THE Rev. Finlay McCuaig, of Chalmers Church, Kingston, secretary of the Sabbath Reformation Society, had an audience with the Postmaster-General on Thursday last and presented a petition against the Sunday mail service. The petition is 100 feet long and bears 50,000 signatures. It is held that the Sunday service is of no benefit to the public, as formerly the people had a sufficiently convenient mail service.

THE Rev. Joseph Builder, preached in St. James' Square Church, Toronto, last Sabbath evening. He chose for his text Matt. xxviii. 19. In his discourse he sketched briefly the present condition of India, its moral and spiritual needs and the blessings, encouragements and successes of the missionary enterprise. He closed with a reference to his relationship to the congregation of St. James' Square, bidding them and his native land an affectionate farewell.

ON the evening of Sept. 25th a large number of the members and adherents of St. James' Church, Stouffville, assembled at the house of Mrs. H. Urquhart, where a complimentary and congratulatory address, expressive of appreciation of his personal worth and valuable services in connection with the congregation, and cordial well-wishes for his future usefulness and prosperity, accompanied with a well-filled purse, was presented to Mr. Thos. Nixon, student of Knox College.

REFERRING to Mr. Urquhart's departure from Regina to attend Knox College, the "Leader" says: On Sunday evening Mr. Urquhart preached his farewell sermon. We are glad to know that it is not likely to be a long farewell and that we shall probably have this gentleman, at no distant day, settled among us. Mr. Urquhart, during the few months he has been ministering here, has won the esteem and respect of everybody and the affection of many. His return to Regina will be eagerly looked forward to.

THE Presbytery of Hamilton met at Ancaster last week for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Thomas Johnston into the united charges of Alberton and Ancaster. There was a large attendance from both congregations, and the settlement is a most harmonious one. The Rev. Thomas Scouler presided and inducted the new pastor. Rev. Mr. Thynne preached, Rev. Mr. Porteous addressed the pastor, Rev. Mr. Goldsmith the people. At the close of the services, the Presbytery and people sat down to a sumptuous repast in the basement of the church.

It is gratifying to learn that the Rev. Dr. McCul-

loch, of Truro, who has been confined to his house from sickness for some months, is slowly recovering. The doctor has enjoyed the very unusual honour of preaching in one church for forty-six years. He is about the only man in Nova Scotia in active ministerial work, who has been pastor of one congregation for so long a period. Dr. McCulloch is the son of the celebrated Rev. Thos. McCulloch, D.D., the father of education in Nova Scotia, born in Pictou in 1808, and educated in Pictou and Scotland.

LAST week a meeting of ladies belonging to the several Presbyterian churches was held in MacNab Street Church, Hamilton. It was opened by Mr. Joseph Builder. Mrs. J. G. Malloch, President of the Ladies' Presbyterian Missionary Society, occupied the chair. The meeting was a most interesting one. Mrs. Morton, wife of Rev. Mr. Morton, returned missionary from Trinidad, delivered an address. The Hamilton "Times" says she is a gifted lady and thoroughly interested in missions and perfectly acquainted with the work on that island.

THE Rev. T. F. Fotheringham of St. John Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., is at present on a visit to Ontario. His pastorate in St. John, begun last January, has been most successful. A large increase in attendance, and in contributions, as well as a gratifying degree of spiritual revival has attended his labours. For the continued prosperity and advancement of the cause there, alterations and improvement on the building are imperatively necessary. The people themselves have responded with hearty zeal and a liberality according to their circumstances, a little aid from the people of the West, would be encouraging to the brethren down by the sea. The action they themselves have taken merits whatever help may be tendered them.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, welcomed the new pastor by having on the evening of the 5th instant a most enjoyable social in the lecture room of the church. To enable others not belonging to St. Andrew's to become acquainted with the young and talented minister, a general invitation had been given to members of other churches to be present, an invitation which was most heartily responded to. The room was most tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens, whilst the platform had flowers and overhead the appropriate motto "Mizpah." Dr. Grant occupied the chair and discharged the duties thereof with that pleasing "taking" manner so peculiar to him. The room was crowded to its utmost capacity, conclusively proving that the new pastor had already in his short residence in Ottawa taken possession of the hearts of his people and was a most popular citizen. The following programme was most efficiently rendered, and the ladies of the congregation desire to acknowledge the deep obligations they are under to the ladies and gentleman who so kindly assisted in that direction: Address by the chairman, Dr. Grant; quartettes by the choir; song, "The Raft," by Miss James; song, "The Two Grenadiers," by Mr. Chrysler; song, Miss Henning; song, "The Lost Chord," Miss Denzil; God Save the Queen. During the evening refreshments, consisting of tea, coffee, cakes, etc., were liberally supplied. The addresses of Dr. Grant, the Rev. Messrs. Armstrong, Trotter, George, Scott, Wood, Ami, and Dr. Moore were received with well-merited applause. A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Longley, expressing his regret at his inability to be present. The absence of Rev. Mr. Farries, of Knox Church, was much felt, all the more so as for some time he has been very poorly, and is now from home in quest of health. The kindly allusions by the various speakers to the late pastor, the much esteemed Rev. Mr. Gordon, were received in such a manner as to show he would never be forgotten by an Ottawa audience for his genial and affectionate nature. Mr. Herridge had no easy task before him when he rose to make some fitting reply to the many flattering allusions of which he had been the subject, but his brief speech at the close of the evening was an exceedingly happy solution of the difficulty. He heartily thanked the ladies who had organized the reception, his clerical brethren, whose presence was proof of the cordial welcome, and the hosts of friends not only from his own but other congregations who had gathered to do him honour. He felt deeply honoured and touched by the warmth of their greetings. He did not feel a stranger amongst them, because he had already visited the larger number of his people in their homes and hoped to

shake hands with them all before he left, and after this evening's events he could not but feel that he was one with them. Wherever he met his people he would seek to proclaim and uphold the truth it was his duty to teach. He would deliver his message to the best of his ability. That message was theirs, and he hoped they would all take it to their hearts, even though they did not the messenger. He was leaving them for a little time, but it would soon pass, and admirable arrangements had been made for supplying his place during his absence. He had put off his going to the last possible moment; and, assuring them that he would return as soon as possible, he wished all present a hearty good night, and concluded amidst deafening applause. The welcome was in every respect one worthy of the gentleman to whom it was tendered, the church of which he is pastor, and the citizens of the capital. We understand Mr. Herridge leaves for Edinburgh University on the 20th instant to carry out arrangements made prior to his call to St. Andrew's. During his forced absence his place will be occupied by the old and warm friend of the congregation, Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, and by Rev. Mr. Archibald, a young minister from Nova Scotia, who has a high reputation as being an eloquent preacher.—COM.

FRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston on October 4th. A call from the congregation of Brock Street Church, Kingston, in favour of Rev. Samuel Houston, M.A., of Athelstane, etc., was tabled, signed by 117 communicants and fifty adherents. Salary promised, \$1,000. The call was sustained, and the usual steps taken to issue it. Mr. Gallaher was appointed moderator *pro tem.* of the Glenvale, etc., session *vice* Mr. Chambers resigned. Mr. Gracy, convener, presented a report specifying two plans for the rearrangement of the Lansdowne field. The Brockville Presbytery is to be corresponded with respecting the matter. An assessment of twelve cents per family was decided on in the interests of the Presbytery Fund. In compliance with the recommendation of a committee, congregations that are paying less than the minimum salary are to be visited by deputations. Mr. Kelso was empowered to moderate in a call at St. Columba, etc., when the people are ready for such a step. Mr. Wilkins reported that he had visited Matawatchan, etc., and found the cause in that field in a flourishing condition. Arrangements were made for the organization of the Mississippi station.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in Priceville, on the 18th ult. Messrs. Campbell and McLean each read a discourse and gave reports of their labours during the summer. Others not able to be present sent theirs to be read. The clerk was instructed to certify all of them to the college authorities. The Rev. William Forest, at present supplying Knox Church, Durham, being present was asked to sit with the Presbytery. Mr. Wilson tendered his resignation as moderator of Dundalk and Fraser Settlement which was accepted. Mr. Chisholm was appointed in his place. Mr. Campbell, convener of the Home Mission Committee, was instructed to secure, if possible an ordained missionary to labour in the mission fields during the winter. The Rev. Mr. Forest was appointed as an ordained missionary to Knox Church, Durham, for one year and to act as moderator of Session. The matter of supplement of stipends was referred to the Home Mission Committee to report at next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. McMillan was appointed to moderate a call in St. Andrew's congregation, Arthur, as soon as they are prepared. The next meeting of Presbytery is in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, on the 18th December next, at eleven a.m.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met within Westminster Church, Teeswater, on the 18th of September. The report of the committee appointed to draft regulations antecedent the order of business was adopted, and copies order to be printed for the use of the members. Messrs. Currie and Mackenzie, who had been deputed to visit portions of the Presbytery's Mission Field in Algoma District, submitted and read very interesting reports of their work in visiting and dispensing ordinances on Manitoulin Island, St. Joseph Island, Tarbut, Algoma Mills, etc., setting forth the urgent necessity there was for having the different stations supplied as soon as possible, by