

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. H. M. Parsons delivered an able lecture in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, last week.

THE Rev. Robert Torrance, Guelph, has been a public school inspector for a quarter of a century.

THE congregation of Spencerville Presbyterian Church have given a call to Rev. D. Kallock, Millhaven.

KNOX Church, Ottawa, Sabbath school held their annual festival last week. A handsome presentation and address were tendered to Mr. McIntyre, librarian.

MR. SANFORD FLEMING, C.E., has signalled his reelection to the Chancellorship of Queen's College by making various grants to the new endowment and other funds, amounting probably to \$3,000.

THE anniversary services of St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, were held on Sabbath 14th January. Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Forest, preached able and appropriate sermons morning and evening. The annual social gathering was held on Monday evening following. The collections of the whole services amounted to \$245.

THE services connected with the completion of Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, have been specially interesting. On the 21st inst. Rev. Principal Caven occupied the pulpit in the morning, and the Rev. Principal Grant in the evening. On Monday, though the night was severely cold, a large assemblage gathered and thoroughly enjoyed the addresses and music. This congregation enjoys marked prosperity.

A VERY enjoyable and successful festival was held in the Presbyterian church, Greenbank, on Christmas eve. The ladies of the congregation had an excellent repast prepared for their guests. After supper, the chair being taken by the pastor, the Rev. G. M. Milligan, B.A., delivered a lecture on the subject, "The Story of an Enchanting City," to the great delight of a large audience. Music of a high character was rendered by the choir of the congregation. Proceeds upwards of \$100.

THE annual business meeting of Erskine Church, Hamilton, was held on Monday the 15th January, the Rev. Thomas Scouler, pastor, in the chair. The reports of the various organizations were all very satisfactory. The Session reported forty-nine new members added during the year, and a satisfactory attendance at all the diets of worship. The managers' report was very gratifying, showing a balance of \$461 on hand. It was unaimously agreed that \$100 be added to the minister's salary, making it now \$1,300 per annum. The congregation also took steps to form a building fund for a new church, and to purchase a site a little further up the same street.

THE Rev. John M. McIntyre has been released, at his own request, from the congregations of Kemptville and Oxford Mills, in the Presbytery of Brockville, by that Presbytery, in order to enable him more fully to engage in evangelistic work wherever the Lord may call him. Mr. McIntyre is not employed by any Presbytery or Society, and consequently has not in this sense a promise of salary for the maintenance of himself and family. He engages in the work in the full assurance that God, through Christ Jesus, "will provide." He believes that Jesus, the great Head of the Church, has still a tender regard for that saying uttered by Him of old, "Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." He is prepared to engage in this work for winning souls wherever God's people in any denomination or branch of the visible Church may desire it. Those wishing to correspond with Mr. McIntyre can address him at Kemptville, Ont., P.O. box 113.

THE annual congregational meeting of the West Church, Toronto, was held on the evening of Wednesday, 17th January, the pastor, Rev. R. Wallace, in the chair. The income for the year was reported to be \$3,857.70; and though not mentioned in the report, there was raised in addition \$56 from Sabbath school to the schemes of the Church; \$44 to the Library Fund of Knox College, and \$124 already paid towards the Endowment Fund; \$165 collected by the ladies to pay off the balance on the upholstering of the church, and about \$30 subscribed by the session and others towards the poor, making the total amount raised about \$4,266.70. After discussion it was resolved to raise contributions for the schemes of the General Assembly monthly, by means of envelopes.

A number of managers were then chosen to take the place of those retiring. It was stated by some of the managers that the congregation is in a more flourishing state than it has been for several years.

AS usual on New Year's morning the congregation of the East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, met for worship in the basement of the church, which was filled to overflowing. The Rev. J. M. Cameron, the pastor, presided, and gave an eloquent address from two special texts to begin the year with—one for the young and one for the older people, which was listened to attentively. After the benediction, Mr. John Dickson, in a very neat and appropriate address, presented Mr. Cameron with a handsome gold watch in the name of the members and adherents of the congregation, as a token of their respect and esteem for him, and in recognition of his labours amongst them during the past eleven years, also as a token of their appreciation of his late decision to remain with them when he received such a pressing and unanimous call from Boston. Mrs. Buchanan also in the name of the ladies of the congregation, presented Mrs. Cameron with an elegant silver tea-service. On behalf of Mrs. Cameron and himself, the pastor made a suitable and feeling reply. Mr. Stark, referring in glowing terms to Mr. Dickson's long connection with the church, his amiable disposition and winning manners, presented him with a silver-mounted walking stick, bearing a suitable inscription. Mr. Dickson replied in his usual happy manner. The meeting then came to a close.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in Egmondville on the 16th of January. Mr. McCoy was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. Turnbull on behalf of the Home Mission Committee gave a report as to the aid-receiving congregations within the bounds. On behalf of the Committee on the State of Religion, Mr. Musgrave gave a report recommending that a conference on the State of Religion be held at the next regular meeting. The report was received and the recommendation adopted. The financial committee presented a report setting forth the average contributions per member and per family of all the congregations within the bounds. Rev. Messrs. Graham and Watt, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The Remit on Theological Education was disapproved of. A call was presented from the congregation of Exeter in favour of Rev. Mr. Martin, of Norwich. The call was unanimous and hearty, and the clerk was instructed to transmit it, with the reasons of translation, to the clerk of the Presbytery of Paris. Mr. Fletcher was appointed to prosecute the call before the Paris Presbytery. It was agreed to ask the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for the following grants: to Grand Bend, \$200; to Bayfield and Bethany, \$100; to Exeter, \$100. It was remitted to the Financial Committee to consider the best method of meeting the expenses of commissioners to the Assembly, the Committee to report at next meeting. On the day following (Wednesday) an interesting and profitable Sabbath School Convention was held, at which subjects were discussed relating to Sabbath school work. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Clinton on the second Tuesday of March, at 10 o'clock, a. m.—A. MCLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met in Knox church, Owen Sound, on the 16th inst., nearly all the members present. Mr. Stevenson moved, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that Mr. Dewar be moderator for next six months. The motion was carried. Mr. Dewar asked to be relieved, on the ground that his blindness would prevent him from filling the chair to advantage, whereupon Mr. Cameron was appointed, and took the chair. Session records were presented, and committees appointed to examine them. A call to Mr. Colter, from the congregation of Nelson, in Manitoba, was laid on the table. Presbytery agreed to cite the congregations of Thornbury and Heathcote to appear at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery, to be held in Division Street church, on the 30th inst at 1:30 p.m. Committees appointed to examine session records reported, and the records were attested accordingly. Presbytery issued instructions to Lake Charles, Big Bay and Sarawak congregations, to present their records of session at the next meeting. It was found that the ministers throughout the bounds had preached on temperance, as recommended, and also had taken up the collection for the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund. Mr. Morrison was appointed to supply Sara-

wak and North Kippin until permanent supply could be secured, and was also appointed Moderator of Session, in room of Mr. Scott, who resigned. Instructions were issued that all statistical returns should be sent to the Clerk of Presbytery by the 20th of March; also that all returns to the questions on the state of religion should be sent to Rev. H. Currie, Keady P.O., in time for him to report at the March meeting of Presbytery. It was also agreed to hold a conference on the state of religion, on the evening of the first day of meeting, in March. All Sabbath school reports were ordered to be sent to Mr. McDiarmid, of Latona, as soon as possible. Messrs. Johnson and Crawford were appointed assessors, to form a session with Mr. Morrison in Caven congregation. In the evening a presbyterial visitation was held in Knox church, at which the congregation was found to be in a satisfactory condition. A committee was appointed to frame a deliverance on the visitation, and reported at a later sederunt of the meeting. The following minute regarding Mr. McKenzie's translation were adopted: In parting with Mr. McKenzie, the Presbytery resolves to put on record its full satisfaction with the faithful, painstaking manner in which for nearly five years he discharged the duties of pastor over a wide and difficult field, and the large measure of success which attended his pastoral labours. The Presbytery would also put on record how regularly he gave attendance on the Presbytery meetings, and his great willingness to render service in the mission field, and indeed, in every department of the Presbytery's work. It is with regret the brethren of this court part with one who made himself to be esteemed and beloved, by his meek and gentle spirit, by his upright and consistent conduct in all their intercourse with him, in public and in private, and they part with him with hearty wishes for his own welfare and the welfare of his family, with prayer for the divine blessing on his labours in his new field of work. It was agreed that the next regular meeting be held in Division Street church, on the 20th March, and the Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Division Street church, on the 30th inst., at 1:30, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.—JOHN SOMERVILLE, M.A., Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 16th inst., Rev. J. M. Cameron, Moderator. A call from Shelburne and Primrose to Rev. J. Straith, late minister at Paisley, was reported as moderated in by Rev. A. McFaul. The stipend promised is \$1000, without a manse. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted. A minute was read from the Presbytery of Montreal, setting forth that the Rev. P. Ross, of Cote des Neiges, who had been called by the congregation of Georgetown, etc, had accepted a call, in preference, from Knox Church, Ingersoll. There was tabled a call from St. Andrew's Church, Scott and Uxbridge, in the Presbytery of Lindsay, in favour of Rev. J. Alexander, minister of Norval, and after papers were read and parties were heard, Mr. Alexander was asked to express his mind anent the call, when he stated his inclination to remain in his present charge, but his willingness to bow to the Presbytery if they ruled otherwise. On motion made and seconded, it was resolved unanimously to refuse the translation. It was moved thereafter and carried unanimously, to adjourn to three instead of two o'clock p. m., in order to give opportunity to the members to attend the funeral of the late Mr. James Michie, of whose worth and liberality a record was made. After resuming, papers were read from the Presbytery of Whitby and the congregation of Dunbarton, in said Presbytery, approving of the proposal to unite said congregation with that of Highland Creek. On motion made and seconded, it was resolved to express approval of the proposed union, to refer the question of presbyterial connection to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and to notify the Highland Creek congregation of this action. The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were submitted, audited, and found correct, for which he received cordial thanks. A committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. R. D. Fraser, Convener, J. Alexander and A. Gilray, to prepare a report founded on the answers to be received from Sessions to questions on the State of Religion; also a committee, consisting of Revs. W. Frizzell, Convener, G. M. Milligan, and Mr. W. B. McMurrich, to prepare a report on Sabbath schools. Sessions are to report without delay; and both committees are to report to next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. Said meeting was appointed to be held on the 6th of March, at 11 o'clock a. m., and it was resolved that on that day the appointment of commissioners to next General Assembly