

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan preached the annual sermon for the Toronto St. Andrew's Society last Sabbath.

THE Principal of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools desires to acknowledge the receipt of a beautiful Bell organ, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Clark, of Toronto.

THE Rev. G. A. Howie lectured in the Oshawa Presbyterian Church, on November 25 and 26, to good audiences, concerning the Holy Land, its manners and customs. Both lectures were very interesting and instructive, and were much appreciated.

A VERY pleasant surprise was experienced at the Thanksgiving service in the Central Presbyterian Church, by some kind unknown friend forwarding, through the Ladies' Aid Society, a cheque for the handsome amount of \$200, to be applied to the liquidation fund of the floating debt. It is to be hoped now that the remaining balance will be fully met before the end of the year.

THE Rev. F. R. Beattie, B.D., Ph.D., pastor of First Church, Brantford, has recently passed the examination required by the Presbyterian College, Montreal, for the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The examination was taken in the department of apologetics, and consisted in ten different papers on as many different topics in that department of theological study. Dr. Beattie is the first who has passed this examination, and we congratulate him on his success.

IN accordance with the permission given at last Assembly to appoint a lecturer for three months, should the state of the funds seem to warrant it, the senate of Manitoba College has appointed the Rev. James Farquharson, M.A., of Pilot Mound, to give assistance in teaching philosophy and theology for the next three months. The number of students in attendance, and the felt impossibility of doing justice, with the existing staff, to all the subjects requiring to be taught, renders such an appointment almost a necessity. Mr. Farquharson was a distinguished student in philosophy while attending University College, Toronto, and he has been both a laborious and studious minister since his settlement in Manitoba. It is confidently believed that his services for these three months will be of great value to the students of Manitoba College.

THE students of Knox College have learned with sincere regret of the death of our late fellow-student, Mr. D. S. McPherson. While he remained among us as a student he gained our universal respect and love. His quiet, unassuming manner, his amiable disposition, his zeal and consecration to the work of the Master, endeared him to all who knew him. As a member of the Missionary Society, and of the other societies in connection with the college, he was a willing and conscientious worker, and ever ready to advance any scheme which had for its object the extension of the kingdom. With the members of the bereaved family, who now sorrow over his early death, we desire to express our deepest sympathy, and would commend them to the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulations.

A LARGE and representative gathering of the members and adherents of Knox Church, Embro, assembled at the call of Rev. Mr. McMullen, of Woodstock, the member selected by the Presbytery of Paris to lay the matter of Mr. Munro's call before the congregation. The meeting was opened with devotional services, after which Mr. Alex. McCorquodale was called to the chair, and Mr. H. S. McKay was appointed secretary. The reasons given by the Church at Lucknow why he should be translated from Embro to that town were then read by the secretary. A large number of those present then addressed the meeting, all bearing testimony that the work of the Church was prospering more under his administration than ever it had done in the past, and the prayer meeting and Sabbath school work was more interesting and profitable now than it had been in the past. A resolution was then presented to the meeting, embodying the sentiments of the speakers, and also requesting the Presbytery of Paris not to grant the request of the Lucknow people. The motion was unanimous, not one dissenting vote. A large and influential deputation was appointed to attend the meeting of the Presbytery in Woodstock, and present their claims.

THE thirteenth anniversary of Rev. M. W. Maclean's pastorate was celebrated recently in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement Society. Addresses were delivered by W. Webster, Hugh Walker, A. Robertson, M.P., and J. L. Biggar, all showing, on behalf of the congregation, the high esteem in which Mr. Maclean is held. The best proof of his success, however, is evidenced by the fact that during that time there has not been the least misunderstanding or dispute. Every interest in connection with the church has grown during that period in spite of the many removals through death and otherwise, the congregation being composed of twice as many members, while the Sabbath school has more than correspondingly increased. The Mutual Improvement Association has grown from about a dozen to over a hundred members. After refreshments were served Mr. Maclean was presented with an address accompanied by a new pulpit gown, which was handed to him by Miss C. Urquhart. Mrs. J. L. Biggar contributed a piano solo, besides which there were solos by Miss Rutherford, N. P. Vidal and T. Duncan, also a recitation by Miss Lottie Edwards. The gathering was brought to a close shortly after ten o'clock, by singing the doxology and pronouncing the benediction by Mr. Maclean.

AN evening at home was spent by a large number of the members, adherents and friends of the Rev. A. McLean in the Presbyterian Church, Blyth, Tuesday evening, in honour of the twentieth anniversary of his pastorate in Blyth, as a tangible proof of esteem and good will. In the basement of the church a number of tables were well laden with the most

tempting edibles of all kinds, which were freely partaken of by the assembly, who, after satisfying the inner man, repaired to the body of the church, where short, congratulatory speeches were delivered by Messrs. McDonald, of Seaford, Pritchard, of Manchester, Law, of Belgrave, Ramsay, of Londesboro', and Mills, of Blyth. Twenty years ago, when Mr. McLean was settled here, the congregation worshipped in a frame church, which stood on the old burying ground, which even then had an ancient air about it, as it was never painted on the outside, and looked quite bleak, showing clearly that the strife between it and the elements of nature was telling seriously upon it; but nevertheless it did good service and was in keeping with other things in the community at the time, although it was not then free from debt. But immediately after the settlement of Mr. McLean, the congregation began to flourish and gather both life and strength. The membership of the congregation was then in round numbers eighty, now it is 250. There were added to the communion roll, during the twenty years of Mr. McLean's ministry, 407 members, 272 on profession of faith and 135 by certificate. The addition to the roll was at the rate of twenty each year. The removals were 237, fifty by death, and 187 by certificate. The total contributions of this congregation for the past twenty years for all purposes are \$30,500. Of this amount \$3,300 were for the Schemes of the Church, that is for religious purposes outside the congregation, such as missions, colleges, etc. The second year of Mr. McLean's ministry, Blyth and Belgrave united contributed \$98 to the Schemes of the Church; last year Blyth alone contributed to the same object \$440. The little class took advantage of the occasion to present Mr. McLean with a handsome dinner set, accompanied with an address.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—A special meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox Church, Woodstock, on 23rd November, to take action on a call to Rev. G. Munro from the congregation of Lucknow. Rev. H. McQuarrie, of Wingham, appeared for the Presbytery of Mantland, and Mr. McKenzie, elder, for the congregation of Lucknow. A very large delegation from the session and congregation of Knox Church, Embro, appeared, opposing the translation, and submitted resolutions of the session and congregation to that effect. The parties having been heard, and Mr. Munro having expressed his views, it was unanimously agreed, on motion of Dr. Cochrane, as follows: The Presbytery, while fully recognizing the very important claims of Lucknow congregation and the Mantland Presbytery upon the services of such a man as Mr. Munro, yet in view of the fact that Mr. Munro has expressed his feeling as against leaving his present attached charge in Embro, feel themselves constrained to decline the translation.—W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on November 16. Twenty-seven ministers and fourteen elders were present. Reports regarding the supply of vacancies were given in. The resignation of Mr. Black was accepted, to take effect the first Sabbath in December. A committee was appointed to negotiate for union of the congregations in Caledonia and East Ancaster. Mr. Wells was appointed Moderator of Session in Argyle Street, Caledonia and Allan Settlement and at Cayuga. Mr. John Wilson was received under the care of the Presbytery as a student, with a view to the ministry and for mission work. A call from Ancaster and Allanton, to Mr. H. C. Ross, was sustained and accepted; the induction takes place at Ancaster on December 9 at two p.m.; Mr. Scouler to preside, Mr. Young to preach, Mr. Fisher to address the pastor and Mr. Burson the people. Mr. Youmans tendered the resignation of his charge at Dunville, and the congregations of his charge are to be cited to appear for their interests at the meeting to be held in Ancaster. A committee on Augmentation was appointed to endeavour to raise the amount apportioned to the Presbytery. Arrangements were made for holding a conference on Sabbath Schools and State of Religion. A new Sabbath School Mission in connection with Central Church, Hamilton, was sanctioned in the north part of the city. A report for holding Presbyterial visitations was approved and ordered to be printed and circulated.—JOHN LAINO, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held at Washago, on Wednesday, 10th November, at two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of inducting Mr. A. H. Drumm to the pastoral charge of Severn Bridge, Washago, and Ardrea. Dr. Gray was appointed Moderator *pro tem.*, and Dr. Clarke, Clerk. After the Presbytery was constituted, and other forms relating to the induction observed, Dr. Clarke entered the pulpit and conducted public worship. He preached from Luke ix. 23, "And He said unto them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." The Moderator narrated the steps taken toward filling the pulpit, engaged in prayer, and inducted Mr. Drumm as the first settled minister of this charge. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Mr. R. N. Grant to the newly inducted minister, and by Mr. A. Dawson, B.A., to the congregation. Mr. Drumm was welcomed as pastor by the people as they retired from the church. The managers met with the Presbytery, and intimated that they had made satisfactory arrangements for payment of the stipend, and in proof paid a considerable portion of it in advance. The day was wet and cold, yet there was a fair attendance at the induction services. In the evening there was a crowded welcome meeting at Severn Bridge. The stations are quite enthusiastic, and Mr. Drumm enters on his work with great encouragement and prospect of success. A special meeting of the Presbytery was held at Collingwood on November 16, at two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of inducting to the pastoral charge there, Mr. John Campbell, M.A., Ph.D., late of Hamilton. A goodly number of the congregation and friends of other Churches attended the services. The Presbytery being constituted, and other preliminaries disposed of, Mr. Thomas Wilson, of Tecumseth, conducted divine service, and preached from Psalm xlii. 12, "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall grow

like a cedar of Lebanon." Mr. Moodie, as appointed, discharged the duties of the member presiding, and duly inducted Dr. Campbell to the charge. Addresses were then delivered by Mr. Leishman, of Ancus, to the newly inducted pastor, and by Mr. Currie, of Penetanguishene, to the people. When the benediction was pronounced, the people in retiring welcomed, at the church door, Dr. Campbell as their pastor. The office bearers conferred with the Presbytery regarding financial matters. In the evening a "welcome" social was held, and attended by a large number of people. After a bountiful tea in the lecture room, proceedings in the church began about eight o'clock, Mr. R. J. Copeland occupied the chair. Dr. Harper, the respected pastor of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Kelly, lately ordained pastor of the Baptist Church, welcomed Dr. Campbell on behalf of other Churches. Mr. Henry, Moderator, and other members of Presbytery who took part in the induction service, delivered addresses. Dr. Campbell spoke last of all in a few well chosen words. The church choir sang anthems and other pieces admirably, and received appreciative notice from several of the speakers.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting on Tuesday, 9th November, at Clinton. Mr. Lochead, of Parkhill, being present, was invited to sit and correspond. The remits of Assembly were taken up and remitted to committees to consider and report thereon. The call from the congregation of Forest to Mr. Pritchard was taken up. After hearing parties it was agreed as follows: "The Presbytery having heard pleadings in the case, and Mr. Pritchard accepting the call, while expressing regret at parting with him and entertaining their best wishes for his prosperity in his new field of labour, agree to his translation, appoint Mr. Ramsay to declare the pulpits vacant on the third Sabbath of November, and to act as Moderator of Session; at the same time the Presbytery express sympathy with the congregations now becoming vacant, and hope that ere long the great Head of the Church will send them a pastor, to minister to them the Gospel of the grace of God." Messrs. Musgrave and McLean were appointed to draft a suitable minute on this translation. Mr. Martin, on behalf of the committee appointed to organize Corbit station, reported that they organized a congregation there, nineteen members and twenty four adherents handing in their names. The report was approved of, the congregation at Corbit declared to be organized and to form a part of Mr. Carriere's pastoral charge. Steps are to be taken forthwith to form a Session there. Mr. McCoy was authorized to moderate in a call in the congregations of Bayfield Road, etc., when they are prepared for it. Mr. Thomson, on behalf of the committee, on the superintendence of students, reported that Mr. Peter McEchran, teacher, of Bayfield, made application to be certified to Knox College, as he intended to enter said college after the Christmas vacation, and that the committee after meeting with him, recommend as follows: "That the college authorities be asked to allow Mr. McEchran to enter after New Year, on the work of the second year literary course, and if in their judgment his standing at the end of the session seems to justify it, the General Assembly be asked to give him the standing of a third year's student." Report received and recommendation adopted. Mr. Calvert appeared before the Presbytery, complaining of the terms of the motion passed on his case at last meeting, when the following deliverance was agreed to: "Whereas Mr. Calvert states that his friends have inferred from the resolution passed at our last meeting that this Presbytery had adjudged his case upon its merits, this court now declares that no such adjudication took place, and that said resolution was not intended to convey any such meaning." Reports on missionary meetings were given and approved of. The following minute was adopted respecting Mr. Danby's resignation: "The Presbytery of Huron, in parting with their brother and co-presbyter, Mr. Mark Danby, cannot allow the opportunity to pass without placing on record their high esteem of him, as a Christian minister and member of Presbytery, who, has for the long period of thirteen years, as pastor over his recent charge, proved himself assiduous in his duties and faithful in attendance on meetings of Presbytery, and ready at all times to lend his aid to his fellow ministers as occasion might require. They trust that in the orderings of Divine Providence, he may soon find a sphere suitable to the exercise of his gifts and graces to the conversion of souls, the edification of believers, and the glory of the great Head of the Church." A circular from the Committee on Augmentation was read, setting forth that the sum of \$700 was apportioned to this Presbytery. The attention of the brethren was called to this circular with a view of their congregations being requested to do their part in the matter. It was agreed to authorize the financial committee to apportion the Presbytery fund for the current year to the congregations within the bounds, at the rate of sixteen cents per family. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Seaford, on the third Tuesday of January, at eleven a.m.—A. McLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met on the 16th November, in Knox Church, Guelph, the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., of Central Church, Galt, Moderator. Dr. Smellie, who had been absent for some months on a visit to Scotland, being present, was welcomed by the Presbytery and an expression of their gratification at seeing him once more among them was placed on record. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed a committee to examine the published statistical and financial returns for the past year and report. Mr. Rose, Convener, presented a report from the committee appointed to arrange for conferences on Sabbath schools, state of religion and temperance, recommending that said conferences be held in Knox Church, Elora, on the 18th and 19th January next, and containing lists of subjects to be discussed, with the names of those who should introduce them. The report was received, the plan approved, and the Clerk authorized to get a sufficient number of copies printed for circulation. It was also agreed unanimously to ask the Rev. Mr. Black to attend the conference on temperance, and to speak on the working of the