

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Dr. Sexton is engaged to supply the pulpit of Knox Church, Hamilton, during part of the month of August in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mungo Fraser.

A MOST enjoyable social, as the closing meeting of the season, was held last week under the auspices of the Young People's Association of St. James Square Church, Toronto.

THE Rev. Dr. Junor, pastor of the Reformed Mission Church, Twenty-ninth Street, New York, visited Toronto this week. He reports that an important and successful work is being accomplished through the agency of the mission.

THE audiences at the opening services in the new Presbyterian Church, Bloor Street, Toronto, were as large as the building could contain. The morning service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Parsons, and in the evening Rev. Professor McLaren preached. On Monday evening a successful social was held.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Rev. Dr. Reid has received as under: 1. Home Mission Box, Guelph, \$15, viz.: Home Missions, \$4, Foreign Missions, \$4, French Evangelization, \$4, and Muskoka, \$3; 2. C. C. M., Home Mission Fund, \$4.80, and Foreign Mission Fund, \$10; 3. Helmsdale Farm, Ont., \$3.15 for Foreign Missions; 4. A Friend, St. Thomas, \$5 for support of native teacher, Glengarry Chapel, Formosa; 5. Friend, Binbrook, \$5, woman's missionary work in India.

THE Toronto subscriptions to Queen's University Jubilee Fund have been made known. The largest contributors were: Messrs. Robert Hay, \$5,000; John Hays, \$5,000; John Leys, \$5,000; J. MacLennan, Q.C., \$2,500; A. M. Cusby, \$2,500; Hon. A. Morris, \$2,000; Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, \$2,000; J. D. Hay, \$1,000; J. J. Davidson, \$1,000; W. Henderson, \$1,000; Charles Cockshutt, \$1,000. There are seventeen contributors of \$500 each, one of \$300, two of \$250, nine of \$200, twenty-two of \$100, and seven giving several amounts. The total for Toronto is \$41,515. The salaries of the two professors who will be added to the faculty of Queen's in October next will be \$2,000 each.

THE Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Montreal, met with a great loss on Sabbath night last, in the destruction of his valuable library by fire. The lamp in the library, explored, and the Doctor, who was residing at the time, was severely burned. The family were awakened, and escaped injury. A peculiar incident in connection with the fire is that the Rev. Dr. Campbell's book on the "History of Presbyterianism in Montreal," and Dr. Gregg's "History of the Presbyterian Church in Canada," were not destroyed. Dr. Campbell on finding his publication among the ruins of books, with the gilt motto *Nec tamen consume-batur*, confronting him, remarked that it was the highest compliment yet paid to his book.

THE monthly meeting of the McAll Auxiliary was held lately in one of the parlours of the Young Men's Christian Association building. Mrs. Howitt, in the absence of the president, occupied the chair. A very interesting letter was read from Mr. McAll, in which he thanks the ladies for their generous contributions and true Christian sympathy. He speaks of the two stations, Rochefort and La Rochelle, of having established them, and the high estimation in which he holds M. Dürleman the evangelist there, and that the work is prospering. Mr. McAll mentions that he is just starting on an arduous campaign for the mission in London, and must leave it for M. Dürleman and his colleagues to give from time to time news of the work in these towns. The ladies here are very anxious to undertake M. Dürleman's salary in addition to the support of the halls. The treasurer reported on hand \$362.52.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Port Arthur, is in a flourishing condition. Contributions for all purposes last year, \$2 600; \$340 were given to missions. The additions to the membership numbered twenty-three. Grateful mention was made at the annual meeting of a gift by Mr. J. L. Meikle, of a communion service of six pieces; and of the gift to the choir by Mrs. Smellie of a dozen copies Harmonized Psalter and Hymnals. The pastor, Rev. John Pringle, B.A., is aided in his work by the Session, consisting of Dr. Smellie and Mr. Robert Martland, as well as by a band of devoted teachers in the Sabbath school. The temporal affairs of the congregation are faithfully administered by a Board of Management consisting of Messrs. William Margach, Convener; William Hadden, J. L. Meikle, W. K. Cameron, A. L. Russell, Peter Nicholson, R. T. Inglis, R. Bowerman, James Fraser, E. Mackay. The trustees are Mr. Neil McDougall, Dr. Smellie, and Mr. George Ironsides. The interest of the congregation in the various Schemes of the Church is kept up by means of a paper, the *Algoma Presbyterian Record*, of which 200 copies are distributed monthly along with the *Church Record*. Altogether Mr. Pringle is to be congratulated on the large measure of success that has attended his ministrations at Port Arthur; and we look for even greater advancement in the near future.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—The Presbytery of Saugeen met in Palmerston on the 13th March. A circular was read intimating that the Presbytery of Glengarry intend to apply to the next General Assembly for leave to receive the Rev. D. C. McLean, a minister of the Congregational Church of the United States. A circular from Dr. Cavenant Systematic Beneficence was read. In accordance with the recommendation contained in the circular, a committee was appointed. Mr. Cameron read the report on Temperance. In the absence of Mr. Baikie through illness, Mr. Cameron also read the report on the State of Religion. Mr. Aull read the report on Sabbath Schools. All the reports were adopted and ordered to be sent to the Conveners of the Synod's Committees. The Presbytery, in accordance with requests from all the three congregations

of Balacava, Ayton and East Normanby, appointed Mr. Fairbairn to that field for the next six months. The remits were taken up and disposed of. The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly. By rotation, Messrs. Bickell and McNair; by ballot, Messrs. Aull and Stewart, ministers; Messrs. James Scott, William Peterkin, James Johnston and Dr. Gunn, elders. It was agreed to take up the following subjects at next meeting. First, "What is Presbyterianism." Second, "The difference between mere excitement and real religion." Messrs. Aull and Stewart were appointed to speak on the former, and Messrs. Thom and Straith on the latter subject. The Presbytery meets in Knox Church, Harrison, on 10th July next, at ten a.m.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—A meeting was held in Shakespeare on the 27th March, when Mr. McClung's resignation of that charge was considered. Representatives from Hampstead were heard, and a paper from Shakespeare and St. Andrews was read. Mr. McClung adhering to his resignation, the Presbytery passed the following resolution: "The Presbytery having heard the delegates from the Hampstead congregation, as also an informal statement and document from the congregation of Shakespeare and St. Andrews having heard also the statement of Mr. McClung, in which he still adheres to his resignation, and giving due weight to the ground on which Mr. McClung bases his resignation of the charge, viz., the arrangement of the field rendering its efficient working too toilsome and difficult for his strength, as also to all the facts and circumstances of the case, resolves that the only course open is to accept Mr. McClung's resignation, and that said resignation shall take effect on the 10th of May next. The Presbytery does so with regret, and desires to express its gratitude for the faithful and efficient services rendered by Mr. McClung during the past seven years, as abundantly testified to day by the kindly statements made in the document read and by the delegates heard. Further, the Presbytery, while expressing the hope that Mr. McClung may soon, in the providence of God, find a field in which he may still be honoured to do faithful service for the Master, would also express its sympathy with the congregation in their present circumstances and prospective vacancy, and hope that they may soon secure another pastor who will be richly blessed in finding the flock, and in extending the Master's kingdom in this locality." Mr. Stewart was appointed to preach in Shakespeare, etc., on 13th May, and declare the pulpit vacant. Mr. Pantou was appointed Moderator of that Session. A call from Lake Megantic in favour of Mr. Gordon was laid before the Presbytery. It was agreed to forward the call to Mr. Gordon, cite the congregation of Harrington, and hold a meeting in Knox Church, St. Marys, at eleven a.m., on 30th April, to dispose of the same. Mr. McClung resigned as commissioner to Assembly, and Mr. Kay was appointed in his stead. The Presbytery then adjourned.—A. F. TULLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE.—This Presbytery met March 13th, at Orangeville, Rev. J. R. Gilchrist, Moderator. Mr. Hunter submitted the report of the committee appointed to prepare an "Order of Business" for the Presbytery, which was adopted with but slight amendments. The Presbytery considered the Assembly's remits on travelling expenses, rejecting clause i. and adopting clauses ii. and iii. A petition was presented from Cheltenham congregation, praying the Presbytery to hold a meeting of Presbytery in Cheltenham, to consider some grievances existing in said congregation. A committee composed of Messrs. McFaul, Fowle, Crozier, McClelland, Craig and Wilson, ministers, McGregor, Shook and McDonald, elders, was appointed to visit Cheltenham on March 27, and report at next meeting of Presbytery. Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Brampton, was asked to meet and advise with the above committee on re-arrangement. A statement was presented from Grand Valley and South Luther, under the charge of Rev. H. Crozier, to the effect that said stations were prepared to undertake Waldemar's portion of the stipend, provided a suitable connection could be found for Waldemar; consequently the committee were enabled to include Waldemar in their re-arrangement. The arrangement is as follows: First, Corbetton to be separated from Riverview and Gandier, and united with Horning's Mills and Honeywood, under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. McDonald. Secondly, Black's Corners to be separated from Laurel and Vanatter, and united with Gandier and Riverview, under the superintendence of Rev. T. J. McClelland. Thirdly, Laurel, Waldemar and Vanatter to form a mission field under the superintendence of Rev. H. Crozier. By this arrangement the amount required from the Augmentation Fund is considerably reduced. On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McLeod, the Presbytery decided to overture the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, to the following effect: Whereas too frequently the period of vacancy of many of our Augmented congregations is disastrously long, and whereas very frequently there are peculiar difficulties connected with the working of many of these congregations; and whereas, in not a few cases, these difficulties have not only debarred settlement, but also brought about and fostered a disorganized state of affairs; therefore resolved: Firstly, that in cases of Augmented congregations now vacant in our Church, and in the case of those becoming vacant, six months be granted congregations so situated to choose for themselves a pastor. Secondly, that if unsuccessful at the termination of the above named period, the Presbytery place over them an ordained missionary. Thirdly, that the appointment of an ordained missionary by the Presbytery be made, in no case, for a longer period than two years. Fourthly, that all congregations so dealt with by the Presbytery, have, in the meantime, the privilege of regularly calling the missionary in charge. Messrs. Ross and McLeod were appointed to support the overture before the Synod. The Presbytery decided to obtain a missionary for Singhampton and Maple Valley, at a salary of \$700, and that application be made to the Home Mission Committee for \$50 for that field. The Presbytery further decided to apply to the Home Mission Committee for a supplement of \$100 for one year, in order to effect the settlement

of an ordained missionary in Osprey congregation. The following committees were appointed to have an oversight of the various vacancies, viz.: For Osprey congregation—Messrs. Ross, Wilson and McLeod. For Singhampton and Maple Valley—Messrs. McDonald, McClelland and Smith. For Ballinafad and Melville Church—Messrs. Gilchrist, Fowle and Armstrong and their elders. The following commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly: Messrs. Gilchrist, Armstrong, Fowle, Ross and Smith, ministers; and P. McGregor, J. C. Shook and Mr. Robert Murray, editor of the *Presbyterian Witness*, Halifax, elders. Mr. Ross read the Sabbath school report, which showed that thirty-six schools had reported and six had not. The Presbytery decided to hold its next regular meeting at Orangeville, on May 1, at half-past ten a.m.—H. CROZIER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the 20th March, the Rev. John Davidson, Moderator. The Clerk submitted the statistical and financial reports of congregations, and stated that full returns had been received both from pastoral charges and mission stations, of which he gave a summary, calling attention to such as had not contributed to all the Schemes of the Church. A letter was read from the Convener of the Committee on Augmentation specifying congregations from which contributions to this Scheme had been received by the treasurer. The Clerk went over all the congregations in the bounds, stating the amount expected from each, giving the names of those which had remitted all that was required of them, of those whose contributions fell short of this, of those who reported remittances in their statistical report to the Presbytery, which apparently had not reached the treasurer, and of those who had not remitted any amount. Attention was also directed to those congregations which were still in default to the Synod, the Presbytery and the Commissioners' Expense Funds, and the Clerk was instructed to renew his application for payment. Mr. Porteous gave an account of his services at Hawkesville and Linwood during the period of his appointment. Commissioners from these congregations were heard, who expressed their strong desire to have a stated pastor, and stated the amount they were prepared to contribute to his support. After careful deliberation the Presbytery agreed to record its sympathy with them in the desire felt and its conviction that they were promising according to the measure of their ability, and to apply to the Home Mission Committee for an addition to the grant now received to enable them to attain a permanent settlement. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly, to meet in Halifax on the second Wednesday of June next, the appointment being made by rotation. Mr. A. M. Hamilton, M.A., Mr. James C. Smith, B.D., Mr. D. Tait, B.A., Mr. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., and Mr. Edmonson, M.A., and Mr. H. Norris, ministers, with Messrs. Allan Ramsay, Charles Hay, William Dow, John Rutherford, Joseph D. Wood and A. H. Goodall, ruling elders. Reports were handed in by the Conveners of the standing committees on the State of Religion and Temperance, and the Clerk was instructed to forward these to the Conveners of the Synod's committees on these subjects. Further time was granted to the committee on Sabbath Schools to collect fuller information and prepare a fuller report. Mr. Tait reported that he had carried out the instructions of the Presbytery and formed a congregation in the town of Waterloo and laid upon the table a communion roll of thirty-two members. Mr. Tait's conduct was approved, and the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, was authorized to proceed to the appointment of elders for the congregation in the usual way. Dr. Smellie laid upon the table his resignation of the pastoral charge of Melville Church, Fergus, stating that he felt himself unable for the full discharge of his duties. Members of Presbytery expressed their sympathy with Dr. Smellie in the circumstances leading to the proposed step, and the Clerk was appointed to preach to the congregation at an early day, and summon it and the Session to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the 17th of April, at half-past ten o'clock a.m. A report was read from the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, giving an account of their work during the year, and the progress made. After deliberation it was resolved that the Presbytery express its gratitude to God, and its pleasure for the degree of success which has attended the society's operations, and its hope that the divine blessing may still rest upon it, and commends it to the prayerful and active interest of all the congregations in the bounds. A circular was read from Dr. Caver, as Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and, in accordance with a suggestion contained in it, a Presbytery's committee on the same subject was appointed, with instructions to report from time to time. Next regular meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of May at half-past ten o'clock forenoon.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met on the 20th ult. in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, Rev. Mr. Tibb, Moderator. Rev. Dr. Battisby, of the Chatham Presbytery, being present, was asked to sit with the court. The Presbytery took up the application of the Presbyterians in and around the line of Brooke and Enniskillen, asking for guidance, with a view of being supplied with ordinances, and contemplating the erection of a place of worship there. The Presbytery expressed gratification with the action of the petitioners and appointed Rev. Mr. Beamer to co-operate with them in the selection of a site for the erection of a place of worship and the procuring of a proper deed. Mr. Gregor appeared on behalf of the congregation of Black Creek, Guthrie Church, and Wilkesport intimating their anxiety to have a settled pastor over them at once. It was agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and to make application for \$300 for one year in the event of a settled pastor; or \$3 per Sabbath for probationary supply. Rev. Dr. Thompson submitted a minute in reference to the death of Rev. William Dork, which was read and ordered to be inserted in the records, and a copy to be sent to the widow. Rev. Dr. Battisby addressed the court in behalf of the