

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterian congregation, Omeme, of which Rev. J. Erving has been pastor for forty years, erecting a handsome and commodious new brick church in a most convenient site.

MR. E. W. RATHBUN, of Deseronto, contributed \$10,000 to the jubilee fund of Queen's College. Other contributors of large amounts were: Jane J. Stewart, Hamilton, \$2,500; Messrs. M. Leggat and James Stewart & Co., Hamilton, \$1,000 each.

THE Rev. Dr. Moffatt, the Secretary of the old Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society, had the following letter sent on Friday from some unknown friend, containing \$25. - I request that you will apply this money where you think it will forward the Master's cause the best. A FRIEND OF THE GOOD CAUSE. Sincere thanks in the name of Jehovah Jireh.

A SHORT time ago a meeting was held at Hillsburg at which an address giving expression to the warmest feelings of admiration and respect for the personal worth and devoted labours of the Rev. Mr. Armstrong who recently retired from the pastorate of the church there was presented. Mr. Armstrong who carries with him the cordial well-wishes of his late flock, made a happy response in acknowledgment.

At the opening services of Chalmers Church, Dovercourt road and Dundas street, Toronto, large congregations were present. On the morning of Sabbath last the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell preached a fervent practical discourse from Eph. iv. 11, 12. The pulpit was occupied in the afternoon by the Rev. Dr. Stafford who preached an able and forceful sermon. Dr. Parsons was the preacher at the evening service. His discourse, one of great interest, was heard by the large assemblage with sympathetic attention. The collections for the day were remarkably liberal.

THE second series of opening services at Oak Street, Toronto, Presbyterian Church, last Sabbath, were attended by large congregations. In the morning Prof. McLaren, of Knox College, preached from the text, Hosea xii, 4, "We found Him at Bethel and there He spake with us." At the afternoon service Rev. R. P. Mackay, of Parkdale, delivered a capital sermon from the words Rom. xiii. 14, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." Rev. John Neil preached in the evening from the text, "I am alive for evermore." Rev. I. S. On Friday evening a tea meeting for the Sabbath School children was held, and there were 600 present. Rev. T. T. Johnston of Last Toronto, gave a chalk talk on the Parable of the Sower.

THE ministers of the Presbytery of Owen Sound have organized themselves into an association for mutual encouragement and help in study, and in the work of the Church. Rev. Jas. F. McLaren, B.D., President; Rev. E. W. Waits, B.A., Vice-President; Jas. B. Fraser, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer; J. Somerville, Librarian. The association will meet at the quarterly meetings of the Presbytery, read and discuss papers, analyze texts, and deal with such practical questions as may be helpful in the work of the ministry. It is the purpose of the members to have a book and magazine bureau for their benefit. At each meeting there will be a review of some new book. The constitution adopted shows the association is organized for work.

MONDAY, April 8th, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. Geo. and Mrs. MacLennan, the Manse Camlachie, was made the occasion for the presentation to them of a beautiful silver cake basket by Mr. H. A. Currie, Collingwood, Mrs. MacLennan's brother; and a magnificent silver service valued at \$75 by the members of their family. Rev. G. A. MacLennan, B.A., and lady, Comber; Miss MacLennan, Mr. Currie MacLennan, University College, Toronto; S. Fraser MacLennan, Principal, Comber P.S.; Misses Janet F., Flora A., and Master Arch. H. MacLennan. After the presentation, an unbroken family, they sat down to a sumptuous dinner, the courses being interspersed with pleasant conversation and good wishes.

AFTER the adjournment of the W. F. M. S., on Wednesday last, several hundred ladies convened a separate meeting, Mrs. Robertson of Collingwood in the chair, for the purpose of expressing their sentiments regarding the incorporation and endowment of the Jesuits and also regarding their own duty in connection therewith. The result of considerable discussion was the hearty adoption of the following resolution. That we, a gathering of Presbyterian women, hailing from many parts of the Province of Ontario, now in conference assembled, desire to express our appreciation and admiration of the course pursued by the thirteen Members of Parliament who voted for the disallowance of the Jesuits' Estates Act. Further, we resolve, more earnestly than ever, to instil into the minds of our children those great principles of civil and religious liberty bequeathed to us by noble men and women, and in all the relations of life to seek to influence those with whom we come in contact zealously to resist the encroachment of a power which threatens to deprive us of this precious legacy.

A VERY pleasing event took place on the evening of the 7th inst., at the manse, Pinkerton. A large number of friends gathered—with well-filled baskets and cheerful countenances—and, after calling Dr. Douglass to the chair, presented Miss Eadie with a beautiful gold watch and basket. Engraved on the inner case was "Presented to Miss Eadie, by her friends. Pinkerton, March 1889." The presentation was made by Miss Douglass, and an address was read by Miss Spence. The address was signed on behalf of the community by J. G. Douglas, M.D., Albert Pinkerton, Mary Spence, Mrs. K. W. Geary, Fanny Douglass, K. L. Kidd, A. A. Young, Robt. W. Geary. Mr. Eadie replied on behalf of his daughter in a few suitable words expressing his sorrow at parting from so many sincere friends, and, thanking them heartily for their very generous gift and the kind wishes contained in the address. Mr. K. W. Geary was called on and made a short speech, extending the sentiment of the address to Mr. and Mrs. Eadie and the other members of the family, and remarked that, though leaving here, they would still be residing in the Banner County of Bruce, so we no doubt would often have the pleasure of meeting them again. This was followed by a short programme of music, recitations, etc., concluding with the consumption of the contents of the aforesaid baskets. The remainder of the evening was spent enjoyably in numerous games and amusements.

MINUTE adopted by Toronto Presbytery in relation to the loss sustained by the death of Professor Young: That the Presbytery desires to record its sense of the great loss the Church and country has sustained by the death of Professor George Paxton Young, I.I.D., and its appreciation of the important services he rendered the educational interests, not only of our Church, but of the whole Province. The first three years of his residence in this country were spent as minister of Knox Church, Hamilton, whilst the remaining thirty-five years were devoted to the work of teaching. For eleven years he conducted theological classes in Knox College; for three years more he taught in the preparatory department of the same institution. He was for four years inspector of grammar schools for Ontario. The last seventeen years of his life he was Professor of Logic, Metaphysics and Ethics in University College, Toronto. Dr. Young in all these spheres, and especially in the capacity of a teacher, discharged his duties with unusual fidelity, and with conspicuous ability. Professor Young was ardently devoted to the ascertainment of truth, and was eminently appreciative of the intellectual difficulties of students, and singularly patient and wise in dealing with them. He was remarkable for his modesty, humility and spirituality of character. He not only filled with rarest distinction various spheres of duty in this country, but he especially to mathematical work has made contributions which have secured the admiration and gratitude of those most qualified to appreciate the most difficult undertakings in that

field of scientific research. It is a matter of devout thankfulness that such a man as Dr. Young exerted a marked educational influence in this country, at such an early and formative period of its history; that his teaching in an age too largely materialistic in its thinkings were eminently spiritualistic, and that in a marked degree he showed that the highest learning and the humblest piety may be tenants of a single breast.

FOLLOWING is the deliverance of the Toronto Presbytery on the Jesuit Estates Act: That the Presbytery of Toronto expresses its emphatic condemnation of the Jesuit Estates Act passed by the Legislature of Quebec. This Act, as we believe, is in violation of the principles of civil and religious liberty and equality, while in some of its features it seems to be unconstitutional. More particularly the Presbytery protests against the Act on the following grounds. (a) It diverts to a great extent from the purposes of education the proceeds of certain lands which were accepted in trust by the Province of Quebec and by Canada for such purposes exclusively. (b) It permits the direct application to ecclesiastical and sectarian uses of public funds—a thing which does not appear to be contemplated by the Act of Confederation as ultra vires either of the Dominion or of the Provinces. (c) It is specially to be condemned that this Act recognizes the right of the Pope to interfere in our civil affairs in direct contravention of Imperial statutes and in derogation of the supremacy of the Queen. (d) The distribution of the sum of \$400,000 being by the Act left entirely to the discretion of the Pope, it is well understood that a considerable part of this money will be applied to the endowment of a society which was disqualified to hold property by Imperial Act in 1774, though in the face of that Act it has recently been incorporated by the Province of Quebec—a society which has been suppressed by nearly all European nations and by the Roman See itself in the interests of public tranquility and morality. The Presbytery regards it as the duty of all good citizens, irrespective of creed, to oppose legislation which threatens the peace of the Dominion, and must regard the responsibility for stirring up discord and strife as resting entirely upon those who defended this unjust, sectarian and disloyal measure. It is matter of deep regret that the Dominion Government has not seen fit to disallow the Jesuit Estates Act nor to take any steps to prevent its coming into effect; and still more is it to be regretted that the House of Commons should not have intervened in any form for the protection of interests of which it should be the especial guardian. The Presbytery further puts on record its admiration of, and sense of gratitude to, those members of the House who, with so much ability, courage and integrity, have lifted up their voices in vindication of justice and of perfect religious freedom and equality; they may be assured that when the true significance of the legislation, which they have manfully opposed, the extent to which freedom is endangered by the forces which had secured this legislation, come to be fully recognized, the services which they have rendered will not be forgotten.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA. This Presbytery held a *pro rata* meeting on the 26th ult. in the first Church, Vancouver, Rev. Donald MacRae, Moderator. The Rev. Mr. Jamieson reported having moderated in a call to a minister at Richmond, and that the call was unanimously in favour of Rev. John A. Jaffray, B.A. Stipend, \$1,000 and a manse. The call was sustained and accepted by Mr. Jaffray, and his induction appointed to take place in the church on Lea Island on Tuesday, August 6, at three p.m., Rev. Messrs. Jamieson to preside, McLaren to preach, Tait to address the minister and W. R. Ross the congregation. The Moderator having obtained six months' leave of absence and the Clerk two months at last meeting of Presbytery, Mr. D. Fraser was appointed to act as Moderator *pro tem.* in the absence of Mr. MacRae, and Mr. E. D. McLaren to act as Clerk in the absence of Mr. Thomson. The Clerk was instructed to telegraph to the Home Mission Committee to appoint an ordained missionary to Spillam been instead of Mr. Jaffray. T. G. THOMSON, Pres. Clerk.

NOTE.—All correspondence with Presbytery of Columbia during June and July to be sent to Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., Vancouver, B.C.

PRESBYTERY OF SARINIA. The Presbytery of Sarinia met in St. Andrew's Church, Sarinia, lately, Rev. Mr. Hume, Moderator, in the chair. Rev. Mr. McCutcheon asked and obtained leave of absence from the middle of April to the end of September, with a view of visiting Scotland. He intimated that he had made ample provision for the supply of his pulpit during his absence. The Presbytery granted the request, expressing the hope that Mr. McCutcheon would be benefited by his transatlantic trip. An extract minute was read from the Presbytery of Renfrew and Lennox, intimating that they had agreed to a translation of Rev. Mr. Graham from his charge of Bristol to that of Watford and Main Road in this Presbytery. It was agreed to appoint Rev. Mr. Graham's induction to take place at Watford on the 27th inst., at 1.30 p.m. Rev. Mr. Pritchard to preach. Rev. Mr. Macadam to address the minister, and Rev. Mr. McKibbin to address the people. The edict to be served in due time. Rev. Mr. Currie, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, read the half yearly report, from 1st of October, 1888, to the 31st of March, 1889. The claims from the various stations and aid-receiving congregations were submitted; also a petition for continuation of services at Page's school house, in connection with Marthaville. The report was received and its recommendations considered. It was agreed to recommit the petition and inform the petitioners that out of justice to the people of the Tenth Line, Brooke, services be discontinued at Page's school house, and that the labour of Rev. Mr. McRobie be confined to Marthaville, directing him to give two services there each Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Currie was instructed to communicate with the parties in terms of this decision. In terms of the reports from the deputations visiting and receiving congregations, the following sums were agreed upon:—Oranua, grant continued: Point Edward, \$200. Oil Springs and Oil City, \$150. Guthrie's and Black Creek, \$5 per Sabbath, or \$300 on settlement. The Presbytery received with great satisfaction the announcement that Forest had become self-sustaining. Log Church, Brooke, was granted \$1 per Sabbath. The committee was instructed to procure students for the supplying of these stations. Rev. Mr. Hume asked advice in regard to differences in Arkona congregation, arising from the introduction of an organ into the church on a recent occasion. Having considered the matter, it was agreed to appoint a deputation, consisting of Messrs. Pritchard, Macadam and Anderson, ministers, and Mr. Leitch, elder, to visit that congregation and endeavour to harmonize matters. Mr. Tibb, minister, and Mr. Maylury, elder, were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Rev. Mr. Tibb submitted, on behalf of the committee for that purpose, a motion in regard to the mode of electing delegates to the General Assembly. The clauses were considered *en bloc*, when it was recommended to the committee till next ordinary meeting. The following delegates were appointed to the General Assembly: Ministers—Messrs. Beamer, R. W. Leitch, John Anderson, in Order of Roll; and Mr. Cuthbertson and Dr. Thompson by ballot; elders by ballot, Hon. Alex. Vidal, D. L. Leitch, T. A. Maylury, P. A. McDermid and David Miller. Messrs. Macadam, Pritchard and Henderson, ministers, and D. L. Leitch, elder, were appointed a committee to consider remits, and submit draft resolutions anent the same at the meeting in April next. Mr. Tibb, on behalf of the committee on Sabbath Schools; Mr. Johnston, on behalf of the committee on Temperance, and Mr. MacLennan on behalf of the committee on the State of Religion gave in full and excellent reports on these various subjects. After consideration of the same the Conveners were instructed to transmit their reports to the Conveners of the Synod's Committees on their respective questions. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in Sar-

nia, in St. Andrew's Church there, on the second Tuesday in July, at 2.30 p.m. There was laid on the table and read a report of the annual meeting of the Presbytery's Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The report was received and considered with much interest. The Presbytery continues to feel interested in the progress of the society, and reaffirms its resolution of December last in regard to the formation of auxiliaries throughout the bounds. Principal Grant was nominated Moderator of the next General Assembly to be held in Toronto in June next.—GEO. C. THURSTON, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—Met on the second inst., Rev. Walter Amos, Moderator. Rev. I. A. Grant reported that he had met with the congregation of Streetsville and moderated in a call, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, minister of Wauhaushene A.S., in the Presbytery of Barrie. The call was found to be signed by 198 members, and concurred in by 74 adherents. The stipend promised is \$1000, together with a manse. After hearing Dr. Thom and Messrs. Madill and Wyhe as commissioners, the Presbytery approved of Mr. Grant's conduct in the matter, sustained the call, and ordered the same to be transmitted with relative papers to the Presbytery of Barrie. Also the Moderator and Mr. Grant were appointed to appear before said Presbytery, and to act for the Presbytery in prosecution of the call. A petition was read from 111 members and 19 adherents of St. Andrew's Church in the city, who worship in St. Mark's Mission Church, praying the Presbytery to organize them as a regular congregation. In connection therewith a document was read, signed by 69 of the persons aforesaid, and others, promising that in the event of their being organized they would give weekly in support of services among them, the sums opposite their names, amounting in all to \$17.80 per week. After hearing Messrs. John Joss and R. F. Dale as commissioners the Presbytery resolved in the meantime that the neighbouring Session of West Church be notified of the foregoing, and be requested to express their mind thereon at next meeting. A minute anent the late Professor Dr. Young, of University College, was submitted and read by Rev. G. M. Milligan, who also moved the adoption of the same: the motion was seconded by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and was unanimously adopted (see another column). Rev. Dr. Caven, as convener of another committee, submitted and read a deliverance on the Jesuits' Estates Bill. The deliverance was also unanimously adopted, and was so disposed of by all the members standing, (see the deliverance in another column). A petition was read from 101 persons, representing themselves as holding the principles of the Presbyterian Church, and as meeting for religious services in St. George's Hall, Toronto, asking the Presbytery to organize them as a congregation in connection with our church. In support of the petition Mr. W. Colville and Mr. J. J. Kennerley appeared as commissioners, and were severally heard, who also answered several questions put to them. It was moved and agreed, that the neighbouring Sessions of East Church, Cooke's Church, Knox Church and Leslieville be notified of the foregoing, and be requested to express their minds thereon at next meeting. It was stated by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell that he wished to amend in some measure the overture of which he had given notice at the previous meeting. He accordingly read the overture as amended by him, and moved the adoption of the same. The motion was seconded by Mr. Massie. Considerable discussion ensued thereon. When this discussion came to a close, the question was put by the Moderator Shall this overture be adopted, yea, or nay? and 4 voted yea, while 8 voted nay, quite a number not voting at all. Rev. Joseph Johnstone tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge; and thereupon it was resolved to cite his congregations (Hornby and Omagh) to appear for their interests at next meeting. Notice was given by Rev. W. Frizzell that at next meeting he would move the adoption of the following overture: Whereas sections 3, 4, 6 and 7 of chapter III. in the Confession of Faith concuss the views of many of our most worthy and faithful members and office-bearers, whereas said sections are sometimes distorted and used by non-presbyterians to the injury of our Church, therefore be it humbly overtured to the venerable the General Assembly to appoint a committee to revise said sections of chapter III, and that said revision be sent down to presbyteries for their consideration. Messrs. G. Needham, B.A., Thos. Nattress, B.A., J. A. Marten, L. C. Emis, Wm. Neilly, Dugald McMillan, Jno. Robertson, James Gilchrist, M. C. Rumball, M.A., D. C. Hossack, I. L. B., A. J. Jansen, P. J. Pettinger, T. R. Shearer, B.A., J. McI. Scott, W. P. McKenzie, M. N. Bethune, K. Johnstone, A. E. Mitchell, M.A., and J. McD. Duncan, B.A., all of them students of Knox College, appeared before the Presbytery and underwent preliminary trials for license; the said trials were sustained; and it was agreed to ask leave of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston to take the said student on public probationary trials. As convener of the Presbytery's committee on Temperance Rev. P. Nicol submitted and read a report, as also a number of relative recommendations. The recommendations were considered *en bloc*, and after some alterations made thereon, were approved of, and ordered to be sent along with the report to the Synod's committee. In terms of application duly made, authority was given to Rev. W. Frizzell to moderate in a call from the congregations of Queensville and Ravenshoe. Next meeting of Presbytery is to be held on the 7th of May, at 10 a.m.—R. MONIRATH, Pres. Clerk.

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The largest meeting yet of this important organization was held in Toronto last week. The members of the Society assembled for business in St. James Square Church which was well filled by a large number of delegates from every part of the Province.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday morning, Mrs. Ewart presiding. After devotional exercises, Mrs. Kellogg, on behalf of the members of the city branches of the society, delivered the address of welcome to which Mrs. Rogers, of Desboro, responded. The president's address outlined the work of the past year, and by its showing encouraged the members to renewed exertions during the present one. Letters of greeting were read from the following societies: The Philadelphia Board of Foreign Missions, the Presbyterian Board of United States Northwest Missions, the New York Board of Foreign Missions, the Canadian Women's Board of Missions, Montreal; the Missionary Association of St. John's, Newfoundland; the Brandon Presbyterian Society. The reports of the various Presbyterian societies were presented.

The annual report of the foreign work was submitted by the foreign secretary. It contained reports from the following stations: The New Hebrides, Trinidad, British Guiana, China, Central India, Indore City, Ojsem, Kullam, Neemuch and Mhow. The medical work is progressing satisfactorily and the outlook for the future is hopeful. The report dealt with the missions to the Indians of Canada or the home department. It includes reports of the establishment of schools and churches among the various tribes and records the advancement of the labours of the missionaries as successful as could be expected.

From the report presented by the foreign secretary it is learned that \$2,211.40 over the sum required by estimate have been realized, and the average per member, including even the lately formed and juvenile branches, is about \$2. This success has been brought about by each live member at her post, painstaking and not easily discouraged. Besides the money, over 23,000 pounds weight of clothing were forwarded for the outward comfort of the Indians in North-West last season, a larger proportion than usual of which was new material. These were distributed in all the reserves and schools where mission work is being done by our church among the Indians. The new organizations since last annual meeting are:—Four Presbyterian societies, fifty-eight auxiliaries, and forty-five mission bands,