

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbytery of Stratford have nominated the Rev. Professor McLaren for the Assembly Moderatorship.

THE Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew proposed the Rev. Principal Grant as Moderator of the General Assembly.

THE Rev. Dr. King has been nominated for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly by the Presbyteries of London, Sarnia and Manitoba.

THE Rev. Kenneth McLennan, M.A., has received nomination for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly from the Presbyteries of Peterborough and St. John, N.B.

THE Rev. R. Wallace has received since last acknowledgment for the disabled minister \$3 25 from Thomas Ferguson and others; \$4 from William Baker and others, Ayr.

HUNTINGDON, P.Q.—On the occasion of his ninth anniversary in this place, the Rev. J. B. Muir, A.M., of St. Andrew's Church, was, on the 14th March the recipient of a beaver fur coat and sea otter fur cap (valued at \$130) from his congregation, as tokens of their high appreciation of his abilities as a preacher, and as pledges of their affectionate regard for him in his pastoral and social visits amongst them.

THE anniversary services of the church in Collingwood, of which the Rev. R. Rodgers is pastor, were held on Sabbath the 4th inst. The Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, conducted the services both morning and evening. The discourses on both occasions were able and earnest, and were listened to by large congregations with deep interest. Mr. Grant gave an address to the Sabbath School in the afternoon, on "Character formed Little by Little," which will be long remembered by those who heard it. Special collections were taken up at all the services.

By appointment of Presbytery, a special general meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, was held on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., for the purpose of moderating in a call to a minister, to succeed the Rev. D. M. Gordon in the pastorate of this church. After Divine service, conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. Joseph White, the congregation resolved to extend a call to the Rev. Jas. Ross, B.D. of Perth; and, considering the unanimity of the call and the important interests involved, it is hoped that he will in due time signify his acceptance of the same.

THE anniversary services of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, were held on the 4th and 5th of March. On Sabbath the 4th, the Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., of Knox Church, Galt, preached to large congregations, both morning and evening, and the earnest and powerful words he spake will not soon be forgotten. On Monday evening a soiree was held, which in every respect was a most successful one. After an excellent tea, of which nearly 500 partook in the basement, addresses were delivered in the church by the Rev. Messrs. Maxwell (Methodist), Alexander of Mount Pleasant, Beattie of Oxford, and Wright of Stratford. The choir of the church rendered excellent service in furnishing the musical part of the programme. The proceeds realized a very handsome sum.

THE annual meeting of the Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society was held on Friday evening, March 9th. The various reports for the year were read, showing the Society to be in a very flourishing condition. The prizes in the different departments were awarded as follows:—Essayist: 1st, W. Robertson, B.A.; 2nd, W. S. McTavish. Public Speaking. 1st, J. Ballantyne, B.A.; 2nd, J. Builder, B.A. Secular Reading, D. McColl; Scripture Reading, A. B. Meldrum. The following gentlemen were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, J. S. McKay, B.A.; 1st Vice-President, G. E. Freeman; 2nd ditto, W. S. McTavish; Critic, J. A. Jaffary, B.A.; Recording Secretary, W. A. Duncan, B.A.; Corresponding Secretary, J. M. Gardiner; Treasurer, W. Farquharson; Secretary of Committee, J. L. Campbell; Curator, C. Rutherford. Councillors: J. Hamilton, B.A., H. C. Howard and C. Webster. Editors of "Knox College Monthly": J. S. McKay, B.A., G. E. Freeman, J. C. Smith, B.A., W. L. H. Rowand, B.A.; J. L. Campbell, W. Farquharson; Manager, J. A. Jaffary, B.A.; Treasurer, R. C. Tibb. Mr. J.

Mutch, M.A., the retiring 1st Vice-President, read the valedictory address, after which the meeting was closed.

THE time-honoured annual soiree of the Presbyterian congregation of Columbus was held lately—as usual, proving a success. About 500 sat down to a tea, got up by the ladies in splendid style, and served in the basement. After refreshments, addresses were delivered by the following: Rev. A. Leslie, of Newtonville, on "Some of the Evils of Our Political System;" Rev. C. Fraser, on the "Family," showing the influence of home training; and Rev. A. A. Drummond, of Newcastle, on "Woman's Position." Just before the last named reverend gentleman gave his address, Mr. Wm. Smith stepped forward and in the name of the congregation, read an address, expressive of appreciation of Mr. Carmichael's efficient labours and estimable qualities, and Mrs. R. G. Ratcliff presented Mr. Carmichael with a purse and a silver cake basket for Mrs. Carmichael. Rev. Mr. Carmichael made an appropriate and feeling response, expressing his astonishment that after having so lately received an increase of salary from \$800 to \$1,000 the congregation should have presented him with these generous gifts. On the following evening a social was held, at which the attendance was large, and an interesting programme, composed of an opening address by Rev. Mr. Sanderson, followed by readings, recitations, and music, all rendered in good style, was provided. The proceeds of the two evenings amounted to \$142. The united congregations of Columbus and Brooklyn purpose erecting a more commodious stable for their pastor during the coming summer, and to that end are now getting the necessary material drawn to the spot.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This court met on the 13th inst. A number of members were absent on account of the snow stopping trains. Messrs. Wm. Burns and W. T. Wilkins being present, were invited to correspond. Presbytery adopted a series of questions for the visitation of congregations, and appointed the visitation of Mitchell on the second Tuesday of July next. It was agreed, agreeably to the desire of Trowbridge, to ask Synod to transfer it to the Presbytery of Maitland, with a view to re-union with Molesworth. Mr. Fotheringham reported that he had declared the vacancy at Listowel, and Mr. Bell's name was removed from the roll. Mr. Kay was authorized to moderate in a call at Listowel when the congregation should be ready to proceed. The Treasurer was instructed to allocate the expenses of Presbytery for the year among the congregations, according to the number of members and families. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed as follows: Messrs. Wright, P. Scott, and E. W. Pantton, by rotation; Messrs. Alex. Wood, John Stewart, Thos. McPherson, J. C. Ross, and Dr. Hodge, elders; and Messrs. Gordon and Wilson, by ballot. Professor McLaren was nominated Moderator of General Assembly. A circular from the Presbytery of Sydney was read, intimating a desire to receive as a minister of the Church, Mr. James Scott, formerly of the Methodist Church, N.S. In the evening a public conference was held on the State of Religion and Sabbath Schools.—JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Cannington on Tuesday, 27th February, at eleven a.m. Rev. A. Ross, M.A., Moderator. Present ten ministers and six elders. Minutes of former meetings were read and sustained. Reports were given in with regard to missionary meetings. On petition from North Mara congregation, the station at Longford was given up, and the North Mara congregation henceforth to be called Uptergrove. In terms of a letter from the Rev. A. McKay, M.A., formerly pastor of Eldon, the Clerk was instructed to forward to him a Presbyterian certificate, and remove his name from the roll of the Presbytery; the Presbytery expressing their sympathy with him in his impaired health, their thankfulness in learning of improvement, and a hope that he may be fully restored and enabled to resume pastoral duty. Mr. S. Acheson and his elder, Mr. Alex. Leask, were appointed to receive the returns from Sabbath schools, and prepare a report for the Synod. Rev. J. Hastie and Mr. John Matthie those on State of Religion. A conversation was held on temperance, and several ministers reported having preached on the subject and done work in connection with the cause. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Revs. A. Currie,

M.A., E. Cockburn, M.A., and J. Hastie, and Messrs. D. Grant, James Leask, and J. C. Gilchrist, elders. On application made by the pastor and elder of Fenelon congregation it was agreed that the name of the congregation be changed to Glenarm. Mr. Charles Rennie, elder, gave notice of a motion that collections be taken up from the congregations to defray the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly. The claims of supplemented congregations and mission stations for the six months were considered, and supply for vacancies for the summer. Rev. J. Hastie and Messrs. J. Matthie and J. Watson were appointed a deputation to visit Cambray congregation on Monday, 12th March, at two p.m., and report to adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Woodville, on Tuesday 13th March. The Presbytery considered the remits sent down by the General Assembly. Next regular meeting of Presbytery to be held at Woodville on Tuesday, 29th May, at eleven a.m.—J. R. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery held its quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, 13th inst., when there was a large attendance of ministers, elders and delegates. Mr. Milligan, of Toronto, Mr. Doak, of Sarnia, and Mr. Hudson were asked to sit with the Presbytery and took their seats accordingly. Mr. Goldie, of Watford, was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The clerk read extract minutes from the Presbytery of Maitland, intimating that Mr. Leach had accepted the call from Point Edward. The Presbytery appointed the induction to take place on the 3rd of April next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon; Mr. Thompson to preside, Mr. McKutcheon to preach, Mr. Currie to address the minister, and Mr. McAlmon to address the people; the edict to be served in due time. The Presbytery proceeded to take up the petition from parties in Petrolea, which had been laid on the table at the last meeting. Parties appeared, Messrs. Boosey, Agnew, Shields and McClure for the petitioners, and Geo. Railton and John Scott for the congregation at Petrolea. Resolutions were read from the congregation and the subscription list for the petitioners was laid on the table. Mr. Boosey wished to table a protest against the reception of the resolution from the congregation at Petrolea. The protest was ruled out of order, and the parties were heard in the above order. It was agreed to set aside the order of business and continue the Petrolea affair; questions were asked and parties removed. It was moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. McKutcheon, "That the prayer of the petitioners be granted in so far as the supply of preaching is concerned; and that, should the aspect of the matter warrant their doing so, steps be taken at the next regular meeting to organize the petitioners into a congregation in accordance with the laws of the Church." It was moved in amendment by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Wyatt, "That all after the word 'concerned' in the motion be erased, and that the motion be amended to read as follows: 'that the prayer of the petitioners be granted in so far only as the supply of preaching is concerned; but that no expression as to the future organization into a congregation be now given by the Presbytery.'" It was further moved in amendment by Mr. Cuthbertson, seconded by Mr. McDonald, "That inasmuch as from the showing of the petitioners considerable difficulties exist at Petrolea, which the Presbytery deplures, and inasmuch as from what has transpired, if the ability of the petitioners to maintain ordinances is not questionable, at least it is evident that the existence of the present congregation would be imperilled, in taking such a hazardous step as granting the prayer of the petition; the Presbytery therefore refuse to do so and declare accordingly." The vote being taken, Mr. Wells's motion carried, and the Presbytery declared accordingly. Mr. Duncan, minister, and Mr. Elliot, elder, were appointed members of Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. Dr. J. M. King, of Toronto, was unanimously nominated Moderator of the General Assembly. The following were appointed delegates to the General Assembly in the order of the roll: Messrs. Hector Currie and P. C. Goldie; by ballot, John Thompson and James Carswell. The following elders were elected: Messrs. Francis Blaikie, John Ross, D. Mackenzie, and A. Watson. On Wednesday morning the Presbytery met at nine o'clock, and Messrs. Johnston and McDonald were appointed to confer with the petitioners of Petrolea and obtain all information which they could possibly gather with regard to present position and future prospects.