

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. ANDREW HENDERSON has declined the call to Alexandria, Presbytery of Glengarry.

REV. F. R. BEATTIE, M.A., of Baltimore and Coldsprings, has accepted the call to the First Church, Brantford.

THE contract for the new church at Durham has been let. The cost of the building will be about \$4,000 when finished.

REV. MR. STALKER has accepted a call from the congregation of Gladstone, Manitoba, and will be inducted on the 5th of April.

THE congregation of Kildonan, Manitoba, has obtained permission from the Presbytery to hear candidates with a view to giving a call.

THE congregation of High Bluff, Manitoba, have obtained permission from the Presbytery to sell all except one acre of their glebe, consisting of 40 acres, more or less.

AT the meeting of the Presbytery of Manitoba on the 15th inst., the Rev. A. Campbell was appointed to moderate in a call by the congregation of Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the 29th.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane has been nominated to the Moderatorship of the Assembly by the Presbyteries of Kingston, Hamilton, Maitland, Sarnia, and Chatham; and the Rev. J. M. King, M.A., by that of Toronto.

THE Rev. A. G. Forbes, Clerk of the Presbytery of Bruce, states that the congregation of North Bruce contributed \$40 last year to the Foreign Mission Fund, and not \$4, as given in the Appendix to the Assembly's minutes.

THE congregation of Kirkhill, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, has extended a call to the Rev. Wm. Ferguson, of Glaramis. They promise a salary of \$700 with manse. The call is subscribed by 297 members and adherents.

THE Rev. J. C. Burgess, having for urgent reasons tendered his resignation of the clerkship of the Presbytery of St. John, N.B., the Presbytery reluctantly accepted the same and unanimously elected Dr. Bennett to the vacant office.

THE Presbytery of Manitoba has authorized the Rev. Messrs. J. C. Tibb of Rapid City, Farquharson of Pilot Mound, and W. R. Ross of Campbellville, to proceed to the election of elders and the organization of Sessions in their respective groups.

THE Millbrook congregation recently presented Mr. Thomas Gillett with an address and two elegant pieces of plate "as an expression of their very high appreciation of his valuable and cheerfully rendered assistance in the service of song during the past six years."

THE Bible class and some of the young people of Cumberland met at the Manse on Friday, the 10th inst., and presented their pastor, Rev. Robert Hughes, with an address and \$29 as a small token of their appreciation of his labours amongst them in the Sabbath school.—COM.

REV. A. CAMPBELL, of Little Britain, Man., has obtained leave from the Presbytery, on account of ill-health, to withdraw from regular pastoral duty for six months from 1st April. He is to be employed, however, by the Presbytery in incidental work as his health may permit.

ON the evening of the 14th inst. the young people of the English Settlement congregation visited the manse, and, in view of Mrs. Whimster's approaching departure with her family to join her husband (late pastor of the congregation) in Manitoba, presented her with a very handsome dinner set, accompanied by an address.

THE annual report of the Sabbath school in connection with Chalmers Church, Woodstock, read at the anniversary meeting on the 9th inst., gave the number of scholars on the roll as 306; average attendance, 217; number of teachers and officers, 32. The collections of the school during the year amounted to \$154.67. At the meeting this was apportioned as follows: Pupil at Pointe-aux-Trembles, \$50; Home Mission Fund, \$70; Foreign Mission Fund, \$34.67.

THE fourth Sabbath school convention of the Presbytery of Saugeen was held in Knox Church, Mount Forest, on the 15th inst. The president, Rev. John Macmillan, occupied the chair, and in his opening address gave the keynote to the proceedings, which were

well sustained throughout. Rev. Messrs. Aull, Campbell, Fraser, Yeung, Nicol and Morrison introduced their respective subjects in able and interesting addresses. The mass meeting of children was addressed by Mr. John Watt and Rev. Messrs. Baillie and Aull.—COM.

REV. R. HUME has tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the St. George congregation. At a meeting held in the church on the 21st inst. it was resolved, "That whilst preferring to retain Mr. Hume's services, and regretting that circumstances should have arisen leading him to resign his charge in St. George, which he has held for a long period of twenty-two years, the congregation feel that they ought not to oppose his resignation, should he see fit to adhere to it." The matter will be dealt with by the Presbytery of Paris, at Ingersoll, on the 10th of April.

FROM the printed annual report of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, the total receipts for 1881 appear to be about \$12,000, of which the following sums were apportioned to the various Schemes of the Church: Home Missions, \$649; Foreign Missions, \$638.41; French Evangelization, \$416; College Fund, \$387.66; Manitoba College, \$100; Knox College, \$25; Knox College Bursary Fund, \$60; Knox College Students' Missionary Society, \$17.67; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$73.85; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$36.50; Mission work in Italy, \$12.50; total, \$2,416.59. In addition to the foregoing, the sum of \$300 has been contributed during the past year towards the support of Erskine Church congregation, formerly "Pearl Street Mission," which was under the control of this church for many years, but is now a vigorous congregation, nearly self-supporting. The Sabbath school also collected \$427.67, which was voted as follows: for Home Mission Fund, \$170; Foreign Mission Fund, \$70; Knox College Bursary Fund, \$60; French Evangelization, \$60; Pointe-aux-Trembles School, \$50; Knox College Students' Missionary Society, \$17.67.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, on the 23rd inst. (March), mainly for the induction of Rev. C. A. Tanner, but also for other business. In reply to intimation given of a memorial received at last meeting from certain persons meeting for worship in Temperance Hall, Toronto, reports were received from neighbouring Sessions, stating in substance that they cannot approve of the memorialists being organized as a congregation on Carleton street. On motion made, it was resolved to postpone said matter to next ordinary meeting, which was appointed to be held in the usual place on the 18th of April, at eleven a.m. A circular was read from the Foreign Mission Committee, calling attention to the strong claims of the Missions referred to, and the Presbytery agreed to commend the consideration of said claims to the practical support of the congregations within its bounds. Several other matters having been disposed of, the Presbytery proceeded to the more special work of the day. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell preached a valuable sermon from Rom. xii. 1. "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God," etc. The Clerk narrated the principal steps which had been taken to fill up the vacancy. Rev. J. M. Cameron, as Moderator, put the usual questions, and after prayer, in name of the Presbytery, inducted Mr. Tanner to the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, and St. John's Church, Markham. Mr. Tanner was then addressed in appropriate terms by Rev. J. Carmichael, of King, and the people likewise by Rev. R. P. Mackay. The church was filled to overflowing, and Mr. Tanner received a most cordial welcome from his people. The report I gave of last meeting of Presbytery referred to a petition from the Session of Brampton, it ought to have run, transmitted by the Session. R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in Hamilton on the 21st inst. Twenty-four ministers and ten elders were present. It was resolved to petition Parliament in favour of the bills regarding the Temporalities Fund, etc. The reports on Sabbath schools, Sabbath school conferences, temperance and the state of religion were received, and in the evening a conference on the two last-named subjects was held, when resolutions were adopted with a view to bringing these subjects more fully under the notice of congregations and sessions. Mr. Thomas Thomp-

son was recognized as a student in the preparatory department, having the ministry in view, and was recommended as a catechist to the Home Mission Committee. Dr. Cochrane was nominated as Moderator for next General Assembly. The following were appointed commissioners: ministers, by rotation—Messrs. Thyme, Robertson, McDonald, Porteous, Goldsmith; by election—Dr. James, Messrs. Laing, Bruce, Fletcher, Grant; and elders, Messrs. G. Ruth erford, J. Waldie, A. J. McKenzie, J. Hutchinson, J. Osborne, N. McNeill, W. Henderson, R. McQueen, A. Wilson, J. Charlton, M.P. Mr. McMechan tendered his resignation, and a committee was appointed to confer with him and the congregation and report. Mr. Porteous tendered his resignation, and asked leave to retire from active duty. The resignation was laid on the table, and the congregation was cited for its interests. The remit on the Sustentation and Supplemental Schemes was considered, when a motion to approve the Supplemental Scheme was lost, and the following resolution was adopted by a vote of twelve to nine: "That the Presbytery favours the principle of a Sustentation Fund; but in view of the extent of their Church, and the complex nature of the elements of which it is composed, believes its application in Canada will be a matter requiring special care; and as it is felt that a separation should be made between the Supplemental Fund and the Home Mission Fund, the Presbytery recommends the present adoption of the Supplemental Scheme, with this proviso suggested, that both funds be under the care and management of the same Committee." It was resolved to apply for five student-missionaries for the summer.—JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—The Presbytery of Peterborough met in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, on the 21st of March, 1882. There were present eleven ministers and eight elders. Mr. Torrance was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Paris, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The application of Oak Hill for union with Garden Hill and Knoxville was not granted. On motion of Mr. J. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Presbytery resolved as follows: "The Presbytery having considered the application from Oakhill, and recognizing the difficulties in the way of the union sought for, decide that the application be not granted, but recommend to the families at Oakhill to join in attendance upon the services at Garden Hill and Kendal, and thus strengthen the Church at these points." The Presbytery agreed to ask permission of the General Assembly for Mr. Windell to retire from the active duties of the Ministry. Leave was granted to the congregation of Cobourg to moderate in a fresh call to a minister when ready. Mr. F. R. Beattie accepted of the call from the first congregation of Brantford. Mr. Beattie, of Port Hope, was appointed to declare the pulpits of Baltimore and Coldsprings vacant on the second Sabbath of May, to be Moderator of Session during the vacancy, and to moderate in a call when needed. A delegation was received from Hasungs, asking leave to engage the services of a student on their own behalf for the next six months. A meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held at Hasungs on the 5th of April, at ten o'clock a.m., to consider the application, and the Clerk was instructed to cite all parties interested to be present at said meeting. The Session books of ten of the congregations of the Presbytery were ordered to be attested as carefully and correctly kept. The name of Mr. McLeod, an ordained missionary labouring at Apsley, was ordered to be added to the roll of the Presbytery. Messrs. Cameron and Torrance were appointed as delegates to the General Assembly by rotation, and Messrs. Cleland, Bell, and R. J. Beattie by election by ballot. The elders appointed by open vote were Messrs. Henderson, Haultain, Carnegie, Johnston, and Roxboro. Dr. Cochrane was nominated as Moderator of the Assembly. Mr. Cleland reported on the Home Mission work of the Presbytery. Mr. Stevenson reported that the debt on the Minden manse had been almost extinguished. Arrangements were made for the obtaining of the small balance yet unprovided for. Messrs. R. J. Beattie, Cleland, and Williamson were appointed a committee on temperance; Messrs. Torrance, Bell, Bennett, Haultain, and Carnegie on the state of religion; and Messrs. Henderson, F. R. Beattie, Russell, and Jeffery on Sabbath schools. These committees were invested with Presbyterial