

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Andrew T. Love, Quebec, preached an able sermon to Scotchmen, on St. Andrew's Day.

MRS. NICHOLLS, of Peterboro', has sent to Rev. D. J. Macdonnell \$1,000, as a contribution to the Endowment Fund of Queen's University.

THE Presbytery of Brockville has nominated the Rev. Dr. Proudfoot for the new chair of Church History, Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in Knox College.

AT the close of a meeting of Presbytery a short time ago, one who had been an onlooker remarked: "I do not see that they need a moderator, an accelerator would be better."

WE have received from The Rev. James W. Mitchell, M.A., pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, a neatly painted card, containing a programme of topics for the weekly prayer meeting. It covers a period of seven months. The topics are varied, important and practical.

The funeral sermon on the occasion of the death of the Rev. Robert Scrimgeour, Forest, was preached at Forest on the 22nd November, by the Rev. John Anderson, of St. Andrew's Church, East Williams. There was a large congregation present, who listened to the preacher's appropriate discourse with marked attention.

ON the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 18, several ladies and gentlemen, representing the Presbyterian Church, Mattawa, took possession of the manse. An address was read by Miss Rankin to Mrs. McKechnie, who was taken completely by surprise. In the address, the services of Mrs. McKechnie in the Sabbath school and as occasional organist of the church were referred to. Mrs. C. Lamarche, in the name of the congregation, then presented her with a handsome Astrachan coat. Rev. D. L. McKechnie made a suitable reply, thanking the donors.

Knox Church, Cornwall, has had an agreeable surprise lately. On the first day of this month there was a handsome new bell placed in the tower. It is a present from one of the elders, and bears the inscription: Presented to Knox Church, Cornwall Ont., Rev. James Hestix, pastor, by Robert Craig Esq. J.P., A.D. 1885. It was manufactured to order by the well-known firm of Henry McShanes & Co., Baltimore, U. S. In tone it is rich and melodious. This may be said to now complete the equipment of this handsome church. Since its opening last June, the congregation has made most gratifying progress.

THE Woman's Missionary Society organized some weeks ago in connection with Oakville Presbyterian Church by Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, held its first meeting in the manse, on Monday evening, 30th November. There was a good attendance of old and young; all evidently deeply interested in the success of the society and the promotion of missionary work. In addition to this meeting, once a month, the ladies of the congregation hold a female prayer meeting every Monday evening, and the young ladies hold a meeting for prayer and Bible study every Friday evening. Each of these meetings, as well as the congregational prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, is well attended and greatly enjoyed.

AT McLaren's Mills, on the Kingston and Pembroke Railroad, on Thursday, Nov. 19, a new Presbyterian church was dedicated to the service of God. Divine service was conducted by the Rev. F. McCuaig, Chalmers Church, Kingston, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Houston, Kingston, and Chambers, Wolfe Island. Very earnest and instructive addresses were delivered by these gentlemen, who expressed themselves as highly gratified with the good work that was going on. Miss Jessie Chambers, one of Kingston's best musicians, presided at the organ. The church is indeed a handsome one, costing about \$2,500, and reflects great credit not only on the people, but also on the student, Mr. R. Whitman, of Queen's, who laboured there during the past summer. When we remember the rough nature of this portion of country and the many difficulties which must be contended with, we cannot help praising God for the noble work that is being done among these kind and open-hearted people along the Kingston and Pembroke line. It might be said that Mr. Whitman has laboured with great acceptance for the past three summers in this desolate region of country and during that time has succeeded in erecting two beautiful churches, the only Presbyterian churches in the back-country extending from Sharbot Lake to Matawatchan, a distance of sixty miles. Quite a number of Presbyterian families are scattered abroad in this district, some of whom never hear the sound of the Gospel. It is now proposed to settle an ordained missionary at McLaren's Mills to supervise this large and very interesting field of labour for the Master.

DURING the fall of 1884, John Paxton, an elder of Chalmers Church, Toronto, began a series of cottage prayer meetings in the village of Carlton. The attendance at the first meeting was only four. Mr. Scroggie and Mr. Tennant, brother elders, were afterwards induced to come out and take part. After some time Rev. John Mutch, pastor of Chalmers Church, came and conducted the meetings alternately at the Junction and at Carlton. The people attended in such numbers as to warrant him in bringing the matter before the Presbytery with a view to establish a permanent mission at the Junction. The C. P. R. officials and employees began to locate themselves there at this time in large numbers—many of them Presbyterians—and seeing they were without a place to worship in, the Presbytery at once formed a committee consisting of Rev. A. John Mutch, A. Gilray and R. P. McKay; Messrs. Pantton, Tennant, B. L. Blaikie and Harvey, elders to find a suitable site for a church. The committee were led to believe that they could purchase a building already about half finished, but were disappointed, as the Methodists put in a prior claim. Wm. Whyte, general superintendent of the C. P. R., however, most kindly placed the waiting room of the station at their disposal until such time as a church could be built. Accordingly Rev. John Mutch proceeded to conduct the first Sabbath service in the waiting room at three p.m., on the 25th of January, 1885. Attendance, fifty. After service Mr.

Mutch announced that the Presbyterian ministers of Toronto would, in their turn, conduct the services each Sabbath afternoon, until the closing of Knox College in April, when a student would be appointed to take charge of the field during the summer months. The following ministers, as their names occur, conducted the services:—viz., Rev. Messrs. Gilray, Wallace, Macdonnell, Milligan, Wilson and Niel. On the 28th of April, the Rev. John Mutch and Messrs. Tennant and Paxton, elders (Mr. Wanless being absent), the duly appointed interim session, met with the people, and according to instructions from the Presbytery proceeded to form the Presbyterians residing in the vicinity into a congregation, after which a board of managers was duly elected. James A. Grant, a student from Queen's College, Kingston, commenced work on the first Sabbath of May, and has displayed such zeal, energy and perseverance, that he has been largely instrumental in building up the congregation to its present prosperous condition. He also supplied the Dixie field in connection with the Junction. On the 11th of May a building committee was formed to devise ways and means and proceed to build a church immediately. The people subscribed most liberally, and with the aid of some kind friends in Toronto, soon realized about \$1,100. A site was procured on favourable terms, and the contract let to build a neat, substantial church to seat 200, at a cost of \$1,600. The church was finished on the 8th of October, 1885. The whole cost was about \$2,500, including building, lot and furniture. The church was opened on the following Sabbath, October 11, Rev. Mr. McLaren, of Brampton, preaching in the morning, Rev. H. U. Parsons in the afternoon, and Rev. John Mutch in the evening. The collection on that day was \$103. On October 25, the first communion was observed. Fourteen were received by profession of faith and forty-three by certificate, in all fifty-seven.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—The Presbytery of Lindsay met in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on Tuesday 24th. November.—Rev. H. Sinclair, Moderator.—eleven ministers and five elders present. The constitution of St. Andrew's Church, as amended, was read and sanctioned. After a lengthened conversation on the Augmentation of Stipends, the following deputations were appointed to visit the supplemented congregations, and report next meeting of Presbytery. Rev. D. McDonald and Mr. A. Spence, Fenelon Falls congregation; Rev. G. C. Patterson M.A., and Mr. D. Cameron, Uptergrove; Rev. T. T. Johnston, and Mr. Alex. Leask, Leaskdale and Zephyr. The union of Mount Albert with Scott and Uxbridge was dissolved according to action already taken, and the charge of Mount Albert was declared vacant. Mr. Cockburn was appointed to attend to this matter and represent this Presbytery before the Toronto Presbytery, in connection with the changes. The Moderators of Sessions were requested to arrange for missionary meetings in their respective congregations, and report at next meeting. Supply of the mission field was considered, and other routine business. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Beaverton, on the last Tuesday of February, at eleven a.m. Session Records to be forwarded then for examination.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Press Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.—The last regular meeting of the court was held in Zion Church, Carleton Place, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., the Rev. H. Taylor, Pakenham, Moderator. There was a fair attendance. The business was most routine at this meeting, and of only local interest. A report was given in absent the organization of Olivers Ferry and Port Elmsley into a congregation, and arrangements made for supply during the winter. The Convener of the Home Mission Committee, Dr. Campbell, reported that students' fields had all met their financial engagements. The Rev. D. L. McKechnie was reappointed ordained missionary at Mattawa, for three years. Full and careful arrangements were made for the supply of all vacancies during the winter by members of Presbytery. Action on certain arrangements proposed to be entered into with the Kingston Presbytery was delayed for the present. Reports were given in of missionary meetings which had been held by the conveners of the several deputations appointed to address the meetings. Mr. Robert Bell, of Carleton Place, presented the report of the Presbytery Committee on Statistics and Finance, and discussion was deferred until a subsequent meeting. A committee was appointed to consider the matter of nominating a new professor for Knox College, and to report next meeting. The Rev. J. Samier was put in charge of the subject of Protestant education in Quebec Province, in place of the Rev. M. H. Scott, removed to the Presbytery of Ottawa. The Rev. D. L. McKechnie, of Mattawa, being present at the meeting, gave an interesting account of his wide field, his labours and travels in it, which was attentively listened to by the whole Presbytery. Arrangements and appointments were made for the holding at next meeting, of the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and for conferences upon the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, etc. A verbal report, comprising a plan for the visitation, or bringing before every congregation in the most effective way of the subject of Augmentation of Stipends, was given in by Rev. W. D. Ballantyne, Convener of the Committee, and the whole subject was earnestly taken up and gone into by the Presbytery, which then adjourned to meet again in the same place, on Monday February 22d, at seven p.m.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—The monthly meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 1st inst.—Rev. H. M. Parsons, Moderator. In consequence of the pastorate of Rev. R. Gray having now ceased, Rev. G. E. Freeman was appointed to declare the charge vacant, and to act as interim Moderator of the Session. A letter was read from Rev. J. S. Mackay, of New Westminster, stating that he was commanded by physicians to desist from preaching for some time, and go to California in quest of health. A telegram was also read from him, asking for a vacation of six months. The Presbytery at once granted his application, and instructed the Clerk to write to him, assuring him of their deep sympathy with him, as also of their prayers, and hope that in

the providence of God he may recover health and be spared for further work in the office of the ministry. On behalf of a committee previously appointed to visit and confer with certain congregations as to the practicability of a proposed re-arrangement, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell submitted and read a full report, setting forth the particulars of the visits, and giving it as the opinion of such committee that it is not expedient at present to press further the proposed re-arrangement. With thanks to the committee, the report was received and adopted. The Presbytery took up the report submitted at the previous meeting on the supply of vacant congregations within the bounds. On motion made by Rev. Dr. Reid, the various recommendations of the committee were considered *seriatim*, and after being so considered they were unanimously adopted. On request of Rev. G. M. Milligan, Convener of the Synod's Committee, Rev. J. Neil was appointed the Presbytery's Convener of Committee on Sabbath Schools. On request also of Rev. J. Alexander, Mr. J. K. McDonald was co-joined with him in the oversight of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. At a later stage, Mr. McDonald, as Joint Convener of the Assembly's Committee, addressed the Presbytery on said Fund, and a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. J. K. McDonald, W. M. Clark, A. McMurchy, John Kay, Robert Kilgour, Rev. Messrs. J. Alexander, P. McF. Macleod, G. M. Milligan and J. M. Cameron, to devise and report means for increasing the capital of said Fund. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Lindsay was read, setting forth in substance that in consequence of repeated illness of Rev. D. B. McDonald, said Presbytery had resolved to loose him from the charge of Mount Albert, and continue him minister of St. Andrew's Church, Scott and Uxbridge. Rev. E. Cockburn appeared and was heard on behalf of said Presbytery on the foregoing. Relative minutes were also read, and, on motion made by Rev. A. Gilray, seconded by Rev. W. Meikle, it was agreed in substance that, according to the terms of union between the two congregations, the congregation of Mount Albert (now severed from that of St. Andrew's, and reverting to the oversight of this Presbytery) shall in future be supplied in connection with Ballantrae, and the action thus taken be reported to the Synod. Apportionments of the sums of money required from the Presbytery for the Schemes of the Church were read by the brethren who have charge of said Schemes, and said apportionments being also approved of, they were ordered to be printed and transmitted by the Clerk to the several sessions throughout the bounds. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the 12th day of January, 1886, at ten o'clock a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church on Tuesday evening, November 24. The clerk read a telegram from Rev. M. McKechnie, intimating his inability to attend this meeting owing to the death of one of his elders. Rev. D. M. Gordon reported on his visit to Port Arthur. The report, on motion of Mr. Pringle, seconded by Rev. Mr. Bryden, was received and adopted, and Mr. Gordon thanked for his diligence. Rev. Mr. Pitblado reported having held missionary meetings at Emerson, Dominion City and Green Ridge. His report was received and he was thanked for his diligence. There was presented a report from the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee which was received, and its recommendations considered *seriatim*. The Presbytery adopted the first recommendation, viz.: "That Mr. Fred. W. Nash be appointed to supply Fort Frances as a catechist until the end of March next, with a grant not to exceed \$125; that this action be reported to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, and that Dr. Bryce be instructed to continue his correspondence with this field and urge upon the people there the necessity of their giving as liberally as possible for this purpose, owing to the want of funds at the disposal of this Presbytery." A circular from the Assembly's Committee on Augmentation was received. It was agreed to adopt the second recommendation of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee thereon, which is as follows: That this Presbytery, in the matter of contributions to the Augmentation Fund, make allocation of the same amounts to congregations within its bounds, as last year; but in view of the critical state of the Fund, and the request for increased contributions, recommend congregations to make an earnest effort to add to the amounts contributed for this purpose, and that deputations be appointed to visit each augmented congregation with a view to reduce the amount of aid asked and to urge increased liberality toward this Scheme. The Presbytery instructed the Clerk to reply to the Secretary of the Augmentation Committee, and intimate to him that this Presbytery has considered the circular aforesaid, and has resolved to use its best endeavours to get congregations to reduce the amounts asked for Augmentation, and to increase their contributions to that Scheme. It was moreover agreed to ask Emerson to raise \$20, Dominion City and Green Ridge, \$10, and Fort William \$10, for the Augmentation Fund, and to instruct the Clerk to write congregations which have overlooked the necessity and importance of this Fund to do better in the future. The deputations appointed to hold missionary meetings were, on motion of Prof. Bryce, seconded by Mr. Pringle, instructed to bring the Augmentation Scheme before the people, and also to meet and confer with the managers of each congregation in regard to its duty thereto. On motion of Professor Bryce, seconded by Rev. Mr. Pringle, Rev. John Hogg was appointed missionary in charge of Port Arthur until the second Sabbath in May next, and that on presentation of his Presbyterial papers, the Clerk be authorized to add his name to the roll of the Presbytery. Principal King then introduced the following students attending Manitoba College, as desirous of being recommended by Presbytery to the senate of the college as theological students. Messrs. M. R. Gordon, Angus McLeod, William S. Moore, John McMillan and Donald Munro. Messrs. A. McLaren (Convener), James Douglass, C. W. Bryden and Hon. Justice Taylor were appointed a committee to confer with them and report at a later stage. This committee was granted leave to retire for this purpose. Rev. Mr. Pitblado reported that he had moderated in a call to a minister at Emerson, that the call had come out unanimously in favour of Rev. J. C. Quinn, M.A., one of our missionaries, and is