

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

It is reported that Rev. J. Anderson, late of Paris, is about to receive a call to Jarvis.

MR. COLBORNE HANEY has declined the call given by the Trenton congregation.

THE brick work of the new Presbyterian church at Gorrie is finished, and the carpenters are busy at work.

MR. TURNBULL, late minister of Melrose, etc., now on a visit to Scotland, contemplates returning to Canada in December.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, has called the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of Halifax, N.S.—stipend offered, \$2,500.

WE are sure that the Rev. Mr. Wallace of Toronto, and the Rev. Mr. Tait of Berlin, have the warmest sympathy of very many both within and without the Presbyterian Church, in their recent severe bereavement. As they have comforted many, so may they find the Lord comforting them.

DR. REID has returned greatly invigorated by his sojourn by the sea, and has resumed his onerous and responsible labours with every prospect of his being quite able to overtake them all for a good while to come. The very many friends of the Dr. will, we are sure, be delighted to know that such is the case.

THE Rev. Dr. Tait of Berlin, has, we understand, declined the cordial and unanimous call lately addressed to him by the congregation in Mitchell, preferring to remain in his present charge, though the income is considerably smaller, and the work, we believe, more laborious. The people in Mitchell will be greatly disappointed at this, as we are told Mr. Tait was the first to unite them thoroughly in their choice.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in Caledon East on Sabbath, 25th ult. Rev. Mr. Wild, of Bolton, dispensed the ordinance, and preached excellent sermons for the occasion. Thirteen were added to the church on profession of their faith, and five by certificate. The Sabbath school started last spring is in a prosperous condition, and purchased a library consisting of fifty-six volumes. Presbyterianism is looking up in Caledon East and Sandhill.

A RE-UNION meeting of the Auxiliary Branch of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was held in the school-room of Knox Church, Burlington, on Wednesday evening, September 28th. The attendance was very large, no doubt attracted by the interesting programme prepared by the ladies of the society. After devotional exercises by the Rev. R. H. Abraham, M.A., pastor, addresses were delivered by Miss Duffield and Miss McIlwraith, of Hamilton, on the progress of the work being done by sister societies in this district, the condition of women in India, and the zenana work there respectively. Mrs. Lyle, also of Hamilton, then followed with an exceedingly interesting and instructive paper on Japan. A large collection was taken up, and at the close of the meeting several new members were added to the roll. This society has been growing in interest, and will this year more than double their subscription of past years.

AT the meeting of the Presbytery of Halifax on the 27th ult., the call to the Rev. H. H. McPherson, of Nassagaweya, from St. John's Church, Halifax, was ordered to be forwarded to the Presbytery of Guelph. Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, to represent the Halifax Presbytery. A report on the statistical returns for the past year was submitted, discussed and ordered to be published. A committee was appointed to procure the services of an ordained missionary for Annapolis for six months. The congregation of Wolfville was recommended to receive \$300 from the Hunter Fund, on condition that they raise \$200 toward removing the debt on their church. Rev. R. Logan, of Sheet Harbour, and Rev. W. Thorburn, of Bermuda, obtained leave of absence for five weeks, and one year, respectively. Presbyterian visitations were arranged, reports were received from catechists and probationers, and Presbytery adjourned to meet in November at the opening of the Theological Hall.

IT is with feelings of heartfelt sorrow that we have to record this week, the death of Mrs. Tait, the deservedly esteemed wife of the Rev. Donald Tait, pas-

tor of St. Andrew's Church of this town. The sad event took place on Tuesday morning last at Drummondville. The news of her death was a very painful surprise to her numerous friends here, as it was generally supposed that, though seriously indisposed for some time past, she was fast recovering. The deceased was a lady of very retiring disposition, but was possessed of many amiable traits of character, which endeared her to those who knew her best, and was greatly respected for her natural ability and high educational accomplishments. Her sudden death at an early age, and under such sad circumstances, has plunged her highly esteemed husband and relatives into the deepest grief. Truly the Rev. Mr. Tait's cup of sorrow of late has been filled to overflow, and, if it affords him any consolation under his great trials, he has the warmest sympathy of the whole community. The remains of the deceased were taken to Ingersoll, and on Thursday last were deposited alongside of her lately deceased child.—*Berlin Telegraph.*

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in St. Columba Church, Priceville, on Sept. 20th. It was agreed that the following be a standing question at the ordinary meetings: "What Schemes of the Church has your Congregation Contributed to during the Current Ecclesiastical Year?" Mr. McLeod reported that he had organized the petitioners of Durham into a separate congregation. Mr. Straith was appointed to organize a mission station in the northern part of Proton. Mr. Campbell read the Home Mission report. In connection with the report the applications for grants were all carefully considered. The Presbytery expressed their great satisfaction with the labours, during summer, of the two student missionaries, Messrs. Campbell and Gaudier. Mr. Scott gave in a report of the Finance Committee, with certain recommendations, which were adopted. Messrs. Niven and Straith were appointed a committee to report on the last Statistical Report. Mr. Eakin was appointed to visit the mission field of South Luther, Gordonsville and Ross.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met at Forest, on the 27th ult. Nearly the whole of the first sederunt was occupied in the consideration of a petition from William Symington and others, in the matter of certain certificates complained of and ordered to be rectified by the session of Camlachie. After long deliberation it was agreed, on motion of W. Wells, "that the Presbytery having heard parties enjoin the moderator and session of Knox Church, Camlachie, to carry out the resolution of the Presbytery of London in May last, counselling the moderator and session of said church to grant to all parties interested proper letters of disjunction, and further, would counsel the session and all parties interested to try to cherish those things that make for peace." From this finding Messrs. McAlmon and Goldie dissented, and Mr. Goodwillie protested and appealed to the Synod of Hamilton and London for reasons to be given in. A reference from the session of Watford and Main Road, asking the Presbytery's counsel in the case of Mrs. Stewart was sustained and the session instructed to proceed to issue this sentence by excommunication. Mr. Currie, student, was certified as a fit entrant to the literary department of Montreal Presbyterian College, and Mr. Willert to the first year theological course in Knox College, Toronto. The Presbytery agreed to make the following applications for supplement, viz.: Mandaumin, \$200 per annum; Point Edward, \$200; West Adelaide and Arkona, \$100; Corunna and Moorctown, \$2 per Sabbath; Oil Springs, \$3 per Sabbath. Mr. Peter McDermid, on account of continued ill-health, tabled the resignation of his charge of Point Edward. Mr. J. M. Goodwillie tabled the resignation of his charge of Knox Church, Camlachie. The Presbytery agreed to take the usual steps and cite parties to appear for their interests at next regular meeting. Standing committees for the year were appointed.—G. CUTHBERTSON, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met at Brussels on the 20th September. There was a good attendance of members. It was agreed, on motion of Mr. Ross, that the whole or part of the evening sederunt of the first day of each quarterly meeting of Presbytery be devoted to a discussion or conference on some subject connected with Christian doctrine, life, or work. On motion of Mr. Wilkins, it was agreed that representative elders be required to

produce their commissions from Kirk sessions appointing them at the meeting in September instead of July, and the roll of the Presbytery then made up. A conference was held in the evening, subject—Prayer meeting, introduced by Messrs. Murray and Anderson, ministers. A petition from the Fordyce congregation, asking leave to build their church on the east side of the Maitland River was granted. Mr. Sutherland gave in a report regarding his reorganizing the South Kinloss congregation. South Kinloss congregation was placed on the list of vacant congregations. On the report of Mr. Cameron regarding missionary meetings, it was agreed that each session make its own arrangements for holding such meetings and report. Messrs. Leask and Leitch, ministers, and Harrison and Bennett, elders, were appointed a committee to consider the statistical and financial statements of congregations, as furnished to the General Assembly, and report. It was agreed to hold a conference on the State of Religion when the report on that subject is presented. Mr. Muir was instructed to report to next regular meeting regarding the holding of a conference or convention on Sabbath schools. Mr. Ross renewed his application for leave to moderate in a call to Bluevale and Eadies congregations. It was agreed to ask for half supply for Bluevale and Eadies and South Kinloss congregations, and if possible Gaelic for South Kinloss.—R. LEASK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met on the 20th ult. A petition, signed by fifty-six names was presented, praying the Presbytery to establish a mission station near Woodford. The Presbytery agreed to receive the petition and notify neighbouring sessions to appear for their interests at the next regular meeting of the Presbytery. Mr. Morrison reported that he had fulfilled the duty entrusted to him of dispensing the Lord's supper in Williamsford station. The committees appointed to attend to financial concerns in the various supplemental congregations and mission stations reported. It was found that all money required to meet obligations for summer work would be paid about the first of October. The committee were instructed to continue their diligence until the labourers were paid. Mr. Graham was appointed to Lion's Head for next three months. Presbytery agreed to make application for the following grants at the next meeting of the committee: Supplemental congregations—1. Kilsyth, etc., \$50; 2. Knox Church, Sydenham, \$100; 3. Euphrasia and Holland, \$75 for first half, \$50 for second half-year. Mission stations—1. Wiarton and Hepworth, \$5 per week; 2. Lion's Head, etc., \$3 per week. Mr. Donald McLean was examined with the view of entering upon a course of study in Knox College for the ministry. The examination was sustained. Mr. Colter asked leave of absence from his field of labour, owing to ill health, for a term of six months if necessary. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That the Presbytery does express its deep sympathy with Mr. Colter in his present affliction; that it looks with the greatest satisfaction on the liberal and hearty financial provision made by the congregation in the expected absence of their pastor; that in the congregations failing to secure continuous supply as expected, it agrees to supply the pulpit for three months; that it grants to Mr. Colter leave of absence for six months if necessary; and that it prays God that in His goodness He may enable our brother soon to resume his work among his own people." Mr. Stevenson was appointed to arrange with the brethren for the supply of Mr. Colter's place if necessary. Mr. Somerville was appointed associate with Mr. Cameron in attending to the Union College Fund throughout the Presbytery. It was agreed that the collection on Thanksgiving Day be given to the National Bible Society of Scotland.—JOHN SOMERVILLE, *Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston on the 20th and 21st days of September. Mr. Wilson introduced Mr. John Robertson, an elder from the Free Church of Scotland, who desired to have a position assigned him in connection with the Church, so as to be able to engage in works of usefulness. A committee appointed to confer with him, and examine his testimonials reported favourably. The reports of the several deputations charged with the duty of visiting the various mission fields, and dispensing sealing ordinances, were given in. Arrangements