

Ministers and Churches.

THE congregation of Winslow, Presbytery of Quebec, has extended a call to the Rev. Angus MacLeod.

THE Rev. Dr. McTavish preached a suitable and instructive discourse to young men on Sabbath evening last.

THE Rev. Mr. Glassford will be inducted into the pastoral charge of the Streetsville Presbyterian Church on the 25th inst.

A POWERFUL and telling discourse on the Jesuit Question by the Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., has just been printed at Halifax.

AT the levee of the Lord High Commission to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rev. Andrew Dowsley, Iching, China, was presented.

MR. D. L. DEWAR, B.A., a graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was recently ordained, and inducted into the pastoral charge of Scotstown, Presbytery of Quebec.

THE Rev. Professor Beattie, D.D., of the Theological Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina, occupied the pulpit of St. James' Square Church, Toronto, on Sabbath morning last, and preached an interesting and instructive sermon from Psalm lxxiv. 1.

THE Rev. J. Robbins, of First Presbyterian Church, Turro, accompanied by Mr. C. M. Dawson, sail by the S. S. *State of Nebraska* to-morrow, June 13, for Britain. They go as delegates from Nova Scotia to the World's Sunday School Convention.

THE Rev. David Forrest, formerly of Bayfield, was inducted by the Presbytery of Mantland to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Walton on the 30th day of May. Mr. Anderson preached, Mr. Jones addressed the minister, and Mr. Ross the congregation.

THE Rev. Stuart Acheson, M.A., Clover Hill, Ont., has accepted the call to the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Carlton Street, Toronto, and his induction takes place on Sabbath, June 16. A social to welcome their new pastor is to be held on Monday evening, 17th.

MR. JOHN MCKINNON, B.A., B.D., recently licensed, was ordained to the office of the holy ministry at Roslin, on Thursday the 6th inst., and placed in charge, as ordained missionary, of the congregations of Roslin and Thurlow. Mr. McKinnon is a graduate of Queen's College.

UNTIL the end of August the Rev. Dr. Gray, Orillia, will act as Clerk of the Presbytery of Barrie, and the Rev. D. D. McLeod, Barrie, as Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. Communications with the Presbytery should be directed to the one or the other as the business may require.

AT a large congregational meeting in Knox Church, Gravenhurst, Dr. Gray, of Orillia, presided: a unanimous call was presented to the Rev. M. N. Bethune, who cordially accepted the invitation, and in doing so expressed his determination to carry out the principles taught in the Bible, and hoped to be sustained by the members of the church.

THE *Durham Review* says:—Sacrament was held in the Presbyterian Church, Priceville, last Sabbath week. Rev. Mr. Park, of Durham, officiated in English, and delivered an excellent discourse on the occasion. The rev. gentleman (the pastor) delivered one of the ablest Gaelic sermons ever preached in Priceville to a good crowd of Highlanders.

THE Rev. Edward Snyder, of Stockton, N. J., has been invited by a unanimous vote of the congregation to become the pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Youngstown, Niagara Co., New York. It is his purpose to accept and he will enter at once upon the duties of his new field of labour. His address is therefore changed from Stockton, N. J. to Youngstown, Niagara Co., New York.

THE following gentlemen were ordained and inducted into the office of the eldership in Knox Church, Toronto, last Sabbath, at the morning service, after an eloquent exposition by the Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Peter, v. 1:11:—Messrs. William Galbraith, A. M. Smith, John McGregor, Robt. Scott, D. T. McVish and Richard Manser. The Session now consists of twenty four members.

THE Communion services in connection with Calvin Presbyterian Church, Montreal, were held lately, the largest number in the history of the church being seated at the Communion table. Rev. John I. Razer, lately of Indian Lands, now resident in Montreal, assisted the pastor, Rev. Doctor Smith, in the services. On Friday evening, at a preparatory service, twenty-two new members were added to the Church.

A NEW white brick church with basement is in course of erection at Omamee, the corner stone is to be laid on Friday June the 21st. Dr. McTavish, Central Church, Toronto, and other ministers from a distance are expected to be present. Rev. Mr. Ewing pastor of the congregation for over forty years, will lay the corner stone. This building, modern in style and arrangements, will cost about \$5,000 and will seat about 500.

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Hamilton, is progressing under the pastorate of Hon. and Rev. Mr. Moreton. The quarterly communion was held Sabbath week, and twenty-three new members were admitted and given the right hand of fellowship. The architect is busily at work on the plans for the handsome new church for this congregation, and it is expected that the contracts will be let in time to begin building operations by about 1st July.

THERE was a large attendance at the lecture hall of the Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Quebec, lately to hear the lecture by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Montreal, on the objects of the Dominion Evangelical Alliance. At the close of the lecture, a branch of the Alliance was formed for Richmond, the Rev. J. McLeod being appointed president, and the Rev. G. F. Brown, secretary. The Rev. Mr. Meyers, of Uxbridge, was present and gave an able address.

THE Rev. D. D. McLeod, Barrie, a member of the Commission appointed by the Ontario Government to inquire into the condition of the public schools in eastern and western sections of the province, has returned for a brief season to his home. This week the Commission proceeds to investigate the state of the schools in the western counties. A correspondent writes "the public may be assured that the work will be thoroughly done and the state of affairs be fully and truthfully reported to the Government."

MR. C. J. ATKINSON, secretary of the supply committee, Knox Church, Regina, writes:—Knox Church, Regina, N.-W. T., is now without a pastor, and being so far from the great source of supply—the Eastern Provinces—finds it difficult, without too great an expense, to secure the hearing of men with a view to a call. Clergymen, therefore, who contemplate visiting the North-West during the present summer, and who can spend a Sabbath in Regina, are invited to write the supply committee to that effect, stating date. Knox Church is self-supporting and pays a salary of \$1,200 with manse.

REV. ROBERT NAIRN, of Rat Portage, who is on his way to Europe, preached in Chalmers' Church, Montreal, on a recent Sabbath evening to a good audience. The sermon was based on the parable of the "Good Samaritan," and was interesting and instructive throughout, securing the closest attention of the congregation. Mr. Nairn is an able preacher and an indefatigable worker, as the large congregation which he has built up in Rat Portage abundantly testifies. He speaks most encouragingly of the future of the North-west, and will not hesitate to advise his friends in Scotland to emigrate.

THE Vancouver *World* says:—The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church here, met at the manse and presented an address to Mrs. Thomson, expressive of their high

esteem for her and her efforts for the success of the Society and the welfare of the congregation, and wishing her a safe journey to her friends in the east, and that she may return thoroughly restored to health. The address was read by Mrs. M. A. McLean, and was accompanied by a well-filled purse, presented by Mrs. Soule, on behalf of the Society. Mr. Thomson made a suitable reply on behalf of Mrs. Thomson, thanking the ladies for their handsome gift.

THE council of graduation of the Correspondence University, Chicago, Ill., have conferred the title and degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) upon the Rev. David Kellock, M.A., the accomplished and popular pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Spencerville, in the Presbytery of Brockville. The degree has been conferred in recognition of scholarly attainments (certified by examination and thesis), professional ability, and general culture. Dr. Kellock has also been appointed an assistant professor, and examiner in the University. The Rev. Richard H. Bosworth, M.A., assistant pastor, Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, received the like degree at the same time.

A LARGELY attended meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Woodstock, was held last week for the purpose of deciding upon a site for the new church. Rev. Dr. McMullen expressed the hope that whatever decision might be arrived at would be unanimous. After a lengthy discussion it was decided almost unanimously to build on the site of the present church. The following were appointed a building committee to report on matters of detail, such as the material to be used in the erection of the building, etc.:—Messrs. Wm. Pott, J. H. Downing, Jas. Hay, sr., M. Douglas, J. T. Bain, J. Grant, Peter Johnson, D. H. Hunter, Jno. White, Jas. Holmes, Chas. Wilson, George Calbeck. It was decided that the subscription should extend over five years if necessary.

AT McGregor, Manitoba, the new Presbyterian Church was opened recently. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Robertson. The church was filled to overflowing and the sermons attentively listened to. Some twenty-five new names were added to the communion roll. The soiree on the following night was one of the best entertainments ever got up in McGregor. Mr. J. L. Gould was called to the chair, the programme was somewhat lengthy, but not at all wearisome. The music was furnished by a choir from Portage la Prairie. The Rev. Messrs. Hodnett, Stalker, Robertson, B.A., Dr. Robertson and H. Littlehales, were the speakers. The building is 40 x 26, 16-foot ceiling, and will seat about 200 comfortably. The material used is all British Columbia fir and cedar, oiled and varnished. The whole cost of the building, when painted and finished, will be about \$1,200, and reflects great credit on the congregation.

CONCERNING French Evangelization the Rev. Charles Tanner writes:—Permit me, through your paper, to remind the members of Assembly that last year the Quebec Presbytery's French Evangelization Committee brought an overture before the Assembly, asking the Assembly "to devise ways and means by which this important mission shall in the future, be carried on in a more economical and efficient manner." A member of the Board of French Evangelization moved that this overture be dismissed, but I am told that only nine members of Assembly voted for this motion, and the Assembly ordered the overture to be sent to the Board of French Evangelization. Will this end the matter? For my part I feel that it will be injurious to French Evangelization if this matter is laid aside like Mr. Ball's overture was, without being looked into. Then beside this, as Convener of the Quebec Presbytery's French Evangelization Committee, to do my work aright I must know to what extent the Quebec Presbytery and its committee on French work are under the jurisdiction of the executive or the Board of French Evangelization.

AN exchange says: A very spirited and harmonious meeting of the united congregations of Springfield and Aylmer was held lately in the several churches in these places. The Rev. Jas. A. Brown, of Belmont, the Moderator of the session, officiated as chairman, and addressed the meeting in Springfield in the afternoon and in Aylmer in the evening. The Rev. Mr. McLaren was chosen by both sections of the congregation without a dissenting voice. Several members, in supporting the nomination, expressed themselves in the warmest terms regarding the character, work and abilities of Mr. McLaren, and the hope was expressed that the gentleman would see his way clear to accept the call. While they were satisfied that the loss would be a great one to Cannington, yet the needs of the church as a whole, and especially the congregation, struggling into existence, requiring the aid and leadership of Mr. McLaren's ability, would possibly lead him to look on the change as the duty of the hour for him. The congregation pledged a handsome salary to the man of their choice.

A LATE copy of the *Christian Observer* contains two appreciative references to the labours, as well in the pulpit as with the pen, of one of our ministers, the Rev. James Little who was sojourning during the past winter in the South. It first alludes to his service at the dedication of the new brick church, lately erected in Lake City, Fla., as follows:—"The Lake City Presbyterian Church was dedicated on Easter Sunday, the twenty-first of April. The Rev. James Little, of Toronto, Canada, assisted the pastor. All the different churches of the city closed their doors and worshipped with the Presbyterians on that day. Mr. Little's sermon was splendid and appropriate. All the services were delightful and were greatly enjoyed by all of the large congregation." The second gives a commendatory notice of Mr. Little's new book on the victorious struggle of our fathers with Spain and Rome three hundred years ago. Among other things it says:—"The book is a clearly condensed record of one of the most interesting periods in England's history—her great victory over Spain and the Armada. The author has written it especially for the youth of the great Anglo-Saxon household, but the older ones will enjoy it equally as much. All our Sunday School libraries would be enriched by the addition of such a work."

NOT often does the quiet village of Port Dalhousie assume the appearance of life and activity which it exhibited on the afternoon of Tuesday June 4th. Mr. E. K. Hutt, a graduate of Knox College '89, was by the Presbytery of Hamilton to be ordained and inducted into the associated charges of Port Dalhousie and Louth, and the people not only of the Presbyterian but of the other churches as well, assembled in large numbers to do honor to the young clergyman who for the past seven years has been actively engaged in Christian work in the village. The church building was handsomely decorated with ferns and flowers, the ladies of the congregation sparing no pains to make the occasion one of unimpaired enjoyment. After Divine service, conducted by Rev. J. H. Ralcliffe, of St. Catharines, who preached a very impressive sermon from Ps. vi: 3. Rev. Geo. Burson, Knox Church, St. Catharines, presented the usual questions, and then offered up the ordination prayer, during which, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. Hutt was set apart to the office of the ministry. Rev. Mr. McCuaig of Welland, who twenty-nine years ago was ordained and inducted into the pastorate of Port Dalhousie, was then called upon to address the newly inducted pastor. His remarks evincing deep personal feeling, caused doubtless by the rush of memories upon his mind, were listened to with marked attention. Rev. Mr. Mordy, of Niagara Falls, reminded the congregation of their duties, basing his address on the words of Sampson as given in Judges xv: 12. "Swear unto me that ye will not fall upon me yourselves." His words while frequently causing a most perceptible smile, were full of earnest and wise counsel. Mr. Robt. Laurie, elder, then escorted Mr. Hutt to the door, where he was most cordially congratulated and welcomed by the large congregation on retiring. In the evening a reception was held, where again the ladies manifested their interest by providing a most bountiful lunch. A programme was also presented consisting of addresses by the clergymen who had taken part in the afternoon services together with Rev.

Mr. Young, of Niagara Falls South, the young people of the congregation interspersing the speeches with some well chosen and excellently rendered anthems. After a most delightful evening the exercises were closed by Rev. Mr. Hutt pronouncing the benediction. The prospects before Mr. Hutt are most encouraging. With a people thoroughly in accord with him, with mutual knowledge based upon years of experience and with repeated evidences of sincerest affection, he can scarcely fail to be successful in his work.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—In St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, the Presbytery of Lindsay met and was constituted by the Rev. A. G. McLaughlin, B.A., Moderator, on Tuesday, 28th May, at 11 a.m. A letter was read from the Rev. Robert Johnston, B.A., accepting the call from St. Andrew's congregation, Lindsay. Trials for ordination were assigned, and his ordination fixed for the eleventh July next; the Presbytery to meet at eleven a.m., the Ordination service at half past two o'clock p.m., the Moderator to preach and preside, Rev. A. Ross, M.A., to address the pastor and Rev. J. B. McLaren the congregation. Mr. James Gilchrist gave in his trials for license which were sustained when he was duly licensed and his ordination as a missionary appointed to take place at Sebright on Tuesday the 4th of June at 7 o'clock p.m., Rev. J. A. McLaren to preside, Rev. D. C. Johnston to address the minister and Rev. M. McKinnon the people. A special meeting was appointed to be held at Leaskdale on the 5th June at 4 p.m., in connection with a call from Uxbridge congregation. A special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Fenelon Falls on Tuesday the 25th June, at 6 p.m. The following resolution was agreed to be engrossed in the minutes: "Whereas invidious attempts are being made by the Romish Hierarchy and the Jesuit Society to secure privileges and advantages in this Dominion which they have abused in other parts of the world and which proved dangerous to the cause of true liberty and righteousness, therefore resolved, That the Presbytery now assembled do express in the strongest terms our condemnation of such attempts as are manifested in the Act of Incorporation of the Jesuit Order and the Act known as the Jesuit Estates Act, endowing the said Order with provincial funds and the recognizing of the authority of the Pope of Rome in Canadian legislation. That this Presbytery do highly commend the patriotic conduct of the faithful thirteen who in the House of Commons voted for disallowance, thus showing that in them true patriotism arose above party spirit; and we bespeak for them the hearty support of every true and loyal citizen of this Dominion." Next regular meeting at Woodville, 27th August, eleven a.m.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on the 28th May; present eighteen ministers and ten elders, Mr. Henry Knox, Moderator. The Revs. W. Amos and J. A. Grant, of the Toronto Presbytery being present, were invited to sit with the Presbytery. Mr. Acheson's resignation of the pastoral charge of First Essa, Burn's and Dunn's Churches was taken up. A large number of commissioners from these congregations appeared and spoke of their sorrow in prospect of their pastor's removal. Mr. Acheson gave at length reasons for the step, chief of which was that he desired to accept a call from the congregation of Presbyterians in Carlton Street, Toronto. The resignation was accepted, and a resolution adopted expressing the regard of the brethren for Mr. Acheson and their cordial good wishes for his prosperity and success in his labours. Mr. J. J. Cochrane, M.A., was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on June 16th, and to be Moderator of Session during the vacancy. The call from Streetsville to Mr. R. J. M. Glassford was then taken up. Commissioners were heard, viz., Messrs. Amos and Grant for Presbytery of Toronto, and Messrs. Stein and Macauley for Streetsville; Dr. J. Hanly, Mr. H. Cooke, Orillia, and Mr. David James, Midland. The pleadings against translation were felt to be the stronger. Mr. Glassford, however, intimated his desire to accept the call, while leaving himself in the hands of the Presbytery. A reluctant vote, in which many of the brethren took no part, decided that he be translated to the Presbytery of Toronto for induction to his new charge. Mr. James was appointed to declare Wauhaushene, etc., vacant on 23rd June, and to be Moderator of Session during the vacancy. Mr. W. B. Hamilton, elder, Collingwood, gave notice of following motion to be made at next regular meeting, viz.: "That this Presbytery do appoint and send out a missionary, either male or female, to such point or country as they in their wisdom shall see proper, for the good of the Church and for the salvation of souls." Leave was given to Esson Church, Oro, to sell the old manse property, proceeds to go toward building a new manse; also to Knox Church, Oro, to mortgage their new church building at Town Hall for \$600. A committee was appointed to visit Knox Church congregation with the view to ascertain what supplement from the Augmentation Fund may be needed. A special meeting was appointed to be held in Guthrie Church, Oro, on June 4th, for the trials of Mr. John Hunter, licentiate of the Church of Scotland, with a view to his ordination, and, should the trials be sustained, for his ordination as missionary in the field. Mr. David James was appointed Treasurer of Presbytery, instead of Mr. Acheson resigned. Mr. M. N. Bethune, graduate in theology, Knox College, was taken on trials for license on leave of the Synod transferred by the Toronto Presbytery. The trials were sustained. Mr. Leishman, who occupied the chair, engaged in prayer, and thereafter in the name of the great Head of the Church, and by authority of the Presbytery, licensed Mr. Bethune to preach the Gospel. An appropriate address was made to him by Mr. Grant. Steps were ordered for moderation in a call at Gravenhurst, and for a Presbytery meeting there on June 10th, at 2.30 p.m., with a view to Mr. Bethune's ordination and induction on that day. The provisional arrangement for the occasion is: Dr. Gray to preside, Mr. J. Hunter to preach, Dr. Clarke to address the minister and Mr. Dobson the people. The arrangement for Mr. Hunter's ordination at Guthrie Church is: Mr. Grant to preside and address the missionary, Mr. Dobson to preach and Mr. Leishman to address the people. Dr. W. Clarke was elected, instead of Mr. D. D. McLeod resigned, to be commissioner to the General Assembly. Report was received from Mr. Currie, Penetanguishene, of his having organized a new station at Wyvale, consisting of twenty-five families and eighteen communicants. Circular letters from seven Presbyteries were received anent application to be received into the ministry of the Church; also extract minutes from Presbyteries of Brantford and Owen Sound, detailing processes of discipline. It was resolved to raise the mission stations of Longford and Uptergrove into a pastoral charge, and to obtain probationers for supply of the pulpit. Dr. Gray was appointed Moderator of the Session instead of Mr. Grant resigned. The Clerk was granted three months' leave of absence in order to visit his native land. The brethren were pleased to adopt a resolution complimentary regarding his work, and expressing the kindest wishes for him self and wife, who is to accompany him. ROBT. MOORE, Pres. Clerk.

THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Nominations for Moderatorship. Rev. Principal Grant, by the Presbyteries of Victoria, Richmond, Halifax, Quebec, Kingston, Peterboro', Toronto, Lanark and Renfrew, London, Sarnia, Winnipeg, Brandon, Columbia, St. John, Glenagarry, Truro, Pictou, Owen Sound, Chatham. Rev. Dr. Laing, by the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Stratford, Mantland, Whitby. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, by the Presbytery of Barrie. Rev. Dr. Robertson, by the Presbytery of Miramichi. Rev. Dr. Wardrope, by the Presbyteries of Saugeen and Orangeville. The Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., by the Presbytery of Calgary.

SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Presbytery of Sydney.—D. McMillan, J. A. Forbes, John Murray, A. M. McKenzie, ministers; Alex. Mathison, Dan. McGregor, F. Falconer, Hon. A. Morris, elders.