

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. S. W. FISHER of Burlington, has received a call to Knox Church, Elora, in place of Rev. Mr. Macdonald.

THE Rev. A. B. Simpson has been visiting friends in Hamilton, and preaching very acceptably in St. Paul's Church.

A BAZAAR held in the town hall of Woodstock, last week, by the ladies of Chalmers' Church in that town, yielded the large sum of \$650.

THE ordination of the Rev. D. L. Munro, and his induction as pastor of Franklin street Presbyterian Church, Lansing, Michigan, U.S., took place on the evening of Friday the 18th ult. Rev. G. W. Barlow preached the sermon; Rev. Alfred Bryant gave the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. A. S. Badger gave the charge to the people.

THE new stone Presbyterian church at Strabane was opened on Sabbath last by the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw of Hamilton, assisted by Rev. Mr. Crystal of West Flamboro'. Services were held in the morning, afternoon and evening. Monday night a social and literary entertainment was held in the church, and was well attended. Several excellent musicians from West Flamboro' and other places were present, and assisted materially in making the entertainment very enjoyable.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Court met in the Presbyterian Church, Biddulph, on the 23rd ult.—twelve ministers and six elders present. By appointment Mr. McPherson proceeded to put the visitation questions to the elders, managers, minister, and Sabbath school superintendents of the congregation. These questions having been answered, a committee was appointed to prepare a deliverance and report in the afternoon. A document transmitted by the Session of Biddulph, signed by seventy-eight members of the congregation, was produced, intimating their views as to the causes of dissension therein. The document was read and laid on the table. The committee appointed to visit Molesworth and Trowbridge reported that the congregations had agreed to pay past obligations in the proportion of two-thirds to Molesworth and one-third to Trowbridge; that they would make up the \$50 of supplement withdrawn by paying in the same proportions, and that they desired that application be made in their behalf for the renewal of the supplement. It was agreed to approve the action of the congregations and make application as desired. Mr. McPherson reported that he had declared the vacancy of St. Andrew's, North Easthope, and the name of Mr. Cameron was removed from the roll. Mr. McLeod was appointed Moderator *ad interim* of the Session of St. Andrew's. A letter was read from Mr. James Smith, London East, licentiate, requesting Presbytery to ordain him to the work of the gospel ministry, and, at the request of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to designate him to their mission field of Western India. It was agreed to comply with his request, should the Clerk receive in due time his transference from the Presbytery of London and the request of the Board; and, on this condition, it was appointed that the usual service be conducted in Widder street Church, St. Mary's, at seven o'clock p.m. on the 29th inst., Mr. McPherson to preside, Mr. McAlpine to preach, Mr. Hamilton to address the minister, and Messrs. Hall and Waits the people—the Clerk being instructed to convene Presbytery accordingly. In the afternoon the committee appointed to prepare a deliverance and the visitation of Biddulph reported, and their report was adopted, expressing gratification that, upon the whole, the state of the congregation, materially and spiritually, was so satisfactory, and also indicating certain points which required attention for their amendment. According to arrangement, Presbytery met at St. Mary's on the 29th ult., for the ordination and designation of Mr. James Smith. The Clerk reported that he had received the necessary documents and they were read. A large assembly appeared at the solemn and interesting services, which were conducted in the usual manner. Thereafter, Mr. Smith having declared his willingness to sign the formula, it was agreed, at his request, to ask from the General Assembly permission to place his name upon the roll of Presbytery. The next meeting for ordinary business will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on the 4th day of November next.—JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—At the meeting of this Presbytery held on the 30th ult., the following were the principal matters of business transacted: Rev. J. Breckenridge reported having moderated in a call from the congregations of Brampton and Malton for a colleague and successor to the present pastor, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. E. D. McLaren of Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant. The stipend promised is \$1,000, together with the use of a free house. After hearing commissioners from Brampton and Malton, the call was sustained. A previous call, however, viz., from the congregation of Knox Church, Lancaster, also addressed to Mr. McLaren, had to be considered and disposed of. The Presbytery, therefore, heard commissioners from all the congregations concerned. After which Mr. McLaren was asked to express his judgment, when he stated that he felt bound in honour to accept the call from Lancaster. It was then moved by Rev. Dr. Reid, and seconded, That the Presbytery agree to loose Mr. McLaren from his present charge and instruct him to await the action of the Presbytery of Glengarry in his case. In amendment it was moved by Rev. D. Mitchell, and seconded, That the Presbytery resolve to loose Mr. McLaren from his present charge and translate him to the charge of Brampton and Malton. On a vote being taken, the amendment carried by a decided majority. From this decision Rev. W. Meikle dissented. It was then resolved to meet at Brampton on the 16th inst. at two p.m., for the purpose of inducting Mr. McLaren; Rev. J. Hogg to preach, Rev. James Pringle to preside, put the questions and offer up the induction prayer, Rev. J. Breckenridge to address the minister, and Rev. D. Mitchell the people. Mr. Mitchell was also appointed to preach at Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant on the 19th inst., and declare the charge vacant; Rev. J. Alexander to be *interim* moderator of Session. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Topp, stating, in substance, that, owing to the state of his health, he felt constrained to tender the resignation of his pastoral charge, and that he had notified his Session of his intention to do so, that they and the congregation might appear by representatives at this meeting and enable the Presbytery to at once take final action in the matter. Accordingly a paper was read from the congregation of Knox Church, setting forth an expression of deep sympathy with their beloved pastor, and praying the Presbytery not to accept the resignation if it were not "definite and conclusive," as also to take measures for the supply of the pulpit in the meantime. In connection therewith Hon. J. McMurrich, Mr. J. Kerr, and Mr. A. Rattray were heard on behalf of the Session and congregation. Thereafter resolutions were moved by Principal Caven, and carried unanimously, expressing the sympathy of the Presbytery with Dr. Topp, their agreement to provide for the interests of his congregation in the meantime, and their appointment of a committee to confer with him before further action be come to. Dr. Reid, Dr. Caven and Dr. Gregg were then appointed as said Committee, to report at next ordinary meeting of Presbytery. Rev. A. McFaul reported having moderated in a call from the first and second congregations of Chinguacousy, in favour of Rev. R. D. Fraser, formerly of Charles street, Toronto. The stipend promised is \$800, together with a manse. After hearing commissioners the call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Fraser, etc. Applications were made on behalf of Mr. John Jamieson, Mr. James Malcolm and Mr. A. T. McLachlan, B.A., to be taken on examination with a view to enter on a course of study at Knox College. Said young men were examined accordingly and ordered to be attested to the Board of Examiners in said College. Considerable time was spent in receiving the reports of deputies to supplemented congregations and mission stations, and in determining the applications to be made for grants thereto from the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. These details need not be given. Arrangements for holding missionary meetings were left to be made up by the several ministers, and reports to be made as to compliance therewith not later than the first Tuesday of March. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held on the first Tuesday in November at 11 a.m.

R. MONTEATH, *Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery held its quarterly meeting in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on Wednesday and Thursday, 2nd and 3rd October, the Rev. G. Coull, of Valleyfield, Moderator, in the

chair, the Rev. J. Patterson, of Hemmingford, Clerk. There were thirty-three ministers and eight elders present. A large amount of business was transacted, of which the following are the more important items. Reports were received from the deputies appointed to conduct missionary meetings in the rural sections of the Presbytery, showing that the meetings had been the most successful of any held since the union in 1875, the attendance being large and the financial results most encouraging. The Home Mission report was submitted by the Rev. R. H. Warden. It indicated hopeful progress, and among other recommendations adopted by the Presbytery was one appointing the Rev. J. Jones to labour in the mission of Taylor Church, Montreal, and the Rev. W. D. Russell to supply Farnham Centre. It was also agreed to hold services during the winter in Laprairie. In response to a request from parties in Rawdon it was arranged to send Messrs. Fleck and Nichols as a deputation to that place with a view of opening a preaching station there. A communication from Mr. Alex. McDougall anent the Stanley street Church was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Scrimger, Wright, D. Ross, Dr. Jenkins, ministers, and Messrs. Nicholson, McPherson and Graham, elders, with instructions to confer with parties and take such action as they may deem proper in the circumstances. With reference to a memorial from St. Gabriel Session, Montreal, as to the records and registers of the old St. Gabriel Church, it was agreed, with the consent of all parties—(1) That the records be retained by Knox Church, the St. Gabriel Session to obtain extracts from these when required; (2) that the registers be held by the Presbytery, and access to them be given to the sessions of both Knox and St. Gabriel congregations when desired. The Rev. W. Moore, of Ottawa, addressed the Court in the interests of the Presbyterian Ladies' College of that city. The Presbytery agreed to recommend this institution to the confidence and patronage of the members of the Church within the bounds. A report was read by the Rev. J. McCaul anent the best method of securing the attendance of elders at meetings of Presbytery. Sessions were instructed to observe uniformity as to the time of appointing representative elders, viz.: immediately prior to the first meeting of Presbytery after the General Meeting, and to see that their travelling expenses were defrayed. The Clerk was instructed to notify all elders of the meetings of the Court, and a committee was appointed to arrange for the accommodation of such as attended. Several young men desirous of studying for the ministry were examined, and recommended to the Senate of the Montreal College. Messrs. W. D. Russell and Wm. Mullins were, after examination and the hearing of trial discourses, licensed to preach the Gospel. The latter of these gentlemen has been appointed by the Board of French Evangelization to labour in a French and English district in Manitoba, and left last evening for his distant field of labour. The resignation of Rev. C. Brouillette, of St. Louis de Gonzague, was accepted, and the Rev. R. H. Warden appointed to preach the church there vacant on the 21st of December, and to give the congregation counsel in their circumstances. A resolution was adopted expressive of the Presbytery's confidence in Mr. Brouillette, and their hope that he may soon obtain another sphere of labour. Reports were received from deputies appointed to visit the various supplemented congregations and stations in the Presbytery, and it was agreed to recommend the Home Mission Committee to make the following grants for the year beginning 1st October. Mille Isles, \$200; New Glasgow, \$200; Farnham Centre, \$200; Laguerre, \$150; Joliette, \$150; St. Hyacinthe, \$3 per Sabbath; Ogdensburg, \$3 per Sabbath; Taylor Church, Montreal, \$4 per Sabbath; Arundel and De Salaberry, \$6 per Sabbath; Laprairie, \$3 per Sabbath; Avoca and Harrington, \$4 per Sabbath; Rawdon, \$3 per Sabbath. A call to the Rev. A. B. Cruchet, of New Glasgow, was presented by the Canning street, Montreal, French Church. The call was sustained, and the Rev. Mr. Doudiet was appointed to preach in New Glasgow on Sabbath first, and cite the congregation there to appear for their interests in the matter at a meeting of the Presbytery, to be held on the 14th inst. An application was received from the Rev. L. Pons, of the Episcopal Church, New York, to be admitted as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The usual steps were taken in the matter. The Clerk was instructed to correspond with all the ministers of the Presbytery