

Church News.

In Canada.

A STUDENT has been appointed for six months to Stayner and Sunnidale.

REV. ROBT. JOHNSON, B.A., Lindsay, has been visiting Montreal lately.

REV. W. A. COOK has been appointed moderator of session of Thamesford congregation.

REV. W. A. BRADY, B.A., was inducted into the pastoral charge at Alvinston on Tuesday last week.

REV. J. R. MCKAY, of Knox College, has declined the call extended to him from Bayfield and Bothany.

REV. D. G. MCPHAIL, Picton, was the other day the recipient of a handsome gold watch, the gift of several friends.

THE Cartwright Sabbath School Association held a convention in the church at Blackstock recently on April 5th.

THE County of Perth Sabbath School Association met on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The proceedings were very interesting.

REV. DR. JAMES, for many years Presbyterian minister at Walkerton, has resigned owing to old age and infirmity. He will remove to Paris.

THE Sabbath school pupils at St. Andrew's, London, Ont., have got back to their old quarters. The room has been overhauled and handsomely improved.

THE congregation of Camilla and Mono Centro have extended a hearty and unanimous call to the Rev. Dr. McClelland, of Minto. He has declined it.

REV. A. BARCLAY, of Waukena, was recently presented with a flattering testimonial in the shape of an address, and well filled purse on the eve of his leaving for Toronto.

REV. D. ROBERTSON, the pastor of King street church, London, Ont., will be granted a holiday of six weeks this summer. Mr. Robertson will visit Scotland for the benefit of his health.

REV. MR. McNAIR, of Carleton Place, delivered his popular lecture on the World's Fair on Good Friday evening at the sacred concert given by the Y. P. S. C. E., of St. Andrew's church, Lanark.

REV. D. A. FRASER, pastor of the church at Kennetcook, has received a call to Hammond, N.B. The congregation of Kennetcook, since its organization about thirty years ago, has had frequent changes of pastors. On the 6th of August, 1866, Rev. A. Simpson, now of Park street, Halifax, was first settled over them. Though first, he did not remain long. Five different ministers have laboured in this field.

THE sum of \$19.00 has been contributed to the Home Mission Fund by the Station at Rye, District of Parry Sound Mission, Helen Wood, collector, an instance of what may be done in this direction by carefully improving existing circumstances, there being only six members in this station.

REV. A. MCGILLIVRAY, of Bonar church, Toronto, preached to the Independent Order of Foresters, Paris, lately. A large congregation listened with the greatest interest to a most instructive and eloquent sermon. In the evening Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, preached in his usual masterly style.

THE returns from St. Andrew's church, London, for 1893 to the General Assembly include the following financial statement:—For congregational purposes, \$7,285; for schemes of the Church, \$2,235; for other religious and benevolent purposes, \$810. Total \$10,363.

A SOCIAL was held under the auspices of Hastings Sabbath school, in the town hall, on the 21st March, the programme consisting of recitations, dialogues and singing. Several beautiful solos and duets were rendered, and amusing pieces acted by the little ones, who showed considerable ability. All spent a pleasant and enjoyable time. Much credit is due the teachers for the part they took in drilling the scholars so proficiently in their

several parts. The whole performance was a success, and the large gathering separated at 11 o'clock, wishing each other a hearty good night.

REV. MR. EDMONSON has charge of Rothsay, Drayton, Moodiefield, Cotswold and Tovioldale appointments now, and has secured the services of Mr. Skeen, a divinity student, of Toronto, to aid him.

THE quarterly rally of the Union Epworth Leagues of Barrie and Allandale came off the other day. There was a good representation from each society. Revs. Messrs. Lancelley, Hart, McLeod, Wilson, and Mr. Wm. Harker gave short addresses. Rev. W. R. McIntosh performed the duties of chairman. The meeting was a grand success. The church was crowded to the doors.

A CONTEMPORARY writes:—The death of Mr. John McKechnie, Saugeen, was not an unexpected event. He had been a sufferer for more than a year from an internal trouble which was sure eventually to prove fatal. Mr. McKechnie had been a resident of Saugeen for nearly 40 years, and had lived in Arran two years before coming here. He was a man of many sterling qualities, intelligent, honourable, hospitable and of a most cheerful and sunny disposition. As a friend he was genuine and true, as a neighbour most obliging and as a Christian without even a taint of guile or hypocrisy. Everything like duplicity or deceit was foreign to his nature. He was honest and outspoken in all his opinions. On the whole he leaves a record worthy of the sincere imitation and a name among his friends and neighbours that will always be spoken with tenderness and respect. He leaves a wife and nine of a family, namely, Mrs. Alex. Murcar, Mrs. Archie Bryce, Mrs. Inkster, and Miss Maggie, who lives at home, Rev. J. G., missionary at Pense, N.W.T., Thos. F., in British Columbia, William B., a student of Toronto Medical School, and Robt and David who work the farm. Mr. McKechnie was for 30 years an elder in the Dunblane Presbyterian church, he and Mr. Rowand, M.P., having been ordained at the same time. In politics he was a Conservative and though living in a strongly Reform locality commanded the utmost respect of every one. The funeral was largely attended, the vast concourse of people testifying to the respect in which this grand pioneer was held in the county. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. James Gourlay, M.A., pastor of the deceased for 19 years, and Rev. John Bell, the new minister of Dunblane congregation. Mr. McKechnie had reached the age of 71 years, being survived by two brothers, Stephen in Arran, and one in Dundas, both of whom are past 80.

THERE was a large gathering of the members of St. James' Square church on the evening of 29th March to welcome their new pastor, the Rev. Louis H. Jordan, and Mrs. Jordan. The lecture room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Principal Kirkland occupied the chair. He expressed regret at the absence of Rev. Dr. Caven, moderator of session, owing to illness. A letter was read from Sir Oliver Mowat who would gladly have joined in welcoming Mr. Jordan as pastor of St. James' Square Church, but was unavoidably prevented from being present. Mr. Horatio Nelson was very happy in his remarks as he presented Mr. Jordan with a pulpit Bible in the name of the congregation. In a few earnest and well chosen words, Mrs. Ewart, accompanied by Mrs. Telfer, presented Mr. Jordan with a silk gown and cassock on behalf of the ladies. Mr. Jordan, in reply, expressed his warm appreciation of the kindness shown him by the members of the church since his arrival among them. Interesting addresses followed by the Rev. D. B. MacDonald, moderator of Presbytery; the Rev. John Neil, the Rev. Dr. Warden, of Montreal, also joined in congratulating the congregation on having secured the Rev. Mr. Jordan to be their pastor. Dr. Warden's words had added weight, coming from one who had been a member of session in Erskine church during Mr. Jordan's pastorate, and who so highly valued his ministrations and devotion to pastoral work. Dr. Norman Anderson presided at the organ, and all joined in the singing of appropriate hymns. Tea was served by the ladies, assisted by the young people.

A delightful hour was spent in the interchange of greetings. The following evening the children of the congregation were asked to meet Mr. Jordan. Tea was served in the parlours, after which all adjourned to the lecture room. Mr. Higgins presided. The children joined heartily in the singing of hymns led by Miss Inglis. Master Robert Nelles read an address of welcome from the young people of the congregation, and asked Mr. Jordan's acceptance of a psalter and hymnal which Miss Elsie Gowans presented on their behalf. Mr. Jordan replied in his usual happy manner, expressing his pleasure in meeting the children and thanking them for their gift.

VERY successful evangelistic meetings were held in St. James' (Presbyterian) church, Dalhousie, during last week. The Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of Lanark, assisted the pastor, Rev. Mr. McConnell, in conducting the services. The large crowds that attended from night to night indicated the hearty interest the people of the community took in the meetings. On Friday evening the shed and yards were crowded with teams, some of which had been driven eight and ten miles and such a crowded house has not been witnessed here for twenty-five years. Not a night passed without several indicating that they had been blessed, and through the week's services, under the blessing of God, many took their stand for Jesus and rejoiced in the blessed hope of salvation in Christ.—CON.

Presbytery of Regina.

THE Regina Presbytery met at Indian Head, March 13th. Present: Mr. Matheson, moderator; Messrs. Carmichael, Campbell, McMillan, Welsh, McKechnie, McLeod, Murhead, Scott, Reddon and Clay, ministers, and Messrs. Murray, Crawford and Bersea, elders. The Home Mission Committee's business was first taken up, and a number of special claims for fields passed. Grants for the ensuing half year were also passed. Owing to the constantly changing centres of population it was necessary to re-arrange a number of mission fields. Grants to augmented congregations were then passed—in most cases a slight reduction on last year. A deputation from St. Andrew's church, Indian Head, stated that owing to the death or removal of several liberal contributors, and the fact of their immediate neighbourhood being practically closed to new settlers, they were unable to raise the salary promised their pastor, and asked the Presbytery to take the whole matter into consideration. A committee having been appointed, the case was fully gone into and the following decision arrived at, viz.: That in view of the foregoing facts the stipend remain as it is for the next six months; that then the pastoral tie be dissolved and the congregation placed on the list of mission stations. In this decision all parties acquiesced, and Mr. Welsh tendered his resignation, to take effect October 1st, 1894. Mr. Scott, of Oxbow, was appointed to represent this Presbytery at the conference to be called to consider the changing of the bounds of the Presbyteries of the Synod of Manitoba and N.W. Territories. A committee was appointed to draft an overture to the Assembly seeking power to license catechists to dispense ordinances. The resignation of Mr. Robson, of Fort Qu'Appelle, was received, and as he still pressed its acceptance he was, on motion, relieved of his charge after the 1st of April, and a committee appointed to draft a suitable minute on his retirement. Mr. Matheson was appointed moderator of Fort Qu'Appelle session and Mr. Moore moderator of Qu'Appelle Station. The reports of the following standing committees were received and adopted: Statistics and finance, the state of religion, temperance, and Sabbath schools. In connection with the report on the state of religion, the following recommendations were adopted: 1. That sessions be organized in every field. 2. That special attention be given to Bible class work. 3. Pastoral visitation and special services, the pastor being assisted by some other member of Presbytery. In connection with that on Sabbath schools: 1. That more complete returns be made by superintendents. 2. That the Home Study