

Ministers and Churches.

ABOUT 500 students will be in attendance at Queen's University, Kingston, during the present term.

A LECTURE was delivered last week in the West End Y. M. C. A. Hall by Dr. Daniel Clark on "The Brain and its Enemy." The auditorium was crowded by young men from all parts of the city.

THE Rev. Mr. Rochester, of Montreal, has accepted the appointment of the Home Mission Committee to Prince Albert, and the Rev. Mr. Mills, of Sunderland, has also been appointed by the Committee to New Westminster.

AT a meeting of the congregation of Ruth Street Presbyterian Church, St. Alban's Ward, last week it was unanimously decided to extend a call to the Rev. R. T. Tibbs, who has had charge of the church for a year as a missionary.

THE Hon. Oliver Mowat, at the request of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, delivered an able and interesting lecture in Knox Church, Woodstock, last Thursday evening on "Christianity and Some of its Evidences."

THE Rev. T. and Mrs. Porters sailed from England the other day for South Africa. They took steamer from London and expect to be some sixteen days on the voyage. The reverend gentleman goes out to take charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Harrowsmith, Orange-Free State.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane has left for British Columbia to conduct services at the re-opening of Mr. Fraser's church in Victoria. He will also preach in Vancouver and New Westminster, and visit as many stations there and in the North-West as he can. He expects to return the end of November.

THE following elders of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, have been ordained by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Murray: Messrs. H. E. Nelles, C. McCallum, George McGillivray, James Gordon, Rev. James Gordon, M.A., George Cairncross, Robert Morrison, M. Hutchinson, J. L. Gibson and J. M. Lothead.

THE designation of Dr. Minnie Fraser, medical missionary to India, was an interesting event in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, Tuesday evening week. Her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Fraser, Montreal, were present. Mr. Fraser made a feeling address, as did also the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Principal Grant and Mr. J. Mackie.

LAST week a little knot of enthusiastic friends and members of the St. James Presbyterian Church, London, gathered at the church grounds to witness the turning of the first sod preparatory to the erection of the proposed lecture hall. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. M. P. Talling, after which a benediction was invoked and the gathering dispersed.

A LARGE and attentive audience was present in the lecture-room of the Literary and Scientific Society of Ottawa last week to listen to Rev. Principal Grant on "British, Boer, and Black," the opening lecture of the Society's winter series. The President, Mr. H. B. Small, occupied the chair and introduced Principal Grant who met with a warm reception. The lecture was one of great ability and was greatly appreciated.

THE tablet ordered to be placed in Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, by the congregation in memory of their former pastor, Rev. Dr. Archibald, has been placed in position. It is a handsome piece of work. Dr. Archibald was pastor of the church from November 12, 1885, to November 11, 1887, and died in Toronto last November at the early age of thirty-seven years. He was a most eloquent and talented minister, and was truly "a man among men."

MR. J. A. SINCLAIR, M.A., theological student of Queen's University, has been engaged for the last two seasons in British Columbia in the mountain district, with Ravelstock as centre. Mr. Sinclair has been labouring under the auspices of St. Andrew's Church, Perth. Before leaving his field of labour to resume his studies a valedictory social was held, at which an address, accompanied with a purse of \$130, was presented to Mr. Sinclair, who made a fitting response.

THE Rev. Dr. Armstrong, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, preached lately on woman's rights, the sermon being one of a series on "Christianity in its Relations to Home Life." Dr. Armstrong claimed for women all the advantages of higher education now enjoyed by men and advocated State-aided ladies' universities. He declared himself as opposed to woman's suffrage, although claiming for women the fullest liberty consistent with womanhood in their competition for employment with men.

THE tenth anniversary of the settlement of the Rev. J. R. MacLeod, as pastor of Kingsbury and Flodden, was celebrated on the 12th inst., Rev. S. J. Taylor, B.A., Montreal, conducting services morning, afternoon and evening. Mr. Taylor's sermons were thoughtful, practical and earnest and were heard by interested and attentive audiences. On Monday evening following a large number of the congregation young and old gathered at the manse, expressing the wish that the pastor and family may be permitted to remain among them for many years to come, and in various ways giving proof of the sincerity of the expressed wish.

AT a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Stratford held in Knox Church there last week, the call to the Rev. David Perrie, of Nissouri, from Geneva Church, Chesley, was disposed of. The representative from the Bruce Presbytery, Rev. Donald McKenzie, and those from the congregation of Chesley being heard, also those from Nissouri, the call was put into the hands of the Rev. D. Perrie and accepted. His brethren of the Presbytery, having expressed their regret at the loss of one who was so highly esteemed by them all, moved that his translation take place after the 26th inst., that his pulpit be preached vacant on the 2nd of November, and that the Rev. John Campbell, of Granton, act as Moderator during the vacancy.

THE Rev. Dr. Moffat, for twenty-eight years pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Walkerton, preached with great acceptance to his former congregation on Sunday week. The Doctor's many friends in and around Walkerton were delighted to again hear his voice in its accustomed place; and to notice that, though showing signs of the progress of time in his appearance, he possesses all his old-time vigour and earnestness. His sermon in the evening was specially directed to the young. It was full of good advice, given in a pleasing and instructive manner. For some years he has been secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society, and we are pleased to note that success has followed his energetic administration.

A UNION prayer meeting for the conversion of the Jews was held recently in Bank Street Church, Ottawa. It was well attended by representatives from all denominations. Dr. Moore presided, and in introducing the subject read some extracts from a pamphlet by Rev. Dr. Kellogg, of Toronto, which showed the influence exerted by the Jews in Europe, through their wealth and education, particularly in the universities of Germany and Italy, where a very large number of the professors are Jews. It was decided at the last meeting of General Assembly to institute a mission of the Presbyterian Church to the Jews in Palestine, and arrangements are now being made with that end in view. The meeting was held, simultaneously with others of like character, in connection with the Mildmay Mission to the Jews, London, England.

ABLE and instructive anniversary sermons were preached on Sunday week in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sherbrooke, by Rev. D. Tait, it being the first anniversary in the new church. The collections and subscriptions received on that occasion were nearly \$700, a very generous giving indeed. On the following Monday evening the Rev. Dr. A. B. Mackay, of Montreal, delivered a most interesting and amusing lecture on "The First Invention," which turned out to be a needle, the one our mother Eve used to sew together the fig-leaves for her own and Adam's first suit of clothes. Mr. Lee presided and a warm vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Rev. Dr. Barnes and seconded by Rev. Mr. Eldridge. The choir rendered choice music. Rev. Mr. Lee stated that he was likely soon to leave Sherbrooke, a fact that somewhat saddened the pleasure of the entertainment.

THE anniversary services of the East Toronto congregation were held Sabbath week, October 19. Owing to the unfavourable weather the attendance was much smaller than it would otherwise have been, but the Rev. Mr. Martin, of St. Paul's, in the morning, and Mr. R. J. Hunter, of Knox College, in the afternoon, delighted those who were present. Rev. G. C. Patterson, of St. Enoch's, wisely remained at home in the evening, and left the pastor to conduct the service himself. On Monday evening week a very successful tea-meeting was held, at which two well-known elders, Messrs. T. Yellowlees and R. S. Gourlay, as well as the Revs. S. Acheson, M.A., and W. Frizzell, Ph.D., with the local clergy, gave excellent, practical addresses. The idea of having elders to discourse to a tea-meeting audience is a good one.

THE annual thank-offering meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to Presbyterian Woman's Board of Foreign Mission was held in Knox Church, Ottawa, last week. The president, Miss Harmon, was in the chair, and led the devotional exercises. Mrs. Hay, recording secretary, read the minutes, and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alexander, the monthly missionary letters, which gave interesting news from the various mission stations. The collection of the envelopes was made, the contents of which Mrs. Crannell, the treasurer, announced as \$196. This will probably be further augmented as, although there was a very good attendance, many were prevented from being present by the unpleasant weather. On the announcement of the sum the president asked all present to join in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and Mrs. Hay to offer the thanksgiving prayer which closed the meeting.

FOLLOWING is a part of a resolution moved by James Turnbull, seconded by James Strachan, and passed by the congregation of Knox Church, Brussels: That it is with the deepest regret that we have learned that our beloved pastor, the Rev. Dr. Howie, has resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation. We truly and sincerely affirm that he has been a faithful minister of Jesus Christ and has discharged the duties of a pastor with great acceptance and diligence. No duty in the congregation has been omitted over which, in the providence of God, he has been placed. And notwithstanding the great infirmity from which he suffers nothing has been neglected or overlooked. And no minister of the Gospel could have discharged the duties of a pastor more ably and efficiently, his blindness having in no sense detracted from his usefulness as a faithful minister of the Gospel. Dr. Howie is to be in Beachburg on Nov. 19 and 20.

WE are pleased to learn that the Presbyterian Ladies' College on Bloor Street is more than sustaining the expectations of those who felt the want of such an institution in the city representing Presbyterianism. Principal Macintyre, the founder of the institution, is to be congratulated on the success of his enterprise, fraught with no little anxiety, and requiring among other things experience, nerve and faith. The college, with the extensive additions made during the summer, is very complete in all its appointments. A feature worthy of note in the plans is that the class-rooms and art studios occupying the whole ground floor are so arranged that the pupils on leaving them enter the home where the surroundings are such as to free them from the associations of their school life. The advantages of this system are fully appreciated by the students. The plan also equally meets the requirements and comforts of the large attendance of day pupils. There were but very few vacancies at the beginning of the term, and from the applications recently received the prospects are that every vacancy will be taken for the second term, which opens about the middle of November.

THE *Perth Star* says the Rev. Mr. Cooke, of Smith's Falls, preached a sermon on amusements in which card-playing and dancing received some attention. He said Christians would be guilty of wrong-doing if they allowed any amusement to stand in the way of self-culture, and that young persons would invite temptation which might prove disastrous by learning to play a game which exercises so great a fascination. He referred to the dance and condemned it in the strongest terms. He read an extract from a well-known writer which relegated the public dance to the kingdom of darkness and said no Christian, no one who can say the kingdom of God is within me, could so much as countenance it. In conclusion, he urged his hearers to ever keep in mind the true conception of religious life; and that the Christian is already at the danger point who is always asking, can I not do this, or that, or the other thing, as if the great things were to find out how far one may go in what is doubtful. The Lord Jesus wants whole-hearted followers who ask not, "Lord, what wilt Thou not have me to do?" but "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" If we really desire to be wholly Christ's no questions concerning amusements will give us any trouble.

IN Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last week a meeting was held to bid farewell to Rev. Norman Russell, whom the congregation are sending out to India as a missionary. Mr. J. K. MacDonald presided, and beside him sat Rev. Professor McLaren, Dr. McTavish and the young missionary. The choir and congregation sang some hearty missionary hymns. The chairman briefly referred to the history of the Central Presbyterian congregation in mission contributions and work. He recalled that Mr. Russell, while the first missionary to be sent out and sustained by them, would be their eighth representative in foreign fields. Following the chairman, Rev. Prof. McLaren addressed the meeting. His long and prominent connection with the mission efforts of the Presbyterian Church in Canada made it appropriate that he should speak a few words of courage to the departing missionary. He told his auditors something of the vastness of the field into which Mr. Russell is going and something of the dense spiritual darkness and deep immorality in which the nine or ten million people in Central India, to which part Mr. Russell is going, are plunged. Rev. Dr. McTavish, pastor of the church, made an address full of warm encouragement, and all the speakers referred to Mr. Russell in flattering terms. The address of Mr. Russell breathed the spirit of earnest resolution and consecration to the work. Such a farewell as he received from the hundreds of the congregation with whom he has worshipped will remain as a cherished memory in the far off heathen land.

ON a recent Sunday morning large crowds might have been seen repairing towards New Glasgow to attend the re-opening of the church. The church was crowded to the doors and all were well repaid by listening to a very eloquent sermon by Rev. F. H. Larkin, of Chatham, who took for his text 2 Peter iii. 18. In the afternoon a well attended platform meeting was held when short addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Larkin and Francis. In the evening Rev. Mr. Larkin preached to a fair-sized congregation, although the rain prevented crowds from being present who intended to be there. The collections at the different services amounted to ninety-five dollars. On Monday the rain poured down all day making the prospects very dull, but at night the rain ceased and a good crowd turned out. The programme was very good and consisted of speeches by Rev. Messrs. Bristol and Francis, reading by Miss Maribel Black, music by the Rodney Presbyterian choir, Miss S. Black and the Misses Spencer, of West Lorne. While the music was of a high order, the singing of Miss Maggie Spencer fairly took the house by storm. The proceeds of the two days' meetings were \$140. The repairs cost \$770, besides a large amount of work done by the people themselves, which would bring the amount to \$850, and to look at the church one would say that every dollar had been well spent. The congregation now congratulate themselves on having the finest country church in Western Ontario. While all connected have worked hard to bring about such a desirable state of affairs, Rev. Mr. Francis worked specially hard to have everything up to the mark.

A MEETING of those favourable to the formation of a new congregation of the Presbyterian Church in the southern part of Ottawa was held last week in the Sunday school hall, Stewarton. There was a good attendance. Among those present were Rev. R. Whillans, Moderator, and Messrs. W. Porter, John Kane, F. H. Chrysler, of the Presbytery's interim session; Rev. Dr. Moore, Moderator of the Presbytery of Ottawa; Rev. Mr. McLennan, and Messrs. D. B. MacTavish, McLeod Stewart, O. Higman, W. Stephen, James Sinclair, J. B. Halkett, J. S. Durie and others, and a number of ladies. Mrs. D. B. MacTavish made the offer of a vacant lot to place the temporary church on, pending the erection of a permanent building and was for her offer accorded the hearty thanks of the meeting. Dr. Moore in an encouraging speech recounted the early experience of Bank Street Church, when the prospects were not nearly so encouraging as those of Stewarton. In response to Mr. Whillans' invitation quite a number signified their intention of joining the new organization. A list of communicants and adherents was then begun, to be left open for additions after services have been regularly opened. After Messrs. MacTavish, Halkett, Durie, Higman, A. Ardley, and others had spoken, Mr. A. Ardley stated on behalf of his wife that she would donate \$100 toward the erection of a new church. A provisional committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. D. B. MacTavish, J. S. Durie, O. Higman, W. Ashe, J. B. Halkett and the members of the interim session. After arranging for other meetings the assembly was dismissed by singing the doxology, and a closing prayer by Dr. Moore. The managing committee held a meeting at the close, when the organization was perfected. Mr. D. B. MacTavish was elected chairman, Mr. O. Higman, secretary, and Mr. J. S. Durie, treasurer. Arrangements for opening

services were then entered upon, and at an early date the inaugural services may be looked for. The necessary business to complete organization was transacted and the meeting adjourned to meet again next week. The site of the new church is proposed at or near the corner of Argyle Avenue and Bank Street, a most favourable situation. From the energy and interest displayed the successful formation of the new congregation may be taken as an accomplished fact.

THE Jersey City *Evening Journal* gives the following account of the silver wedding celebration of the Rev. David and Mrs. Mitchell, formerly of the Central Presbyterian Church, this city. It was celebrated recently in the Scotch Church manse, Jersey City. Without at first thinking of this event the pastor of the Scotch Church and his wife had given a general invitation for a social. As it leaked out that this was the completion of twenty-five years of wedded life for the worthy host and hostess, the ladies with great alacrity and secrecy got up an entertainment suitable for the silver wedding as well as the original object of the social. A large number met in the manse, and after a series of games, songs and recitations, Rev. Thomas Houston stepped forward and in name of the ladies and the people generally congratulated Rev. Mr. Mitchell and his lady upon the auspicious event, and, as a mark of their appreciation and good wishes, presented them with a well-filled purse of silver dollars. Rev. David Mitchell replied for his wife and himself, saying how much pleasure they had in receiving so many friends in their beautiful home. He was too modest to make public the event of their silver wedding, and now that it had been brought to light and made the occasion to honour them with their presence, their good wishes and such a valuable gift, he thanked the friends for their kindness to him and his family. He spoke hopefully of the work of the Church, and now that the Lord had blessed him with returning health he only thought of the one thing of how best to carry on the Lord's work. Refreshments were then enjoyed by all and the happy evening's entertainment was carried into quite a late hour. At this juncture a beautiful silver tea-set was presented to Mrs. Mitchell.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met on the 9th September and again on 7th October. Mr. Straith gave in the Home Mission report. He also reported a deficiency on Augmentation of Stipends. The Presbytery agreed to make up the deficiency allotted to it among the members themselves. Mr. Dadds read a discourse, which was received with approval. Mr. Martin, who resided within the bounds of Presbytery during summer, was also present, desiring to be certified as a student. The Clerk was instructed to certify both of the above-named students to the Senate of Knox College. The Rev. Mr. Baikie having tendered his resignation of Guthrie Church, Harrison, and the congregation having been duly cited, it was agreed to accept of the resignation, and Mr. Bickell was appointed to declare the pastoral charge vacant on the first Sabbath of November, and to act as Moderator of Session. Mr. Aull was appointed to prepare a minute anent the resignation of Mr. Baikie. Mr. McNair, on behalf of the committee appointed to prepare a minute anent the death of the Rev. William Park, submitted the following, which was received and adopted: Rev. William Park, a member of this Presbytery, died in Milverton at the residence of his son, Dr. Park, on the 16th March last. His remains were taken to Durham, and followed by a large number of sorrowful people. After a short and appropriate service they were laid to rest in the Durham Cemetery. Mr. Park was a man widely known and universally respected, not merely because of the office which he filled, but also for his Christianlike life. His unselfishness, his Christian charity and his courteous manner shall for many years to come be associated with his revered memory. At the time of his demise Mr. Park was the senior member of this court, having been ordained to the office of the ministry in 1857. His education he received in Edinburgh, where he enjoyed the privilege of studying under the distinguished Chalmers. He also was present at the disruption crisis, and was an eye-witness to all the proceedings on that memorable occasion. Shortly after completing his college course he came to Canada, and supplied Chalmers' Church, Quebec, for six months. He next preached in Ramsay for a number of months. His next work was with the late Dr. Topp, but subsequently he assisted the late Dr. Bayne, of Galt. He was sent by the Presbytery of Hamilton to preach in Durham, where he was called. Here he spent the remainder of his life. He was for many years a pioneer of our Church, labouring most zealously and ardently for the cause of Christ amid all the hardships and difficulties unknown to us of later times. Though called to fields where a smoother pathway seemed to be, he felt constrained to remain the pastor of an attached people. About five years before his death he retired from active work, but still showed a willingness to assist in any good work. As a minister of the Gospel he was careful in his pulpit preparations, faithful in his pastoral visitations and exceptionally kind in sickness or trouble. Besides in his own field of labour, where opportunity afforded, he willingly assisted others. Formerly, when the Presbytery covered the territory now occupied by several, he was accustomed to travel long distances over bad roads, to attend to his duties in that court of which he was for many years the respected Clerk. Though his death was not unlooked for, either by himself or his friends, even yet we cannot but feel the loss we have sustained. The cause of Christ, lost an advocate, the cause of humanity a friend, the Presbytery a wise counsellor, and the home a loving husband and an affectionate father. We therefore, as a Presbytery, while placing on record a sense of our loss in the death of our brother, at the same time acknowledge and humbly submit to the will of God, feeling confident that the exemplary life, faithful teaching and wise counsel of him who is gone shall yet spring up with glorious life in others, and that the lights kindled here and there by our brother shall by the blessing of God illumine the pathway of many an anxious one, though