

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. J. C. Tibb has declined the call to Rat Portage, Ontario.

REV. A. McDONALD, Nottawasaga, has gone on a trip to the North-West.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell visited Halifax this week. He preached in Pictou last week.

A HANDSOME and powerful organ is being fitted up in the New Presbyterian Church, London South.

THE Rev. Dr. Reid has gone to Belleville. He will go from there to spend his vacation at the seaside.

DR. T. J. BERNARDO preached in the Opera House and one of the Methodist churches in Peterborough on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. K. J. Grant, missionary to Trinidad, is still in Nova Scotia. His reception in Halifax, recently, was very cordial.

THE Rev. Alex. Bell, of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, having returned from his voyage across the Atlantic, has resumed his labours.

THE trustees of Knox Church, Galt, have purchased the Fleming residence for \$2,800 cash, to be used as a manse. The old manse will be sold.

THE Rev. E. W. Pantou, of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, has exchanged pulpits for two Sabbaths with the Rev. S. H. Eastman, of Oshawa.

THE Rev. Fraser J. Campbell and wife, returned missionaries from India, are to meet the three Presbyterian congregations in Truro this week.

THE Rev. William Blain was strong enough last week to accompany friends to Orillia, and he is now reported to be gaining rapidly. Before returning he will visit Muskoka.

THE Rev. Mr. Hallam, returned missionary from India, is preaching a series of most admirable sermons in Knox Church in the absence, on a vacation, of the Rev. W. T. McMullen.

THE Rev. Professor Gregg, Knox College, is in Halifax, and preached in Fort Massey and St. John churches. Dr. Gregg is preparing a History of Presbyterianism in Canada.

THE Rev. Mr. Jackson, of Warren, Ohio, has been preaching in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston. He is said to be an eloquent preacher, and so pleased the people that he may receive a call.

THE venerable Dr. McCulloch, on Sabbath morning last, announced the beginning of his forty-seventh year of ministry to the congregation now attending the First Presbyterian Church of Truro.

DR. BURNS, of Halifax, and Mr. James Croil, of the *Presbyterian Record*, Montreal, after leaving the Belfast Council, went to Copenhagen, where they are attending the Evangelical Alliance meetings.

THE work of canvassing for the endowment of Knox College, which has for a longtime back been dispensed with, owing to vacation, will soon be recommenced in the various parts of the Province which have not yet been visited.

THE Rev. E. P. Humphrey, D.D., LL.D., of Louisville, Ky., who is at present stopping at the Arlington, Cobourg, preached in the Presbyterian Church last Sabbath. There were large congregations present to hear this eminent divine.

THE Knox Church, Winnipeg, Sunday school picnic, which was held at Selkirk, was very well attended, and though rain fell in the morning, the afternoon was pleasant, and the young people enjoyed the entertainment provided for them.

THE Rev. Thomas Christie is now in Santa Maria, California. The Rev. J. C. Burgess, Carlton, St. John, is in California, resting. The Rev. W. Scott Whittier declined a call to an Oakland church, and is to prosecute his tour round the world.

THE Arthur correspondent of the *Guelph Mercury* says: Rev. Mr. Thom, our popular Presbyterian minister, is taking an active part in preparing the way for the Scott Act. He has a very large Band of Hope in the village, besides a number of outposts in the country.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. James' Presbyterian Church, Stouffville on Sabbath, August 10th, by the Rev. L. Nixon, pastor. An addition of eleven was made to the membership of the church. This makes a total of thirty-four during the past year.

THE *Guelph Mercury*: Rev. D. McGregor, of the Congregational Church and Rev. J. R. Beattie, of Knox, exchanged pulpits recently. In Chalmers' Rev. Mr. Lyle, of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, preached clear, earnest and eloquent sermon at both diets of worship.

THE *Stratford Herald* says: Rev. A. A. Drummond, Newcastle, conducted the funeral services of the late Mrs. Riddell, on Wednesday last, and also preached in Shakespeare and Hampstead on Sabbath. On the 13th of this month, eight years ago, he preached his farewell sermon in Shakespeare.

THE Presbyterian Sabbath School, Orangeville, had a very pleasant picnic at the Forks, on Friday week. Two cars left the station at half-past ten comfortably filled. The party enjoyed a very good time amid the picturesque scenery at the Forks. All returned in the evening well pleased with the excursion.

THE Rev. John McEwen, secretary of the Sabbath school Association of Canada, will hold three of his popular Sabbath school institutes in Oxford county, in September. The exercises may be looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by all Sabbath school workers. Embro, Mt. Elgin and Norwich will be the places visited.

THE author of the contribution "The Psalter with Tunes," in last number of THE PRESBYTERIAN, makes the following corrections: The number of tunes of different metres ought to read as follows: 28 long, 158 common, 23 short, and 11 peculiar—220 in all, besides chants. 2nd. Among omitted tunes, for "Arlington" read "Orlington."

A CONTEMPORARY says: By last advices from Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Brantford, he had visited Ostend, Brussels and the field of Waterloo in Belgium; sailed up the Rhine from Cologne to Bonn, Coblenz and Mayence, and after spending some time at Heidelberg, had passed on to Worms. He was starting for Baden Baden, Strasbourg and Basle on a tour through Switzerland, ending with Geneva.

THE *Nelson Mountaineer* says: Rev. D. G. Cameron, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, has resigned his charge, and will shortly return to his old home in Montreal. The rev. gentleman and his estimable lady, during their residence here, have endeared themselves to a large circle of admiring friends, who will hear with regret of their prospective departure.

A MEETING was held recently in the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, to bid farewell to Miss Helen Bell, who is about to undertake zenana missionary work. The Rev. S. Lyle occupied the chair, and was supported by the leading ministers of the city and visiting friends from Toronto. During the evening Miss Bell was the recipient of a purse of money and an address from the Missionary Society connected with the church, also an album and address from the Sunday-school scholars.

THE Rev. K. J. Grant has made a short and very successful visit to Newfoundland. In the mission field and at home, before the General Assembly or in our congregations in town or country, Mr. Grant is equally at home, and equally absorbed in his Master's work. His great success among the Coolies is the secret of his success among our congregations. He has a story to tell which may well evoke the sympathy and enlist the generous aid of every one interested in the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

A CONTEMPORARY says: Last Sabbath morning Rev. Dr. Scott, of North Bruce, preached an excellent sermon in the Presbyterian Church, Port Elgin, from the text, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death," Prov. xiv: 12. The rev. gentleman said that the text implied a possible right and wrong way, and dwelt more particularly upon the ways of atheists, sceptics and practical unbelievers. In the times of the Psalmist the fool said in his heart "There is no God." To-day the fool is more fully developed, he has become bolder and not only says in his heart but also with his lips and pen presumes to say there is no God. He then went on, in his very practical way, to show the foolishness of unbelief and the desirability of more thorough acquaintance with God. The sermon was listened to by a large congregation and highly appreciated by all.

THE Rev. J. M. McIntyre, who has for some time engaged in evangelistic work in the congregation of West Nottawasaga, has returned to his home in Prescott. His special work, which was crowned with a large

measure of success, was brought to a close on Sabbath evening, July 20th. The services were continued for three weeks at the West Church and for four weeks at Duntroon. On Sabbath last the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the latter place, when about seventy new communicants from both churches were received on profession of faith. Immediately before the communion service baptism was administered to eleven adults. The services throughout were very impressive. Between the town of Collingwood and the township of Nottawasaga, between two and three hundred members were added to the churches in which Mr. McIntyre engaged in evangelistic work, and as a result in a great measure of his labours.

THE Second Embro Reunion was held on the 6th and 7th of August. The Rev. R. R. Sutherland, D.D. delivered an able address. He was followed by Rev. John Ross, Brucefield, Wm. Stewart and Mervin Cody, on "Pioneer Life in Zorra." Rev. E. D. Silcox followed, on "Echoes of the Last Reunion." Thursday forenoon a business meeting was held. At this meeting it was decided to have the next reunion in Embro, 1886. A most enjoyable afternoon meeting was held, when Dr. Ross, Embro; Dr. McKay, Woodstock; Rev. John Ross, Rev. W. A. McKay, Rev. G. Munro, Mr. Carlyle, Dr. Murray, Wm. Munro, D. McKay, University College, and Rev. Mr. Silcox, Mr. A. C. McKenzie, of Auburn College, N. Y., and others took part. A delightful open air meeting was held in Knox Church grounds. A collation was provided by the ladies, and several selections were given by the Embro Cornet Band. An immense audience met in Knox Church for the evening meeting, and a large number of reunionists and others from a distance were present. At this and the other indoor meetings a choir of about forty voices, under the leadership of Prof. Tanney, of Knox Church, entertained the audience with choice selections of music.

THE Rev. J. S. MacKay, arrived at New Westminster, B. C., on the 1st August, and entered upon his public ministry on the following Sabbath, preaching appropriate sermons to large congregations morning and evening. At the morning service, which had perforce to take the place of the usual induction exercises the sermon was a clear, sound and well-put presentation of ministerial duty, founded upon the words, "For Christ sent me not to baptise, but to preach the gospel." (1 Cor. i: 17.) At the evening service, the congregation of the Methodist Church, which was closed for the occasion, was present—returning a similar compliment paid to their new minister on the previous Sabbath, by the congregation of St. Andrew's. On Tuesday evening (Aug. 5th), a congregational social was held in the skating rink to welcome Mr. MacKay. Excellent and bountiful refreshments were provided by the ladies of the congregation, while all expenses in connection with the hall, decoration, etc., were borne by the young men. The young people of the congregation to whom the direction of the affair was intrusted had worked very heartily, and were rewarded by the complete success of the occasion. After tea, an address of welcome and a pulpit Bible were presented to Mr. MacKay from the congregation, and acknowledged in a very happy, well-delivered and well-received address. A short, but well-sustained programme made up chiefly of vocal and instrumental music, occupied the time until nearly eleven o'clock. One very pleasing circumstance was, that Rev. R. Jameison was able not only to be present, but to deliver a short address. In the course of his remarks, he paid a high compliment to Mr. MacKay, saying that although it was not usually wise to judge of men on a short acquaintance, he felt safe in heartily congratulating the congregation on the choice made by their commissioners, and firmly believed that Mr. MacKay would prove to be the right man in the right place. Rev. W. Allen, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, was also present, and delivered a fraternal address.

THE *Mount Forest Confederate* gives a full account of a farewell banquet given in honour of the Rev. D. Fraser, who was recently inducted in Cooke's Church, Toronto, to the pastoral charge of Pandora Street Church, Victoria, B. C. The meeting was attended by about eight hundred of the people of Mount Forest and neighbourhood. After partaking of an excellent tea provided by the ladies the meeting was called to order by Mr. Alex. Davidson, of Egremont, who briefly stated the object of the gathering, viz.: to bid an affectionate farewell to their late pastor, and to