

## Ministers and Churches.

KNOX CHURCH, Galt, will build a new school room to cost \$10,000.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Strathroy, is at present undergoing improvements that will and greatly to its beauty.

THE Rev. A. Beattie, late of New York City, has left Galt for Southern China to engage in missionary work.

THE Rev. George Clark spoke on "Mission Work in China" in the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, last week.

A BRANCH of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church has been established at Portage du Fort.

THE Rev. J. H. Macfarlane, Presbyterian minister, Ashton, was announced to preach his farewell sermon there on Sabbath last.

THE induction of the Rev. Mr. Glassford to the charge of the Presbyterian congregation, Streetsville, took place in that Church on Tuesday.

THE Presbyterians of Austin, Manitoba, have made arrangements for the erection of a handsome church, 20 by 40, to cost about \$1,500 to be completed before October.

THE Building Committee of Knox Church, Galt, met last week and opened the tenders for the new addition, which were considered at a congregational meeting later.

THE Rev. P. Wright, of Stratford, Ont., has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and is expected to arrive about the middle of July.

THE united congregations of Chalmers Church, Kincardine Township, and Knox Church, Bervie, have given a unanimous call to Rev. D. A. McLean, of Kemble, Owen Sound Presbytery.

ARRANGEMENTS are in progress for the publication in two volumes of "The Great Hymns of the Church: their Origin and Authorship," by the Rev. D. Morrison, M.A. Owen Sound.

THE Rev. James Sutherland, of Inverness, has by his session been granted leave of absence during the month of July, part of which time he purposes spending in Montreal, and the remainder at Winchester Springs.

THE different stations of the Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of Stratford have been re-arranged at last, Shakespeare, Tavistock and Bells forming one charge, while Hampstead unites with Mr. Stewart's.

THE Rev. W. Graham, M.A., of St. John's, Newfoundland, is in Quebec, and the guest of Rev. A. F. Love. The reverend gentleman preached a very fine sermon on Sunday evening week, on Christian missions, in St. Andrew's Church.

THE Rev. John Stenhouse, M.A., B.Sc., has left for Edinburgh where he will further prosecute his studies in Science. He intends returning early in September to accept a lectureship in the new Ladies' College to be established by Dr. Macintyre in Toronto.

THE trustees and choir of St. Gabriel Presbyterian Church, Montreal, presented Mr. Wallack, of the *Witnes* staff, who is a member of the choir, and who is leaving for a trip to the old country, with a handsome gold chain and maltese cross, as a mark of their regard.

ON Sabbath, June 10, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church, Inverness. The day was fine, and the congregation the largest we have seen for years. Thirteen persons united, nine on profession of faith and four by certificate.

At a luncheon held on Mr. D. Chalmers' lawn at Kintore, on the evening of the 15th ult., the Rev. J. M. Munro, pastor of the Presbyterian Church there, was presented with an address and a purse of money on the eve of his departure on a visit to Scotland for the benefit of his health.

THE Rev. Dr. Beattie, of the Columbia Theological Seminary, has already been engaged to supply pulpits from every Sunday during his two months stay in Canada. He preaches in Antigonish, Hamilton, and in Central Church, Toronto. On July 6th he delivered a lecture in the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, on "The Sunny South."

THE Chipman Presbyterian congregation met at Redbank, Church, N. B., for the purpose of giving a call to a minister. There was a large attendance. Dr. Bennett, who has been visiting the congregation by the appointment of Presbytery, presided. The call came out in favour of Rev. Alex. A. Watson. The call was signed by a large number of members present.

DURING the meeting of the General Assembly the Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Bruceville, conducted the Sabbath service at the William St. Mission, proving wonderfully acceptable to the people. Mr. Simpson, although pastor of a large and prosperous congregation, can adapt himself to the few in comparison, if we may judge by the interesting talk he gave in the mission.

Mrs. BLACKADER, a missionary from Trinidad, addressed Knox Church, Galt, Sabbath school Sabbath morning week. In the afternoon she also addressed the parents and children on the work of her mission. She also gave an interesting account of the habits and customs of the natives, which was illustrated with articles of native dress and other curiosities.

THE Rev. W. S. McFavish, B.D., St. George, attended the commencement exercises of the Brantford Young Ladies' College. He has been appointed Lecturer on Church and Biblical History at the college for the ensuing year. The college, the Brantford *Expositor* says could not have chosen more wisely the services of an accomplished scholar and a gentleman have been secured.

THE Presbyterian Church, Ashburn, was filled with a very good audience to listen to a lecture on "The Age We Live in," by the Rev. T. A. Nelson, of Windsor, N. S. The subject was dealt with in a very able and effective manner and abounded in many interesting and instructive facts. A very hearty vote of thanks was presented to the lecturer. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Sabbath school.

THE London *Free Press* says: Last Sabbath was "Children's Sabbath" in the King Street Presbyterian Church. The children and choir sang hymns appropriate to the occasion, after which there was presented to each child who has been baptized in the church, and who has reached the age of seven years, a handsomely bound copy of the Bible. The services were well attended, and all present seemed to take a deep interest in the proceedings.

THE *Manitoba Sun* says: Our Presbyterian minister, Mr. R. C. MacBeth, B.A., has been drawing such large congregations to hear him at Saltersville school-house that it has been deemed expedient to have a much larger building to hold service in, and R. P. Roblin, M.P.P., has placed his granary at their disposal. Seats have been placed in the building and made as comfortable as possible. Service was held in the granary for the first time last Sunday, and there was a good attendance.

DR. COCHRANE requests us to say that copies of the Assembly's Home Mission Report will be supplied to ministers of our churches for distribution among members of their congregations who are specially interested in increasing an interest in and aiding the funds of the Home Mission Committee. As the printing of this edition will necessarily be costly, applications for copies should be limited to the number that can be advantageously used. Applications must be sent to Dr. Reid on or before the 15th day of July.

THE Rev. J. W. Mitchell was aided in the service at First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, Sunday morning week, by the Rev. Alex. Campbell, of Montreal, secretary of the Evangelical Alliance for the Dominion of Canada, who preached a thoughtful sermon on the words "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the

Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." The service in the evening was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Duclos who is engaged in work among his fellow-countrymen in the east end of Montreal.

THE *Manitoba Free Press* says: A very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mr. David Ross, of Whittemouth, Manitoba, by the Bible class of the Presbyterian Church there. During the evening a very handsome silver fruit basket was presented to Mrs. Ross as a token of the high regard in which she is held by her class. In thanking those present for their beautiful present, Mrs. Ross referred to the very kindly feeling existing amid the various families in Whittemouth and trusted that it would always remain so. Mrs. Ross leaves next week for a prolonged visit to Eastern Canada. Her children accompany her.

THE remains of Mr. George D. McVicar were interred in Kildonan cemetery last week. The funeral was largely attended by citizens and members of the Masonic Order, under whose auspices it was conducted. The pall-bearers were Dr. Agnew, Hon. D. H. McMillan, A. Pearson, T. Leslie, J. McKechnie and W. C. Scott. Rev. Professor Hart held service at the house, and also read the prayers at the grave. Among those who followed the body to the grave was Lieutenant-Governor Shultz, who was imprisoned in Fort Garry by Riel with Mr. McVicar, and accompanied him on the memorable flight in midwinter after their escape.

MR. JAMES CRELAND and Mr. William Crawford, elders of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Montreal, in the name of the congregation, presented Rev. Dr. Smyth and wife with two purses, each containing \$100 in gold just as they were prepared to embark on the steamship *Caspian* for Europe. It was an agreeable surprise to the doctor, and he thanked the delegates from his congregation for this token of their esteem. Mrs. Smyth was also presented with several beautiful bouquets. Mr. R. H. Brown also presented Dr. Smyth with a purse from a few well wishers outside of his congregation. The doctor and his wife will be absent over two months.

THE General Assembly having closed its business for another year the committee on Arrangements met to total up the results of their labours. They had experienced a good deal of satisfaction in the hearty responses made to their appeals for home accommodation, and also for money to meet the necessary expenses consequent on such a gathering, and they found to their agreeable surprise that not only had they provided all with homes but nearly \$700 had been contributed in cash. After meeting all obligations they found themselves with a surplus of nearly \$400. This they divided among the following funds: Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Home Missions, Assembly Fund. The committee are exceedingly grateful to the citizens who so generously aided them in entertaining our visitors.

THE close of the fourth year of Rev. Dr. Fraser's pastorate was appropriately celebrated at Knox Church yesterday. The congregations were large. The pulpit, morning and evening, was filled by Rev. Dr. McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto. The text in the morning was from Acts ix. 15. "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way; for he is a chosen vessel unto Me to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the Children of Israel." The sermon was a powerful one. In the evening the doctor delivered an eloquent discourse on John xiv. 12. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father." The congregational singing was hearty and excellent.

THE opening and dedication services of the new Presbyterian Church, Orillia, are announced for Sundays, 7th and 14th inst. On Sunday 7th, opening service at 11 a.m., by Rev. Prof. McLaren, Knox College; special missionary services at 4.30 p.m., by the Rev. J. Walker, Missionary of Indore, India; evening services at 7 p.m., by Rev. W. T. McMullen, Ex-moderator of the General Assembly. On Sunday 14th, the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Brantford, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. In the afternoon special Sabbath School services at 2.30. Addresses by Dr. Cochrane, Revs. T. Manning, A. A. and R. W. F. Greene. Special collections at all the services. A special meeting will be held on Monday evening, July 15th. Addresses by Dr. Campbell, Dr. Cochrane, Rev. D. D. McLeod and local ministers.

THE *Almont Gazette* says: A large and representative meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, was held on Saturday last, immediately after the preparatory service conducted by the Moderator of the session, Rev. Mr. McLean of Arnprior. The object of the meeting was to select a pastor as a successor to the late Dr. Bennett. The choice lay between Rev. Mr. Grant, of the Montreal Presbyterian college, and Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Knox College, Toronto. On a ballot being taken it was found that Mr. Grant had a majority, and the vote was very heartily made unanimous. Either candidate would have been satisfactory to the congregation, as both are clever teachers. It is to be hoped that Mr. Grant may be able to see his way clear to accepting the call, which will now be transmitted to him in the regular way, as the congregation has been quite a while without a pastor.

THERE was a very large attendance at the opening of the new Presbyterian Church, North Plympton, Manitoba, on Sunday, June 10th. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. King in the morning and afternoon and by the Rev. Mr. Spence, of Kildonan, in the evening. All the service were crowded. A social was held Monday evening, and a very enjoyable time spent by the large gathering present. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. A. B. Baird and John Hogg, and refreshments were served. The church will seat about 150 people and is opened free of debt. The thanks of the congregation are due several Montreal and Winnipeg friends for their donations to the church furnishings, and especially to the Thomas Organ Company, of Woodstock, Ont., for a beautiful church organ. Miss Lila Conklin is organist. Rev. Mr. Hamilton will be in charge.

THE Vancouver, B.C., *Advertiser* says: The Rev. J. M. McLeod, Charlottetown, P. E. I., in answer to a petition from Vancouver, will arrive on Friday and will take charge of a new Presbyterian congregation that is being formed. The Imperial Opera House has been leased for the purpose of holding services which will begin on Sunday. The reverend gentleman is well known to all former residents of Prince Edward Island, having filled a prominent place in Presbyterian Church circles in that Province for many years, where he was held in high esteem. About four columns of the *Charlottetown Daily Patriot* are devoted to the leave-taking with the people there, containing addresses from the Victoria Lodge of A. F. A. M., from Zion Church congregation, letters from brother Argymen and complimentary speeches. At the conclusion of the farewell he was presented with \$400 in gold from his congregation, all of which go to show the high appreciation in which Mr. McLeod was held.

THE *Gulph Mercury* says: There was a good turnout in Knox Church last evening to hear Miss Blackader, a returned missionary from Trinidad. She came here under the auspices of the three Presbyterian Women's Missionary Societies, and was the guest of Mrs. Jas. Watt. Mrs. White, President of Chalmers' Church Society, occupied the chair and briefly introduced the lecturer. Miss Blackader has been in Trinidad for ten years and was able to give a graphic picture of that island, its resources, inhabitants, customs, and prospects. It has a population of 172,000, and four languages are spoken, viz., English, French, Spanish, and Hindu. The people in the main are very low down in the social scale, but Miss Blackader detailed some encouraging incidents in connection with her labour of love there. The lecture was brought to a close shortly before ten o'clock, and on motion of Mrs. T. Goldie, seconded by Mrs. Guthrie, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Miss Blackader for her kind-

ness in coming to address them. The meeting was closed with the usual exercises.

THE *Montreal Gazette* says: A crowded congregation assembled in Crescent Street Church, Montreal, on Sunday week, to witness the ordination to the ministry of three young men who leave behind them at college the record of a career creditable, honourable, and not without considerable brilliancy. Mr. J. H. MacVicar was conspicuous in taking honours at the last convocation of the Presbyterian College; Mr. J. McDougall was also prominent on that occasion, while Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie will be remembered for his debating power. On Sunday evening they consecrated themselves to a life fraught with difficulty and danger attendant on foreign mission work. Rev. Dr. Mackay preached, taking for his text the words: "He shall not fall nor be discouraged till He hath set judgment on the earth." With considerable feeling and lucidity the reverend gentleman went into and explained the import of these words as they affected the present-day world. He turned the current of his discourse to the men who were to be God's instruments in bringing about His reforms in an eloquent and earnest appeal to them to be steadfast and true to the position they had taken up. Rev. Dr. Wardrope having performed the ceremony of ordination, the Rev. Mr. Jordan addressed the newly-constituted ministers on the career before them.

THE annual meeting of the Glengarry Presbytery of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was held at Lancaster, on Tuesday, 18th June, and was largely attended, there being over a hundred delegates present. The chair was taken by the president, Mrs. D. McEwen, of Cornwall. After devotional exercises, an address of welcome was given by Mrs. Calder, of Lancaster, and responded to by Mrs. Cameron, of Woodlands. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. D. McEwen, Cornwall; Mrs. Stewart, of French, and Mrs. Scott, Martintown, vice-presidents; Mrs. William Mattice, Cornwall, corresponding secretary; Miss Maggie Scott, Martintown, recording secretary; Mrs. John D. McLennan, Cornwall, treasurer. In addition to many items of business that need not be specified, the following subjects were dealt with. The president's address; a paper on "Giving," by Mrs. D. D. McLennan, Williamstown; an address on "The Missionary Elements in the Character of Jesus," by Miss McIntosh, Lancaster; a paper on "Opportunities for Work," by Mrs. Baker, East Lancaster; a paper on "Practical Suggestions for Missionary Workers," by Mrs. William B. McLennan, Cornwall; a paper on "Christian Work in Foreign Fields," by Mrs. Stewart, Finch. Arrangements were made for sending a box of clothing to the Indian Missions of the North-West, in September. The next meeting is to be held at Aultsville, on the Wednesday of the third week of June, 1890. In the evening, a public meeting was held, Rev. Mr. Calder presided, and suitable addresses were delivered by Miss Maggie Scott, Mrs. McEwen, Rev. Mr. Given, of Williamstown, and Rev. Gordon Smith, of Lancaster.

THE Board of the Upper Canada Tract Society met last week, the Rev. John Burton, B.D., president in the chair. The reports of all the colporteurs for May were read, and found very satisfactory. These colporteurs are ever finding out families without Bibles and supplying them. One colporteur did excellent work on the Queen's Birthday, in one of our villages, by selling Bibles and religious books, and distributing the best tracts, religious, missionary and temperance. Another reports the great good done by such works "The Night of Weeping," Bishop Baldwin's "Life in a Look," and "The Pilgrim's Progress"; another that not a few had been converted by reading "God's way of Peace," by Bonar, and "The Blood of Christ," by Reid; another that the ministers of the different Churches are beginning to take a very warm interest in the colportage work of the society. One says, "I am heartily glad to see you selling in this locality such books as you carry." Mr. McKibbin has begun work in Manitoba, and in two weeks has sold ninety-two Bibles and 104 religious books. In addition to Mr. Bone's work on the Welland Canal, these four colporteurs have sold for the quarter no less than 793 Bibles and 966 religious books, in addition to the many given to the poor. An excellent financial statement was presented by Mr. John Young, of the depository, for May. Dr. Moffat, the secretary, reported that he had visited quite a number of towns and villages, and organized branches of the society. In Toronto, and throughout Ontario, a very much warmer interest is being taken in the greatly needed and valuable colportage work of the society. Special grants had been made to needy fields in Manitoba and Ontario, in English, French, German, Gaelic and Indian Bibles, books and tracts.

THE Vancouver *World* says: The corner-stone of the New St. Andrew's Church, on the corner of Richards and Georgia Streets, Vancouver, B. C., was laid with imposing ceremony in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen of the congregation and others on the 13th ult. The day was fine, and the turn-out a much larger one than usually witnesses these interesting ceremonies. On the platform were seated a number of ladies, the Revs. E. D. McLaren, B.D., Thomas Scoullar, E. Robson, J. W. Pedley, J. B. Kennedy, Messrs. J. M. Browning, chairman of the Session, and Thomas Duan, chairman of the building committee, and several others. In the audience were observed a number of prominent leading citizens and members of St. Andrew's congregation. The proceedings were opened by the Rev. Mr. McLaren giving out the 100th Psalm, which was sung with fervour, after which he read appropriate portions of the Scripture, followed by an impressive, earnest prayer. Mr. Thos. Dunn then advanced and presented Mr. Browning with a silver trowel and a walnut mallet wherewith to spread the mortar and lay the corner-stone. The stone was held by a strong bolt, attached to a rope worked by a winlass. Mr. Browning took his position beside the stone, when Mr. George Saul placed an hermetically sealed tin box in a cavity prepared for its reception in the stone, upon which rests the corner-stone in the edifice. It was then covered with mortar and cement, Mr. Browning levelling the mortar, for the top or corner-stone, which was lowered to its place. The spirit level was then applied, the stone being found to be level, Mr. Browning then said: "I declare the corner-stone of this building to be well and truly laid in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Here it may be stated that the tin box contained the names of our Sovereign, the Governor-General of Canada and his Cabinet, the Lieut. Governor and Cabinet of this Province, the Mayor and Aldermen of Vancouver, the names of the Moderator of the General Assembly, the pastor of the congregation and his Session, the manager, the local clergy, copies of the local papers, the *Record*, list of members of the Columbia Presbytery, the names of the contractors, the current census of the Province, and other documents relating to Vancouver and the Province. Mr. Browning followed up the historical sketch with a few earnest words expressive of the pleasure it afforded him to be present, and the interest all should feel in an event of the kind. The sum of \$5,500 had already been subscribed. The total cost, according to the estimates, would be about \$22,000. He hoped all would subscribe liberally until the debt is wiped off. A hymn was then sung, after which the Rev. Mr. McLaren called upon the Rev. E. Robson to address the assemblage, which he accordingly did, hoping that the St. Andrew's congregation would prosper. Mr. Robson recounted at some length the growth of the Churches in Vancouver, and sat down amid applause. The Rev. J. W. Pedley, the Rev. J. B. Kennedy and others addressed those present, followed by the taking up of a collection in aid of the funds. The ceremony concluded with the benediction, after which the audience dispersed.

THE fourth anniversary of the settlement of Rev. Mungo Fraser, M.A., D.D., as pastor of Knox Church, Hamilton, was held last week, and was very largely attended. Early in the evening refreshments were served in the basement. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided by the ladies of the congregation the public proceeded upstairs to listen to the music and speeches.