

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. James Miller of the Presbyterian Church, Nanaimo, has resigned.

A PRESBYTERIAN church has just been finished at Tamworth. It has a seating capacity of 700.

THE ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, recently held a very successful "Feast of Days."

THE Rev. D. M. Gordon, formerly pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, has arrived at Hong Kong.

THE Rev. Dr. Fletcher recently preached a funeral sermon in memory of the late Senator Turner.

THE Rev. Dr. Duval preached a special sermon lately to the Winnipeg members of the Order of United Workmen.

THE Revs. Stephen Childerose and H. K. Grant, graduates of Queen's, are taking a post-graduate course in theology in Edinburgh.

THE golden wedding of the parents of the Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., pastor of the Bloor Street Presbyterian Church, was celebrated last week.

THE Rev. Dr. Moore, of Bank Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, who has been ill with typhoid, is regaining his health, much to the satisfaction of his many friends.

THE Rev. Wm. Stuart, formerly pastor of the Carlton Presbyterian Church, has received a call from Buckingham Church, Berlin, Maryland. Rev. Mr. Stuart is now in Philadelphia.

THE Rev. Mr. Burns has fairly started in his canvass for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Among his first week's subscriptions are five at \$1000 each, seven at \$500 and others correspondingly liberal.

AT a meeting of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, Pisarinco, recently held it was unanimously agreed to ask the Presbytery of St. John for moderation in a call to Rev. Alexander A. Watson.

THE Rev. D. MacRae has resumed his charge at Victoria, B.C., after a furlough of six months in the east. Mr. Knowles, the student in charge during Mr. MacRae's absence, has returned to Manitoba College, Winnipeg.

THE *Guelph Mercury* says: In the morning Rev. R. J. Beattie spoke a little along the line of early Saturday night closing and warmly urged his hearers to get orders in on Friday, as the grievance was largely caused by late customers.

PRINCIPAL GRANT, D.D., of Queen's University, Kingston, preached missionary sermons in the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, Sunday week. The church at the evening service was crowded. There was a large sprinkling from other churches present.

THE *Halifax Mail* says: Rev. T. Chalmers Jack, of Maitland, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Sunday week. The reverend gentleman, who is regarded as one of the ablest of the rising young Presbyterian ministers of the provinces, preached two very vigorous sermons.

THE Scotch Church, Jersey City, under the pastorate of the Rev. David Mitchell, has already attained a remarkable degree of prosperity. They have established a mission in the city which promises to be both useful and successful. At the opening services Sabbath week the Rev. Mr. Houston, blind evangelist, took part.

THE following gentlemen were ordained and inducted to the office of Deacon in Knox Church, Toronto, last Sabbath at the morning service, after an eloquent exposition by the Rev. Dr. Parsons of Acts xi, 15; Peter Campbell, John W. Lang, Samuel D. Mitchell, Earnest W. Maas, Jacob Moerschfelder, George Wilkie, Alexander Shephard, David Ross and James Cunningham.

ST. PAUL'S Church, Port Arthur, has issued a neat programme for their winter prayer-meeting services. It embraces a most excellent and interesting variety of suitable topics, among which the more important Schemes of the Church find a place. Judging from the list interesting and profitable meetings are to be expected. Under the pastoral oversight of the Rev. John Pringle, M.A., St. Paul's, Port Arthur, is doing excellent work.

THE Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, in St. John's Presbyterian Church last week addressed a large audience on Presbyterian mission work in the Northwest. He told them of what the Presbyterians had accomplished in that country, of the urgent need of carrying on the mission work, both among the whites and the Indians, and appealed to them to contribute to the promotion of the work by giving of their means.

BEFORE leaving Ingersoll for Erie, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Ross, the wife of the Rev. Herbert C. Ross, late pastor of Knox Church, was presented by the ladies with a warm and sympathetic address in which her high character, Christian worth and service received recognition, also the best wishes for her and her husband's prosperity and usefulness in their new field of labour in Erie found expression. The address was accompanied by a handsome chain. The gifts were fittingly acknowledged.

THE communion was observed in the Presbyterian Church at Beachburg on Sunday week, and there was a very large attendance. In fact almost the entire body of the church was filled by communicants, quite a number of them being new members. Evidently the Presbyterians of Beachburg will have to enlarge their church or build a new one in the near future. If we might advise them, we would say, Build a new church in a more central locality than that in which the old one is situated.

THE young people of St. Andrew's, Sarnia, have formed a Christian Endeavour Society with the following officers: President, Mr. Wm. Maclean; Vice-President, Miss Porteous; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Jessie Brebner; Recording Secretary, Miss Maggie Mackenzie; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. King, and a membership of about forty. The society meets in the school room of the church every Tuesday evening, and a cordial invitation is extended to all young people to attend.

CHALMERS Church, Woodstock, auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church, at their annual thanksgiving meeting on the 9th ult., presented Mrs. W. A. McKay with a beautifully framed certificate of life-membership (\$25) in the society as a token of their appreciation of her deep interest in the work of the society. The lecture room of the church was well filled on the occasion. The address was read by Mrs. McWhirter and the presentation made by Mrs. George Robinson.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church in East Toronto village were held on the 27th ult., and were very successful. Rev. Mr. Scott of St. John's Church, city, preached in the morning and Mr. Hunter of Erskine Church in the afternoon and evening. The anniversary tea on Monday evening was one of the best the church has had. Rev. Messrs. Idle (Meth.), E. Gammick, L.L.D. (Church of England) and Dr. McTavish, Central Church, city, were the speakers. The Orient Quartette from the east end of the city gave some excellent selections that were highly appreciated.

THE *Truro Guardian* says: On the occasion of Mrs. John Morton's recent visit to Truro the Ladies' Missionary and Benevolent Society of St. Andrew's Church presented to her the sum of \$42

to aid in purchasing a Remington type writer for the benefit of the mission in Trinidad, with which she is identified. In addition to this the Young Ladies' Mission Band of the congregation, assisted by the Branch Society of Johnson's Crossing and some bright little boys and girls, prepared and forwarded to Mrs. Morton a box of mission goods valued at \$30. Thus the good work goes on apace, each congregation in turn cheerfully lending a helping hand.

THE Presbyterians of Alexander, a village sixteen miles west of Brandon, Manitoba, have erected a neat and substantial church this summer. The building is a frame one, with a good stone foundation and is capable of seating two hundred people. The opening services on October 27th, were conducted by Dr. King, who preached in the morning and afternoon and by the Rev. Mr. Ross, a neighbouring Methodist minister, in the evening. The church was filled on all three occasions; in the afternoon it was crowded; the collections for the Building Fund amounted to nearly \$100. The day was one of uncommon beauty for the season of the year. There are three associated stations in this field. It is hoped they may soon be in a position to call a minister. The people speak with much appreciation of Mr. Morrison from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, who was their missionary this summer.

A NEW Presbyterian Church at Williamsburg in connection with the congregation of Nashwaak and Stanley, St. John, N.B., was lately dedicated. The Rev. Mr. Mullin, pastor of the congregation, conducted the first part of the services and offered the dedicatory prayer. The Rev. Archibald Gunn, of St. Andrews, preached an appropriate sermon from the text "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Mrs. Young, eldest daughter of the pastor, presided at the organ. The choir and the whole congregation joined heartily in singing the songs of Zion. The Rev. Mr. Parlee, pastor of the English Church, preached in the afternoon. The church itself is a neat and comfortable building, with a graceful tower, spire and vane. Mr. Mullin has been pastor of Nashwaak and Stanley for about seven years, and during this time a manse and two churches were built and paid for by the congregation.

THE Rev. Dr. Reid writes to show that the censure directed against the American Churches for remissness in aiding the Bohemian Churches falls harmlessly so far as the Canadian Church is concerned. He says: In your issue of the 30th ult., you make a statement in reference to pecuniary aid to the Evangelical Church in Bohemia, which may mislead some of your readers. You say: "To America was allotted the raising of \$6,000. In this the Presbyterian Churches on this side the Atlantic—to their shame, be it said—have hitherto failed." Now this statement would include the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for it is one of the Presbyterian Churches on this side the Atlantic. But I beg to inform you, or remind you, that our Church raised the whole amount allotted to it and a little more. This was accomplished largely through the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, who was Moderator of the Assembly in 1887.

THE Rev. Thomas Sedgwick writes to the *Halifax Presbyterian Witness*: As it is not often that I trouble you I am emboldened to ask just for a line or two of your space. Your report of what I said in the discussion of the Jesuit question at the late meeting of Synod is on the whole quite correct, and with a single exception I have no fault to find with it. That exception is this: you represent me as saying: "He would not deny the moral claim of the Jesuits to the estates in Quebec." Now I consider that this puts what I said far too strongly, and without going into the question I wish simply to disclaim responsibility for the statement attributed to me as given above. There is just another thing which I will mention. I should like to see put on record in your pages the state of the votes. With your permission, therefore, I will state that twenty-one voted for my amendment, and that the final vote stood I believe, as follows: For the motion of Dr. Burns, fifty-three; against it, twenty-one.

THE *London Free Press* says: The Rev. Mr. Laird has for the past two years conducted a mission to the Cree Indians at Fort Pelly, N. W. T. In that time he has organized a healthy little congregation, and every year shows a gratifying addition of names to the roll of communicants. Mr. Laird's salary of \$900 is paid by the St. Andrew's Church congregation of this city, and his successful work is highly appreciated by them. Mrs. and Mr. Laird have been spending a couple of weeks of a holiday in this city, and when about to depart for their prairie home were tendered a parting social by the congregation in the school-room last week. There was a splendid attendance, and the programme was in all respects an excellent one. It included an instrumental selection by Mrs. Spaulding; a couple of songs by Rev. A. Henderson, of Hyde Park; songs by Miss Gilmour, Miss Hiscott, Mrs. Denham, Mr. Williams and Mr. Ashplant. Rev. J. A. Murray presided. At the close the Rev. Mr. Laird spoke, expressing his warm appreciation of the entertainment, and hoped there would be an excursion up to Fort Pelly next summer, when he might have the pleasure of greeting a crowd of St. Andrew's people, and showing them what life on the prairie was like.

THE *Forest Free Press* says: The Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, being in Strathroy last Sunday week, his services were placed at the disposal of Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, for a lecture at Wyoming the following evening, on "A Trip Around the World." A well-filled house listened with rapt attention while the rev. gentleman carried them in imagination from Canada to England, thence to Africa, describing the unpleasant feeling and its cause, which has sometimes in the past had led to hostilities between the natives of that country and the Boers. From the diamond fields of South Africa and the Cape of Storms, Principal Grant passed over to Australasia, which he described as composed of seven different colonies, the most delightful of which is New Zealand, enjoying a climate favourable to the growth of vegetation, at once pleasing to the eye and not surpassed by anything he has seen anywhere. From New Zealand the return home was made by Hong Kong, skirting along the eastern side of New Holland. After a trip to Japan, his steps were turned towards the rising sun, arriving in Canada thankful that amidst much that was delightful and captivating, his lot was cast in a land second to none. Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson presided, and on the platform sat the Rev. John Thompson, D. D., of Sarnia.

THE Rev. A. B. Winchester, Presbyterian Missionary from North China, arrived in Vancouver, B. C., by the steamer *Port Augusta* of the Canadian Pacific line, on Saturday Oct. 26th, and remained till Monday at noon, when, accompanied by his wife, he left for Toronto. Sabbath morning he attended divine service in Zion Presbyterian Church, and in the evening he preached in the same place for the Rev. J. M. McLeod to a large and attentive congregation, taking for his text Heb. xii. 1. The rev. gentleman delivered a most eloquent and instructive sermon, and closed it by making a solemn appeal to the congregation in behalf of the heathen and especially the Chinese. He warned them against the fatal and soul-destroying modern system of prohibiting any class, colour or nationality from free access to the church privileges, assuring them from the plain teaching of the scriptures that God is no respecter of persons, that Jesus Christ died for all, that his gospel should be preached to all the world, and that his redeemed ones would be composed of all nations, kindreds, people and tongues. This new and flourishing congregation has been in existence about four months with the Rev. J. M. McLeod as pastor, and has now on the roll about one hundred members and adherents. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed next Sabbath day for the first time, when it is expected there will be quite a large number added to the roll.

THE *Norwood Register* states that the Presbyterian congregation there has purchased a vocalion and elevated the seats at the entrance so as to give them a gradual incline to the pulpit. On Sunday week special services were held, at which the church as improved was informally dedicated anew. The pastor, Rev. J. Carmichael, M.A., occupied the pulpit at both diets of worship. His discourses were singularly able and eloquent, and were listened to with marked attention by the large audiences which assembled. The musical part of the services, conducted by Mr. F. Cordingly, of Toronto, was of unusual excellence. The vocalion is a powerful instrument, and in the opinion of good judges is quite the equal of an expensive pipe organ. The church with its elevated seats and magnificent new vocalion presents a greatly improved appearance and, in all its appointments, is now the equal, if not the superior, of many churches in the large towns. On the following Monday evening, under the direction of Mr. D. F. Cordingly, an organ recital was given in the church. The programme was the most *recherché* ever presented to a Norwood audience. Every number, without a single exception, was beautifully rendered. Mr. Carmichael filled the chair with his usual tact and ability, and before pronouncing the benediction, on behalf of the organ committee, in a few well-chosen and appropriate remarks, thanked those from a distance who had taken part in the programme for their kind assistance.

THE Young People's Association of Knox Church, Cornwall, which has been doing good work for the last three years, resumed its meetings for the ensuing year by a conversation on the evening of the 22nd ult. The officers are: Rev. James Hastie, honorary president; George Comrie, president; Mr. T. W. Marchbank and Miss Adol Davis, vice-presidents; Miss Maggie Binnie, treasurer; Mr. George H. Porteous, secretary. Invitation and reception committee, Messrs. J. P. Watson, D. O. Alguire, M.D., P. E. Campbell, A. Bruce, and Messrs. Hastie, McEwen, Craig and Arthur. For meeting and entertainments, Messrs. J. C. Alguire, W. J. Sewrot, J. H. S. Parke, and Misses Brown, McLoughlin and Mrs. J. C. Alguire. A handsome programme has been issued for fortnightly meetings, and also gives the topics of the Sabbath morning prayer meeting, with the names of the sixteen leaders who conduct it in turn. A new departure has just been made by the Association in the form of a monthly journal, which begins with November. It will be divided into sections, each department being in charge of an editor. It starts with an issue of 400, to be distributed in the congregation. A Society of Christian Endeavour was begun last winter, and has a membership of over fifty. It is confined to young ladies alone. They meet every Friday evening. Officers for the ensuing year: Miss Hastie, president; Miss Hollibeck, vice-president; Miss McLean, secretary; Miss Elliott, treasurer.

THE *Almonte Gazette* says: Last Sunday Rev. Mr. Bremner preached his farewell sermon at White Lake and Burnstown, and severed his connection with the people whose faithful and respected pastor he had been for more than eighteen years. Taking as his text verses 15 to 19 Deut. xxx., the venerable preacher for the last time urged his people to forsake evil and cling to good, repeating the promises made unto those who are faithful with an earnestness which seemed doubly impressive as his audience remembered that this was the last time they would probably listen to a sermon from him. Although the speaker carefully refrained from making any remarks likely to rouse their feelings in this direction, yet people could not think without sorrow of the departure from among them of the kind and good pastor who had married many of them, and baptized their children, had in many cases spoken the last words of consolation to dying friends and relatives, and had always earnestly striven to direct them in the way of life. Evidences of emotion on every side showed that he will bear with him to his new home in Manitoba the earnest wishes of his congregation for his happiness, and the restoration as far as may be, of his now enfeebled health. Rev. Geo. Bremner came to White Lake from Paisley, Ont., in May, 1871, succeeding the late Rev. S. C. Fraser as pastor of the Presbyterian Churches of White Lake, Burnstown and Stewartville. During his pastorate two new churches were built in White Lake and Stewartville, Burnstown Church was repaired and a manse was purchased in White Lake. Stewartville has been separated and placed under another minister, and the congregation of MacNab Church has been annexed. The Church membership is large, there is no debt either upon the churches or manse, and the congregations have always contributed liberally to missions and the various schemes of the Presbyterian Church. Under these circumstances it must be with considerable satisfaction that, at the age of seventy-two, Mr. Bremner quits active work and retires to spend the evening of his life with his son and daughter in their homes in Manitoba.

THE *Ottawa Free Press* says: The services at St. Mark's French Presbyterian Church on the morning and evening of Sabbath week were attended by a very large number of persons, the addresses by the Rev. Father Chiniquy and the re-opening of the church after renovating being the attraction. The usual service with special prayers was held in the morning, the Rev. S. Rondeau, B.A., pastor, officiating. The Rev. Father Chiniquy preached and took for his text, Luke x, 32, "What shall I do to obtain everlasting life?" "Love the Lord thy God with all thy strength, and with all thy soul, and with all thy thought, and thy neighbour as thyself." He spoke in French to his fellow countrymen for one hour presenting the love of Christ for sinners and the whole work of atonement and salvation, contrasting them with the teachings of the Church of Rome. Christ had wrought the salvation of all the people, but Rome taught that it was by confession, mass, observance of certain forms and saying of certain prayers to the Virgin Mary, which were not scriptural, that man must be saved. He made an earnest appeal to them to accept the salvation offered by God. In the evening the church was crowded and Rev. Father Chiniquy conducted the whole service. He spoke after the prayers for two hours on "the Bible and its teachings." He testified to the power and influence of the Bible in the home and nation pointing out the great leading truths that satisfied the soul. The Bible taught how to live and how to die. He spoke in feeling terms of the Virgin Mary who was in Heaven and was then blessed, but denied that she had anything to do with our salvation which was through Christ, the only means under heaven through which man could be saved. He related several incidents of his life to show his love for his countrymen and said he would like to see the Bible in every French-Canadian home. The French-Canadians had great intelligence but needed culture and the light of the Gospel, which if they once got would make Canada the grandest country in the world. He was listened to with marked attention throughout his lengthy speech and many shook hands with him on its conclusion. The church has been kalsomined a nice terra-cotta colour and new seats have been put in; at Father Chiniquy's two lectures a sum of \$250 was collected and this goes to help clear off the debt on the church. The church is now in debt only some \$300, including the expenses of the recent renovation. At the conclusion of the address Rev. S. Rondeau spoke for some time and was listened to most attentively.

THE *Hamilton Spectator* says: The Rev. Charles A. Doudet occupied the pulpit of MacNab Street Presbyterian Church. He is a native of Geneva, Switzerland, and is one of the most gifted men in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. At the recommendation of the General Assembly he has given his whole time, since April, 1888, to visiting the congregations of the Church in the interest of French evangelization. He resigned the pastorate of St. John's (French) Church in Montreal, and accepted the position of agent for the Board of French Evangelization throughout Canada and also in Great Britain. Last winter he visited Scotland, and during last summer the scattered settlements along the north shore of the St. Lawrence and Lake St. John District were inspected by the missionary over-