

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. D. McKenzie, M.A., has been called to Knox Church, Tara.

THE Rev. Mr. Caven, of Buckingham, Quebec, has received a call to the Manitou Presbyterian Church.

DR. COCHRANE has received £150 sterling from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in aid of the Home Mission Fund.

THE Rev. Mr. Doudiet, of Montreal, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, on Sabbath week.

THE receipts of Thanksgiving Dinner recently given by the Ladies of the Presbyterian congregation, Petrolia, amounted to \$190.

THE Princeton Presbyterians have chosen a gentleman to administer to their spiritual wants in the person of Rev. Mr. Dempster, of Ottawa.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Appin and Tait's Corners have extended a call to the Rev. A. Henderson, of Hyde Park, to become their pastor.

THE fourth and last of Mr. McCollum's very interesting series of historical articles on "The Niagara Presbytery of Upper Canada," will appear in two weeks.

THE St. Andrew's sermon in Brantford was preached by Dr. Cochrane, who delivered an eloquent and forcible discourse founded on Ecclesiastes vii. 10.

A CALL has been given to Rev. D. C. Cameron, Presbyterian, of Dungannon, from the congregation of Strabane and Kilbride, at a salary of \$900 per annum.

FOR the past two weeks the Rev. Mr. Meikle has been conducting revival services in Taylor Presbyterian Church, Montreal, under the auspices of the four Protestant churches in the East End. Next week he will continue his work in the East End Methodist Church, a larger building having been found necessary.

THE Rev. Mr. Burrell preached in Upper Litchfield Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon week. He was accompanied and introduced to the congregation by Mr. Duncan Carmichael. The reverend gentleman held a service in the Bryson Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening week.

CHALMERS Church, Kingston, will be dedicated on January 5. After the subscriptions are all paid in, a debt of \$6,000 will alone remain, and this, it is to be hoped, will be speedily wiped out. The edifice is a very handsome one. St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, will be re-opened about the same time.

THE Rev. Mr. Sutherland is now stationed at Keewatin in connection with the Presbyterian Church, and is much appreciated by the people. This charge will now be separated from Rat Portage. There is a beautiful church to seat four hundred, and the people expect to be able to support a resident minister.

THE annual sermon under the auspices of the Toronto St. Andrew's Society was preached in St. Andrew's Church West last Sabbath evening by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell to a large congregation. The text selected was Thes. v. 21, and Heb. vi. 1: "Hold fast that which is good," and "Let us go on unto perfection."

AT Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Sunday week, Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., preached upon the doctrine of Purgatory as taught by the Roman Catholic Church. He read numerous Catholic authors upon the subject, and last Sunday night he "tested it by the standard of God's Word." There was a large congregation present, among them being many members of other denominations.

THE Rev. Dr. Bennet preached in Carlton, N.B., Presbyterian Church, and after the morning service declared the pulpit vacant in the name of the Presbytery. He commended the congregation for its liberality, energy and harmony, announced the supply which might be expected for the next few weeks, and gave some good advice regarding the course they should pursue in the selection of a minister from among those who have preached or may yet appear before them as candidates.

THERE was a good attendance last week at Erskine Church, Montreal, when the pastor, the Rev. L. H. Jordan, gave a lecture on Martin Luther. This was the first of the winter course of entertainments projected by the Young People's Association of Erskine Church, and was the first appearance of Mr. Jordan on the lecture platform as well. He discussed the life of Luther from boyhood to old age, and ended with an estimate of the value of the work done by the great reformer. The lecture was clear and instructive, and the speaker received a vote of thanks.

THE Rev. Dr. Torrance, Guelph, Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Statistics, requests us to state that, on the 28th November, he mailed to all Presbytery Clerks parcels containing slips for collecting the statistics of congregations and mission stations for the year ending 31st December next; and on the following day the sheets for engrossing the returns when received. The addresses, with the exception of the Presbytery of Sydney, were taken from the last report of the General Assembly. Should the parcels in any case not reach their destination, or should more blank forms be required, he will feel greatly obliged to be informed.

THE London *Advertiser* says: The two Presbyterian congregation of Ingersoll are likely soon to be united into one. For some time it was felt that a union of these congregations would be in the interest of Presbyterianism in the town, and now that each congregation is vacant it is felt the opportune moment has come. At a conference between the officials of both congregations held in St. Andrew's Church last Tuesday evening a unanimous desire for union was expressed, and a committee was appointed to co-operate with Rev. W. A. McKay, of Woodstock, and Rev. G. Munro, of Embro, to formulate a Basis of Union, to be submitted to a meeting of the congregations on the evening of December 9.

THE Presbyterians of Valetta have given their church a thorough overhauling and repainting. The ceiling is beautifully decorated and the walls are calcimined. They have also built commodious sheds for their horses. The building makes a very fine appearance for a country church. The re-opening took place on the 24th ult., the services being conducted by Rev. John Gray, of Windsor, at eleven a.m. and seven p.m. A grand social took place next evening, with addresses by Revs. Messrs. F. H. Larkin, B.D., of Chatham; G. A. McLennan, B.A., of Comber; and A. L. Manson, pastor; and also Archibald Campbell, M.P., interspersed with readings and music by the choir and Prof. Curtis.

THE Rev. Father Chiniquy lectured at Christie in the Presbyterian Church on Monday and Tuesday evenings, 11th and 12th ult., on the subject, "Why I left the Church of Rome," illustrating his lecture by showing some of the paraphernalia of that Church, but his chief work was to show how much he had done for his native French-Canadians, and what may be done by united effort on the part of all Protestant denominations. Father Chiniquy is in his eighty-first year, yet he is vigorous in body and mind, and tells of his many adventures and narrow escapes from his enemies. On Tuesday evening the house was crowded to overflowing.

THE Presbyterian manse, Belwood, was taken possession of by between sixty and seventy friends of the family recently, the occasion being the eve of Dr. Millican's leaving home to practise his profession in Preston. After a sumptuous supper a pleasant time was spent in social conversation, readings, vocal and instrumental music. A presentation of a goodly sum of money was made by Dr. Halliday with a few well chosen remarks in behalf of the friends present, to which Dr. Millican feelingly replied, after which all joined in family worship, led by Rev. Wm. Millican, when all left for home feeling that a pleasant evening had been spent.

THE annual meeting of the Uxbridge branch of the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society was held in Chalmers Church, on Friday evening week. Rev. Dr. Moffat, of Toronto, secretary of the society, addressed a pretty fair audience upon the great work this society was doing in various parts, giving detailed statements of its great progress, amount of books and tracts distributed, and narrating many reminiscences of interesting scenes that had come under the notice of the agents. The doctor also touched upon the subject of "How to Reach the Masses" and "Fighting the Jesuits." At the close of the address officers for this district were appointed.

THE first of a series of entertainments under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies' College was given in Central Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, when the Principal, Rev. Dr. Macintyre, read Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It." Piano solos were given by Miss Graham and Miss Thomas, and vocal selections by Miss Walker and Miss Roblin. The reading and music were greatly enjoyed by a large audience. The objects of these entertainments are to develop a taste for pure and solid literature, to make attractive and easily comprehended the best plays of Shakespeare, and to encourage the reading of the poets. The next entertainment has been programmed for December 13th, when the first of a series of popular science lectures will be delivered by Rev. John Stenhouse, B.Sc., Edinburgh.

THE Peel *Banner* says: Notwithstanding the stormy weather of last Friday night week, the schoolroom of the Presbyterian Church was filled at the entertainment given by the McLaren Mission Band. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Gandier, occupied the chair. The programme was furnished by the mission workers, some of them of very tender years. The class-singing, led by the children's teacher, Miss Minnie Robertson, was a creditable performance, Miss Corbett presiding at the piano. Dialogues, recitations, solos and "experience telling" furnished an entertaining evening. In the last named feature the little ones gave an account of what they had done with the penny entrusted to them by the band as a capital fund from which to make profit for the Mission funds—there were sunny experiences. The band has been in existence about a year and a half and has raised \$50 to help to spread the Gospel among the heathen.

AT the second meeting of St. Andrew's Church Institute, Ottawa last week, an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was presented, and Mr. Colin A. Scott, B.A., delivered a deeply interesting lecture on the art of painting. He spoke first of the rude outline drawings and tracings on bark and bone of the early savages, showing that a picture is simply an expression of feeling in the artist, and not a copy of nature. He then pointed out the successive developments in the art down to the present time. He divided the study of pictures into, first the study of lines, second, the study of light and shade, and third, the study of colour. He illustrated by clever crayon sketches how the idea of unity is expressed by means of leading or converging lines. At the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Scott, on the motion of Dr. Logan, seconded by Dr. Bell. An interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music followed.

THE following are among those who will be invited to attend the Queen's University Jubilee services on December 15th: Lord Stanley, Sir Alexander Campbell, Lieutenant-Governor, who has signified his intention to be present; Sir John Macdonald, Mr. Oliver Mowat and Cabinet, Mr. W. R. Meredith, Wardens of counties and Mayors of cities and towns east of Port Hope, Profs. Weir and Murray, ex-professors of Queen's; Mayor of Toronto, heads of colleges in Canada, benefactors of Queen's, Messrs. Goldwin Smith and L. Frechette, representing English and French literature. Special invitations will be sent to Sir John Macdonald, Rev. Dr. Cook, and Mr. R. M. Rose, the only known survivors of those present at the meeting fifty years ago. Sir John moved two of the resolutions and seconded the third. It is proposed to have a thanksgiving service in Convocation Hall in the morning, convocation in the afternoon, and a banquet in the City Hall in the evening.

A BOOK reception was held last week in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, Ottawa. It was largely attended. Amongst those present were Lady Macdonald, Sheriff Sweetland, Rev. W. T. Herridge, Mr. F. H. Chrysler and Mr. C. Falconer, president of the association. Mr. James Gibson, ex-president of the association, was chairman. The admission was a bound book or 25 cents, and the number of books given was large. Amongst those who contributed were Sheriff Sweetland, who gave a complete set of Dickens' works, in addition to a number of other books. Mr. Jas. Gibson and Mr. C. Falconer were also liberal contributors. The chairman opened the programme with a short address, in which he advised the boys not to spend so much time in reading the newspapers and playing checkers, but to devote themselves more to reading instructive books. The following programme was then carried out: Piano solo, Miss Russell; song, Mr. F. H. Chrysler; recitation, Mr. J. S. Heinrichs; song, Mrs. F. P. Bronson; address on "Books and Reading," Rev. W. T. Herridge; song, Mrs. H. H. Brennan; recitation, Miss Robinson; solo (violin), Mr. J. H. Larmonth. Refreshments were afterwards served in the gymnasium by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Association, and altogether an enjoyable evening was spent.

A HANDSOME and tastefully finished new brick church, erected by the Scotch Presbyterians of Oro, during the past summer, was opened and dedicated to the service of God on the first Sabbath of November by the Rev. Dr. Campbell of Collingwood. A Gaelic sermon was preached at 10 a.m., by the pastor, Rev. A. F. Mackenzie, from Haggai ii. 7-9; after which the Rev. Dr. Campbell preached an eloquent and instructive discourse from 2 Cor. xiii. 5, to an unusually large congregation in English. In the afternoon Dr. Campbell delivered a most suitable address to the teachers and children of Knox Church Sabbath school. In the evening the weather was most favourable and the new church was completely filled, pews, platform, porch and aisles. The doctor was delighted with such a large audience and preached with great power and energy on the Second Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. On Monday evening after the opening of the new church a most successful entertainment was held in connection therewith. The ladies of the congregation made ample provision for a large company, and the crowd was so large as to satisfy and fully reward all their expectations, as nearly one hundred dollars were raised for the benefit of the new church building fund. Several excellent addresses were delivered that night in the new church, by the Hon. C. Drury, Minister of Agriculture, the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of the township, and the ministers of the various churches in Oro, as well as by Dr. Campbell and Mr. Florin, of Orillia, whose speech was applauded and appreciated very much.

THE Port Perry *Standard* says: "The annual meeting of the Port Perry branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in the Presbyterian Church here, on Wednesday evening, the 13th ult. After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Mr. McMechan, the president, Mr. T. Courtice, took the chair. The new secretary, Mr. Wm. Ross, read the minutes of former meetings. The treasurer, Mr. John Rolph, presented his report, and in the absence of Mr. W. H. McCaw, the depository, his report was read. The election of new officers for the ensuing year was then made with the following result: President, Mr. H. L. Ebbels; Vice-Presidents, the resident ministers and Mr. T. C. Forman; Secretary, Mr. Wm. Ross; Treasurer, Mr. John Rolph; Depository, Mr. W. H. McCaw; and Directors, Messrs. T. Courtice, N. F. Paterson, T. J. Ash, R. Hamilton, A. Ross, F. M. Varnold, John Shepherd, Jos. Hardill and W. Brock. After a short address by the retiring president, the new president took the chair. The new president, Mr. McMechan, and Mr. McEwen delivered addresses on the claims of the society, after which the society's agent, Rev. W. Wallace, of Toronto, was called on. He dealt on the object of the parent society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, now eighty-seven years old, namely, the procuring of

translations of the Bible into the languages of the world, and the publishing and distribution of copies at less than cost, among the people of every country. The address which was earnest, eloquent and interesting, was listened to with marked attention, and a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Wallace at its close.

THE Brantford *Courier* says: A somewhat unusual instance occurred Sunday week morning at the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Tolmie, in the course of his eloquent discourse to the members of the C. O. F., in referring to the words of the text, "and so fulfil the law of Christ," pointed out that the law of Christ was to visit, to defend and help the fatherless and the widow, and then he put the question, "Everything, then, which is good in your Order springs from the teaching of Christ; why, then, not acknowledge it, and in your prayers, at least, let His name appear?" Bro. T. Smart rose from his seat, and, expressing apology for creating an interruption, stated that the preacher had been misinformed. The C. O. F. did use the name of the Saviour, and Mr. Tolmie had evidently got them confused with some other Order. Bro. Chamberlain also followed in the same strain. Rev. Mr. Tolmie accepted the statements in very good part and made the desired correction. The service then proceeded as usual. A number of the leading members of the Order were spoken to with reference to the matter, and they were all exceedingly loud in their praise of the thoughtful and powerful sermon delivered by Mr. Tolmie. They all, too, expressed the opinion that the reverend gentleman was to be highly commended for the fearless manner in which he spoke of what he deemed a serious omission. The interruption seemed to be generally commended, although one or two seemed to think that it would have perhaps been better to have waited until the close of the discourse, and then to have sent a note to the preacher, requesting him to correct the error into which he had fallen. Afterwards Mr. Tolmie, when spoken to on the subject, stated that he had still failed to find the name of Christ in any of the C. O. F. prayers.

THE Guelph *Mercury* says: "The funeral of the late Rev. Wm. Meldrum took place from his late residence, near Morriston, on Friday afternoon week. Rev. Dr. Mackay, for many years his pastor, presided at the funeral services. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Smeltie, of Fergus, Rev. Drs. Wardrope and Torrance, of Guelph, who were acquainted with him for over forty years, and gave reminiscences of his early pastoral work. Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., of Guelph, led in prayer. After singing and pronouncing the benediction, the service in the house was concluded. The funeral procession, which was a very large one, wended its way to Crown Cemetery, where the remains of the deceased were laid in their last resting-place, a few rods from the site of the church where Mr. Meldrum began his ministerial labours about half a century ago, as the first pastor of the Presbyterian church of East Puslinch. A short service was held at the grave. The widow, five sons and four daughters survive him. Three of the sons are in the medical profession and the youngest son is going through a regular course in the University of Toronto. One of the daughters, who died a few years ago, was the wife of Rev. J. S. Stewart; another is married to Mr. A. Marshall, of Michigan, U.S.; a third has been a very successful teacher for several years. The remaining son and daughters, with their mother, are at the old homestead. The Rev. W. Meldrum is the last of a godly band of Gaelic ministers who were among the pioneers of Presbyterianism in Western Ontario. 'The fathers where are they and the prophets do they live forever?'

ABOUT two years ago a mission was opened at the corner of Bolton Avenue and Gerrard Street, Toronto, under the auspices of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church. Services were regularly held in the little church each Sunday, and a Sunday school was conducted. The congregation kept growing until some time ago it became evident that the little flock would have to look out for a pastor to carry out more fully the needs of the Presbyterian cause in that part of the city. This end was reached last week, when at a congregational meeting a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. J. McP. Scott, who had charge of the mission since its inception. The Rev. Dr. Kellogg, of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, and moderator of the interim session of St. John's, the new church, presided. He congratulated those present on the progress of the past and the wisdom of their choice, and counselled them as to the future. The congregation promise in their call \$1,000 stipend to their pastor. The membership roll is sixty, and 245 scholars regularly attend the Sunday school. There is every reason to believe that the church will at once enter upon a career of progress, and in order to provide more accommodation the present building will be overhauled and enlarged by the addition of a wing which will be in dimensions 50x24 feet. Mr. Scott, the pastor-elect, graduated from Knox College, and was recently licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Toronto. He is a young man of ability and push, and with him as a leader the congregation assume with confidence the responsibilities attaching to a newly organized church. The call will come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Presbytery, and there is little doubt Mr. Scott will accept what has been so heartily and unanimously tendered him.

THE first anniversary of the induction of Rev. R. Haddow, pastor of Knox Church, Milton, was celebrated by special services at the church on Sunday week and a tea-meeting at the town hall on Monday evening. The anniversary services were preached by Revs. John Neil, B.A., of Charles Street Church, Toronto and Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of *Knox College Monthly*. The sermons were very able and the attendance at the services was large. The tea-meeting was a great success, the seating capacity of the town hall being insufficient to accommodate the crowd that attended it. Tea was served in the reading room. The spread, which was supplied by the ladies of the congregation, looked most attractive and was as good as it looked. After full justice had been done to it, Dr. Robertson, ex-M.P.P., took the chair in the hall and an excellent programme was commenced. Sound, practical addresses were delivered by Rev. John Neil, B.A., and Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, both gentlemen enlivening their remarks by humorous anecdotes and jocular sallies which were greatly enjoyed by their hearers. Rev. J. A. Macdonald also delivered an address, contrasting the institutions of the past with those which he said might be expected in the future. A feature of the entertainment was the fine singing of Mr. Harry Blight, of Toronto, one of the leading baritones of the province, who was engaged in the place of Mr. Schuch, the latter gentleman being unable to put in an appearance. Good vocal music was also contributed by the church choir and the quartette in connection with it, and members of the choir also played instrumental selections which were well received. The church has made great progress during the first year of Mr. Haddow's pastorate and the congregation has become so large and is in so prosperous a condition generally that the erection of a new church is contemplated. We hope that by the time another anniversary comes around this scheme will have been carried out or will at least be well under way.

THE Barrie *Examiner* says: On Sunday Rev. John Wilkie, for nine years Presbyterian Missionary to Central India, occupied the pulpit of the Barrie Presbyterian Church, both morning and evening. Both sermons were very interesting and instructive, and were a strong appeal to Canadian Christians to help to spread the Gospel to the millions who are still in heathen darkness. In the morning he spoke of mission work in India generally, and its effect on the morals of the people, and how it is breaking up their old social and religious customs. He read a number of extracts from Hindoo papers to show that caste is being completely overthrown. Caste rules have of late been broken through frequently, to meet the demand of the people. He also told of the zeal of the people for their own religion, but now, through the efforts of the Missionaries, the more intelligent are beginning to see the degrading influence of their heathen ceremonies, and to enquire after the true God. The priests, in the endeavour to keep their power from decay, are giving a great deal of money, for the printing of infidel publications, which are being scattered broadcast among the people, so that at present one of the greatest difficulties to