

Ministers and Churches.

THE congregation of Mount Pleasant purpose calling Rev. George Grant, of Simcoe.

THE Rev. Thomas McGuire has received a unanimous call from the congregation of Churchhill.

REV. WILLIAM M. FLEMING, graduate of Knox College, was ordained at Essex Centre on the 5th inst.

A PLEASING musical entertainment was held last week in connection with Chalmers Church, Toronto.

THE Rev. Mr. Stuart has been inducted to the pastoral charge of Carleton Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B.

THE Rev. A. W. McLeod, West River, has accepted a call from the congregations at Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River.

THE Rev. J. S. Hardie has received a unanimous call to the church in Ayr, vacant by the death of the Rev. Walter Inglis.

THE congregation of Knox Church, St. Thomas, are making strenuous efforts to retain the services of Rev. Mungo Fraser.

THE Rev. Kenneth McLennan, Presbyterian minister, has offered his services as a chaplain to the forces in the North-West.

THE Rev. W. S. Ball, English Settlement, preached in Knox Church and Selkirk Hall, Winnipeg, while on his way to the front.

THE members of the Presbyterian Church, Wingham, have resolved by an almost unanimous vote to try an organ in the church for six months.

A FEW days ago the parishioners and friends of Rev. John Gallagher, Presbyterian minister, township of Pittsburgh, presented him with a \$125 horse.

BISHOP USSHER, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Crescent Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, last Sabbath.

PROMINENT amongst the new buildings to be erected in Owen Sound are a stone church for the Division Street Presbyterian congregation and an addition to Knox Church.

AMONG the killed in the Fish Creek engagement was a son of Mr. Gilchrist, Woodville, who was present at the Cobourg meeting of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston.

THE twenty-sixth International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and Canada is being held in the Y.M.C.A. hall at Atlanta, Georgia, this week.

THE Rev. G. C. Patterson, of Beaverton, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Cannington, last Sabbath. The Presbyterians there have decided to hold their annual summer entertainment on the evening of Dominion Day.

AT a meeting of the Alumni Association of Dalhousie College, Halifax, held recently, Mr. D. C. Fraser, B.A., was elected President, and Mr. George Patterson, B.A., one of the Vice-Presidents. An effort is to be made to increase the membership.

THE Millbank congregation is doing well under their new pastor, the Rev. William M. McKibbin, B.A. The seats are all, or nearly all, let. The Sabbath school has been re-organized with Mr. S. Young, elder, as Superintendent, and an efficient staff of teachers.

AN interesting entertainment was held last week in St. James Square Church lecture-room, in connection with the closing exercises for the season of the Young People's Association. A well selected programme of vocal and instrumental music, with other attractive features, was pleasingly and effectively rendered by accomplished performers.

REV. GEORGE BELL, LL.D., preached an admirable and earnest sermon on "Consecrated Womanhood," in the Convention Hall of Queen's University, on Sunday, May 3, by request of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The hall was well filled, and all who heard the earnest and faithful appeal must have been stirred to fuller consecration of time, work, talent and money to the Master's cause.

THE last meeting for the season of 1884-85 of the Young People's Association of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, was held lately and was well attended. The popular pastor of the church presided and a capital programme, literary and musical, was presented. The society has closed a most successful season and leaves its impress for good upon those who have been faithful attendants.

AT the congregational meeting held in Calvin Church, St. John, N.B., lately, it was decided unanimously that a settled pastor should be called to take pastoral charge of the church. There were two candidates, and one of these, Rev. Mr. Macdougall, of Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, secured the majority of the votes and the call was afterwards made unanimous. The pastorate of the church has been vacant since the death of Rev. Dr. MacIvor, nearly three years ago.

THE Rev. P. Fleming, late of Warsaw and Dummer, was inducted by the Presbytery of Toronto on the 25th ult. to the pastoral charge of Laskay and West King. Rev. R. D. Fraser, Moderator, presided and addressed the newly inducted pastor. The Rev. J. W. Cameron, Richmond Hill, preached, and the Rev. P. Nicol, Bolton, addressed the people. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather the attendance was good. Mr. Fleming met with a cordial reception.

AT his recent communion service, the Rev. James Hastie, Cornwall, was assisted by Rev. Professor Dey, Montreal. Since Mr. Hastie undertook the pastorate of Knox Church, Cornwall, he has met with much encouragement in his labours. At the last communion, forty-six joined the fellowship of the church, four by certificate and forty-two on profession of their faith. Of the latter all but six were the ingathering of four weeks of special services shortly before. A number of others preferred to wait till next communion.

MESSRS. A. K. McLEOD and John Hay, graduates in Divinity, have received calls—the former to Concession, and the latter to Campbellford. They will accept them. It is probable that R. C. Murray will go to Chaumont, N.Y. A. Gandier will go to Toronto and engage in mission work there; Messrs. J. H. Buchanan, Jacob Steele and H. R. Grant, go to the North-West to do mission work in connection with Queen's College Missionary Society; and W. J. Drummond will be sent to the same field by the Home Mission Committee.

WITH reference to the remit of the Assembly anent marriage with a deceased wife's sister, the Pictou Presbytery agreed by narrow majorities to disapprove of the recommendation of the Assembly's Committee to the effect that the proposition contained in the clause of the Confession of Faith, viz. "A man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, is not sufficiently sustained by the authority of Scripture, and approved of the recommendation that church discipline shall not be exercised in regard to marriage with a wife's sister, wife's aunt, and wife's niece.

THE Rev. A. Maclaren, B.A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of Springfield and Sunnyside, Manitoba. Rev. Messrs. C. B. Pildado presided, D. M. Gordon preached, J. Robertson addressed the minister, and J. Pringle the people. The services were impressive. The call was unanimous, and the new pastor was heartily welcomed. At the close of the services the ladies entertained the large congregation. The prospects for the people and young pastor are promising. There are two good new churches and a very fine manse nearly completed. We hope, says our correspondent, soon to see many such congregations in our new country.

THE Young People's Association of Erskine Church held their closing entertainment last week, the President, John A. Paterson, in the chair. The programme, which was most interesting and well selected, included a piano and violin duet by Mr. Carl Mariens and Mr. John Bayley (the organist of the church), songs by Mrs. Morris, Miss Morris, Miss Williamson, and Messrs. E. H. Howard, Bryce, Gilson, and Gorrie, readings by Miss Living and Mr. Paterson. During the intermission the large audience were entertained with refreshments. This meeting closed the work of the Association for the season, which has been more than usually successful and interesting.

BRANTFORD EXPOSITOR. The members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, St. George, held a meeting last week for the purpose of extending a call to a pastor. The Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, of Glenmorris, the Moderator, presided. Only two names were brought up, they being the Rev. Mr. Fraser, of Sutton, and the Rev. Mr. Grant, of Simcoe. As those present were about evenly divided, a conclusion was not arrived at, so the meeting was adjourned to the call of the Moderator. This people have had a large and able class of ministers to select from. It may be if the number had been smaller and of less ability, it would not be so difficult to arrive at a conclusion. It is to be hoped, when a choice is made, it will be a happy one between pastor and people.

THE clergymen of the several Protestant denominations in Sarnia met recently, to take steps for enforcing the Sabbath Observance Law against vendors and circulators of Sunday newspapers. They waited, says the *Observer*, upon the Mayor and urged him to enforce the law against the newsboys and others who brought Detroit and Port Huron newspapers into town on Sunday, but he declined to act unless he was satisfied that the public opinion of the town was in favour of suppressing Sunday newspapers. The subject was brought up in the churches by the clergymen on Sunday and the views of the congregations were found to be almost unanimous against the introduction of Sunday papers. We understand that in deference to these views the Mayor has ordered the police to prevent the sale of Sunday papers in town in future.

THE Local Committee appointed to arrange for the meeting of the General Assembly hope to be able to offer accommodation to all members in attendance. Notice of their intention to be present should, however, be given by May 20. The Committee cannot undertake to provide for any applying after June 1. To facilitate their work they request members to return answers as soon as possible to the circulars which have been sent to all whose addresses have been furnished by the Clerks of Presbyteries. Arrangements have been made with the various railway and navigation companies for the usual reduced rates. Travelling certificates, which must be presented at the beginning of the journey and notice as to billets, will be sent as soon as possible. All communications should be addressed to the Rev. Prof. Scrimger, 85 Mackay Street, Montreal.

VERY considerable improvements have been made in the interior of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. The walls have been cleaned and tinted in a very pleasing and effective manner, the shading over the windows being particularly well defined, and the effect has been to beautify the whole appearance of the structure. The window frames, vestibules, entrance doors and other parts of the woodwork, including the organ, have been painted and grained in oak, and the pews have been painted and cleaned, giving the church a very fresh appearance. The gallery has also undergone extensive improvement, the seats being raised to give occupants a better view of the pulpit, and they have been upholstered throughout, adding to the comfort of pew-holders. New carpets have been placed in the aisles down stairs and across matting on the stairways leading to the galleries. The furnaces in the basement have been cleaned out, placed in better position for heating the church, and new registers have been introduced which will distribute the heat more equally than heretofore. The pulpit has been raised and placed a few feet farther back, and the additional room has been utilized by adding two extra pews to the centre block. These with other minor alterations have been completed, and the congregation now worship in the renovated building. Pastor and people are to be congratulated on the

additional comfort they have secured, as well as on the improved appearance of the church.

THE annual service in commemoration of the induction of the Rev. Mr. Roger as pastor of King Street Presbyterian Church, London East, was given in the church last week. A substantial supper was provided in the basement by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church, which was partaken of by members of the congregation and their friends. At the entertainment which followed, the Rev. Walter M. Roger occupied the chair, and there were also present Rev. Messrs. Murray, Ballantyne, Henderson and Wickett. The Chairman, in opening the proceedings referred to the mutual benefit arising from social gatherings. He mentioned that eight members of his congregation were present at the front with the 7th Battalion and he asked that the prayers of the congregation might be offered up for their safety in the midst of dangers. Rev. J. A. Murray gave an interesting address, in which he referred to the bad state of trade at present existing, and said the state of affairs would be sure to change for the better if they only remained patient and trustful. Rev. James Ballantyne, London South, followed with a few words on the necessity of a young man retaining the sanctity of the Sabbath in years to come. He described the irreligion that existed in Germany and European countries, saying that it need not be copied in the new hemisphere, and expressed an opinion that America would take a leading part in religious matters in the future. During the evening several hymns, anthems and solos were rendered by the choir. The entertainment concluded with the National Anthem.

THE *Edmonton Bulletin* says: The fourth annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation was held in the church on Wednesday evening. After devotional exercises and routine business the Rev. Mr. Baird made a statement in regard to the progress of his work during the year. Twelve members had been added to the church—six on profession of faith, and six by certificate. Two had moved away from the place, leaving a net increase of ten. The Sabbath school had been increased in efficiency by an addition to the number of teachers and by the securing of a library of one hundred volumes. A neat and comfortable log church had been erected at the Sturgeon and a building fund had been formed for the erection of another at Fort Saskatchewan. Mention was made of the minister's absence at the meeting of the General Assembly in Toronto last summer, of the earnest work done by Mr. John L. Campbell, the student assistant; of another student being soon expected, and of Mr. Baird's intended visit to the meeting of Synod in Brandon in May. The report closed with some words of counsel and encouragement in regard to the successful prosecution of Christian work in a place like Edmonton. The report of the board of management congratulated the congregation on having risen during the year from the status of a mission station to that of a regularly organized congregation with a minister of their own choosing, spoke of the considerable improvements which had been made in the interior of the church building, of its having been insured and the premium paid for three years in advance, and explained in detail several points in the financial condition of the congregation. The board acknowledged with gratitude the gift of \$100 from the city of Hamilton through the family of the Hon. James Turner. The financial statements showed that the income for the year, including that of the branch mission stations, amounted to \$1,857, which was expended as follows: Proportion of minister's salary, \$514; proportion of Mr. Campbell's salary, \$168; building fund, \$203; light, fuel, firing and incidental expenses, \$116; insurance, \$51; building fund of Sturgeon church, \$409, of which \$100 was a grant from the Church and Manse Building Fund for Manitoba and the North-West Territories. The following appropriations were made towards missionary objects: Manitoba College, \$30; Foreign Missions, \$14; Home Missions, \$15; Augmentation of Stipends, \$15. Murdoch McLeod and James Johnstone were elected to take the place of the retiring members of the board of management, and Mr. Johnstone was chosen secretary. Alexander Taylor was re-elected treasurer, with a vote of thanks for his diligence during the past year. John A. McDougall and A. D. Osborne were chosen as auditors. After some talk in regard to the work of the coming summer the meeting adjourned with the benediction.

MONTREAL NOTES.

ON Thursday evening the Presbytery of Montreal met in Erskine Church for the induction of the Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D. Despite unfavourable weather, there was a large congregation present, the church being well filled. The Rev. R. H. Warden presided. The Rev. J. Cormack, of Lachine, preached an appropriate sermon; the Rev. A. B. Mackay offered the induction prayer. Principal MacVicar and Rev. J. Barclay delivered excellent addresses to the minister and people respectively, and at the close of the service Mr. Jordan received a cordial welcome from the congregation. In addition to the ministers of our own church, a considerable number of the city ministers were present. On Friday evening the church was again filled, the occasion being a welcome social to Mr. Jordan. Mr. Warden presided, and in his opening remarks congratulated the congregation on their choice, and extended a hearty welcome to the new pastor. Messrs. Warden King, and A. C. Hutchison conveyed to Mr. Jordan the cordial greetings of the session and congregation. Mr. James Williamson in the name of the ladies presented the pastor with a pulpit gown, and Mr. D. McTaggart on behalf of the young men of the church presented him with a pulpit Bible and also a Bible for use in his study. Mr. Jordan, in a few touching remarks, replied, thanking all for the kind and warm welcome they had given him, and soliciting their co-operation in his work. The Rev. Messrs. Fleck and Stevenson delivered short, congratulatory addresses; and the choir, aided by the Abi Male Quartette, rendered several anthems, etc. Towards the close of the meeting, Mr. Andrew Robertson in the name of the congregation presented the Rev. R. H. Warden with a very handsome gold watch together with a cheque for \$500, in