

## Ministers and Churches.

DR CAMPBELL, of Harriston, has declined the call to St. John's Church, Walkerton.

THE Rev. A. B. Baird, B.D., has been appointed Inspector of Protestant Schools for the Edmonton district.

THE Rev. M. McKenzie, of Rat Portage, has accepted the call extended to him by the Presbyterian congregation of Morden.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, delivered an admirable lecture on John Milton.

THE Rev. Joseph Hogg, of Moncton, intends to leave this month for Great Britain, on a much needed vacation of two months.

IN Chalmers Church, Woodstock, the Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Montreal, preached to large congregations on Sabbath last.

RECENTLY, the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, preached to large audiences in St. John's Church, St. John, New Brunswick.

THE Rev. J. C. Smith preached appropriate sermons in connection with the jubilee services of the Rev. Dr. Smellie, Ferguslast Sabbath.

AT the Communion lately held in St. Andrew's Church, Spring Hill, N. S., 160 members were added to the membership of the Church.

THE Rev. Dr. Archibald, pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas, writes from Santa Monica, Cal., that he is in good health, is steadily improving, and enjoys a glorious climate.

THE Rev. Marc Ami, pastor of the French Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, has recovered from his recent illness, and is again at work. He has been granted the assistance of Mr. Raymond as a missionary worker.

THE Halifax City Council has voted to purchase Dalhousie College building for a city hall, for the sum of \$25,000 and a block of city property in the south end of the city. Ex-Chief Justice Sir William Young gives \$20,000 toward a new college building.

THE Rev. A. J. McLean, who during last autumn, labored with much acceptance in Prince Edward Island, was on the 22d ult., inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation at Harvey, N. B. Mr. McLean has been settled under very favourable auspices.

REV. DR. CAMPBELL, of Harriston, has in the interest of the Union movement now in progress declined the call tendered him some time ago by the congregation of St. John's Church, Walkerton. In this decision he has the approval of all friends of Union.

THE ladies of Fort Massey Presbyterian Church, Halifax, intend to send a missionary out to assist Rev. Joseph Annand. It is probable Mr. McRae, at present attending Pine Hill College, will be appointed, he being desirous of entering the foreign mission field.

THE numerous friends of Rev. N. McKay, in Prince Edward Island, will be glad to learn that he is meeting with encouraging success in his new sphere of labour at Chatham, New Brunswick. Since his induction, twenty-seven persons—nearly all on profession of faith—have been added to the fellowship of the Church. The attendance is large and increasing.

AT the Manitoba College closing exercises last Thursday, the Rev. Principal King, owing to serious illness, was unable to be present. The chair was occupied by the Rev. C. B. Pitblado. The home of Dr. King has been visited with severe and protracted affliction. It is matter for thankfulness that he himself is progressing favourably toward recovery.

ON Wednesday, the 7th inst., a call was moderated in at Dorchester and Crumlin, by Rev. Mr. Roger, of London, resulting in favour of Rev. Jas. E. Brown, graduate of Kingston. The call is unanimous and hearty. Mr. Brown is at present supplying St. Thomas, while Dr. Archibald has gone to Southern California on a three months' furlough for his health.

A LARGE and appreciative audience filled Knox Church, Morrisburgh, lately, to listen to the lecture given by Mr. A. C. Hutchison, of Montreal, on "The Cathedrals of Europe." The lecture was illustrated by photographic views thrown upon the rear wall of the church by the aid of the calcium light. Over eighty views were thus shown, the series embracing the principal ecclesiastical structures in England, Scotland and France. A well merited vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hutchison at the close.

THE annual congregational meeting of Knox Church, Cannington, was held on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst. All the reports were favourable. During the year nineteen new names were added to the communion roll, ten being by profession of faith, and six removed, leaving a total membership of seventy-eight. The total amount raised by the congregation during the year was \$1,386; by the Sabbath school, \$134.69; and the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, \$12.70. The amount contributed to the Schemes was \$118.65.

DURING the month of March union evangelistic services of a most deeply interesting nature were held in Peterborough, in which the pastors of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches were assisted by Mr. Schiverea, of New York. This evangelist seems to have been accomplishing a great work for the refreshment of believers, and the conversion of sinners. There was no great excitement, but the work was quiet, deep, and apparently thorough. Mr. Schiverea has now gone to Lindsay, thence he proceeds to Port Hope, and after that, to Galt.

THE French Protestant Church in Lowell, Mass., of which the Rev. C. E. Amaron—formerly of Three Rivers,

Quebec—is now pastor, was founded in 1877 with seven members. Since then it has received 172 members, nearly all of whom formerly belonged to the Roman Catholic Church. From the time of his settlement—eight months ago—Mr. Amaron has received forty-six new members. Since the beginning of this year, twenty have been added. In the recently organized college there are twenty-four students, ten of whom have joined the Church. Mr. Amaron is engaged in an important and encouraging work.

THE closing services in connection with the forty-fifth session of Queen's College, Kingston, commenced last Sabbath with the baccalaureate sermon, preached in Convocation Hall by Principal Grant. The members of the graduating classes occupied seats in the gallery. Dr. Grant took for his text Philippians iv. 8. He stated that between 300 and 400 students had attended the classes at the College. Of these, twelve, most of them graduates in Arts, will have completed their theological studies. In specially addressing the graduates Principal Grant said that in a few months they would be scattered over the world, some going to the North-West, some to the States, some to Britain, one to India, and others elsewhere, and to them he commended the language of the text. His sermon was an elaborate and eloquent one.

THE annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B. C., took place lately. The following facts, gleaned from the reports, will be interesting to many of our readers. Fifty-seven names were added to the communion roll during the year, and thirty-three removed, leaving 164 communicants at present in good standing. The Sabbath school has nineteen teachers, with 222 scholars on the roll, and an average attendance of 160. The school has prospered greatly during the year under the efficient superintendence of Mr. John Meston. There are nine elders and twelve managers. The following is a brief statement of finances: Balance on hand from last year, \$241.52; total receipts during the year, \$3,185.05; total, \$3,426.57. Expenditure for congregational purposes, \$3,134; for missions, \$224.35; balance on hand, \$68.22; total, \$3,426.57.

LAST Friday evening ninety-nine candidates for admission to the membership of St. Paul's Church, says the *Peterborough Review*, were received into the Church. At half past seven o'clock the church was fairly well filled with people, the front seats of the central aisle being reserved for the candidates. After singing and prayer the Rev. E. F. Torrance gave a very interesting Bible reading on "The New Work." At the close of the service the elders of the church were invited to take seats within the communion rail. The Rev. Mr. Torrance then read the names of the candidates while each called by name stood up to receive the communion card from the hand of the Sessional Clerk, Mr. James A. Hall. The congregation were dismissed, the new members remaining. Afterward several more candidates were admitted, the number in all being over one hundred. The pastor addressed the newly admitted members, giving them good advice. He expressed his gladness at the Church having received so great a blessing.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITHY.—This Presbytery met at Oshawa on the 20th inst. There was a large attendance of ministers. Many of the elders were busy at home with the spring work. A considerable portion of the day was occupied with the reports on the State of Religion, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Missionary meetings, and the Statistics of the Presbytery for 1885-86, all of which were very full and encouraging. The Presbytery has enjoyed a good share of prosperity in all the departments of its work. Messrs. Abraham and McLaren, ministers, and Messrs. Renwick and Henry, elders, were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly by rotation, and Messrs. Leslie and Cameron, ministers, and Messrs. Ormiston and Blakely, elders, by ballot. Messrs. Eastman and Beal were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. A letter was read from Mr. Pringle, of Brampton, requesting the Presbytery not to proceed with his nomination as Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston for reasons given, the Presbytery, with regret, agreed to comply with Mr. Pringle's request. It was unanimously agreed in reference to the remit on printing the Minutes of the General Assembly that no change be made. The following resolution was also unanimously adopted, viz.: That in view of the fact that the Canada Temperance Act is to come into force throughout the bounds of the Presbytery, on the 1st of May next, the Presbytery desires to express its approval of the principle embodied in the Act, and its conviction that if properly enforced it will do much to lessen the evils arising from intemperance; and would accordingly urge upon the members and adherents of its several congregations the pressing necessity of doing all in their power to secure the thorough enforcement of the Act. And further, the Presbytery recommend that this resolution be read from all its pulpits next Sabbath and thereafter inserted in the local papers. Other business was transacted, but not of public interest, and the Presbytery closed a very profitable meeting at six o'clock p.m., and adjourned to meet in Whithy, on the third Tuesday of July, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.—A. A. DRUMMOND, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island met in St. James's Hall, Charlottetown, on April 1. The call to Rev. Wm. Grant, from Cow Bay, Cape Breton, was first taken up. In answer to Presbyterial citation, the following commissioners from the congregations of West and Clyde Rivers and Brookfield, appeared, viz.: Captain McMillan, Dougald Bell, Captain Murchison, Hugh McMillan, Angus Beaton and Malcolm McDonald. Rev. James Carruthers represented the Presbytery of Sydney and congregation of Cow Bay. The papers connected with the call were read, and the commissioners on both sides were heard. The call was then put into Mr. Grant's hands, and accepted by him. Mr. Grant's transference to Cape Breton will be deeply felt and regretted by his congregation, who are warmly attached to him and unanimous in their desire that he should remain amongst them as their pastor. The Presby-

tery also, of which he was a most useful member, will greatly miss his presence and his wise counsel in their deliberations. But believing that in his choice he was guided by the Great Head of the Church, all parties concurred in his decision. Mr. Grant's connection with his present congregation is to terminate on and after the 25th inst. Rev. J. G. Cameron was appointed to preach at Mount Stewart, on Tuesday, 13th inst., at eleven o'clock a.m., and moderate in a call to Rev. A. B. McLeod. Rev. Mr. Howie was appointed to preach in Mount Stewart on April 4th, and in New London North, and Summerfield during the remainder of the month. Rev. John Wallace was appointed to preach in Richmond Bay East on the 4th and 11th, and Richmond Bay West, on 18th and 25th of April. The following delegates were chosen to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly, viz.: Rev. A. F. Carr, M.A., Alex. Raulson, R. McLean, E. Gillies, Allan McLean and John McLeod, of Strathalby; and Messrs. Chas. Craig, John Clay, Wm. McDonald, Ambrose Brown, John A. McLane and Hon. Kenneth Henderson, M.D.—J. M. McLEOD, Pres. Clerk.

### MONTREAL NOTES.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, at a meeting on Monday last, agreed to extend a unanimous call to the Rev. Archibald Lee, of Russelltown. Mr. Lee has done good service in his present charge, and there will be a universal feeling of regret on the part of his people should he be translated to Sherbrooke.

RECENTLY an election of elders took place in Erskine Church. Of those chosen, two have accepted office and will, with others, soon be set apart for this work. The congregation of Knox Church are also adding to the membership of their Kirk Session.

THE American section of the Executive of the Presbyterian Alliance held a meeting in New York on Wednesday last. The Canadian members present were Revs. Dr. Burns, of Halifax; Principal MacVicar, of Montreal; Dr. Mathews, of Quebec; Principal Caven, Toronto; Dr. Cochrane of Brantford, and Mr. James Croil, of Montreal. The appointment of a permanent secretary is left to the next meeting of the Council in London, Dr. Mathews, of Quebec, continuing meanwhile to discharge the duties of the office.

THE all-absorbing topic of conversation here this week has been the flood, which has been the most destructive ever known in Montreal. The water rose higher than ever before, flooding houses and cellars of warehouses and entailing much suffering and loss of property. The greater part of the wholesale business section of the city was affected, several firms each suffering to the extent of from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The water came as far up as Victoria Square and Craig Street. The English newspaper offices were all more or less affected, and had to get their papers printed for several days in other establishments. The Grand Trunk Bonaventure Depot had water fully three feet deep, and in Griffintown and Point St. Charles many of the houses were from six to seven feet in water. For three days upwards of 30,000 of the population of the city received their supplies by means of boats. At night one-half of the city was without gas, and in the other half it was so dim as to be almost useless. Last Sabbath there was no service in several of the Churches because of the flood. St. Mark's, Nazareth Street, St. Matthews and the Forfar Street Mission Churches all suffered. In St. Matthew's Church alone, the homes of 115 families were flooded. All of these suffered considerable loss, and twelve or fifteen families lost their all. The Rev. Messrs. Cruikshank, Nichols and Dr. Smythe were assiduous in their efforts to aid and comfort the families of their respective congregations in trying circumstances in which they were placed. Montreal has been very unfortunate during the past year. What with the small-pox epidemic last summer and fall, and this unprecedented flood, all classes of the community have suffered greatly. It is hoped that the authorities will, without delay, take energetic steps to prevent a recurrence of such scenes as were witnessed during the past week, consequent on the flood.

THE Toronto correspondent of the *Montreal Witness*, in a letter last week, made some uncalculated disparaging remarks regarding Knox College and the class that has just graduated there. He is replied to by Mr. W. Burns in a brief letter, appended to which is an editorial paragraph designed to correct any wrong impression conveyed by its correspondent. This is not the first time that this same correspondent has written disparagingly of Presbyterian interests, though himself a Presbyterian. It was he who some time ago bemoaned the inefficiency of the Toronto pulpit with its insipid moral essays, etc. The *Witness* has a large circulation among Presbyterians in all sections of the country. Though never a Presbyterian paper, it has exercised, and still continues to exercise, great influence over large numbers of our people. It is to be regretted that its Toronto correspondent should through its columns injure any interest of the Church.

THE meeting of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa held in Perth last week was as usual attended by a small number of members, only about one-fifth of the whole. The Presbytery of Quebec had only one representative; barely a tithe of the Presbyteries of Montreal and Ottawa were present; and not a few of the members residing adjacent to the place of meeting were absent. Does it not seem as if many regarded the Synod as a fifth wheel which the ecclesiastical chariot could dispense with without great loss?

THE present Church financial year ends on Friday next, the 30th April. The books of the treasurers of the respective Schemes, it is understood, remain open till Monday or Tuesday next, so that there is still an opportunity to delinquent congregations and diffractory treasurers to forward contributions. It is affirmed that every year there is a considerable number of congregations that contribute nothing to one or more of the Schemes of the Church. Would it not be well to append a list of these to the printed reports of the several Schemes?