

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. William Meikle, late of Oakville, has removed to 25 Oxford Street, Toronto.

THE Presbyterians of Cayuga and Mount Healy have extended a call to the Rev. Mr. Morrison.

THE Rev. Mungo Fraser, D.D., is to conduct the anniversary services of Knox Church, Owen Sound.

THE Rev. A. Currie, Presbyterian minister, Duart, has resigned and is retiring from the active duties of the ministry.

THE Rev. J. S. Black, formerly of Eskine Church, Montreal, now of Colorado Springs, has received a call to become the pastor of the oldest church in Minneapolis.

THE Rev. Andrew Wilson has removed from 402 Huron street, to 392 Markam street. Being without charge Mr. Wilson is open to engagements for pulpit supply.

THE Young Men's Union Mission Band, Toronto, announce a grand concert in Occident Hall on the evening of the 24th inst. when an attractive programme is offered.

MR. S. POLSON, of Manitoba College, appeared before the Presbytery of Grand Forks a few days ago, and received a license to preach. He will be stationed at Bathgate, Dakota, for the summer.

Rev. W. Christie preached in Bryson and Upper Litchfield on Sabbath. The Presbytery of Ottawa has placed the reverend gentleman in charge of that field in the place of Rev. Mr. Miller who has been called to a congregation in the Toronto Presbytery.

THE Rev. T. S. Glassford of Richmond has been appointed by the Presbyterian Home Mission Committee to a charge in British Columbia. He will leave Richmond shortly. Mr. Glassford was well liked by all denominations in the village, and his departure will be regretted.

THE Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of St. Paul's, Hamilton, has returned home after a three weeks' absence from the city. He has been in Kentucky State, and spent a delightful three weeks, returning in excellent health and spirits. The doctor was warmly welcomed back by his congregation.

THE annual report of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, for the past year shows a satisfactory improvement in every department of church work. The congregational debt has been wiped out, and the outlook for the future most encouraging. The Rev. Mr. Love and the congregation are to be congratulated.

THE Rev. W. G. Jordan has been inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, a number of leading divines being present on the occasion. In the evening the ladies gave an interesting entertainment for the purpose of giving Mr. Jordan an opportunity to get acquainted with the members of his congregation.

FIVE years ago the Presbyterians of Oil City were organized into a congregation and had a handsome church erected. During the following year Rev. D. C. Johnson, now of Beaverton, was settled as their first pastor. His successor, Rev. R. V. McKibben, is being greatly encouraged in his work. On Sabbath, April 13, Messrs. William Simpson and William Christian were ordained first elders in the congregation.

THE fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Upper Canada Tract Society will be held in Broadway Methodist Tabernacle on Thursday evening the 24th inst. The Rev. Drs. McTavish and Parker, Mr. Bone of the Welland Canal Mission, and Mr. Huntsman of Muskoka, will speak on the special work of the society. The Rev. John Burton, B.D., will preside. We are very glad to learn that Dr. Moffat, the secretary, will be able to present a very satisfactory report in all departments of the work.

MISS MAURIE MCKELLAR, M.D., of Queen's College University, Kingston, is at present in this city writing on the examination in connection with the Ontario Medical Council. She proposes going to India as a Christian missionary, and with that motive undertook her medical studies. Miss McKellar formerly resided in Port Elgin, Bruce county, and after visiting her friends in that town and vicinity she will set out for London, Eng. She will study in the London hospital for three months previous to going to India.

THE Rev. George Mylne, of the Presbyterian Church, Inwood, somewhat startled his congregation on Sunday week, says the *Forest Free Press* by announcing that he had resigned his charge and would only preach six more Sundays. He also stated that in connection with his departure a farewell entertainment would be given in the church, on Monday, the 19th of May. Mr. Mylne, we are informed, intends going to his home in Glasgow, Scotland, about the 26th of May and will be succeeded by Rev. Jas. S. Scott, from Knox College, Toronto, who begins duty on the first Sunday of June.

LAST week the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, gave a social evening at the house of Mrs. Foreman, where they presented their pastor, Rev. Dr. Campbell, and his wife with two beautiful easy chairs, accompanied by an address expressive of the high esteem in which they are held not only in the congregation, but also in the town. The church has made great progress during the pastorate of Dr. Campbell. For three years the church, every Sabbath evening, has been packed to its utmost capacity, not unfrequently many being unable to gain admittance. Three years ago a heavy debt of long standing was on the church; now it is virtually paid; and the Sabbath school is the largest in the Presbytery.

THE last of the popular series of readings by Dr. Macintyre, of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, was given in the hall of the Bloor Street Presbyterian Church on Friday evening. Selections from Tennyson furnished an intellectual treat to the large audience, and the effective reading of Enoch Arden awakened, as of old, the deepest sympathies for the true heroic Christian. The Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., in moving a vote of thanks, took occasion to congratulate Dr. Macintyre, and the science master, the Rev. John Stenhouse, M.A., B.Sc., for the great success that had attended the readings and lectures, and stated that they were all instructive, helpful and calculated to develop a true taste for classic literature.

THE opening of the new Presbyterian Sabbath school in Hintonburg took place lately under the direction of the superintendent, Mr. Robert Stewart. Addresses were delivered by Hon. Senator Vidal, Rev. Dr. Moore, Mr. C. Falconer and Rev. Dr. Farries. The children of Hintonburg and their parents completely filled the new building. This Sunday school was established a little over a year ago and the average attendance of class members, which for the last few weeks was over 100, was greater than the old hall could accommodate, but now that there is ample room the classes will rapidly grow larger. The new building is large and commodious and elegantly finished inside in woodwork. Services will be held every Thursday evening in addition to the regular Sabbath services.

A NUMBER of ladies and gentlemen were attracted to the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, last week to hear the excellent lecture of Dr. Bell of the Geological Survey on a "Summer on the plains of the Northwest before the advent of railways," and to enjoy the music which together made up another of the first class entertainments given by the institute. Rev. W. T. Herridge occupied the chair and introduced the lecturer. Dr. Bell's address occupied an hour in delivery and within that short space of time he graphically depicted the great Lone Land a decade ago, contrasting the dangers and privations of then with the safety and comfort of the present. His description of the Indians, their mode of life, etc., was most interesting, and his account of the herds of buffalo, the manner in which they were hunted and slain brought the picture quite home. At the conclusion of the lecture Miss Blanchet delighted the audience with a

well rendered piano solo and beautiful songs were given by Mrs. Brennan, Miss K. Drummond, Messrs. Alnwick, Chrysler, and Blanchet. In moving and seconding a cordial vote of thanks to the lecturer and musicians, Commander Boulton and Sir James Grant voiced the views of the ladies and gentlemen present in saying that all had been delighted.

THE Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's Church, Smith's Falls, on Sabbath week, preaching both morning and evening to large congregations, it being the anniversary of the re-opening of the church. The Rev. Doctor's morning discourse was based on 1 Thess. v. 17, and showed deep thought and extensive reading. The sermon in the evening was equally interesting and edifying. On the following Monday the anniversary tea meeting was held, and proved a happy success. The weather was very unfavourable, but notwithstanding some three hundred persons were not only bountifully fed, but also abundantly satisfied with the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served in the lecture room from six to eight o'clock, after which an adjournment was made to the church. The main feature in the evening's programme was the organ recital by Professor Charles F. Davis, of Ottawa. The gifted musician kept his audience enrapt while he made the handsome pipe organ peal forth in tones that were all but human. His selections were well chosen and appropriate, and the manner in which he manipulated the keys showed the power of the professor over the instrument he was playing. The singing of Miss Barnes and Miss Shields was in keeping with the rest of the entertainment, and much enjoyed. Short addresses were delivered by Revs. Weeks of the Baptist church, Cooke of St. Andrew's and Blair of the Methodist Church.

THE Toronto Presbyterian Sabbath School Union, which was established last year, has been doing a great deal in helping the efficiency of those who conduct classes. It has already held six meetings, at which the International lesson series of subjects received its consideration, a number of experienced teachers leading. After meeting held last Thursday evening in the commodious and comfortable school room of Cooke's Church, there was a very large attendance, including several Presbyterian clergymen and a number of superintendents. Mr. Archibald MacMurchy, M.A., vice-president of the union, occupied the chair. The devotional exercises conducted by the pastor of Cooke's Church, Rev. Wm. Patterson, were followed by the International Sabbath school lesson, on subject, "Forgiveness and Love," Mr. R. S. Gourlay acting as leader. The lesson proved so interesting and instructive that it was prolonged beyond the usual time, and the next item in the programme, a conference on "How to conduct a Sabbath school," in which it is expected that Messrs. S. Arnold, Thomas Carswell, R. J. Hunter, Melvin Swartout, W. J. Middleton, Andrew Scott, Samuel Wallace and others will take part, was by general consent postponed until next meeting, the precise date of which has not yet been fixed by the Executive. It will take place in Knox Church about a month from the present time.

A RECENT copy of the *Floridian*, published at Tallahassee, contains the following: The Presbyterian Church of this city, having enjoyed during the past winter the ministerial services of the Rev. James Little, of Toronto, formerly a member of the Presbytery of Florida, gave at a public meeting of the congregation held Sabbath morning week, expression to its esteem of Mr. Little's services, and extended to him a unanimous invitation to become the permanent pastor of the church. Their views are expressed in the following paper unanimously passed by the congregation: In view of the object which has called us together, viz.: to take into consideration the future pastoral supply of our church, we, the members and congregation, desire to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the providence which sent to us in our need the Rev. James Little, whose devotion and ability in the service of his divine master and in the interest of this church is greatly acknowledged and appreciated by us. Entertaining as we do the conviction that, if in the providence of the Divine Head of the church, we shall be able to secure his continued leadership, that he, under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, will lead us on from strength to strength; therefore, be it resolved, first, that whether or not we shall be able to retain him as our pastor, we hereby desire to express our admiration of the excellency and efficiency of his ministry. Second, that we cordially invite him to remain with us on such terms and conditions as he, the faithful servant of our Lord, deems proper, and the Session of the church is hereby requested to make out a call for his services in the required form, pledging such material support as may be agreed.

THE annual social in conjunction with the tenth anniversary of Rev. Dr. Parsons' induction into the pastorate of Knox Church, Toronto, was held on Thursday evening last. Dr. Parsons presided. The audience was very large, almost completely filling the commodious schoolroom where the entertainment was held. There were many ladies present, who contributed to a large extent to make the affair the success it was. The Committee of Management, to whom much credit is due, consisted of the ladies of the congregation, assisted by Messrs. John Duncan, J. H. Shearer, J. A. Imrie, D. T. McAnish and J. Knowles, jr. Rev. Dr. Reid opened with prayer, after which the chairman delivered a brief introductory address, alluding to the friendly feeling that had always existed between pastor and people, and to the assistance which had been rendered him in his work by the various church officers. A number of solos were then very effectively rendered by Miss Price, Miss Grace McFaul, and Mr. J. Gordon Sheriff, after which Rev. John Potts, D.D., in felicitous terms, referred to the happy relations that had existed between Rev. Dr. Parsons and himself since they had both laboured in their respective churches in the United States many years ago. He delivered an interesting address, in which were sensible references to organic union and a fuller manifestation of the real union, now subsisting in the Christian Church. In the intermission which followed refreshments were dispensed. A very pleasant half hour was spent in social intercourse, when the second part of the programme was opened with a piano duet by the Misses Lightbourn, which was splendidly executed and well received. Miss Grace McFaul favoured the audience with another solo, "The Angel at the Window," after which an address was delivered by Mr. John L. Blaikie, whose remarks were listened to with interest. As an old friend of the pastor, his reminiscences were especially interesting. He was delighted to see so many of the old friends left, and pleased to see so many noble young ones who came willingly forward to take the places of those who had gone before. The retrospect was satisfactory. The ten years just passed had been ten years of earnest, faithful work. Miss Ina Brodie sang a solo, which was excellently rendered, and met with hearty applause. A sacred solo, "In Native Worth," was then sung by Mr. J. Gordon Sheriff, which evoked much applause. The pleasant proceedings were brought to a close by an address from Rev. William Reid, D.D. He became connected with Knox Church nearly thirty-seven years ago, and for about fifteen years was a member of the Session. At that time he believed he knew every family in the congregation, but he could not say the same now. He joined in the sentiment expressed by a previous speaker that much spiritual good was being done in the congregation, and on glancing over the very complete report for 1889 he was pleased to find that such great progress had been made, financially and otherwise. The appointment of an elder, a deacon and a lady visitor for each district was a move in the right direction. As one who had taken an humble part in the installation of Rev. Dr. Parsons ten years ago, he felt a deep interest in the welfare of his congregation, and was much pleased with its success. Dr. Parsons, in a neat speech, thanked the speakers for their kindly reference to him, and hoped the same measure of prosperity would attend his efforts in the future as had attended them in the past.

## SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met on Tuesday, 15th inst., in St. John's Church, Cornwall. The Rev. George Coull of St. Sylvester, Que., the retiring moderator preached an appropriate sermon. The Synod, having been constituted for business, the Rev. Dr. A. B. McKay, of Crescent Street Church, Montreal, was chosen moderator, and a vote of thanks passed to the Rev. Mr. Coull for his conduct in the chair and his excellent sermon. A committee on bills and overtures was appointed.

Next day leave was granted the Presbytery of Montreal to take on trial for license the following students who had last session finished their studies in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, namely, Messrs. S. A. Angel, W. L. Clay, B.A., W. A. Cook, C. J. Hastings, D. M. Jamieson, H. T. Kalem, S. F. McCusker, B.A., James Nasmith, B.A., W. M. Rochester, B.A., C. W. Whyte, B.A., and W. A. Jamieson. Similar leave was granted to the Presbytery of Quebec in the case of Messrs. G. H. Smith, B.A., A. Lam Roberts, B.A., and S. MacDonald, students of Morin College; and to the Presbytery of Brockville in the case of Messrs. W. H. Cornett, B.A., P. A. Cosgrave, B.A., and R. G. Sturgeon.

The Rev. Dr. MacVicar presented and read the report of the Committee on Education as follows:

Your committee regret to state that the matter of the distribution of the school taxes of joint companies to the Catholic and Protestant boards remains in the same unsatisfactory position as hitherto, on the basis of population and not of ownership, notwithstanding the efforts made again this last session to secure a change in the law. The Provincial Government has persisted in its determination to refuse any change in the law until the Council of Public Instruction, consisting mainly of Roman Catholic bishops and their creatures, has given its consent. It is not to be forgotten, however, that the Protestant minority is itself very largely to blame for this condition of affairs, and the continuation of it is due in no small degree to the unanimous temporising policy of the Protestant members of the Legislature. It is for the Protestants to see to it that they are hereafter represented by members who will really reflect their views and secure their interests rather than those of their opponents.

During the past session of the Legislature the act relating to the settlement of the Jesuits' Estates was amended so as to restore the first whereby these estates are held for superior education, and increasing somewhat the amount granted to Protestants as an offset to the compensation made to the Bishops and the Jesuit Order for these estates. Your committee, while expressing satisfaction with the restoration of the educational trust, must reiterate the position taken by the Synod last year, that the acceptance of any sum by Protestants under these circumstances is a virtual condoning of the action of the Government in granting large subsidies without any just ground for distinctly sectarian purposes. They would also express their condemnation of the action of the Protestant Committee of the Council in consenting to administer such moneys. The position taken by the majority of that committee that they are not to be regarded as representing the Protestant minority, but are merely servants of the Government, is a most erroneous and unfortunate one, being wholly inconsistent with the principle on which the Council of Public Instruction is organized. All that can now be done is to repudiate their action on behalf of the Protestant minority and reserve for the people of this province the right to resume possession of all sectarian grants whenever they may conclude it expedient to do so.

The report of the Minister of Education for Ontario for 1889 indicates that on the whole the education of the young is carefully and systematically conducted throughout the province. Everything betokens a deep interest in the subject both on the part of the Government and the people. The matter of chief interest to the Synod is the condition of the public schools in the counties of Prescott and Russell, about which there had been considerable discussion. Attention has been called in the Synod for several years back to the unsatisfactory condition of these schools, and complaint made of the fact that they were being made thoroughly sectarian, that there was reason to believe that in many of them the French language was being employed to the exclusion of the English with a sectarian purpose, and that the text books used were of a decidedly Romish character. The Synod last year asked the Presbyteries to obtain fuller information as to the matter of text books, especially; none of the presbyteries interested have furnished your committee with any information on the point. But this lack has been supplied fully by the report of a special commission appointed by the Ontario Government to ascertain the facts and make recommendations as to the remedy. This report more than substantiates the complaints made, showing that many of the schools were essentially French and Catholic, the Roman Catholic catechism being regularly taught in school hours and the reading books being of the most sectarian character, while in a few cases even altars had been erected for celebrating mass, and the school rooms were adorned with the crucifix and pictures of the Virgin Mary. In consequence of this report measures have been taken to provide a series of bilingual readers, of an unobjectionable character, which alone are to be used after the first of next January. Fuller provision has also been made for the equipment of bilingual teachers. So far as your committee can judge the new regulations seem to be reasonably satisfactory, and are certainly a great improvement on those previously laid down.

The worst abuses in the past, however, have arisen from a persistent disregard of the regulations altogether, and it will be for the public now to see that the new regulations are strictly enforced by the authorities.

The report of the Superintendent of Education for Quebec indicates that very considerable advance has been made in educational matters during the year. Ninety additional school buildings have been erected, 198 new schools opened, 480 more teachers were employed than in the previous year, nearly 7,000 more scholars were enrolled. On all this the province is to be congratulated, as showing an increasing readiness on the part of the Government to foster and encourage educational institutions. These good dispositions are further proved by a movement which is not noticed in the report, having taken place since the close of the last school year, viz., the opening of free night schools in the cities of Montreal and Quebec, mainly at the expense of the Provincial Government on the request of the labour organizations. These have been largely attended, and the experiment has been so successful that it is altogether likely to be continued in future years. Another matter which affords ground for congratulation is the passage of an Act by the Legislature requiring that degrees in Arts granted by the Universities should be recognized by the professional councils of law and medicine as entitling the holders to enter upon professional studies without further examination, thus duly securing the rights of the universities and affording encouragement to a broader culture in the learned professions. Mention may also be made of the graceful act of the Legislature in voting \$10,000 for the rebuilding of the University of Toronto. Several other matters, however, cannot be regarded as satisfactory. One is the increased number of Protestant children who are reported as attending Roman Catholic schools, viz., 1,202 as against 806 the previous year; though, on the other hand, the number of Roman Catholic children in the Protestant schools has somewhat diminished. The increase in the number of Protestant children attending Catholic schools is somewhat evenly distributed through the different grades of schools and does not seem to be accounted for by any greater fullness in the returns. The matter is one that is fitted to awaken some anxiety. The remedy in the meantime is not apparent.

In moving the adoption of the report, he expressed the belief that, in order to prevent the attendance of Protestant children in the Roman Catholic schools, two things were required: First, the establishment of a much larger number of mission schools in destitute