

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Orillia "Times" gives an interesting historical sketch of the rise and progress of the Presbyterian church at Uptergrove.

THE Rev. Mr. Brown was presented with an address and purse of money by both south Luther and Luther village Presbyterian congregations previous to his leaving for Ohio U. S.

REV. DR. COCHRANE, of Brantford, expects to visit the Lake Superior stations, Winnipeg, and the churches on the Pacific Railway to end of the track, in the month of August, in connection with the missions of the Church.

THE Presbyterians of London South have resolved to proceed with the erection of a church on the corner of the Wortley road and Bruce street, over \$7,000 having been subscribed. An edifice to seat 450 persons will be erected on the lot named.

THE Rev. David Mitchell, Belleville, preached at Norwood on a recent Sabbath. He occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church, and in the evening that of the Methodist church. On both occasions he delivered eloquent and impressive sermons.

REV. R. TORRANCE, Guelph, wishes it to be known that he has withdrawn from the committee on the Distribution of Probationers. Those having business with the committee should correspond with the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, Hamilton, the present convener.

THE "Evangelical Churchman" contains a letter from the Librarian of Wycliffe College, in which it is stated that Mr. S. H. Blake undertakes to present a copy of "The Life of Dr. Duff" to the Episcopal ministers of the Diocese of Toronto who may desire to possess that most interesting work.

THE sacramental services, in connection with the First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, were held on Sunday week. The Rev. Mr. McAlpine was assisted on Friday, by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Granton, and on Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, and Rev. K. Junor, returned missionary from Formosa.

THE St. John "Telegraph" says: Rev. Mr. Gray, who for so many years has been connected with the Presbyterian church of Sussex, N.B., has tendered his resignation. Mr. Gray has been a faithful minister and an active worker in all good things, as well as a good and valuable member of the community, and should his resignation be accepted it will be regretted by church-going people of all denominations.

ON Tuesday evening, 26th ult., the congregation of Knox Church, Cannington, met for the purpose of presenting a farewell token of their respect and esteem to the retiring pastor, the Rev. Joseph Elliott. A purse containing a sum of money and an excellently worded address, expressive of deep regret at his retirement from the active duties of the pastorate, warm personal esteem for him, earnest well-wishes for the members of his family, and the hope that he may still be able to render efficient service for the cause of the Master. Mr. Elliott has taken up his residence in Toronto. His address is 33 Howard street.

LAST week the Rev. George Flett addressed a public meeting in the lecture-room of St. Andrew's Church, under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The chair was occupied by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell. Mr. Flett, who is a native Indian, has been engaged in the missionary work of the Presbyterian Church among his people in the North-West for the past seventeen years, having been instrumental in starting the various missions in the Fort Pelly and Edmonton districts in 1866 and since that time. He gave a vivid picture of the difficulties and successes of the work, relating many instances of hardships which had occurred in his experiences, and giving an outline of the progress and present standing of the missions. He speaks with great earnestness, and his listeners all felt the power of an eloquence which had wrought such beneficial results. Rev. Mr. Junor, who has laboured in the Chinese missions, also addressed the meeting and gave an interesting description of the manners and customs of the people of the Celestial Empire, as well as an epitome of the extent and success of the work there.

THE corner-stone of the new Presbyterian church in Thorold was laid, with appropriate ceremony, by the Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Knox College, Toronto, on the evening of Monday, the 25th ult. The Rev. Mr. Lundy, of Liverpool, England, and the Rev. C. D.

McDonald, the pastor of the Thorold congregation, also took part in the services of the occasion. After the stone was duly laid a copy of the "Globe," "Mail," PRESBYTERIAN, Welland "Tribune," Thorold "Post," and "Presbyterian Record," and one of each of the several current copper and silver Canadian coins being sealed up therein, the assemblage of people, which was large, considering the rather unpropitious state of the weather, gathered in the old church, where the Rev. Dr. Gregg delivered a clear, terse, and impartial address on the principles, polity, and doctrines of Presbyterianism. The Rev. Mr. Lundy followed with a brief, pithy, and practical address that was both interesting and instructive. The new church, designed by Mr. W. R. Gregg, Toronto, is to be altogether built of stone. It is 50 x 70 feet. When completed it will seat about 500 people, and will cost about \$10,000.

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

ANNUAL COLLECTION—SABBATH JULY 15, 1883.

The following circular has just been issued:—

DEAR SIR,—By appointment of the General Assembly the annual collection for the French Evangelization Scheme takes place on Sabbath, 15th July.

Fifty-six missionaries were employed by the Board during the past year. Seventeen of these were Colporteurs who distributed 2,598 copies of the Word of God and about 26,000 French tracts. Thirteen Mission day schools, with 19 teachers and 533 pupils, are maintained in connection with the work of the Board. Seventy-six preaching stations are regularly supplied, a number which can be greatly increased did the means permit. The estimated amount required for the current year is \$35,000.

This is the first of the annual collections for the schemes of the Church during this ecclesiastical year and in order that it may not be crowded out or interfere with any other it is of great importance that it be taken up in all congregations and mission stations on the Sabbath appointed—15th July.

Owing to unfavourable weather and other causes a Sabbath collection is often a very trifling amount. We therefore take the liberty of asking you, if there is no missionary association in your congregation, to have all the families in your charge personally waited upon for a subscription towards the French Evangelization Scheme. In every case where this is done the amount received is greatly increased. Will you kindly oblige by personally seeing that this is done. If desired, blank subscription sheets will be furnished on application to the Secretary.

We send you herewith a copy of the annual report, as also one to the superintendent of your Sabbath school, which please hand to him.

The General Assembly at its meeting just closed adopted the following resolution:

"That for the purpose of cultivating the missionary spirit among the young, all sessions and superintendents be required to see that the schools under their charge give something, however little, to the missionary enterprises of the Church."

Soliciting your cordial co-operation in securing a liberal contribution from your congregation and Sabbath school.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. MACVICAR, D.D., LL.D.,
Chairman.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

260 St. James St., Montreal, 28th June, 1883.

P.S.—Students and other missionaries will kindly oblige by attending to the collection and subscriptions in the several stations at their respective fields. As all mission stations are enjoined by the General Assembly to contribute to the scheme, it is earnestly hoped that the missionaries will personally see that the matter is at once attended to.

In vacant congregations the elder to whom the circular is sent should see to the collection and subscriptions being made and forwarded without delay to the Treasurer of the Board.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Rev. Dr. Reid has received the following sums for schemes of the Church, viz.: Widow's Mite, Roslin, for Foreign Mission, Formosa, \$10; James Warren, per Rev. J. L. Murray, P.L.S., for Foreign Mission, Formosa, \$20; J. G. P., Binbrook, Home Mission, \$3; J. A. M., Tiverton, for Home Mission, \$5; Mrs. James Whimster, High Bluff, for Home Mission, \$2, Foreign Mission, \$2, French Evangelization, \$1.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

FRANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE. Edited by T. De Witt Talmage, D.D. (New York: Mrs. Frank Leslie.)—The "Sunday Magazine" for July presents a large budget of varied and excellent reading. In connection with the "Religious Denominations of the United States" the question "What is the Anglican Church?" is discussed by the Rev. Dr. F. C. Ewer in a tone so high churchly that it savours of bigotry. Lieut. Schwatka, of Arctic fame, writes on a subject with which he is perfectly conversant "Among the Natives of the North." "Justice Warren's Daughter," a continued story, advances in interest, as does Edwin De Leon's "The American Pilgrim in Palestine." There is a great variety of miscellaneous reading suited for old and young in this cheap popular magazine. It is profusely illustrated. There are several engravings of superior excellence in the present number.

THE PULPIT TREASURY. Edited by J. Sanderson, D.D. (New York: E. B. Treat.)—This is the latest but not the least worthy claimant for a place in the rank of magazines chiefly designed for those in the active work of the Gospel ministry. Its contents are specially adapted for their benefit. In its pages will be found something calculated to be useful in every department of ministerial work. The three principal sermons appearing in the June number are by Drs. Richard S. Storrs, H. C. Potter, and O. H. Tiffany. Contributions are made by Drs. Ormiston, Buckley, and Hitchcock. In addition, there is a large variety of useful selections having a direct bearing on pulpit work. A special feature of the "Pulpit Treasury" is its adherence to scriptural doctrine; it is intended to promote evangelical teaching. Each number also contains two illustrations. Those in the present issue are, a life-like portrait of Rev. R. S. Storrs, D.D., of Brooklyn, and a view of Trinity Church, New York. From the excellence of its contents and the object it seeks to advance, "The Pulpit Treasury" deserves a wide circulation.

THE HOMILETIC MONTHLY. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls.)—This serial is conducted with marked ability. The present number is one of the best that has yet appeared. Men of distinct individuality in all sections of the Christian Church are represented in its pages. "Things Which Cannot be Shaken," by Rev. Joseph H. Rylance, D.D., is the opening sermon of the July issue. A sermon, also in full, by Canon Farrar on "The Condition of Natural Greatness" is given. Suggestive outlines of discourses on "God's Hand Working in Human History," by Richard S. Storrs, D.D.; "Spiritual Gifts," by Dean Gekw of Ulm; and "A Father's Love," by Adolph Saphir, D.D., will be found valuable. Contributions in Homiletics are: by Rev. D. C. Hughes "Homiletical Studies in the Book of Hebrews"; "The Homiletical Value of the Revised Version, No. II," by Philip Schaff, D.D.; and "Commentary on the Epistle of James, No. IV," by William Ormiston, D.D. The fourth of a series of papers in the "Best Methods of Preaching and Sermonizing" is by John P. Newman, D.D., J. A. M. Chapman, D.D., and John E. Cookman, D.D., Dr. Talbot W. Chambers continues his valuable series on "Misquoted Scriptures"; "Truth from an Enemy," by David H. Wheeler, LL.D., contains sensible reflections on the recently published essays of George Eliot. The rest of the number is made up of valuable material to those for whom this excellent publication is specially designed.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)—Though the "Atlantic Monthly" does not indulge in the luxury of pictorial illustration it is none the less attractive on that account. The number opens with the chapters of a story that promises to become very interesting. It is entitled "A Roman Singer." Its author is F. Marion Crawford who possesses an excellent literary style. O. B. Frothingham's discourses "On Some Phases of Idealism in New England"; "En Province" is the first of a series of most readable descriptive papers by Henry James. The next contribution, also of a descriptive character is on "Oxford in Winter" by Harriet Waters Preston. George Francis Lathrop tells a good story of which the title is "Newport." "Boomtown," by Frank D. Y. Carpenter, hits off a state of things not altogether strange to Canadian readers, while Arthur Blake Ellis discusses in a more serious vein the subject of "Municipal Extravagance." The second instalment is given of Richard Grant's contribution on "Mr. Washington