

Ministers and Churches.

Beeton Presbyterians will build a new church next summer.

THE Presbyterians in Alice contemplate the erection of a new church.

THE Rev. J. Edmondson, of St. John's Church, Almonte, recently gave a graphic description of his visit to Great Britain, at a meeting of the Mission Board.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Vankleek Hill has decided to invite Rev. Mr. McEachren, of Dundee, to take charge of their congregation at a salary of \$1,000 a year.

THE Rev. J. Leishman, Angus, who a short time ago visited the Maritime Provinces, had a severe attack of illness while there. He has returned and is improving in his health.

THE Rev. Messrs. Macdonnell and Milligan addressed the Hamilton Branch of Queen's University Endowment in St. Paul's Church schoolhouse last week. They met with an encouraging response.

To an assemblage in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, the Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., delivered an eloquent address on Beethoven's music. Selections from the works of the great composer were also admirably rendered.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane has received \$50 for Home Mission Fund, collected in Portage La Prairie by Rev. James Robertson. At other points in Manitoba Mr. Robertson is making strenuous efforts to collect funds to help the committee to meet its liabilities.

MR. HOWIE preached in Singhampton and Maple Valley on the 6th, 7th and 8th inst., to unusually large congregations. He is announced to preach at Milton on the 20th, and to lecture at Brantford on the 23rd and 24th, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Blind School and Zion Church. Mr. Howie is expected in Richmond on the 27th inst. and Dec. 4.

THE ladies of Zion Church, Brantford, have despatched two valuable boxes, containing complete outfits for the families of two of our missionaries in the North-West. The articles are all new, and specially prepared to suit their respective ages. They expect in addition to give, through the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Church, a handsome contribution in money before the end of the present year.

THE Rev. D. Cameron, Manitowaning, writes. Through THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN I desire to thank the Rev. E. H. Sawers and his congregation—Westminster, London, Ont.—for the gift of a number of Sabbath school library books no longer required. They will be very useful in our school on the Island. There are many other schools on the Island and North Shore that would be greatly benefited by similar donations.

A SUCCESSFUL Bible class social was held in the manse, Minnedosa, on Friday, Oct. 28. A very interesting programme was gone through by the members. There was a large attendance. Rev. Mr. Todd presided, and tea and cake were served by Mrs. Todd during the evening. The evening was most enjoyably spent. This class, as also the other work of the congregation, is moving vigorously since the pastor returned recruited in health from the Old Land.

THE Rev. Mr. Turnbull, L.L.B., of St. Marys, preached anniversary sermons in Knox Church, Carleton Place, on the 23rd of October, morning and evening. On Monday evening, Mr. Turnbull delivered a lecture on "The Two Books"—the book of Revelation and the book of Nature. The church was well filled on each occasion. The Rev. George Chrystal moved, and Mr. Leversage, warden, seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer. The Rev. R. Hamilton, of Motherwell, occupied the chair with much tact and courtesy.

AT a congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian Church, Pembroke, presided over by Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, a unanimous call was given to the Rev. G. D. Bayne, B.A., Morrisburg. The Pembroke Observer says: If Mr. Bayne accepts the call, and it is believed he will, he will receive the sum of \$1,200 a year and manse. The congregation have decided that all the seats shall be free. The members and adherents have subscribed liberally to the Church fund, and the future of the Church looks bright and encouraging.

THE Rev. Dr. Torrance, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Statistics, requests us to state that on the 8th of November he mailed to Clerks of all the Presbyteries parcels containing blank forms for collecting the statistical and financial reports of congregations and mission stations throughout the Church. Should any of these not reach its proper destination he will feel greatly obliged by being advised of this at an early date, that a fresh supply may be forwarded. Should the supply now mailed be found insufficient he will send additional copies if requested. The sheets for Presbyteries will be despatched in a few days.

THE occasion of his entering on the sixteenth year of his pastorate was embraced as a fitting opportunity by his congregation of testifying their warm appreciation of the personal worth and the ministerial fidelity of the Rev. John Bennett, D.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte. Recently a most enjoyable social was held in the manse. Mr. R. Pollock read an address of kindly wishes, thankful recognition and cordial congratulations. Mr. J. W. Wylie, in name of the congregation, presented Dr. Bennett with a purse containing \$155. The kindly expressions and the tangible gifts were neatly and appropriately acknowledged by the worthy recipient.

A MEETING of the committee of the Presbytery of St. John, N.B., appointed in connection with the Scheme of Systematic Beneficence, was held in the parlour of St. John's Presbyterian Church. It was decided to hold a

series of missionary meetings in St. John, Carleton, Fairville and Pisarico during the first week of December, and to secure the presence at them of eminent speakers from a distance. The Convener of the committee brought up the subject of lapsed Presbyterians, stating that he had estimated from reliable sources that there were 2436 of this class in the city and county of St. John, most of these being in attendance upon no Church. After some discussion, it was decided to call a meeting of all the sessions in the city, to be held in the parlour of St. John's Church, the matter in the meantime to be brought before the several sessions for consideration.

A NEW brick church was opened at Waldemar, one of the stations of Rev. H. Crozier's charge, on October 23. Very able and instructive sermons were preached by Professor McLaren, of Knox College, morning and evening, and by Rev. W. A. Hunter, of Orangeville, in the afternoon. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, the church was crowded in the morning and afternoon, but the continued rain kept many away in the evening. On the following evening, a very successful soiree was held, at which \$70 were realized. The church is very neat and well finished, with a spire. The windows are bordered with stained glass, which adds very much to the appearance. There is also a good basement with ceiling ten feet high. There remains only \$300 debt on the building. The congregation of Waldemar deserve great praise for the noble way in which they have wrought and they deserve success.

THE Allenford Presbyterian Church, on Monday week, was filled with a happy crowd, the occasion being a public welcome to Rev. John Moore and wife, on their return from a short vacation. During the evening, short congratulatory speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Hanna, Clarke, Edmunds and others. These, with readings and appropriate music by the choir, made the evening pass pleasantly and profitably. Mr. and Mrs. Moore being called to the platform, an address was presented breathing the most friendly feelings and appreciation of Mr. Moore's ministerial abilities and success, and the high esteem in which he is held by all classes of the community. Mr. Moore was then presented with a purse containing upwards of \$50, and Mrs. Moore with a work satchel, to which Mr. Moore made a suitable and feeling reply. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the doxology and Rev. Mr. Hanna pronouncing the benediction.

JOHN MCKINLAY PATTERSON, son of Rev. Dr. Patterson, of New Glasgow, who died there on the 26th ult., in the thirty-third year of his age, was a young man of very unobtrusive manner and quiet demeanour, but his kindness of heart and amiable disposition endeared him to all who knew him, while his punctuality and faithfulness won the confidence of his employers. His last illness was very severe, but was borne with unbroken Christian patience, and he peacefully expired in the hope of the Gospel. He was buried at Riverside Cemetery, with Masonic honours, and at the time of his death held the office of junior warden with much credit to himself in said lodge. The remains were taken to James Church, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. A. McCurdy, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Alexander Falconer and James McLean. The funeral was a very large one. At the grave the beautiful and impressive Masonic services were conducted by Grand Chaplain Rev. D. C. Moore. We extend our sincere sympathies to the afflicted family.

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation Omece, was held in the church, on Wednesday November 2. The attendance was large and appreciative. After devotional exercises, the secretary's report was read, and showed that the finances, etc., were in a healthy and flourishing condition. The managing committee are considering the advisability of improving the present place of worship or otherwise building a new church in a more central part of the town, as quite a number of Presbyterian families have taken up their abode here during the last year, and more room will be required. Notwithstanding that our pastor, Rev. J. Ewing has been preaching to the people regularly for the last forty years, yet his sermons are still listened to with great interest and profit. They are calculated to arouse the most thoughtless. The prayer meeting and Sabbath school are most interesting. The combined efforts of the pastor, office-bearers, Sabbath school teachers and other Christian people, are productive of steady advancement in a good work, without any sensationalism. THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN is highly appreciated by its readers, on account of the many valuable articles and valuable hints on church affairs generally.

THE Woodstock Sentinel Review says. The funeral of the late W. F. Ross was largely attended. Rev. Mr. McKay officiated, and the elders of Chalmers Church were the pall-bearers. Immediately after the funeral the Session of the Church met. All the members were present, viz.: William Fraser, A. Sutherland, H. Gunn, G. Kirton, James Symington, John Weir, V. Schwalm and Rev. W. A. McKay, Moderator. The following resolution was unanimously passed, and a copy of it ordered to be sent to the widow and family of Mr. Ross: Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in the exercise of His sovereign right to remove by death Mr. W. F. Ross, a member of this court, the Session, while humbly submitting to the hand of God, desires to place on record their sense of the loss which they and the congregation of Chalmers Church have sustained in this bereavement. They have ever found Mr. Ross faithful in his attendance on the meetings of Session, clear in judgment, broad in his sympathies, liberal with his means and thoroughly devoted to the Church of his choice. They wish to convey to the bereaved widow and family their profound sympathy in this sore trial; and pray that He who is the Husband of the widow and the Father of the fatherless may sustain and comfort them. In the death of Mr. Ross the Session would also hear the Master's voice calling them to fuller consecration and more active service while the day lasts.

THROUGH the energy, perseverance and pluck of their pastor, Rev. J. P. Grant, the Presbyterians of Col-

quhoun, Dundas County, have erected a beautiful building on the site of their old one. Mr. Grant, at the request of the congregation, undertook the whole of the responsibility and the superintendence of the building. The church is 56 x 36, and cost \$2,200. There are few country churches to equal it, and the congregation are proud of it, and also feel grateful to their worthy minister for the active part he took in carrying the work to completion. The new church was dedicated on Sabbath, the 20th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Matheson, of Lunenburg, who preached in the morning an impressive and appropriate discourse from Gen. xxviii. 17. "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." The Rev. Mr. Kellogg, of Spencerville, preached in the evening an instructive and practical discourse from Mark vii. 33-34. On Monday evening, 31st ult., there was a grand entertainment. There were speeches, music, songs and recitations intermingled. The speakers were Rev. Messrs. Hardy, Ferguson and Kellogg. Mr. Grant presided. The speeches were good, being both edifying and instructive—not prosy and dry—but intermixed with just enough humour to make them lively. The musical programme was extensive and varied and was rendered by the numerous and accomplished performers, among them three little girls who distinguished themselves in such a manner as greatly delighted the audience.

THERE was a new departure in the missionary meeting held in the Presbyterian Church, Minnedosa, on a recent Sabbath. The laity of the Church played an important part in it. J. G. Gillies, M.P.P., occupied the chair, and opened the meeting in the usual form. Mr. Steele, an elder, led in prayer. Mr. Gillies then introduced the deputation in a short speech on mission work. Rev. Mr. Murray, of Neepawa, addressed the people on the Home Mission work of the Church, and pled earnestly on behalf of the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds. Mr. McMillan, elder, then led in prayer. Mr. Todd, the pastor, spoke on the Foreign Mission and French Evangelization work. He made an able and eloquent defence of the Church's workers among the Roman Catholics, and warned the people against the specious character of the Church of Rome. He likened it to "A bear chained, with its claws clipped, whose nature was still unchanged." He closed a most able address with a touching appeal on behalf of the funds of the Church. The choir rendered several missionary hymns during the evening. The meeting was a decided success in every respect, it being the largest of the kind ever held here, while the collection was twice as large as it was formerly. Most Manitoba people are aware that Mr. Todd is a strong believer in the value of lay workers in the Church. He has had the courage to test it at his missionary meeting, and there is no doubt that the lay element largely tended to its success. Perhaps the interest in missions would be deepened among the people if the elders were more generally encouraged to take an active part in the missionary meetings. The most they are asked to do at present is to contribute.

SABBATH, 6th November, being the twentieth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Robert Wallace as pastor of West Church, Toronto, he stated that he was inducted by the Presbytery on the 6th of November, 1867, and that on the following Sabbath he was introduced to the people by his warm friend, Rev. Dr. Burns, of Knox College, who preached from Psa. cxxvi. 6, and that the promise of that prayer had been verified in their happy experience—about 1,800 members having been received in all, and during the last two years 400 of these. A deepening interest in spiritual things had characterized the congregations for some years, shown by increased attendance on the means of grace, and more earnest attention to the preached Word, larger attendance on the Sabbath school, Bible class and Young People's Association, and a greater number of young people making profession of religion. During 1886, up to October communion, 140 were received as members, and many more promised the pastor that they would come next time or soon; and thus the way was prepared for the special meetings held in November, 1886, and for the outpouring of the Spirit, so that there was a large ingathering at the end of the year—275 members being received in 1886, and 115 in 1887, or 400 in two years. Mr. Wallace baptized some 660 during the twenty years, and attended over 400 funerals. He stated that an excellent spirit pervaded both the office-bearers and people, that there was increased liberality in supporting the Gospel at home and abroad, a warm spiritual atmosphere shown in kindly interest in each other, and a readiness to work for Christ. The pastor closed by saying, For the future, let us realize more and more that we are one family in Christ, that we have one great object in view—to work lovingly together for the good of souls, and the honour of our blessed Master.

THE village of St. Andrews, Quebec, has been the scene of remarkable religious meetings, conducted by the Rev. J. M. McIntyre, assisted by Mr. C. Sinclair, who conducted the singing with great effect. They were held during all October, first in the Congregational and then in the Presbyterian Church. The gallery was used as an inquiry room, and after the first few nights it was filled, and latterly crowded to excess, with those who had found Christ during the meetings, and those who were anxious about their souls. It was a moving sight to the pastors when they saw heads of families, about whom they had been long solicitous, rising from their seats, and going humbly to the inquiry room, along with the crowd of young people and Sabbath school children. Many young men, also, and young women have received a blessing. Two of the former came on foot five miles one evening, both of whom were brought in that night. Every evening there were some who professed to have found peace in Christ, and were ready to testify this by standing up, and in a single sentence perhaps expressing their faith. There was no noisy excitement, but deep, earnest feeling, their conscience having been thoroughly awakened by the clear, reiterated statements and illustrations of truth, and the urgent, pressing appeals of the evangelists. More than a hundred, belonging to all denominations, gave in their names as brought to Christ during the meetings. Of these, many had long been thoughtful, but some were quite indifferent before, some were notorious