

## Ministers and Churches.

A FINE organ has been placed in Bank Street Church, Ottawa.

A NEW and handsome Presbyterian Church is being erected at Georgetown, Ont.

MR. D. D. McQUEEN, B.A., is expected in Edmonton to assist Rev. Mr. Baird in Presbyterian Church work in that district during the summer season.

THE Rev. George A. Francis, formerly of Goderich, late student at Knox College, has accepted a call to Rodney and New Glasgow, and has been inducted by the Presbytery of London.

THE Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's congregation, Ferguson, have furnished the vestry of their church with a complete suite, consisting of centre table, settee, glass stand, hat rack and a large easy chair.

THE Rev. David Mitchell, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Jersey City, and formerly of Belleville, was robbed lately of \$116 in cash, and a cheque for \$125. The money was taken from a drawer in his house.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane closed the twenty-fifth year of his pastorate of Zion Presbyterian Church, Brantford, on a recent Sabbath. From a small beginning the membership of the Church is now one of the largest in the denomination in Canada, being 630.

IT is stated on good authority that the Rev. Mr. McClelland, of Ashburn, has been offered a call from the congregation of Kentville, N. S.; salary, \$800 and manse. Mr. McClelland preached there one Sabbath last June when he was in the Lower Provinces.

ALL the Church of Scotland ministers have left the Province of British Columbia. Rev. R. Stephen, St. Andrew's, Victoria, has returned to Scotland; Rev. J. Christie, Comox, has gone to the United States; and Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Nanaimo, has gone to British Guiana.

ON the 17th inst. a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in Hespeler, in the Presbytery of Guelph. The officers are: Mrs. James Dickie, president; Mrs. Haigh, vice president; Mrs. Ferguson, Treasurer; Mrs. Lockhart, secretary. Rev. C. Haigh is pastor of the congregation.

THE Toronto Mission Union, which has been doing an excellent work in the city, will hold its third annual meeting in the Mission Hall, College Street, on the evening of Thursday, 2nd June. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of those who take an interest in this important department of evangelistic effort.

THE services in connection with the thirty-second anniversary of the formation of the MacNab Street congregation, Hamilton, and the fifteenth year of Rev. Mr. Fletcher's pastorate, were held recently. Rev. Patrick McF. McLeod, of Central Church, Toronto, conducted divine services both morning and evening, large congregations being in attendance.

THE late Mrs. Christy Sinclair, of Glenbard, who was born in Tiree, Argyllshire, in 1809, and went to Nova Scotia with her father, John McLean, the Highland poet, in 1819, was well versed in Gaelic poetry, Highland legends, clan history and Scottish history in general. She was called "A Walking Celtic Encyclopedia." Until last October she lived with her son, the Rev. A. McLean Sinclair, at Springville, N. S.

A BRITISH COLUMBIA correspondent writes that the Methodist Conference has just been organized at Victoria by Rev. Dr. Williams. Two of their ministers resigned their connection with the ministry and membership, Rev. Mr. Percival, Victoria, to join the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. T. Haddon, to join the Reformed Episcopal Church. Several years ago one of their ministers left them and joined, or rather became a Universalist, or something like it; and later another joined the Church of England.

RECENTLY a large gathering of young converts and young people took place in the Presbyterian Hall, Fort Hope. It was devoted to praise and thanksgiving. Mr. Mitchell gave the key notes of praise from the Word of God. When the meeting was thrown open, a large number took part in a few words expressing their own gratitude to God for His goodness to them individually, many participated who had never before opened their lips in such a meeting. Arrangements were made at the close for a weekly meeting of the young people, and for their organization for work. Several new names were given in as applicants for Church membership.

ANNIVERSARY services were conducted in Burns Church, Ashburn, on Sabbath week, by the Rev. Professor McLaren, who ministered to the congregation there thirty-seven years ago. He preached able discourses, which were highly appreciated by overflowing congregations, morning and evening. At the afternoon service, the Rev. Mr. Liddy, of Myrtle, preached. On the following evening, a successful tea meeting was held, at which the Rev. Mr. McClelland, pastor of the congregation, presided, and the Revs. Dr. McLaren, of Toronto, Messrs. Reddit and Harris, of Brooklin, Carmichael, of Columbus, and McLennan, of Whitby, gave addresses.

THE Halifax *Presbyterian* refers to the death of the late Mr. Jordan, father of the much respected pastor of Erskine Church, Montreal. We have to record the death of another venerable and well known citizen, Mr. William Jordan, a retired merchant, who, for many years, was head of a leading dry goods firm in this city. Mr. Jordan was a man of blameless life and sterling integrity. His only son is the esteemed pastor of Erskine Church, Montreal, the Rev. L. H. Jordan. Two of his daughters adorn Presbyterian manse—one being married to the Rev. W. L. Cunningham, of New Jersey, and one to the Rev. Dr. Archibald, of St. Thomas, Ontario. A third daughter is Mrs. Professor Lawson, Halifax. Mr. Jordan was for some years in frail health. He was eighty-six years of age.

THE Rev. John Stewart, minister of Dennistown Free Church, Glasgow, Scotland, has been commissioned by the Free Church as delegate to the General Assembly at Winnipeg. He is expected to arrive in Montreal this week, and, after spending a few days there, goes on to Ottawa, thence to Toronto and Brantford, preaching at the latter place on the 5th June. Mr. Stewart is an old friend and college mate of Dr. Cochrane, both having studied at Glasgow University. We understand that Dr. McTavish, of Inverness, is also appointed, although it is uncertain of his going on to Winnipeg. We are sure that both these brethren will receive a cordial greeting from the Assembly and other brethren they may meet in the course of their visit.

THE Kingston *Whig* says: Rev. Mr. Boyle, of Paris, and, by the way, a graduate of Queen's University, has been bearing the lion in his den, which is something that every minister is not inclined to do. He had a man in his congregation who held a front pew, and was personally respected, but this man asked for a wholesale liquor license, for use in the county of North Brant, in which the Scott Act is in force. There was opposition, and Rev. Mr. Boyle went before the license commissioners to resist the application. He said he was opposed to the liquor business, and to all who were in it. There were members of his congregation that could not fight the temptation, and he had prayed with them at twelve o'clock at night for power to fight. He wanted it made impossible for them to get any liquor; and the commissioners heard him and decided not to grant the licence. Is there a minister in Kingston who dares to imitate him?

IN August, 1878, a few persons met in St. John's Church, Almonte, about a dozen—to consider the advisability of forming a Woman's Foreign Mission Society. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. MacLaren were present. The question before the little group was, Shall we go on, or shall we drop the undertaking in the meantime? "I have seen many things have as small a beginning as this, and prosper," said Mrs. MacLaren. The remark seemed to be the turning point in the meeting. It was resolved to organize, which was done. That year \$50 was raised for the good cause. The society was a union one, being made up of the women of both congregations. In 1879 a similar society was formed in Carleton Place, and one at McDonald's Corners was formed about the same time. In 1883 organized. In 1884 eight places were organized. In 1885 two auxiliaries and three mission bands were organized. In 1886, two mission bands. To-day there are fourteen societies and five mission bands, with 470 members. In the bounds of the Presbytery there are thirty congregations. The following amounts have been contributed during the year that has closed: Auxiliaries—(1) Almonte, \$243.17; (2) Ashton, \$47; (3) Arnprior, \$129.33; (4) Carleton Place, \$187.20; (5) Balderson, \$47.80; (6) Clayton, \$30.25; (7) McDonald's Corners, \$15; (8) Perth, \$178.90; (9) Pembroke, \$70.70; (10) Ramsay, \$49.27; (11) Renfrew, \$101.84; (12) Ross, \$29.30; (13) Smith's Falls, \$127.60; (14) White Lake, \$40. Total, \$1,297.36. Mission bands: (1) Almonte (St. Andrew's), \$33.36; (2) Juvenile (St. Andrew's), \$6; (3) Almonte (St. John's), \$85; (4) Pembroke, \$58; (5) Perth (St. Andrew's), \$141; (6) Perth (Knox), \$50; total, \$403.36. In all the amount raised is \$1,700.82. The above figures indicate progress, in view of which these societies may thank God and take courage. There are several places yet where societies may be formed in the bounds, as also mission bands. In these days when the Lord is putting it into the hearts of so many young men to offer themselves for the foreign field, it is but reasonable that Christian people bestir themselves to put money into the treasury of the Lord. It is the work of the Church to preach the Gospel for a witness in all the earth. With the help of God the work can be done.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGEVILLE. At the meeting of this Presbytery, held in Orangeville on May 3, there were present eleven ministers and two elders. The Assembly's remits on marriage and ecclesiastical co-operation were adopted. In pursuance of the recommendation of Assembly, the Presbytery appointed committees to confer with vacancies with a view to hastening settlement. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of Assembly. Mr. John McLean applied to the Presbytery to receive the status of catechist. A committee, which was appointed to confer with Mr. McLean, reported favourably. The application was deferred till next meeting. Messrs. Craig, minister, J. McClure and C. Graham, elders, were appointed to attend the General Assembly in place of Rev. G. Ballantyne, and Messrs. Wood and Barclay, who resigned. Leave was granted to Mr. Craig to moderate in a call at Caledon East and St. Andrew's, Caledon, and to Mr. McFaul to moderate at Ballinafad when the people are prepared. Circular letters were read, intimating that application would be made to the General Assembly for the reception of Rev. R. H. Craig and Rev. John McLeod, of the Congregational Church; Rev. Isaac Baird, of the American Presbyterian Church, and Rev. W. H. Spence, of the Methodist Church in Canada. The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held in Orangeville on July 12, at eleven a.m. — H. CROZIER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON. This Presbytery met in Hensall on the 10th inst. Rev. Mr. Stewart presented the report of the Finance Committee, showing the average contributions per member and family for the year 1886. It was agreed to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive Rev. Dr. McLeod, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, New Zealand, as a minister of this Church. The call to Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Clinton, from Erskine Church, Hamilton, was disposed of. Mr. Stewart left the matter in the hands of the Presbytery, and the Presbytery refused to translate him. Messrs. John McGillivray, M.A., and J. W. Orr, after undergoing the usual examination, were licensed to preach the Gospel. A call moderated in at Berne was set aside, and Rev. Mr. McCoy authorized to moderate in a new call when required to do so by the Session. Rev. Mr. Thompson stated that four students of

Knox College would be in this Presbytery about the end of this month to address congregations on Foreign Missions, viz., Messrs. Goforth, McKenzie, McGillivray and Webster. The aforesaid young men have resolved to go as missionaries to the foreign field, and they are giving their services for nothing for some months addressing congregations, for the purpose of awakening a deeper interest on the part of our people in Foreign Missions. On motion of Rev. Mr. McDonald, the Presbytery expressed gratitude to God for putting it into the hearts of those young men to tender their services for the foreign field, and hoped that our people would accord them a hearty welcome. Circular letters respecting the reception of the following ministers as ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, were read: Rev. J. H. Craig, of the Congregational Church; Revs. N. Smith and W. H. Spence, of the Canada Methodist Church; Rev. John McLeod, of the Congregational Church; Rev. Isaac Baird, of the American Presbyterian Church, and Rev. W. B. Begg, of the Church of Scotland. Dr. Ure having resigned his commissionership to the General Assembly, Rev. Mr. McDonald was appointed in his place. The following elders were appointed such commissioners in the place of Messrs. M. V. McLean, W. Carnie and Joseph Dobie, who resigned, viz., Messrs. McCaughey, of Seaford; W. Turnbull, of Grand Bend, and S. Carnochan, of Edmondville. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery is to be held in Goderich, on the second Tuesday of July, at eleven a.m. — A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—This court met at Qu'Appelle Station on the 3rd of May. A good number of ministers and missionaries were in attendance. The Rev. A. Urquhart, of Regina, occupied the chair. The greater part of two sessions was occupied in business of a private nature. The Rev. A. Andrews, of the Methodist Church, was invited to sit and correspond, and in the evening, spoke upon a proposed method of co-operation in missionary labour in the North-West. A motion was agreed to, referring the matter to the Home Mission Committee, with instructions to prepare a deliverance on the subject and submit it at the meeting in Portage la Prairie. Mr. A. B. Winchester appeared for examination which was sustained, and it was resolved to apply to the Synod for leave to take him on public probationary trials. An overture in favour of the division of Presbyteries was submitted and approved of, and ordered to be transmitted to Synod and Assembly. It was decided to inform the Presbytery of Columbia of this overture, so that a decision may be come to as to the division of the work in the mountains. Mr. John McKay, of Mistawasis Reserve, and Mr. C. McKillop, of Lethbridge, were appointed commissioners to the Assembly in room of Messrs. Herald and Dr. Jardine, resigned. Mr. Hugh McKay was appointed to support the overture and elders labouring as catechists in the room of Mr. Herdman, resigned. Notice was given of four applications for admission of ministers of other Churches. Mr. Urquhart and Mr. T. Pirret were appointed to act as assessors in conjunction with the Session at Moosejaw. In the evening, when there was a fair attendance of the people, the Foreign and Home Mission reports were submitted, and evidence given of prosperity in both departments of the work. A report on the State of Religion was also received. It was agreed to grant moderation in a call to Prince Albert, and to ask the congregation to increase the stipend promised. An interim session was appointed for Grenfell with Mr. Goldie as Moderator. A resolution was passed in regard to work among the Indians on Stony Plain. The names of Messrs. John D. McMillan, G. Evans and W. Murray were ordered to be placed on the list of applicants for work in the Home Mission field. The Examining Committee were enjoined to examine Mr. D. McMillan, who made application for ordination, and the Presbytery resolved to meet at Wolseley on the first Tuesday of July, and, if the trials be sustained, ordain Mr. McMillan at that meeting. ALEXANDER HAMILTON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Brandon, on Tuesday evening, May 3, and remained in session for two days. An important part of the business was the reception and consideration of the reports of Standing Committees on Temperance, State of Religion, Sabbath Observance, etc. The Report on Sabbath Observance was heard with great interest, and the discussion that followed indicated a lively interest in, and deep sense of, the importance of this matter. The following motion was unanimously agreed to by the Presbytery: The Presbytery deplore that there is so much travelling by train on the Sabbath Day, and would earnestly press upon all our people the necessity from abstaining from such travel, as it is plain to all that if the sanctity of this day be not observed by those who are professing Christians there will be a growing disrespect among those who make no profession of religion. The committee recommend that each minister and missionary labouring in the bounds should, both in their public ministrations and private intercourse with the people, endeavour to educate the public sentiment as to the sanctity of the Lord's Day; that the parents and Sabbath school teachers be deeply impressed with the necessity of training up our youth to a proper estimate of the Lord's Day, both by precept and example. The committee, believing that Sabbath visitation is a fruitful source of Sabbath desecration, it should be denounced, and faithful attendance on divine service and other religious exercises be enjoined as the legitimate means of edifying the body of Christ. In the Report on the State of Religion, the neglect of family worship in many homes was referred to with sorrow, and ministers were counselled to call attention to the grave necessity of such devotional exercises. The Foreign Mission Committee introduced Messrs. Jack and Ben, Indian delegates from the Birdtail Reserve. They spoke with confidence and fluency, sketched the work that had been done, and was yet to be done among them, referred with gratitude to the kindness of the Presbytery, and expressed their earnest desire to have a white man labour among them as a minister and teacher; to have some one teach them to work like the white man at shoemaking, baking, farming, etc. A