

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. W. J. Hall, who graduated from Manitoba College last spring, was on the 3rd of Oct. inducted into the pastoral charge of Stonewall, in the Winnipeg Presbytery.

THE Hon. Alexander Morris, who while in active health took an active and prominent part in the Church Courts, has been for a long time past in feeble health. The end came on Monday morning last when he passed peacefully away.

DR. COCHRANE has received the sum of \$200 from the Farringdon Independent Church, Brantford, towards defraying the salary of a missionary in the North-West last summer. Mr. Frank Nichol, son of Dr. Nichol, of Brantford, now in the middle class of Knox College, was their missionary, and proved himself most efficient.

THE regular meeting of Knox College Missionary Society was held on Tuesday evening week, president McLaren in the chair. Mr. E. A. Harrison gave a report of his summer's work at Bethune, in Muskoka. A large number of delegates were appointed to the Inter-Collegiate Missionary Alliance, which meets in this city, commencing November 7th. Arrangements were made for a public meeting to be held on December 6th. The president and Mr. J. R. Sinclair will read papers and Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Leith, will deliver an address.

THE Presbyterian Church, Campbellford, was filled to overflowing last week at the induction of the new pastor, Rev. Marcus Scott, late of Toronto. The induction sermon was preached by Rev. John Hay, of Cobourg, late pastor of the church, after which the following addresses were delivered: On Presbyterian polity, by Rev. D. Sutherland, Warkworth; to the new pastor, by Rev. Mr. Torrance, Peterborough; to the congregation, by Rev. Mr. Andrews, Keene. In the evening a tea and reception were held, which were very successful. Addresses were delivered by the above-named ministers and others.

A FRUIT festival was held at Mount Pleasant on Oct. 22. The occasion being the first anniversary of the induction of the pastor, Rev. J. L. Campbell. There was a large gathering, and excellent addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Gaudier, of Brampton, Harper, of the Methodist Church, Craig, of Claude, and Argo, of Norval. The Norval Presbyterian choir added much to the entertainment by appropriate selections of sacred music. The pastor occupied the chair and mentioned that the year was one of harmonious and, on the whole, successful work; fifty-seven names were added to the roll during the year.

THE work of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association has never been more successful than during this season. During the month of October about 300 new members joined and there are about 350 attending the educational classes in shorthand, book-keeping, penmanship, drawing and elocution. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Association will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5th, when reports will be presented and the address of the evening given by Rev. A. T. Gordon, D.D., the well-known Baptist clergyman from Boston. The music will be furnished by Mr. F. Warrington and choir of Sherbourne Street Methodist Church. Reserved seat tickets free can be obtained from the General Secretary.

REV. MARCUS SCOTT, who for the past ten months has been in charge of St. Mark's Church, and who has just accepted a call to Campbellford, was tendered a little informal reception on a recent evening on the occasion of his leaving. Mr. W. A. Sampson read an address which set forth the appreciation in which his services in the church had been held, and accompanied his remarks with a slight testimonial in the shape of \$100 and a silver fruit stand for Mrs. Scott. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Mr. J. M. Cameron, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. W. A. Shepherd, and Mr. R. Dale were among those present and made short appropriate speeches. The church choir sang several pieces, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE Rev. Mungo Fraser, D.D., of Knox Church, Hamilton, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Midland, on Sabbath, the 20th inst., the occasion being the anniversary of the opening of the church there. The church was crowded at both morning and evening services. On Monday evening a very successful tea meeting was held. After supper a choice programme was rendered, the choir being assisted by Miss Johnston, of the Toronto College of Music, whose singing was much admired by all present. Dr. Fraser's address on the occasion was one full of humour and kindly advice, specially intended for young men. Mr. Currie, of Penetanguishene, also spoke, congratulating the congregation on the success which had attended their efforts during the past year.

In the reports read last week at the meeting of the Brooklyn Presbytery, of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence, says the *Christian at Work*, it was stated that thirteen churches had increased their contributions since last year, and that the banner church for proportionate and systematic giving was Mount Olivet Presbyterian Church. The three highest were as follows: Mount Olivet, 200 per cent. increase; Westminster, seventy-five per cent.; Trinity, thirty-nine per cent. Mount Olivet Church is a young and vigorous one, under the pastoral care of Rev. David Junor, formerly a lawyer in the west. Under his able management great progress has been made. They have just inaugurated their winter campaign by refurbishing the church with a new carpet, and making other improvements to meet the requirements of their aggressive work.

THE Malton Presbyterian Church, under the charge of J. H. Barnett, student, has enjoyed a season of steady prosperity. The field is somewhat limited, yet our brother, assisted by a band of earnest men, has done a good work for the Master. Special services were held for three weeks, which resulted in the quickening of God's people. The communion was dispensed twice during the summer by the Moderator, Rev. W. Reid, of Weston. The Sabbath school department was faithfully worked. A system of instruction was adopted which proved very effective in the training of the young. While the prayer meetings, cottage meetings and Bible classes were all fruitful in blessing. A harvest home festival netted the amount of \$50. Mr. Barnett, by his earnest manner and devotion to his work, has won for himself a very warm place in the affections of the people of Malton.

THE Rev. Robert Johnson, B. A., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, recently at the close of a powerful sermon on the grace, honesty, privilege and blessing of giving for the support of missions, expressed the wish that the congregation would contribute one thousand dollars for the schemes of the church during the year commencing 1st October. An opportunity has been given to the people for a fortnight to say what they would do. The response has been so full and hearty that the reverend gentleman was able to announce on the following Sunday that more than the amount mentioned would be forthcoming. The congregation have thus undertaken to more than double the contributions of preceding years for the same purposes. St. Andrew's has shown great liberality in various ways in recent years, but the most sanguine were scarcely prepared for such a stride so early in the ministry of their devoted and able pastor.

THE Victoria B. C., *Daily Times* says: A large number gathered at the Cedar Hill school house, the occasion being a formal leave taking of Mr. R. E. Knowles, who has for the last six months been the popular pastor of that district. At the close of an interesting programme, the chairman, Mr. George Dean, with a few well-chosen remarks, presented Mr. Knowles with a beautiful solid gold hunting case watch, upon which his monogram was tastefully engraved, while on the inner lid was the following inscription: "Presented to Robt. E. Knowles, by his congregation, Cedar Hill, Cadboro, B.C., Oct. 16, 1889." An address giving expression to the high esteem in which Mr. Knowles was held was also presented. Though much overcome

by this manifestation of good will, he replied in his usual happy style. We would assure Mr. Knowles that the people of the country are not alone in their appreciation of his worth, as we know of no more popular substitute for our city pulpits than himself.

THE services in connection with the fall communions were held during the last week of September at Embro; during the second week of October at Thamesford, and the following week at Kintore; three adjoining congregations. In each of these places the good old Highland custom of having services on each of the five days is still observed. The attendance upon the services was much larger than it has been upon similar occasions for the last number of years. This was largely owing to the fact that the Rev. John Fraser, late of Indian Lands, and well known in this vicinity, was announced to conduct the greater part of all the services. At Embro Mr. Fraser preached in all, during the five days, seven times. His preaching was characterized by great earnestness and power. Mr. Fraser has lost none of his old-time vigour, and is to-day one of the most able preachers in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mr. Fraser will always be welcomed back to this vicinity by large and interesting congregations.

MISS GERTRUDE HART, the talented teacher of elocution in the Brantford Ladies' College, gave an entertainment Tuesday evening week, of which the Brantford *Expositor* says: Miss Hart has been heard on several previous occasions in Brantford, and each time has won the warmest favour of the critics in her audiences. She has a fine face, an excellent presence, dresses with extremely good taste, and before she opens her lips is in favour with the audience. She is entirely unaffected in manner, and yet there is an evident self-confidence that forbids a thought of mediocre work, much less failure. Prepared thus to hear something good, one is not disappointed when Miss Hart speaks. She possesses a pure, clear, full voice, that is perfectly modulated and under excellent control, while its compass is wide. In the most pathetic, sentimental, or ridiculous compositions she is equally at home, and while the tears were inclined to chase one another down one's cheek at the simple little story of "Daisy's Faith," so pathetically told, the next story of "Jimmy Hoy," given with a good brogue was as calculated to dry them up. She is very versatile, and takes not only the dialect and sentimental, but gives such dashing, thrilling selections as the chariot race, so majestically described by Gen. Wallace in "Ben Hur." Those who do not hear Miss Hart whenever occasion offers will miss a treat each time. Nothing like it was ever heard in the College.

AN interesting event took place at Moosejaw, N. W. T., on the 17th of this month, when the Presbytery inducted the Rev. S. J. Taylor into the pastoral charge of the congregation in that place. There was a good attendance and evident interest in the proceedings. The Rev. Kenneth McLennan, now on a visit to the west, preached. Mr. Nichol, Moderator *pro tem*, addressed the inducted pastor, and Mr. Robson, of Fort Qu'Appelle, met the duties of the people with the example set them by the Israelites fighting Amalek, and by Aaron and Hur in sustaining their leader's hands. In deference to the wish of the minister no social after-meeting was held, thus leaving it to the newspaper correspondent to give expression to the good feeling of the occasion. It is a matter which a grateful Church should not forget that it has one man at least who has laboured perseveringly, not among the brightest prospects, in establishing our Christian work in the west. The congregation has steadily grown. Mr. Taylor was its first missionary, and is now its first pastor, having continued for six years to labour in the former capacity. It is hoped that this case, with some others, may commend itself as showing the method of solving the vexed problem of candidating; and may prove a profitable example of adhesiveness to the cultured graduates of our colleges, whose services are demanded by the growing proportions of the work in the west and by the requirements of a heathenism lying more or less remote from our own door.

AT a meeting of the Barrie Presbytery it was unanimously agreed that the following resolution be adopted, and a copy transmitted to the Rev. Mr. Ewing, of Collingwood, viz.: That, whereas it has pleased our all-wise Father to remove from this earthly scene Mr. W. C. Ewing, one of our missionaries employed in the field, this Presbytery desire to place on record their appreciation of Mr. Ewing's services in the field during the past two seasons. Mr. Ewing, though comparatively young, having just passed his twentieth year, gave great promise of future usefulness in the work of the Gospel ministry, which he had chosen as his calling. By diligent application to his studies he had taken prominent rank as a student of our Provincial University, from which it was expected he would graduate with honour after another session. By his kindly and genial disposition he had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, both in the college and in the mission field; and by his faithful discharge of duty as an ambassador for Christ he had been the instrument in the Master's hand, not only of stimulating to a higher life some who had already professed their faith in Christ, but also of turning the steps of others into the straight and narrow way. With a brilliant and useful career opening up before him, the voice of the Master is heard calling him home. Although measured by time but little comparatively had been accomplished, yet his work is completed, and we are left to adore the wisdom which we cannot comprehend. Those who by this event are bereaved of a dutiful and affectionate son and loving brother we can only commend to the Father of our spirits and the word of His grace. They mourn not as those who have no hope, he has only gone before. The will of the Lord be done.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Whitby met in Ottawa on the 16th inst. A morning meeting was held to dispose of some of the business, thus leaving more time in the afternoon for what was of more general interest. At this meeting the officers of the preceding year were re-elected. An animated discussion took place as to the most suitable time for holding the annual meeting. In the afternoon the meeting was well attended, and the interest sustained to the close. It was presided over by Miss Gordon, who has been president for several years. An address of hearty welcome was given to the delegates by Mrs. Eastman, and was replied to very feelingly by Miss Darlington. Delegates from three of the other denominations in town addressed the meeting, presenting greeting from their societies and expressing their interest in the work of the Society. Mr. Wilkie gave a short address, as some of the delegates were unable to remain for the evening meeting. The discussion of the morning was renewed, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting in January as formerly. A most interesting and edifying address was read by Miss Darlington on the progress of missions. Miss Panton read a paper on Mission Band Work, urging the formation of Bands in all congregations. Mrs. McClelland and Mrs. Kippan spoke on the encouragement and discouragements of the work. In the evening a general meeting was held; the church was filled with an interested and attentive audience. Rev. Mr. Perrin, of Pickering, gave an earnest address on the privilege of engaging in mission work. Rev. Mr. Wilkie, of Indore, made a stirring appeal on behalf of the youth of India, and pleaded eloquently for the extension of the work there. All were pleased that the privilege had been granted them of listening to that which stirred them to take a deeper interest in the work carried on by the Foreign Missionary Society.

AT a recent meeting of Minnedosa Presbytery, held at Birtle, the committee appointed to draft a suitable minute of the resignation of Rev. James Todd from the Presbytery, reported as follows: The Presbytery, in accepting the resignation of the Rev. James Todd, desires to place on record a minute expressive of the high regard in which he was held by his brethren. Mr. Todd was one of the pioneer missionaries in Southern Manitoba, where he laboured faithfully and with success, enduring much hardship in overtaking the work his wide and sparsely-populated field. In May, 1884, he was

settled at Burnside—a country congregation. After a successful pastoralate of two years he was called to the town of Minnedosa. Mr. Todd has proven himself a preacher of more than ordinary power as well as an energetic pastor. His warm attachment to the principles of Presbyterianism and his strong grasp of the Church law made him a leading man in our Church Courts, and he has taken a foremost part in establishing Presbyterianism on a firm basis in this country. In the former Presbytery of Brandon he held the office of Convener of the Home Mission Committee, an office which was no sinecure, and in which office he never hesitated to sacrifice personal considerations to duty. When the Presbytery of Minnedosa was organized he was unanimously elected to fill the same office, and he has given the best of his skill and experience for the promotion of the Master's work throughout the bounds of the Presbytery. In the temperance cause also he took an active part. In short, his brethren have ever found him ready and willing to lend his influence by word and act to advance every good work. For his manifold labours he has placed the Presbytery under deep obligation. Our hopes and prayers will accompany him to his new field of labour, and we trust that our gracious Master will be with him and his family, blessing them in their home and in their souls and making them a blessing to many others.

THE fifth annual convention of the Inter-Collegiate Missionary Alliance of Canada will be held in Toronto on November 7th to 10th, 1889. The Convention will be opened by a public meeting in Association Hall, corner Yonge and McGill Streets, on Thursday evening November 7th, at eight o'clock, and will be closed with a meeting in the same place on Sabbath evening, November 10th, at 8.30 o'clock. The ordinary Sessions of the Convention will be held in University College Y. M. C. A. building, the meeting on Friday evening in Immanuel Baptist Church, corner Jarvis and Wellesley Street. Programme, Thursday Nov. 7th, 9 o'clock p.m., Association Hall, corner Yonge and McGill Streets, Sir Daniel Wilson presiding. Address of welcome, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., Toronto; address, Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D., Boston, Mass. Friday November 8th, University College Y. M. C. A. Building—Morning, 9.30, devotional meeting, Rev. F. H. DuVernet, Wycliffe College, Toronto; 10, business meeting, roll call. Afternoon, 2.30, "Scriptural Basis of Missions." W. M. Rochester, B.A., Presbyterian College, Montreal; 3.30, "Life and Work of Bishop Taylor," W. R. Ellinwood, McGill College, Montreal; Address, Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., Toronto. Evening, 8 o'clock, Immanuel Baptist Church, corner Wellesley and Jarvis Streets; pastor Denovan presiding. Address, Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D., Boston, Mass.; address, Mr. Robert P. Wilder, New York. Saturday, November 9th, University College Y. M. C. A. Building—Morning, 9.30, devotional meeting, P. E. Judge, Diocesan College, Montreal. 10, "Gospel Temperance Missions in Large Cities," Miss Emily Coulter, Ladies' College, Hamilton; 11, "Missions in Mohammedan Countries," W. J. Patterson, B.A., Queen's College, Kingston. Afternoon, 2.30, Outlook Papers: "Chinese in America," A. J. Darrock, Baptist College, Woodstock; "South American Missions," F. B. Hodgins, B.A., Wycliffe College, Toronto; "Extent of Mission Work, 1879-1889," M. P. Floyd, Albert College, Belleville; "Educational Work in Japan," S. W. Mack, Congregational College, Montreal; 4.30, address, Rev. S. H. Kellogg, D.D., Toronto. Evening, 8 o'clock, University College Y. M. C. A. Building—Meeting of delegates, address, Robert P. Wilder. Sabbath, November 10th, 11 a.m., Alliance sermon, Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D., St. James Square Presbyterian Church, Gerard Street; 3.30 p.m., farewell meeting (Association Hall Yonge Street). Addresses by Rev. J. A. Gordon, D.D., and Mr. Robert P. Wilder. The public are cordially invited to all the meetings of the Convention.

THE following were the officers elected by the Ontario Sabbath School convention last week: President, J. K. Macdonald, Toronto; Hon. Secretary, Rev. John McEwen, Lakefield; Minute Secretaries, Rev. Dr. Barrass and W. M. Graham; General Secretary, Alfred Day; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, J. J. Woodhouse; The Executive Committee was appointed as follows: Brant, W. N. Hossie and Henry Cox; Carleton, Rev. John Wood and R. M. Robins; Dufferin, Revs. H. Crozier and C. E. McIntyre; Dundas, Rev. A. McWilliams and Mr. Edwards; Durham, Rev. W. H. Warriner, M.A., and M. Hockin; Elgin, W. E. Yeomans and Rev. R. D. Hamilton; Essex, Rev. I. R. Gundy and A. Bings; Frontenac, Rev. S. Houston, B. W. Robertson, Revs. R. Laird and E. S. Snorey; Glengarry, W. J. Scott, Rev. D. McLaren; Grenville, Rev. Dr. Kellock and Mr. Easton; Grey, Rev. J. W. Holmes and C. R. Sieg; Haldimand, Rev. J. L. Wilkinson and R. McKnight; Haliburton, Rev. Wesley Down; Hastings, Rev. Mr. Mitchell and Messrs. A. G. Northrop and Wm. Mackintosh; Halton, Revs. R. H. Abraham and J. W. Rae; Huron, Rev. B. Clement and Wm. Gray; Kent, Ransom Pearce and S. Barfoot; Lambton, Revs. J. G. Falls and J. C. Tibb; Lanark, Rev. A. McCauley and T. F. Frost; Leeds, J. J. Bell and P. Reed; Lennox and Addington, Rev. F. B. Stratton and W. H. Hall; Lincoln, Revs. T. W. Jackson, L. H. Wayner and G. W. Hodgetts; Middlesex, Rev. G. W. Henderson and Hugh Macaulay; Norfolk, Rev. D. D. Burch and A. J. Donly; Northumberland, Rev. G. C. Workman and Mr. Redmond; Ontario, Rev. W. C. Watch, W. G. Mills, Rev. Dr. Barrass, John Dryden, M.P.P.; Oxford, Rev. Mr. Barker, J. G. Gibb; Peel, D. McClure, N. Steen; Perth, Rev. R. Hamilton, R. R. Goulding; Peterboro', Dr. Harris, son, W. Roxborough; Prescott and Russell, A. McInnis; Prince Edward, G. D. Patt, B.A., Dr. Watson; Renfrew, Rev. G. T. Bayne; Judge Deacon; Simcoe, D. G. Bell; Victoria, Rev. C. Parker; Waterloo, Rev. J. E. Howell, Jas. Woods; Wellington, Revs. L. W. Thom, J. Broly and D. McCrae; Wentworth, Seneca Jones, Wm. Givens, Rev. R. Burns, Ph.D.; York, North, Rev. W. Amos, C. C. Webb; York, East and West, David James, L. C. Peake, Revs. John McKay, H. J. Clark, Hamilton Cassels, Revs. Dr. Potts, Dr. Stafford, G. M. Milligan, Dr. Thomas, Dr. McTavish, John Burton, B. D. Septimus Jones; Elias Rogers, Mr. D. Fotheringham, C. W. Bigger, Richard Brown, R. S. Goslay, J. J. McLaren, L.L.D., S. J. Moore.

THE Providence, Rhode Island, *Bulletin* says: The first Presbyterian Church, Rev. James A. F. McBain, pastor, on Clifford Street, near Claverick, Providence, has been painted and redecorated. For six weeks the walls were under the brush of the fresco artist. The work was completed last Saturday night. Five Sundays, preaching services were held in the Sunday school room. The building, which was erected about 1874, and which has semi-circular pews on a pitched floor, and whose seating capacity is 700, is now a gem in hazel, opal and chataigne tints, quietly contrasting with or relieving each other. Roof, gutters and brick walls have all been thoroughly repaired and made water proof. The outside wood-work has also been repainted. Inside, the walls of the auditorium, which had never before been decorated, and of the halls leading thereto, have received four coats of oil paint, and the ceiling two coats. The groundwork of the walls in both vestibule and auditorium is dying ashes, while the fluted ceiling is opal or light blue. The pillars have been stained a natural brown. The double border above the wainscoting consists of a conventional combination of the lotus and the lily, scalloped and undeveloped. The vegetation is on a sandal foundation, and the leaves are a shaded lemon, green and olive, while the blossoms are Afrique and light brown. The five-leaved flowers in bud are a green lemon, while citron stripes the whole. Over the organ loft, the corrugated ceiling of the arch is a light brown, and the walls are checked on a dark brown foundation, lighted up with gold stripes and figures. The chandelier has been redecorated, a reflector suspended from the arch over the organ loft and pulpit platform and new gas brackets have been placed on each side of the church. The pews have all been washed and newly shelledacked. The carpet has been steamed, renovated and reversed. McKearse Bros.