

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Jas. Miller, of the Presbyterian Church, Nanaimo, B.C., has resigned.

THE Rev. J. A. Ross, Meaford, has so far recovered from his illness as to be able to resume his pastoral work.

THE Rev. D. Gordon, of Harriston, has received a call from the Presbyterian congregation at Megantic, Quebec.

THE Rev. K. McDonald delivered a lecture last week in the Presbyterian Church, Paramount, on his travels in Europe during the past summer.

A VOTE was lately taken by the Cobden Presbyterian congregation on the admission of the organ into the church service. The vote was almost unanimous in favour of it.

THE Rev. A. Hudson, of Paris, has received a call from Dundalk and Ventry in the Presbytery of Orangeville. His induction takes place on the 29th inst.

THE Barrie Presbytery at its last meeting sustained the calls made to Rev. Mr. Hewitt and Rev. D. Duncan by the congregations of First Essa and Burns' Church, and Tottenham and Beeton respectively.

A NEW Presbyterian Church at Clegg's Station in Southern Manitoba was opened Sunday week by the Rev. Joseph Hogg of Winnipeg. A good collection was taken up and the prospects are excellent. The Rev. Samuel Pulson is pastor.

ON Tuesday evening, 19th inst., a meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Cannington, was held, presided over by Rev. D. C. Johnston, moderator of Session. By a vote of the congregation it was agreed to extend a call to Rev. C. J. Cameron, probationer.

THE *Ayr Courier* says: The lecture by Mr. Thos. Galloway in Stanley Street Church on Wednesday night was well attended and was quite a treat. Considering the great physical disabilities under which he labours Mr. Galloway's abilities as a public speaker and educator are wonderful.

THE Rev. W. J. Dey, of Erskine Church, has been invited both to Sudbury and to St. Paul's Church, Simcoe. The Presbytery of Hamilton has agreed to consider the Simcoe call at a meeting to be held on December 10.

THE Rev. W. R. Notman, sent out last summer by the Free Church Colonial committee to Warwick, Bermuda, is proving an earnest and acceptable minister. Rev. J. A. Sutherland, who was sent out last year by the Halifax Presbytery to labour at Hamilton, wishes to return. He is expected to remain until spring.

THE Moderator's engagements for Sunday services in the months of December and January are as follows: December 1st, Smith's Falls; December 8th, Toronto; December 15th, Napanee; December 22nd, Toronto; December 29th, Ottawa; January 5th, Kingston; January 12th, Carleton Place; January 19th, Kingston; January 26th, Stayner.

AT St. Mark's Presbyterian Church Toronto, last Thursday evening Miss M. Gardner, Bible woman of St. Andrew's Church, who has for several years officiated as organist at St. Mark's, was presented with a handsome davenport on the occasion of relinquishing her duties as organist. Mr. Jost made the presentation. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell presided.

ON Wednesday, November 13, an auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in St. John's Presbyterian Church, corner of Gerrard and Bolton Avenue, Toronto. Fifteen members were enrolled and the following officers elected: Mrs. W. D. McKenzie, president; Mrs. R. E. Woodruff, Mrs. S. Greer, vice-presidents; Mrs. A. F. McKenzie, secretary; Mrs. C. E. Lee, treasurer.

THE Rev. James Smith, Principal of Ahmednuggar College, India, is at present on a visit to Canada his native land, and during his sojourn is willing to take engagements to speak on behalf of Indian Missions. If brethren in the various Presbyteries could arrange for meetings within their bounds much inconvenience and unnecessary travelling might be avoided. Mr. Smith's address is 16 Robert Street, Toronto.

KNOX Church, Winnipeg, has opened up a branch Sunday school on Langside Street, off Portage Avenue west. Mr. J. M. Matthew is assisted by three competent teachers, and the attendance has reached forty scholars. At the request of a number of persons in the neighbourhood, it has been decided to hold a prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The opening service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Duval.

IN the Presbyterian Church, Portage la Prairie, lately the Rev. Mr. Wright said he would hereafter devote the evening sermons to a study of the prominent characters and doctrines of the Old and New Testaments. He, besides this, would touch upon and show the absurdity of some of the best known infidel teachings, dwelling upon them in connection with the wonderful thread of harmony which runs throughout every portion of the Bible.

THE St. John, N. B., *Telegraph* says: This congregation of the West End Presbyterian Church met last evening to consider the prospects of the Church. Owing to a generous donation the church is now free from debt on running expenses and in a position to extend a call to a minister. The members of the Church have worked very hard of late to meet the liabilities which were pressing heavily upon them, and they are to be congratulated that they have at last succeeded.

AT the next meeting of Presbytery, December 3rd, a conference will be held in the afternoon at 4 p.m., on "Faith, its Nature and its Results," the discussion to be opened by Rev. R. P. McKay, of Parkdale, and at 5 p.m., on "Prayer-meetings," the topic to be introduced by Rev. W. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, city. The afternoon session will be held in the Lecture-room of St. Andrew's Church, west, and the evening session in Erskine Church. The public are cordially invited.

THE Rev. C. D. McDonald of Thorold was presented with a seal-skin cap, on the eve of his departure for Winnipeg, on Saturday week, by the young men of the Presbyterian Church. The presentation was accompanied with an address expressive of good feeling and appreciation of his services and interest in their behalf. Mr. McDonald replied, expressing himself as particularly pleased at the good wishes of the young men of the Church.

AT Clover Hill, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., the Rev. Mr. Hewitt was inducted into the pastoral charge of First Essa, Burns' and Dunn's Churches. The Rev. F. Smith, of Bradford, was appointed to preach the sermon, the Rev. J. Leshman, of Angus, to address the minister, the Rev. J. Carswell to address the congregation, and the Rev. J. Cochrane to preside. Although a very rainy day there was a fair congregation to welcome the new minister.

THE Rev. Donald Tait delivered a most interesting and instructive special sermon for young men in Chalmers Church, Que., lately, depicting the dangers to which the youth of the present day are exposed, such as intemperance, untruthfulness, dishonesty, evil company and impure literature. He advised every young man to cultivate reading, but reading a good class of books. He also dwelt on the importance of parents making their homes more attractive and on the value of Young Men's Christian Associations.

A MEETING regarding the removal of Knox College was held in Toronto last week. Among those present were Sir Adam Wilson, William McMaster, Dr. Grafton, Alderman Vokes, Hugh Crane, J. J. McKenney and L. O. I. Genereux. Sir Adam Wilson read a draft

of the bill to be brought before the Legislature in reference to expropriating Knox College, and it was decided to get all signatures to the petition at as early a date as possible, and to meet next Thursday and report progress.

ON Sabbath, 10th inst., anniversary services were held in Kintyre Church. The Rev. J. A. Murray of St. Andrew's Church, London, preached morning and evening able and appropriate sermons to large audiences. On the Monday evening following after short and practical address by Rev. Messrs. Frazer and Bristol, of Rodney, Mr. Murray delighted an appreciative audience with an hour's sketch of his travels in the old world. The choir aided much in enlivening the proceedings of the evening with choice selections of music. Proceeds \$95.

THE *Guelph Mercury* says: We regret to announce the death of the Rev. William Meldrum, which took place at his residence, Morrison, on Tuesday afternoon week, shortly after one o'clock. He had been nearly in his usual health, and prayed with his family in conducting family worship on Monday evening. About three o'clock on Tuesday morning he had a paralytic stroke, and from that time till his death he was almost unconscious, and passed away without a struggle. The deceased was well known as the esteemed minister of East Puslinch Presbyterian Church for many years.

THE *Huron Signal* says: The Hamilton Presbytery at its session this week sustained a unanimous call from the united congregations of Strabane and Kilbride to Rev. D. G. Cameron, of Dunganon. The stipend promised is \$900 a year, with a free manse and glebe of seven acres. Mr. Cameron has been a period of five years at Dunganon, and in the face of many difficulties has done a good work. If he accepts this call, Dunganon and Port Albert will lose a faithful pastor. His decision will likely be given at the meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery at Wingham on December 10.

NOTWITHSTANDING the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of members and adherents Thursday evening at the Chester Presbyterian Church, corner of Broadview and Danforth Avenues, the occasion being the organization of a congregation. The Presbytery appointed the following Committee, who were present, to carry out all arrangements: Rev. G. M. Milligan, Rev. W. Frizell, Rev. John Neil and Mr. McNabb. An interim session was appointed and services will be regularly held in the new church, which has filled a long-felt want in the locality. The Sunday School is being well equipped with interesting books.

THE death, after a protracted illness, of Mrs. Brown, wife of the Rev. J. A. Brown, of Belmont and Yarmouth, drew forth expressions of the kindest sympathy on the part of the congregation. The remains were interred at Newmarket, the native place of the deceased, on Saturday last, accompanied by a delegation from Belmont, the expenses being defrayed by the congregation. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Bell of Newmarket and J. A. Grant, of West Toronto Junction. Mr. Grant has been specially requested to preach the funeral sermon next Sabbath. The Belmont congregation have granted Mr. Brown leave of absence for a time and presented him with a handsome purse.

THE Rev. Dr. Robertson is doing good work in the Maritime Provinces, and a very general interest is being awakened in the cause of North-West Home Missions. Sabbath evening, November 17, he addressed a large audience in First Presbyterian Church, Truro, the pastor, Rev. J. Robbins, presiding. So thoroughly did the eloquent remarks of the speaker impress the audience that at once steps were taken by which the congregation could undertake themselves the support of a mission there. The cause has only to be advocated by Dr. Robertson to awaken and enlist the sympathies of the people, and it is felt that if he could extend his visit to Scotland, which has so many sons and daughters in the North-West, it would tend greatly to stimulate the interest of the motherland in the greatest of modern Home Missions. Dr. Robertson's visit to the provinces by the sea has been a great success.

LAST Friday evening Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society held a most successful meeting in Convocation Hall. Mr. W. B. McMurich presided. Mr. John Crawford, B.A., president of the society, read his inaugural, in which he treated luminously of "The Value of Developing One's Manhood on all Sides." Rev. J. A. Macdonald, the accomplished editor of *Knox College Monthly*, gave Tennyson's "Revenge" with dramatic force and fire. The Glee Club and the Troubadour Quartette, by their brilliant efforts, enhanced the pleasure of the evening. The main feature of the evening, however, was the dialectic encounter on the resolution "That Church Property be exempt from Taxation." The learned disputants were Messrs. Nicol, Talling, Stevenson and McMillan. The discussion was well sustained, but the opponents of the resolution came off victorious.

THE *Vancouver World* says: On Sabbath the day was fine, and our harvest thanksgiving was conducted in our neat little Presbyterian church, Langley, by our much-esteemed minister, Rev. Alexander Tait. There was a fairly good attendance, considering that through some mischance there had not been any announcement made of this special service. The text was taken from the 4th chapter and part of the 8th verse of St. Paul's 1st epistle to Timothy: "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." The reverend gentleman preached a most earnest and fervid sermon, giving a lucid exposition of many of the points of instruction to be found in the verse, and was listened to with marked attention by those present. It is but recently that the minister has provided himself with a manse near to the church and town, through the laudable generosity of one of our oldest pioneers in this part of British Columbia, Mr. James Taylor, formerly, for many years, in the employment of the Hudson's Bay Company. To show his respect for the Rev. Mr. Tait, he has donated to the Presbyterian Church one acre of his valuable property in the neighbourhood of Langley. On this Mr. Tait has erected his manse, but it is still unfinished, and the ground requires to be fenced and cleared of the stumps that remain on it round the dwelling.

THE *Ottawa Citizen* says: Knox Church was well filled last evening upon the occasion of the meeting of the different Young People's Associations of the city to hear an address from the Rev. Dr. Wells, of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, upon the Origin and Work of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour. The Rev. Mr. Farries occupied the chair, and introduced the speaker in a few well-chosen remarks. He was supported by the Revs. Dr. Armstrong, George McRitchie, John Wood, C. S. Deeprose, Clark and White. Dr. Wells, upon rising to speak, expressed his pleasure at being present under such auspices and then went on to treat upon the origin, need and nature of the Christian Endeavour Societies for young people. He said the fact of such an audience having assembled was evidence that a keen interest was manifest in Young People's Societies in the Ottawa churches. He would adopt the old-fashioned method of explaining at first what this new movement for young people was not. It was not undenominational in character, as each branch was under the supervision of the Church in which it was instituted, was loyal to the work in that particular congregation. It came as the Sunday school came. The essential principle and distinctive feature of this Society was its pledge, which each member signed, which required their regular attendance and active co-operation in the carrying out of each meeting.

THE new church just erected at Golden Stream, Manitoba, was opened for divine service on Nov. 10, by Rev. P. Wright, B.D., of Portage la Prairie. Early in the day crowds were to be seen from Golden Stream, Silver Stream, Gladstone and other directions, and by the hour of public worship the church was densely packed in all parts, both forenoon and afternoon. The reverend gentleman took for his subject in the morning "The Year of Jubilee," and in the evening

the words "The end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter, iv. 7), and when we say, the correspondent writes, that it is only occasionally in the course of a lifetime that one hears such discourses we are confident that we are merely expressing the mind of all the hearers. It is no exaggeration to say that the impression produced will last many a day, both here and in the surrounding settlements. Not only is Portage la Prairie, but the province, to be congratulated on having secured the services of such a man within its bounds. On the following evening, a tea meeting was held in the building. The repast provided was such as would lead anyone to say that the ladies of Golden Stream are not behind the age in culinary art. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Gatten and Rev. Mr. McKee, Messrs. Logie, Mudie, David McConnell and others. Miss Simpson gave a reading, which was highly appreciated. The Gladstone choir was present, and gave excellent pieces, which contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening. The attendance was large, the building being quite crowded. The order was excellent, a circumstance due in no small measure to the tact and genial temper of the chairman, Rev. Mr. Stalker, the pastor of the congregation.

RECENTLY, in the Second Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, Que., a social gathering commemorated the thirty-fifth anniversary of the induction of its pastor, Rev. James Watson, D.D. There was a goodly gathering, many present being from a distance. After an excellent tea, the assemblage was called to order by Mr. Andrew Summerville, ruling elder of the congregation, who had been called upon to act as chairman. Rev. John Armstrong led in prayer. The chairman, after referring to the rarity in Canada of so long a pastorate in one church as that they were now signaling, went on to pass a high eulogium upon Dr. Watson as a man, as a pastor, and as a preacher. On being called upon to address the audience Dr. Watson gave a most interesting sketch of his career in relation to the Christian ministry, and an outline of the history of the Huntingdon congregation. He concluded by saying: "There is only one thing that we much need, and it is a larger outpouring of the spirit of God. I am resolved that my ministry here shall be more than ever a ministration of the Holy Spirit. But if you will pray for us and in any other way encourage us, we will certainly feel thankful to you. Time is short. Let us be diligent." Mr. Flynn, a divinity student, in fluent and appropriate terms, expressed his congratulations. Rev. A. Rowat gave a reading which was well received, as did also Rev. H. Gomery, and Rev. J. B. Muir expressed his pleasure at being present. The singing was under the direction of the accomplished organist of the church, Miss McGregor. The following Sunday the Rev. Principal MacVicar of Montreal, preached the anniversary sermons. Both his discourses were striking, that in the evening especially so, being a strong and uncompromising exposition of the teaching of revelation with regard to the resurrection.

THE Rev. M. Scott, M.A., lately of St. Mark's, Toronto, was inducted as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Campbellford, Ont., on Thursday, 24th October, at 3:30 p.m., with Rev. Mr. Carmichael, M.A., of Norwood, as Moderator. There was a large number present, and the services were very impressive. Rev. J. Hay, B.D., of Coloung, the late pastor, preached the induction sermon; Rev. D. Sutherland, M.A., of Warkworth, gave an address on "Presbyterian Church Unity," Rev. E. F. Torrance, M.A., of Peterborough, addressed the pastor; and Rev. Mr. Andrews of Keene, addressed the people. At the close the managers presented Rev. D. A. Thompson, of Hastings, with a cheque for fifty dollars and an address expressive of the appreciation, by the congregation, of his services as Moderator of Session during the late vacancy. A reception was then held in the Sabbath school room at which fully 500 people welcomed the new pastor to the Church and the community, and partook of the excellent tea provided by the ladies of the congregation, spending two hours very sociably. The room was tastefully decorated. At eight o'clock an adjournment was made to the body of the church when the chair was taken by Rev. Mr. Carmichael and the following entertaining and instructive programme was given: Rev. J. Hay gave one of his characteristic addresses on "Power" saying that as all else in nature showed power, man, the highest work of nature, should show it most and use it most for the glory of his Creator, the highest of all man's efforts. Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Toronto, spoke on Church work, its responsibilities and needs, referring in very high terms of praise to the ability of Rev. Mr. Scott, and to his eminent services in church work in Toronto and commending him to the sympathy, confidence, and prayers of his people. Messrs. Hodgson and Phillips, of Toronto, spoke in a similar way of the new pastor, the latter also addressing the young men of the audience with words of good advice. Rev. Mr. Dowsley, returned missionary, and Rev. J. Steele, B.D., of Seymour East, gave congratulatory addresses on the satisfactory settlement of a pastor of such ability in so short a time. The new pastor also expressed in a pleasant manner his appreciation of the warm welcome extended to him. Excellent music was furnished by the choir of Burnbrae Presbyterian Church, the St. Andrew's Church choir, and by Miss Polly Bogart. Rev. Mr. Carmichael filled the chair in his usual happy manner. The congregation has made great progress in all departments of church work during the past four years and we are sure that under the new relationships this progress by the blessing of God and His guidance will continue. On the following Sabbath the pastor gave an able and appropriate sermon from Colossians i. 27, 28.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Clinton on November 12. The remit on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund being taken up, it was agreed to recommend "that it be not made obligatory on pastors and foreign missionaries at their induction to connect themselves with the fund." The remit on appointment of a general secretary for Sabbath Schools was disapproved of. The deputation on the rearranging of a certain part of the field having reported, it was agreed that no change be made in congregational connections in the meantime. The congregations of Egmondville and Bayfield and Bethany were allowed to furnish their own supply till next meeting of Presbytery. The estimated expenditure for the year was submitted, and provision made for meeting it. Mr. Martin was requested to continue to supply Chiselhurst. A circular from Dr. Reid was read, setting forth the sum expected from this Presbytery for Assembly Fund. The attention of the brethren was called to it, and as the sum asked was less than that contributed last year, no difficulty was apprehended in securing it. The next regular meeting is to be held at Seaford in the First Presbyterian Church on the third Tuesday of January, at half-past ten a.m.—A. McLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—The resignation by Rev. A. K. Caswell of his charge at Oneida and Hagersville was accepted, to take effect on December 31st. A minute is to be put on record expressing the Presbytery's appreciation of Mr. Caswell's earnest, faithful, and withal successful labours during his pastorate. A call to Rev. D. G. Cameron, Dunganon, in the Presbytery of Maitland from Strabane and Kilbride was sustained and duly forwarded. Presbyterial conferences on the State of Religion, etc., are appointed to be held in Hamilton on the 10th and 11th December: in St. Catharines on the 17th and 18th, and in Caledonia at some time in January hereafter to be fixed. It was resolved to open a mission station at Windham Centre and to visit Waterford to see what prospect there is of forming a station there, both of them to be connected meanwhile with Delhi. Mr. Caswell was appointed to supply that field after January 1st. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas, the Jesuits' Estates Act has now become law; Whereas, notwithstanding the opinions published as those of the law officers of England and others, the constitutionality of the act of 1887, by which the Society of Jesus was incorporated within the Dominion of Canada, and the act of 1888, by which that society has been endowed