

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterian Church, Cumberland, is about giving a call to the Rev. Mr. Geddes.

THE Rev. Dr. Orniston is on his way to Vancouver, Victoria and Los Angeles. He preached in Winnipeg on Sunday week.

THE Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Montreal, has been granted two months' leave of absence by his congregation, and will take a trip to Europe.

MR. N. H. RUSSELL, B.A., student of Knox College, who is to occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Regina, for the summer, has reached his field of labour and entered on his work.

ON Sunday week the Rev. Mr. Wilkie, missionary at Indore, Central India, addressed the congregations of St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro', in behalf of the Foreign Mission Fund.

MR. GEORGE LOCKHART, a student at Manitoba College, and son of Mr. George Lockhart, of McKillop, has gone to Alberni, British Columbia, to conduct Mission services during the summer months.

THE Rev. K. J. Beattie, of Guelph, who was down attending the Presbyterian Synod in Bowmanville, last week, spent a few days with his friends in Port Hope and Cobourg, and preached in Cobourg on Sabbath.

THE *Victoria Warder* says: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay, is happy in the possession for a few weeks, of a talented young divine, Rev. B. Canfield Jones, a graduate of Princeton College, N. J. He greatly pleases his audience.

THE Rev. Dr. Archibald, the former pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas, with Mrs. Archibald, has arrived at St. Thomas from Denver, where he spent the winter for the benefit of his health. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald were en route to Montreal.

THE Rev. David Anderson, Presbyterian minister of Carberry, has received a call from the congregation of Springfield. The congregation of Carberry have been cited to appear at a meeting of the Presbytery to be held in Carberry on Tuesday, the 28th inst., to look after their interests in the matter.

THE Rev. Mr. Manson, of Winnipeg, is to be located in Gretna, in charge of the Presbyterian congregation. It is expected the Presbyterian Church from West Lynne will be moved to this place if sufficient funds can be raised for the purpose. A number of new residences are being erected in the town.

MR. ORR BENNETT, B.A., son of the Rev. William Bennett, of Springfield, Clerk of the Peterborough Presbytery, was ordained as a minister of the Gospel last week, in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough. Mr. Bennett is a graduate of Queen's University, and has chosen the mission of Minden as his field of labour.

THE *Collingwood Bulletin* says: Dr. Campbell intends to give at intervals during the summer short lectures or addresses on the great men of the Bible. Nothing is more instructive than biographies of great and good men. The Doctor began this series with the Apostle John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

THE *Georgetown Herald* says:—The Rev. Jos. Alexander, M.A., of Norval, expects to sail for Ireland by the S. S. *State of Nebraska*, on 13th June, taking passage from New York. He does not expect to return until September. We hope that the rev. gentleman will enjoy his trip and that he may be greatly benefited by it.

THE Rev. Dr. Sexton, of Dunkirk, N. Y., lectured three evenings in Almonte last week. The first address was "An Exposure of Secularism"; the second on the "Certainty of a Future Life," and the third on "Prayer." All who heard them pronounced the lectures a rare treat. We wish Dr. Sexton may be long spared to defend the faith.

AT the funeral of the lamented Major Short, which took place at Kingston on Monday, Bishop Cleary, of the Romish Church, appeared and took up the position of leader of the city clergy. The Rev. Dr. Smith and the Rev. Malcolm McGillivray immediately took precedence of him, and though urged to give way, maintained their ground. The Rev. Mr. Mackie, of St. Andrew's, finding himself behind Bishop Cleary, at once withdrew, saying that in no sense and at no time would he follow popery.

By request of the directors of the Brantford Young Ladies' College, Rev. Dr. Cochrane has renewed his connection with that institution, accepting the responsible position of Governor. This appointment augurs well for the future prosperity of the College. The Board have decided to secure the services of an accomplished lady principal and experienced master, so that the College shall be thoroughly efficient in all its departments and merit the confidence and hearty support of the Presbyterian Church.

THE Minden correspondent of the *Bracegion Independent* says: The Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Peterborough, has come to take charge of this mission in the interests of the Presbyterian Church. We have no doubt that Mr. Bennett will meet with an ample measure of success in his ministrations. He is a young man of high attainments and good ability, with an honest purpose and any amount of energy. His people are extending to him a cordial welcome, and although his field is a very large one, much good we believe will result from his labourings.

THE Rev. P. F. Langill, B.A., newly-appointed assistant pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, has arrived in that city. Mr. Langill is known in this country, says the *Winnipeg Sun*, having been engaged in mission work in the Qu'Appelle district, about two years ago. Since that time, he has been working in the New England States, and recently took a course at Princeton seminary. He is a man of fine physical appearance and possessed of an active evangelistic spirit. He will be engaged principally in Sunday school works and in pastoral visiting.

A STATEMENT has appeared in several papers to the effect that the Board of French Evangelization has received almost the entire amount required for the purchase of the Ladies' College at Ottawa. This is unfortunately altogether incorrect. Of the \$22,000 needed, only some \$300 have thus far been got. It is earnestly suggested to ministers that they make a brief statement of the case to their congregations on Sabbath next and offer to receive and forward to Dr. Warden any contributions handed to them towards the \$22,000, which has to be paid for the property on the first of July next.

THE *Almonte Gazette* says: Rev. J. McD. Duncan, of Knox College, preached two very scholarly sermons in St. Andrew's Church last Sabbath. Mr. Duncan is likely to be a preacher of more than ordinary power. The fact that he was selected to take charge of some of the classes of the late Professor Young in Toronto University shows that he is well versed in one of the most difficult subjects of a university curriculum. Rev. T. A. Nelson, of Windsor, Nova Scotia, will preach next Sabbath. Mr. Nelson was born near Ottawa, and was for some years minister of Dunbar, in the county of Dundas.

AT the close of the regular meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, connected with MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Rev. Dr. Fletcher, the worthy pastor, was called forward by the young people and surprised by the presentation of a handsome gold watch and an address congratulating him on the honour recently conferred upon him by the authorities of Knox Col-

lege, Toronto. The watch was presented by Miss Mary Cook, and the address was read by Miss Isa Black. Dr. Fletcher made a suitable reply, thanking the young donors for their valuable gift. Sheriff McKellar added a few words, and the meeting separated.

IN Knox Church, Stratford, Sunday week, a notice was read out that a meeting of the congregation would be held on May 29th to discuss the call given to Mr. Wright by the congregation of Portage la Prairie. It was intimated that this was a meeting at which members of the congregation only were entitled to be present. On June 11th a meeting of the Presbytery will be held to discuss and consider the matter, and to hear the delegates from each side of the question. Mr. Wright has not yet definitely expressed his own mind on the matter, but there is a feature of the case that must certainly have weight with him. That is the fact that his two sons, who have taken up their residence in the Northwest, are within a day or two's drive of Portage la Prairie.

THE *Dumfries Reformer* says: The Rev. Father Chiniquy, who has been a minister of the Presbyterian Church since he left the Church of Rome some thirty years ago, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Galt, last Sabbath. In the morning he gave an account of his conversion to Protestantism, and in the evening he dealt with the Jesuits, whom he claimed now controlled the Pope and the Church of Rome. Father Chiniquy, who is about eighty years of age, is much more charitable and moderate in his criticisms of his mother Church and its members and priests than he was some years ago. He was greeted by very large congregations on Sabbath, the seating capacity of Knox Church having been found inadequate at the evening service, and benches were called into requisition.

A LARGELY attended meeting of the people connected with Dumfries Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, was held on Wednesday evening, 22nd inst., Rev. Mr. Cockburn in the chair. The subject of missions in the North West was dealt with in concise and well written papers by Miss J. Smith on "The Early History of Presbyterianism in Manitoba," and by Mrs. Cockburn on "The Missions to the Indians." Several speakers followed, giving interesting information concerning the growth of churches and the progress of settlement in that country. At the close it was resolved that the sum of \$250 would be paid annually toward the work in a special mission field, this to be in addition to the ordinary contributions of the congregation. This is an example worthy of being followed.

THE Presbytery of Truro met at River Hebert, Cumberland County, Tuesday May 14, for the ordination and induction of Mr. J. F. Smith, B.D., a recent graduate from the Presbyterian College Halifax. The examination before the Presbytery of Mr. Smith proved him to be a good scholar, and an excellent preacher. The ordination service was very largely attended. Rev. T. Cumming of Truro preached, Rev. J. Robbins, Moderator, presided and offered the ordination prayer and assisted by the Presbytery solemnly ordained Mr. Smith to the office of the Christian ministry. Rev. Dr. Bruce addressed the minister in most fitting terms and Rev. J. Sinclair the people. This event marks a most important epoch in the history of this section of the country. Agriculture and coal mining form the employment of the masses of this community, and amongst them is settled a pastor who in every sense of the term is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

ON Sabbath week the Rev. Dr. Cochrane began his 28th year as pastor of Zion Church, Brantford. He preached both morning and evening from Psalm lxxiv., 4, 6, "Blessed are they that dwell in the House—they will be still praising Thee." The points enlarged upon in the discourses were these:—The Church is the House of God; faithful worshippers are dwellers in God's house; dwellers in the House of God are specially blessed; and in their journey to the Heavenly Zion they have blessed experiences, going through the Valley of Baca they make it a well, the rain also filleth the pools. At the close of the morning sermon, he alluded in touching terms to his long pastorate over Zion Church, and the vast numbers called away year after year, until now a larger membership was in the upper sanctuary, than even that in the Church on earth. Considerably over 2,000 souls had been ingathered during these twenty-seven years, and but very few families remained of those who invited him to the charge. He noted as a hopeful aspect of the congregation the large number of young men who had entered the ministry, and the fact that the children of the fathers were engaging in the work of the Church with zeal and efficiency. He spoke of the wear and tear of a faithful pastor's life, in hearing and seeing much that appealed to the tenderest sympathies of humanity, and closed by an earnest appeal to those who still remained indifferent to give themselves to the Lord. The service was throughout impressive and solemn.

ON Saturday, May 18, the Winnipeg section of the Presbyterian Historical Society met for organization as authorized by the last General Assembly. Some thirty members have now given in their names. The first business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected: Rev. Dr. Bryce, chairman of section; Rev. Dr. Robertson, vice-chairman; Rev. A. B. Baird, B.D., secretary-treasurer; Rev. James Farquharson, B.A., Rev. C. McKillop, B.A., council. The following committees were then appointed. By laws chairman, vice-chairman and secretary treasurer Archives—Rev. A. B. Baird, Convener; Rev. D. Stalker, Stephen Nairn. Papers and Publications—Rev. Dr. Bryce, Convener; Rev. Dr. Duval, Rev. S. C. Murray, Rev. W. H. Spence. Three most interesting papers were then read before the Society. The first was by Rev. John Pringle, of Port Arthur, on the "Origin and Growth of Presbyterianism in the Thunder Bay District." Details of the rapid progress made were neatly given. The second paper was on the Presbytery of Calgary, by Rev. A. B. Baird, who described the early journey to Edmonton, and the features of life on the plains. Mr. Baird showed the rapidity of growth by saying that coming to the Northwest in 1881, in six years he was a member of four different Presbyteries, first, of the annual Presbytery of Manitoba, then of a section of that the Presbytery of Brandon, then the Presbytery of Regina, and last a member of the Calgary Presbytery. The third paper was read by Dr. Bryce on "The first Presbytery in Manitoba." The paper treated of the period of 1870-75, during which time the foundation of the increase of later times was laid. The end of the period marked the merging of the Presbytery into the united Church. The papers were referred to the publication committee to be printed. The section adjourned to meet again on the call of the chairman.

ON the afternoon of the Queen's birthday, the corner stone of the new St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, was laid by Mrs. Mackie, wife of the pastor of the congregation. A very large assemblage was present, including Principal Grant, Dr. Williamson, Dr. Sparling, Dr. Bain, Dr. Jackson, Rev. Messrs. Gilmore, Porteous, McGillivray, Houston and others. After the opening prayer by Rev. Mr. Mackie, Dr. Williamson made some remarks, reviewing what led to the building of the new church. He mentioned that \$11,000 had been subscribed, and more was forthcoming. The new church will cost \$30,000, and the prices of memorial windows have been taken, one by Mrs. W. Craig and Mrs. McLean, of Belleville, in memory of their father, Mr. Geo. Davidson; another by Mrs. Nickle, and a third by Col. Duff. He then deposited a bottle containing coins, papers, etc., in the corner stone, after which Mr. James Minnes presented a beautiful silver trowel to Mrs. Mackie, who performed her duty with alacrity and grace. Mr. W. Craig returned thanks on behalf of the board to Mrs. Mackie, after which Dr. Grant made an address, alluding to St. Andrew's as the mother of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as well as in the city. In 1804 King George II. gave a grant of the site, but the church was not built till 1820. Rev. John Barclay was the first pastor, and Rev. Dr. Machar the second. He

spoke of the Church disruption in Canada, and of the resignation of the then principal of Queen's, and said if Dr. Machar had not stepped into the breach and filled the vacancy, the result would have been serious for the college. The first meeting to consider the establishment of Queen's University was held in St. Andrew's and the speaker proposed to hold the fiftieth anniversary of that meeting. In closing his remarks, the speaker paid a tribute to Rev. John Mackie, the present pastor, who was following in the footsteps of Mr. Machar.

AT a meeting of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston at Bowmanville, Mr. J. K. Cranston, in support of the appeal from decision of Guelph Presbytery, defined his position as follows:—He stated that they did not believe that they were perfected, but were going on to perfection and followers of the Lord Jesus. They did not have an opportunity of speaking freely at the Session trial, and were practically shut up to "yes and no" answers. Asking Rev. J. A. R. Dickson if this were true, was answered, "largely so." Reading his answers he said they had victory over sinning and the power of sin so that sin did not have dominion and reign over their mortal and corruptible bodies while they were abiding in Christ—complained that the Presbytery gave judgment and advised the Session without hearing their views fully or reading their statement of belief laid on the table when considering the matter (and quoted the ruling of the General Assembly in the Dodd's case, June 1879.) He read passages 240, 243 on the end of discipline from Rules and Forms, claiming that they were guilty of no offence within the meaning of these clauses. Explained that their meetings were held not for divisive purposes, but for Bible study, and that only about once a month did their meetings happen to be held on same evening as the district meeting said to be interfered with. Explained he did not want nor intend to be contentious, but thought it unjust to be confined to "yes" and "no" answers. That the difficulty was in words and a misunderstanding of terms of expression, and claimed that they were loyal and true Presbyterians, and were seeking the highest good of the Church of their choice, and of their fathers, by all means in their power, called attention to the unseemly personalities brought into the trial by their prosecutors, especially since these imputations could not be gone into at this trial, and the truth established not being in form to be dealt with. There should be a judicial investigation into this part of the trial.

A FEELING of deep sorrow pervaded the village of Chelsea, says an Ottawa exchange, when the announcement came of the late Mrs. Dempster's death, which occurred at the residence of her husband, the Rev. George Dempster, Presbyterian minister of Chelsea and Hull. The deceased lady was the eldest daughter of the Rev. John Wood, pastor of the Congregational Church, Ottawa, and was born in Brantford in December, 1854, being at the time of her death thirty-five years of age. In her childhood she was loving and dutiful, and was very early taught the knowledge of the truth. She was united to the church under her father's pastoral care at the age of fifteen. The deceased lady was a faithful and earnest Sunday school teacher, and while in Brantford was accustomed to make visits to the female prisoners in the gaol there. She accompanied her parents to Toronto in 1874 where, after a short residence, she became united in matrimony to Mr. George Dempster, then a young man actively engaged in Young Men's Christian Association and other Christian work. Mr. Dempster subsequently took a course at Knox College and was ordained to the Christian ministry and settled in Chelsea. The deceased had become greatly loved since her residence at Chelsea, being very active and useful in connection with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She was a member of the Executive committee of the Quebec Provincial union. The entire community will feel keenly the loss sustained in the death of Mrs. Dempster. She gave birth to a son recently, but was almost immediately afterwards attacked with fever, which baffled the skill of the physicians who attended her. Though most of the time after her confinement under the influence of morphia, she was very calm in her lucid moments, resting peacefully on the promise of the Saviour, and expired with the joyful hope of being joined by her husband and family in a brighter world. She leaves her husband and three young sons to lament her loss. The funeral left Chelsea village this afternoon at half past one o'clock. On arriving in the city, the funeral procession halted at the Congregational Church, where a short service was held. The remains were afterwards interred at Beechwood cemetery.

THIS anniversary services in Burns' Church, Ashburn, were quite successful this year. The Rev. Dr. McLaren conducted the services on the Sabbath and preached most vigorous and timely discourses. In the morning he preached from Acts. ix. 15. The sermon, says the *Whitby Chronicle*, was an eulogy of the character and mission of the great apostle of the Gentiles and was most practical and eloquent. The "ecclesiastical fireworks" so liberally indulged in by many modern preachers for the purpose of drawing crowds were dealt some staying thrusts in the Professor's own peculiar and effective manner. In the evening the text was from John xiv. 12, and was a very appropriate and telling discourse. Large audiences greeted the preacher at both services, and all went home feeling it was good for them to be there. On Monday evening the service took place. Tea was served by the ladies in Kerr's Hall and was equally remarkable for the abundance of eatables and for the elegance and good taste with which they had been prepared. After tea adjournment was made to the Church. The pastor took the chair. After singing by the Myrtle choir under the able conduct of Mr. McTaggart, the chairman introduced the lecturer of the evening, the Rev. F. Turnbull Johnston of East Toronto. The subject was "The South physically, socially and religiously considered." The lecturer led his audience through the cotton fields and orange groves of the south, describing customs and manners, with ever increasing vivacity and humour. His description of the salient features of negro character elicited hearty applause and gave his delighted audience many a good laugh. The lecture was packed full of solid and valuable information and was delivered in good style. It required about two hours in delivering and yet no one seemed to be wearied. As a lecturer Mr. Johnston makes a most commendable effort and more practice will bring him to perfection. He is sure to give his audience the worth of their time and money and does not fail to entertain as well as instruct. He illustrates his subjects with beautiful drawings in water colours, which add a living interest to his words. The usual vote of thanks was presented. The singing by the choir was very fine and plantation solos by Mr. McTaggart and Miss Liddy were beautifully rendered. The meeting closed with the benediction.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—A meeting of the Presbytery of Winnipeg was held during the Session of the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Application was made by the people of Gretna to have the West Lynne church, now unoccupied and controlled by the Church and Manse Building Board, handed over to them to be taken down and removed to Gretna, some fifteen miles distant. The Gretna people have subscribed over \$600 towards the cost of removing the church, painting it, etc. After some discussion of the advisability of this plan as compared with that of building a new church, the application was approved and ordered to be transmitted to the Church and Manse Building Board. An application for a loan of \$500 was made on behalf of the Icelandic Mission in Winnipeg. The church built last summer to accommodate 200 people is now too small, and this money is asked to assist in defraying the cost of an enlargement. The application was approved and transmitted. The Springfield congregation, which has announced its determination to become self-sustaining, presented a call addressed to the Rev. David Anderson, B.A., of Carberry. The call was unani-