

Church News.

In Canada.

REV. DR. CAMPBELL will preach in Richmond Church, Ottawa, on January 14th.

REV. J. H. COURTENAY has declined call from Knox Church, International Bridge.

REV. MR. DEWAN, Toronto, preached in Mill street church, Port Hope, on the 17th inst.

THE sermon by Rev. D. C. Housack, Parkdale, on the P. P. A., has achieved wide prominence.

REV. D. PERRIE of Chesley, has been called by the congregation of Wingham; stipend, \$1,100 and manse.

It is reported that Rev. D. Robertson, assistant in Knox church, Hamilton, will accept the call from East London.

THE Sabbath school of Grand Bend held their annual Christmas tree on Monday last. The programme was very enjoyable.

THE members of the Clan Fraser and St. Andrew's Society, Dennis, attended divine service, on Sunday, 17th inst. Rev. W. Benthie preached.

THE Ladies Aid of the Bradford congregation are arranging, with the aid of the Young People's Society, for the purchase of a new organ for the church.

THERE was no service in the Parkhill church, on the 17th, on account of the bridge which crosses the river being swept away on the Saturday, preventing Rev. S. A. Carriere from crossing.

THE annual Christmas entertainment of the Cobourg Sabbath-school was held on Friday last. Children's tea was served at 6 o'clock and afterwards an interesting programme was gone through.

THE Christmas services in London, Ont., were particularly interesting. The service was a union one and was taken part in by Revs. W. J. Clark, J. A. Murray, and M. P. Talling, all of whom delivered eloquent and appropriate addresses.

A LARGE deputation of the Ladies' Aid Society of Erskine Church, Ottawa, waited on the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell and presented each of them with a suitable gift. The Doctor was the recipient of a pair of Persian Lamb gauntlets and Mrs. Campbell received a beautiful easy chair.

REV. J. MCALPIN of Chatworth, preached a helpful and edifying sermon and dispensed the Communion in the Presbyterian Church, Fiesherston, on Sabbath, the 11th ult., which the pastor Rev. J. Wells, M.A., conducted. Anniversary services in the Presbyterian church, Chatsworth, on the same day.

THE Y. P. S. C. E. of Keene, held an entertainment and Christmas tree in the town hall, on Christmas Day. The platform was nicely decorated and a very large number of presents were put on for distribution. The numbers on the programme were well rendered and the full house enjoyed the whole affair immensely.

REV. MR. STEPHENSON, who lectured at a recent meeting of the Mission Band of the first Presbyterian church, Port Hope, on Japan, has had on view in the parlor of Mrs. A. Cochrane, Walton street, of that town, a model of the Jewish Tabernacle, made by the ladies of one of the churches in Toronto. The model showed the tabernacle and its various appurtenances, and also the position of the twelve tribes around the central structure.

REV. J. WELLS, preached a special sermon to the members of the A. O. U. W. who attended Divine service in a body, in the Presbyterian Church, Fillington, on Sabbath last. The sermon was practical and appropriate, fraught with sound teaching and advice for the brotherhood, while there was also ample for the edification of the large congregation present.

THE annual Christmas concert of the Brantford Young Ladies' College was a decided success. The choir was occupied by the Governor, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, who introduced an exceedingly attractive programme to a large attendance. Prof. Boyce, the musical director of the college, provided a splendid selection of numbers, the rendering of which reflected great credit on the preceptors of the institution.

THE Sabbath School of St. Luke's church, of Bathurst, N. B., had its annual "praise meeting" on the evening of the 23rd of December. All the exercises were deeply interesting. During the evening, Dr. Duncan on behalf of the congregation, presented in a neat speech "a Christmas" gift of \$77.00 (seventy-seven dollars), to the pastor of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Thomson was taken by surprise. He spoke of the great kindness which he was constantly receiving from his congregation as well as from the members of other churches.

REV. D. M. BUCHANAN, the energetic pastor of St. Andrew's church, Lanark, was lately presented by his congregation with a fine fur overcoat, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held. It is only six months since Mr. Buchanan settled in this charge and few ministers have so completely won the favor of the people in so short a time. The presentation was made by Mr. W. C. Caldwell, M.P.P., on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Caldwell in a few pointed remarks eulogized Mr. Buchanan for his faithfulness as a minister and the warm feelings which exist between him and the congregation.—*The British Whig*.

THE Presbyterian congregation at Eugenia is a growing young charge under the pastorate of Rev. J. Wells, M.A. At the opening of this charge less than three years ago Mr. G. McLeish, evangelist, appointed by the Orangeville Presbytery, conducted a series of evangelistic services which were greatly blessed, and the present pastor continues the good work there with great zeal. At a recent congregational meeting the congregation decided to build a new church on the very nicely situated site purchased by them a year ago. The building is to be 32x52 and brick veneered. As a start on the subscriptions, Mr. J. Woodburn, of Eugenia, has promised to purchase all the brick, and the pastor generously volunteered to furnish the windows.

AN exchange says:—"Of no small importance to the Presbyterian Church was one subject of discussion at the meeting of Toronto Presbytery the other day. It was nothing less than a radical change in the hymnology of the whole church. The scheme which the Presbytery favored means the abolition of the time-honored division into psalms, paraphrases and hymns, the omission of many psalms and paraphrases and the incorporation of selections from them in the proposed Book of Praise. Thirty-one of the hymns, too, will be dropped and sixty-four new ones will be added. About eighty-seven portions of the psalms will be used, and there will be 519 psalms and hymns, together with thirty-three paraphrases.

AN eloquent sermon was recently preached in St. David's Church, St. John, N.B., in connection with the death

of the late Lieutenant Governor Boyd, by Rev. G. Bruce, B.A. The text was 1 Cor. xv., 26. In speaking of the deceased he described him as warm-hearted and sympathetic in an uncommon degree. Behind all, he said, was the warm, affectionate, sympathetic heart; the kindly, genial man possessed of a breadth of charity, an exquisite tenderness of sympathy that even his nearest friends find they had not fully known, and which his opponents in the conflicts of business and public life discovered that they had felt and silently acknowledged to themselves all the time. His unaffected simplicity of life and his interest in the lonely, the poor and the suffering was one of the strongest elements in his character, which formed the ground of his almost romantic admiration for such men as Beecher, Phillips, Brooks and Dr. Cuyler.

ST. ANDREW'S Church, Fergus, which has been undergoing very extensive repairs for the past six months, was reopened with special services on Sunday Dec. 17, conducted by the Rev. Mungo Fraser, D.D., of Hamilton. The church has been tastefully decorated and painted, and a gallery has been built across the end with a capacity of 150 people. The basement also has been thoroughly overhauled and the whole edifice equals in neat and attractive appearance any of the modern city churches. The services were well attended. In the forenoon sermon Dr. Fraser said that at one time he believed no real good could be found out of the Presbyterian Church, but now he believed that in God's kingdom would be found all shades of religious belief, that there were just as good Methodists, Baptists, Episcopalians and even Roman Catholics as there are Presbyterians, and that people of these beliefs who worship God in spirit and in truth will be found in heaven. On the evening of the Monday following a very successful concert was held in connection with the reopening of the church.

A VERY successful Christmas entertainment was given recently by the Sabbath School children of the congregations of Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George, in St. Andrew's Church, Dalhousie Mills. The greater part of the programme was rendered by children from 4 to 16 years of age. They gave very appropriate Christmas carols, dialogues and recitations which elicited favorable comments from all present. The teachers of the different Sabbath-schools and the parents of the children provided two large trees heavily loaded with the usual Christmas gifts, which at the proper time were distributed by "Santa Claus" in his own genial manner. For this whole evening's enjoyment special praise is due the following young ladies who spared no time in training the children: Miss Jennie MacLeod, Glen Norman; Miss Jennie Condie, Teacher, Cote St. George; Miss Hambleton, Glen Robertson; Miss Eva Stockhouse, Percival; Katie MacLennan, organist, Cote St. George. They must have felt amply rewarded for all their efforts in seeing so many happy young faces and a crowded church to greet this first appearance of all the Sabbath-school children of the congregations together in one place. Another pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation by the pastor on behalf of the teachers and others, of a neatly bound Bible to each of 14 children, who, at a recent examination, held for the purpose, repeated correctly the entire Shorter Catechism. We do not forget in this place that oatmeal "parritch" and Shorter Catechism make sturdy men and women. The pastor is greatly encouraged by the interest which is taken by the people of the congregations in every department of Christian work.—*CON.*