

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterians of Portage la Prairie are making arrangements to build a second church, the present one being too small for the congregation.

A DEPUTATION from a certain section of the Kenyon congregation quietly visited the manse recently, and presented the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McLennan each with a sum of money.—COM.

At the recent meeting of the Manitoba Presbytery, the Rev. Prof. Hart was appointed to moderate in a call to a minister for the congregation of Kildonan, when in the judgment of the Session it should be considered advisable to do so.

THE Presbyterians of Edmonton, N.-W. T., are preparing to build a church on the site presented to them by the Hudson's Bay Company. The building is to be frame, fifty feet long by thirty in breadth, and will accommodate about two hundred persons.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Manitoba on the 13th inst., the call from Knox Church, Winnipeg, to the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., of Ottawa, was sustained. Rev. Principal Grant and Rev. Dr. Bain, of Perth, were appointed to advocate the call before the Presbytery of Ottawa.

LAST week's Lindsay "Post" says: "Prof. McLaren preached two very able discourses in St. Andrew's Church last Sunday morning and evening, and assisted in dispensing the sacrament. The sermons were marked by the professor's well-known logical power and eloquence, and were models of pulpit exposition."

REV. A. FRASER, pastor of Guthrie's Church, Wexford, and Cooke's Church, Caradoc, left on the 5th inst. for Manitoba, where he has taken up land and will remain during the summer, returning in the fall, and will finally leave for Manitoba the following spring. His pulpit will be filled during his absence this summer by Mr. A. Robertson, a student from Knox College, Toronto.—COM.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Dunnville, Rev. Geo. Yeomans, pastor, that incurred a debt some time ago for refitting their church building, putting in new stained glass windows, new pews, pulpit, etc., have during the past year entirely cleared the debt, and are now about to repair and renew the exterior. The Ladies' Aid Society lately presented Mrs. Yeomans with a sum of money for a new parlour carpet. The revenue of the congregation for the past year has been over one hundred dollars in advance of former revenue.—COM.

THE ladies of Calvin Church, Pembroke, lately held a very successful bazaar. Work had been going on for the most of the winter, and at last a sale was held. Along with the sale of goods, there were refreshment tables, where a most excellent dinner and tea were served at a moderate cost. Everything went on without a jar, and all wrought with a will. The total amount realized was \$1,050.45, leaving, after deducting all expenses, \$863.25, which has been deposited in the bank as the beginning of a fund for the building of a new church. The ladies are bent upon making this up by fall to \$1,000, and no doubt they will succeed in their effort. The new church towards which they have made a beginning will, it is hoped, in the course of a not very long time be begun, and put up, as it is the earnest desire of all to do, without becoming involved in debt.—COM.

A QUIET wedding took place on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the residence of the Rev. Dr. James, of Knox Church. Hamilton, the parties being the Rev. James Campbell Tibb, B.D., of Rapid City, Man., and Miss Mary Craig James. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. James, assisted by the Rev. David James of Midland, the father and brother of the bride respectively. The bride was the recipient of very many valuable as well as useful presents, among which may be mentioned a beautiful dinner and tea sets from the Sabbath school Teachers' Association, and a set of furs from the ladies of Knox Church. Miss James' Sabbath school class also showed their appreciation of her as a teacher by presenting her with a handsome cake basket. The young couple left on the same evening for Rapid City, Manitoba.—COM.

FROM the printed annual report of Knox Church, Toronto, we gather the following statistics. Number of families in congregation, 224; single persons not connected with families, 131; communicants on roll,

Jan. 1, 1882, 594; reported last year, 535; added during 1881, 104; removed by certificate to other churches, 26; placed on retired list on account of protracted absence, 9; removed by death, 10; net increase during the year, 54. The total contributions for the year amounted to \$17,873.93, whereof the following sums were devoted to the various schemes of the Church: Home Missions, \$600; Foreign Missions, \$500; College, \$800; French Evangelization, \$200; Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$100; Manitoba College, \$100; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$4; Knox College Students' Fund, \$10. The interior of the church has been renovated and improved at an expense of over \$10,000. The home Sabbath school had an average attendance of 135; the pastor's Bible class, 75; the Duchess street Sabbath school, 126. The reports of the several organizations connected with the congregation manifest continued activity and earnestness in Christian work.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Madoc, was opened for worship on the first Sabbath of June last. Principal Grant and Professor Gregg preached to large and delighted audiences. At a reception on Monday, Mr. Macdonnell and Prof. Gregg delivered eminently practical addresses. On Tuesday Dr. Cochrane delivered his famous lecture on the "Hero Martyrs of Scotland." The following week Rev. Mr. Torrance conducted a series of evangelistic services, that were well received; and Professor McLaren assisted at the communion on the following Sabbath with the usual acceptance. These sermons and addresses form a very important chapter in the eventful history of the church. St. Peter's has hitherto cost a little over \$19,000, and is the most striking feature in the place; and the liberality exhibited by the people generally is not often surpassed. The year they began to build the church, the average contribution per communicant for religious objects was \$80. For the year just closed the average is \$40, or over \$4,300 for all purposes. The pastor has just finished a ministry of twenty-five years. The communion roll at the first was 53; during that time 448 have been added to the list. After deducting 225 by deaths and removals to well other charges, and 145 that have been separated to form four other congregations, there are still 112 on the roll. He has baptised 848 children and adults. His salary is now three times as much as it was at the beginning, when the whole field was under his care; it is double what it was when the fourth hive went off. Every scheme of the church has prospered in the same ratio. May these evidences of past prosperity be only an indication of much greater things in the future, by the blessing of the Great Master.—COM.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—On the 4th and 5th of April the Presbytery held a quarterly meeting in St. Paul's Church, Montreal. There was a fair attendance of ministers and elders. There were present as corresponding members, Dr. Wardrope of the Presbytery of Guelph, Messrs. Whillans, Bayne and Munro of Ottawa Presbytery, Messrs. McLaren of Owen Sound, McCrea of Glengarry, and McAlister of Lanark Presbytery. These were invited to sit and deliberate. Owing to the special circumstances of St. Paul's congregation, Montreal, they having engaged an assistant both before and since Dr. Jenkins' demission of his charge, leave was granted to the Session to provide their own pulpit supply till next ordinary meeting. The Presbytery resolved to make the election of commissioners to the General Assembly the order of the day for three o'clock p.m. After some routine business, the Rev. D. Paterson read a report of the committee appointed to visit Rawdon. It was resolved to leave the supply of this station in the hands of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, with the view of its being supplied as much as practicable by members of Presbytery during the next three months. Rev. Frederick Home applied for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry. A medical certificate was read. Mr. Home spoke in support of his application. The Presbytery resolved to express its deep sympathy with Mr. Home in his affliction, and unanimously resolved to recommend his case to the favourable consideration of the Assembly. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were chosen: Ministers—J. C. Cattanaach, James Fraser, A. B. Cruchet, James McCaul and George Coull by rotation, and Principal McVicar, R. H. Warden, James Watson, A. L. Mackay and Chas. A. Doudiet by ballot; Elders—Messrs. David Morrice, James

Ross, W. D. McLaren, J. B. Cushing, A. C. Hutchison, J. An Sterling, John Brodie, G. S. Spence, James Croil and John Younie. Principal McVicar introduced Mr. E. F. Seylax, a colporteur of the French Board. The Examining Committee to whom his case was referred recommended his attendance for one or two years at college, with the view of his being better fitted to labour as a missionary. Rev. R. H. Warden read the report of the Home Mission Committee. Among other recommendations adopted, the Presbytery resolved that steps be taken without delay, if possible, to connect Port Lewis with Laguerre. A committee consisting of D. Paterson, convener, A. B. McKay, George Coull and D. W. McLaren was appointed to visit and confer with these congregations, also with the congregations of St. Andrew's, Huntingdon, Dundee, Elgin and Athelstan, during the month of May, to rearrange some parts of the fields and consider all matters bearing on the interests of these congregations. The Presbytery resolved that a student be sent to Ponsonby for the summer, and that the collections at the annual missionary meetings be devoted to the support of the Mission and the payment of arrears. The Presbytery thanked the deputation appointed to visit Arundel, Messrs. Warde and Cruikshank, for their diligence and success in calling forth the liberality of the people there to the extent of \$80 a year for ordinances there. There was read an extract from the Presbytery of Miramichi, intimating that that Presbytery had agreed to the translation of the Rev. J. A. F. McBain, of St. John's, Chatham, to the congregation of Georgetown. The Presbytery resolved to meet at Georgetown for Mr. McBain's induction on Friday, the 5th of May, at eleven a.m.: Rev. Mr. MacKeracher to preside; Donald Ross, B.D., to preach, D. W. Morrison to address the minister, and R. Campbell, of Montreal, the people. An application from Beauharnois and Chateauguay was read, asking for moderation in a call there. Rev. R. H. Warden, Moderator *pro tem.*, was appointed to attend to this duty. Circular letters were read as follows:—From Toronto Presbytery, in favour of Rev. Wm H. Jamieson, M.A., of the Canada Methodist Church; from Kingston, in favour of Rev. Godfrey Shore, of the Nova Scotia Methodist Conference; and from the Presbytery of London, in favour of Rev. George Crombie, of the China Inland Mission. Revs. Jas. McCaul, John Brodie and D. W. McLaren were appointed to bring the matter of a successor to the Rev. Mr. Wilson, city missionary, before a joint meeting of the Kirk Session in the city, to report at meeting of Synod. Rev. D. Paterson read a report on the State of Religion, which was received and discussed and ordered to be transmitted. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. Paterson for his diligence. The remit on a Sustentation as compared with a Supplemental Fund was considered. The Presbytery again declared its preference for a Sustentation Fund, leaving details to the Assembly's Committee, to be tested by experience, and expressing the hope that in some way the object aimed at by a Sustentation Scheme may be speedily accomplished. The Presbytery considered the remit on Temperance, and adopted a resolution thereon; expressed its approval of the modifications of the regulations regarding the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; sent down also its approval of the changes in standing orders, provided the word *may* be substituted for *shall* in the second sentence of the second paragraph. The roll was revised, ordered to be attested by the Clerk, and transmitted to the Synod as the roll of this Presbytery.—JAMES PATTERSON *Pres. Clerk.*

## OBITUARY.

Died, on the 8th of April, 1882, in the seventy seventh year of his age, Mr. David Gibson, an elder in the West Flamboro' congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Mr. Gibson was born in the Island of Ronsay, one of the Orkney Islands, in 1805. He was carefully educated at the principles and practice of our holy religion. His parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, and in early life he was received into full membership in the same communion. In June, 1852, he emigrated to this country, and became a member of this congregation, under the care of the Rev. Thomas Christie, then pastor. He loved his pastor; indeed through life it was a part of his religion never to grieve the heart of his minister, nor weaken his hands in his work. He was elected an elder in this congregation in 1871.