

Ministers and Churches.

MR. N. H. RUSSELL, B.A., of Winnipeg, has been asked to become the foreign missionary for Central Church, Toronto.

THE sentence in the report of Carluke annual congregational meeting in last week's issue which says "no new names added," should read "twenty new names were added during the past year."

BRANTFORD Ladies' College has re-opened after the Christmas holidays with an increased attendance and all the classes actively and enthusiastically at work. The third term opens February 4th, 1890, when further additions are expected.

PRINCIPAL MACVICAR is delivering a series of lectures on Sabbath afternoons in Crescent Street Church, Montreal, on vitally important present day religious questions. Those who have attended speak in the highest terms of their practical value.

DR KING reports the receipt during the session of \$500 from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland for Manitoba College, of \$250 from the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, and of \$500 from John Watson, formerly of Montreal, now of Perth, Scotland.

THE anniversary services of the Corbett Presbyterian Church were conducted by the Rev. W. S. Ball, of Vannock, who delivered able and appropriate sermons morning and evening. On the following evening Mr. Ball delivered his interesting lecture on "The Great North-West," to the great satisfaction of all. Excellent music was also furnished by the choir.

The annual meeting of the congregational Missionary Society, Knox Church, Regina, was held last week when officers were elected for the current year as follows: President, J. J. Campbell; Vice-President, D. Greig; Secretary, John Williamson, Jr.; Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Marshall. Committee: Mrs. McLaughlin, Miss Rogers, Miss Adair, P. McAra, Sr., C. J. Atkinson. The above officers and committee, together with the Session, form the executive of the society.

WE learn with regret, says the *Thorold Post*, that Rev. Mr. Macdonald, of Thorold, who has for nearly thirteen years been the popular pastor of the Presbyterian church in this town, has decided to accept the invitation to become the pastor of the church at Kildonan, near Winnipeg. However, Thorold's loss will be Kildonan's gain, and so our best wishes accompany Mr. Macdonald to his new sphere of labour. He expects to leave Thorold about the end of February.

SUPERINTENDENT and Mrs. McMillan entertained the teachers and officers of Knox Church Sunday School, Ottawa, in the basement of that church last week to a supper, the following being present: Rev. Mr. Farries, Mr. and Mrs. S. Savage, Misses Dewar, Forgie, Potter, Kennedy, Brown Durie, Evans, Ferguson, Jean Buchanan, Mary Masson, and Messrs. Mutchmore, John McJanet, R. Campbell and Frank Hannum. A meeting was held subsequently and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: John McJanet, secretary; S. Savage, treasurer; Robert Campbell, librarian; Frank Hannum, assistant-librarian. A number of questions affecting the interests of the school were discussed.

ST. ANDREW'S Church, Perth, Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., pastor, has contributed for mission purposes during 1889 the sum of \$1,092. The *Perth Star* says: "In addition to this the congregation has given to other benevolent schemes in varying amounts. In aid of mission and other schemes, altogether outside of strictly congregational purposes, St. Andrew's Church has contributed for 1889 over \$1,200. The congregation, through the Mission Band, maintains ordinances in a needy field on the border line between the North West Territories and British Columbia. The Mission Band contributed \$150 last year to Mr. John A. Sinclair who occupied that field and made Revelstoke his headquarters."

MR. J. S. BARCLAY, a student of Manitoba College, in the last year of his Arts' Course, died in the Winnipeg Hospital of typhoid fever on Saturday, January 18. Mr. Barclay seems to have taken the disease by which he was cut down while spending the Christmas holidays in a district near Winnipeg where he had formerly been engaged as a teacher. He was a good student, a man of gentle character and unobtrusive manners; and, as would be gathered from the words spoken by him to two of the professors who saw him near the close of his life, a humble Christian. A brief service, attended by the Professors and students both of Manitoba College and Wesley College, was held in the hall of the former institution on Thursday afternoon, after which his remains were taken to the Kildonan burying ground, followed by a large body of Professors and students.

THE *Minneapolis Tribune* says: The third annual meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Association was held at Mrs. Steele's when a report of the year's work was read and accepted, and the following officers and committee were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. M. Wellwood, President; Mrs. B. M. Armitage, Vice-President; re-elected: Mrs. J. K. Patton, Secretary-Treasurer; Mesdames Steele, Smith, Irwin, and Misses Shaw and Lockhart, collectors. During the past year our work has been carried on with a fair amount of earnestness and success, the regular meetings which were held twice a month, have been well attended. During the year the ladies have collected and handed over to the Treasurer \$9,135; they also realized from lawn party \$18.90, and sale of work \$18.70. We regret to record the departure of our hon. president, Mrs. Todd, from among us.

THE funeral of Rev. John Dunbar took place on Friday. The services at the residence, 54 Sussex avenue, Toronto, were conducted by Rev. W. G. Wallace, of Bloor Street Presbyterian Church. Professor Gregg and Rev. Wm. Inglis took part. Principal Caven delivered a brief address, characterized by fine feeling, in which he mentioned the events in the ministerial life of the deceased, to whose memory and life he paid a high tribute. The remains were taken to Dunbarton for interment. Mr. Dunbar, a son of a highly respected pioneer, who settled where that village now stands and after whom it was named, was for over twenty years the esteemed pastor of the church at Glen Morris, but for the last few years has lived in retirement in this city. He was a frequent contributor to the pages of the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, as well as to other publications, in which he found scope for his versatile talents.

THE *Baltimore American* says: Rev. Charles Chiniquy, twenty-five years a Roman Catholic priest, preached at Eutaw Place Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, Rev. Dr. Frank Ellis, pastor, on the subject, "Is the Church of Rome a Branch of the Christian Church?" Rev. Dr. Frank Ellis introduced him as probably the most notable convert from Rome in this or any other country, not excepting Father Hyacinthe. He has passed his eightieth birthday. Dr. Ellis called a motion to a gold temperance medal which he wore, and which was presented to him by the Roman Catholics, as an evidence of the high standing he had attained in that Church; and he told how in 1849 he was sent to Illinois, leading colonies of 5,000 French for the purpose of capturing that State for the Roman Catholics. He had been thirty-nine times arraigned in court by the Jesuits, who tried to ruin Mr. Chiniquy's reputation. He described him as no sudden convert, but a man honoured by the Vatican as one of the foremost leaders of the Roman Catholics. Rev. Charles Chiniquy, a hale, hearty-looking old man, with long beard, then introduced his subject, saying his audience had been in the light so long, while he was in the darkness of Rome, that he did not feel as though he could preach to them; he could only tell them what he, as a traveller homeward bound, knew.

THE services in connection with the new St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, British Columbia, were of a most memorable and impressive kind. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell went all the way from Toronto

to take part in them. In the devotional portion the Rev. P. McF. Macleod, Rev. D. Fraser and Mr. Macdonnell took part. The latter gentleman then delivered a most appropriate and impressive sermon from Eph. ii. 20-22. In the afternoon the pulpit was occupied by Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver, who preached a thoughtful and suggestive discourse from Daniel vi. 4, 5. The preacher in the evening was Mr. Macdonnell again—whose sermon is described as one of great beauty and power—from John x. 10. Next evening a most successful social was held, at which the Hon. John Robson presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Macrae, Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. Messrs. E. D. McLaren and D. J. Macdonnell. Musical selections of great excellence were interspersed; and a most enjoyable season was spent. The very handsome and commodious church is one of the finest yet built in the west. It reflects credit on all who have been connected with its erection. At the Sabbath services both Presbyterian choirs united, and their efforts were much appreciated. The collections speak well for the liberality of the Victorian Presbyterians, \$1,600 being placed on the collection plates at the Sabbath services.

THE annual meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society was held in Hamilton on the 21st inst. A large number of delegates from the auxiliaries and mission bands were present. At the morning session various items of interest were discussed and the following officers elected: Mrs. R. Grant, president; Mrs. George Vallance, secretary; Miss Clark, treasurer; Mrs. Mallock and Mrs. Lyle were elected honorary vice-presidents; Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Given, Hamilton, Mrs. Carruthers, Kirkwell; Mrs. Wilson, Niagara Falls (South), Miss Fernier, Caledonia, and Mrs. J. McCalla, St. Catharines, vice-presidents. In the afternoon the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. Four auxiliaries and three mission bands have been formed, one mission band re-organized as an auxiliary; and St. Catharines Auxiliary divided into two congregational auxiliaries, making a total of twenty-nine auxiliaries and fifteen mission bands, with a membership of 1,296. 1,661 pounds of clothing, valued at \$700, were sent to the North-West Indians. The contributions, \$2,605 71, are \$204.47 in excess of last year. Mrs. Abraham, of Burlington, read a paper on "The Position of Woman in the Early Christian Church." A public meeting was held in Knox Church in the evening, when addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Shearer, of Caledonia, as a representative of Hamilton Presbytery; and Rev. Mr. Wilkie, of Indore, India; who gave a very interesting and instructive address, imparting a great deal of information regarding the work of our lady missionaries in India.

THE anniversary services of Burns' Church, Moore, were held on the 19th January. The proceeds of the Sabbath and the inevitable soiree following amounted to a little over \$160 of which the Sabbath collections contributed \$71.25. The Rev. Prof. McLaren occupied the pulpit with great acceptance to the people and with equal pleasure to his old pupil, the pastor, the Rev. J. Campbell Tibb. The Professor was not altogether a stranger. Thirty-seven years before he had preached to a few Presbyterians in an old school house about two miles from the site of the present church. From these few as a nucleus three flourishing churches had sprung, two of which form one of the most progressive country charges in Ontario with 250 members on their communion rolls, seating accommodation for 600, with Sabbath schools of 150 and 120, and an annual giving for Church schemes of nearly \$400. The growth of these congregations mark the increase of our Church as a whole in the western peninsula. In those olden days the Professor, who was then in Amherstburg, was the Moderator of Sarnia during their vacancy. The territory covered by the London Presbytery is now divided into four if not five Presbyteries. In Sarnia Presbytery alone over twenty new churches have been erected and nearly as many congregations. Then Sarnia was the western boundary of our Church, but now it reaches as far to the west as it formerly did to the east, and with no point of vantage unoccupied. Whatever lack of interest in her scattered charges may have existed in the days of early settlement in Ontario, none such exists now, for one heartfelt throbs through the whole, sending a Toronto pastor all the way to Vancouver to open a new Church there.

THE Brantford *Expositor* says: Sunday morning week Dr. Cochran preached with special reference to the numerous cases of sickness in the community, and the deaths that have occurred of well known men in neighbouring towns and cities. He read as his text Micah vi. 9: "The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the men of wisdom shall see Thy name: they shall hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it." The points enlarged upon were these: National evils are traceable to God's hand. God speaks through the rod. It is the part of wisdom to profit by them and understand their meaning; they are often evidences that men are not forsaken of God, and given up entirely to their own evil impulses. When passing under the rod we ought to acknowledge God's justice in punishing, while praying that it may be stayed. At the close of his discourse he made some pertinent remarks regarding men who refuse to see God's hand in alarming judgments—we are apt, he said, when thus attempting to awaken concern in times of widespread disease, to hear it said, "Pulpit advice is folly; if people would only attend to sanitation, there would be no need, or less need, of prayer, obey the laws of nature, and disease will abate; let the working classes cleanse and fumigate their dwellings, and live soberly, and epidemics will soon disappear from our city." The men who thus speak are atheists in heart, whatever be their religious profession or Church connection. What Christian man denies the utility of sanitary measures for the preservation of health? But in spite of these, and in homes of luxury and refinement, disease and death come with alarming fatality and suddenness. The death of men in the higher ranks of society, physically strong and regular in all their habits, cannot be accounted for by violation of physical laws. The only solution of such widespread sickness is that in the text. The Lord's voice is in the city. He hath appointed the rod. Well will it be for us if, humbling ourselves in the sight of God, we search out the causes of the present epidemic, not so much in the natural as in the spiritual world, and in this way improve the day of our visitation. When God's judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants should learn righteousness.

THE second annual meeting of the Saugeen Presbyterial Society was held recently in the Presbyterian Church, Mount Forest, and was well attended by a large number of delegates from all parts of the Presbytery. The representative members of the society met in the forenoon for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of business connected with the Society. Mrs. Cameron, Harriston, was elected president; Mrs. Scott, Arthur; Mrs. McNair, Durham, and Mrs. Young, Clifford, vice-presidents; Mrs. Jamieson, of Mount Forest, was re-elected secretary, and Miss McMurchy, Harriston, treasurer. The afternoon session commenced at two o'clock, the retiring president, Mrs. Young, in the chair. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Young, assisted by Mrs. Strath, Holstein, and Mrs. Cameron, Harriston, followed by reading of minutes by the secretary. Mrs. Macgregor, of Mount Forest, read the address of welcome, Miss Macrae, of Harriston, responding. The secretary's report was found both interesting and encouraging, considering that only nine months had elapsed since the last annual meeting (it having been decided at that time to close all reports in December instead of March, as formerly, in order to bring all into line with the calendar year), therefore it could not be said there had been a decided increase in number during that period, yet there is cause to believe from the various reports received that the interest is deepening and the work becoming more established. The treasurer's statement proved satisfactory, also those read from the different auxiliaries and "M. B.'s" excellent papers were read by Miss Kennedy, Arthur; Miss Binnie, Durham, and Mrs. Bickell, Mount Forest. Considerable interest was taken in the question

drawer. Clothing valued at \$344.50 was sent from this Presbytery by seven auxiliaries to Rev. Dr. Jardine, of Prince Albert. Contributions for the nine months, \$340.28. Luncheon and tea served in the basement of the church by the ladies of the congregation proved a pleasing feature of the day's proceedings. A largely attended public meeting was held in the evening, when the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, delivered a very interesting address, which was much appreciated by all present. The next annual meeting will be held in Harriston in December, 1890.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met on January 21, in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, Mr. D. Strachan, Rockwood, Moderator. Reasons were assigned for the absence of several of the members on account of sickness or engagements with meetings from which, they supposed, they could not well stay away. The Presbytery agreed to regard reasons of absence on the ground of sickness as satisfactory, but not those of other engagements, as these were specified. As some of those thus absent had been appointed to introduce subjects, at one or other of the conferences to be held, it was referred to the committee on arrangements to secure others in their place. The Presbytery then resolved itself into a conference on Sabbath Schools. The general subject for conference was "The Sources of Power for Effective Teaching," which was discussed under the subordinate topics, "Knowledge of the Lesson," introduced by Mr. Mitchell, of Waterloo; "Religious Experience of the Teacher," by D. McCrae, Guelph, and "Method of Presenting the Lesson," by R. Craig, of Fergus. Then followed a general discussion till the hour of adjournment, at five o'clock. The Presbytery then resumed the transaction of ordinary business. Contributions were called for to the Synod and Presbytery Funds, this being the meeting of Presbytery at which payments into these funds should be made. Inquiry was next made whether sermons had been preached by ministers to their congregations on Sabbath observance according to the instructions of the Presbytery at its meeting in November. Some of those present, and they were very few in number, replied that they had attended to the duty and others that they had not done so, but would attend to it. The Clerk reported that he had notified the Kirk Session at Doon of the action of the Paris Presbytery in opening a preaching station at New Dundee, and its request if Doon could be connected with that station, and summoned them to appear for their interests at this meeting, but no appearance either by letter or representation was made. In the absence of Dr. Middlemiss, Conventer, who was kept away by sickness, Mr. Craig read the report of the committee appointed to visit Killalee, setting forth that the members at Knox Church, Crief, did not regard the meetings which had been held there as having any important bearing upon the interests of Knox Church, that while, at one time, a considerable proportion of the people living in Killalee section worshipped at Crief, for some time past they had, almost without exception, ceased attending the Crief Church; that good had resulted from the meetings held by Mr. Jackson; the report closing with the remark that in view of these and other facts mentioned the committee are of opinion that no action of the Presbytery was called for. While the report was under consideration the Clerk called attention to an article that had appeared in the *Dumfries Reformer*, published in Galt, containing an account of the proceedings of the committee, in which the committee have been represented as asserting that he had gone too far in his report of the action of Presbytery when the case was before it in November. The Clerk inquired on what authority the published report had been ascribed to him, and was informed, and he declared himself satisfied with the statement, that the committee had not before them, nor did they refer at all, to the published report. The Clerk next read the report as published and showed that it did not go as far as statements made by Mr. Jackson when he brought the holding of the special meetings and their probable results as connected with neighbouring congregations before the Presbytery, or as was warranted by facts which were mentioned. The committee appointed to consider the report on the business sent down by the General Assembly to Presbyteries reported briefly as follows: That the proportion of representatives to the General Assembly be one-sixth, instead of, as at present, one-fourth of the number of ministers on the rolls of Presbyteries, and a like proportion of ruling elders; that it was unnecessary and inexpedient to appoint a General Secretary on Sabbath schools—and that it would be well to render it obligatory on all ministers at their induction, and on all foreign missionaries at their appointment, to connect themselves with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. It was shown that other matters, such as Sabbath observance, and Systematic Benevolence had been attended to. It was also agreed to recognize the importance of the General Assembly Fund, and urge congregations and stations in the bounds the duty of paying the proportion assigned them of the amount allotted to the Presbytery. A statement was given of the supply sent to the bounds by the committee on distribution, and the appointments given them. On motion it was unanimously agreed to nominate the Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, as Moderator of next General Assembly. The request of Eden Mills congregation for the continuance of Mr. Strachan as their minister was cordially granted. A petition was presented from the First Church, Eramosa, praying the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to moderate in a call which they proposed to give to one to become their pastor, the salary promised being \$750 a year, with manse. The prayer of the petition was granted and Mr. Strachan, Moderator of Session, was authorized to moderate when the people found themselves prepared to proceed. Mr. Evan Macaulay requested to be furnished with a Presbyterial certificate, as he was about to leave the bounds, and his request was granted. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to meet in Knox Church, Guelph, on the third Tuesday of March next at half-past ten o'clock, forenoon. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in conference on "The State of Religion" at half past seven o'clock in the evening. In this conference Mr. Norris, of Glenallan and Hollin, after devotional exercises had been engaged in, addressed those present on "Family Worship, its Importance, and how it should be Conducted," and was followed by Mr. Beattie, of Knox Church, Guelph, on "The value of Such Societies as the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavour in relation to the Church." Both of these speakers were called on unexpectedly to introduce these subjects, as those appointed to do so were absent. A general discussion was then conducted in which several took part. Next forenoon the Presbytery resumed a conference on Temperance, and discussed the subjects, "The duty of the Church in relation to the Present Aspect of the Temperance Question," and "Temperance in Relation to Church Membership." Neither of the speakers appointed to introduce these subjects were present, and provision had to be made to take their places. The conferences throughout were interesting and fitted to be profitable, although the attendance was not large. It was to be regretted that so many of the expected speakers did not find it in their power to be present.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—The Presbytery of Whitby met on the 21st January. Several members were absent on account of the prevailing influenza. The following items occupied the attention of the court: Mr. S. H. Eastman, Oshawa, was elected Moderator for the current year. Mr. Drummond's resignation of the congregation of Newcastle, which was laid on the table at last meeting, was now accepted. Messrs. Lockhart and Stewart, commissioners from the congregation, expressed the deep regret of the congregation at the prospect of losing Mr. Drummond as their pastor but in view of his continued debility they could not urge him to remain longer with them. The Presbytery while expressing their sympathy with Mr. Drummond and the congregation, accepted the resignation, to take effect after the 9th of February. Mr. Drummond was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. Mr. McKeece was ap-