

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. D. Macdonald, M.A., occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. W. A. Johnston, of the Presbytery of Quebec, retires from the active duties of the ministry after September 30.

THE Rev. J. W. Mitchell preached in the Presbyterian church, Brooklin, on Sunday the 31st ult., with much acceptance.

THE Presbyterians of Appleton and Ashton have decided to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Shearer, who preached there a few Sundays ago.

DR. BEATTIE, Professor in Columbia College, South Carolina, occupied his old pulpit in the First Presbyterian Church, Bantford, on Sunday week.

THE Rev. B. Canfield Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, has arrived home from his holidays. He has been visiting in Pennsylvania.

MR. SIMON MACDONALD, of Morrin College, was licensed by the Presbytery of Quebec on August 26, and appointed as ordained missionary to Kennebec Road.

THE quarterly communion services were held in the Presbyterian Church, Acton, on Sunday week. Rev. Mr. Winchester, of Berlin, conducted the preparatory service on Friday.

THE preparatory services in connection with the communion in the Presbyterian Church, Watdown, were conducted on Friday week by Rev. Norman Russell, missionary elect to India.

AT a joint meeting of the congregations of Drumbo and Princeton, held in the Presbyterian church, Princeton, it was decided to present a unanimous call to the Rev. W. K. Shearer of Fitzroy Harbor.

THE Rev. Mr. Jordan, of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, has returned from his vacation trip and resumed his pastoral duties. The Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Alvinston, preached in Strathroy on Sabbath week.

THE Presbyterian Church of Columbus and Brooklin has extended a most unanimous call to the Rev. Mr. Patterson, pastor of St. Enoch's Church, Toronto. It has since been stated that Mr. Patterson declines the call from Columbus.

THE Port Hope *Guide* says: The Rev. James Craigie preached a good sermon to a large congregation in the Presbyterian Church, Millbrook, on Sunday week, and the Rev. Mr. McGillivray occupies the same pulpit next Sabbath.

THE Hamilton *Spectator* says: Some of the members of the Erskine Church congregation are in favour of extending a call to Rev. Mr. Cruickshank, of Smithville, who preached at St. Paul's Church Sunday evening. The managers have invited him to preach at Erskine Church shortly.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated at the First Presbyterian Church, London, on Sabbath week. Rev. W. J. Clark, the pastor, preached on the occasion, and had the pleasure of welcoming twenty-four new communicants, fourteen by certificate and ten on profession of faith.

THE Rev. James Sutherland, of Inverness, was invited to become pastor of Bristol congregation. The congregation of Inverness were unanimous in their desire to retain their pastor and to accomplish this resolved to make Inverness a self-supporting charge which means an increase in their giving of about \$100.

THE Rev. John Leishman will be inducted as pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at Chester on Thursday, the 18th inst., Rev. William Frizzell to preside; Rev. G. Burnfield, B.A., to preach; Rev. J. M. Cameron to deliver the charge, and Rev. A. Gindier, B.A., to address the people; the services to commence at 7.30 p.m.

THE Presbyterians of Douglas, Manitoba, whose church is a mile and a half out of the village, are considering the advisability of having it moved down. When the church was built there was no village at Douglas station, and it was then in the centre of the congregation, but, since the village has grown and the country to the south opened up, it is too much to one side.

THE Rev. Mr. Coleman, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian congregation, Ramsay, has returned home, having been engaged in a mission in which he has been very successful. He has visited in the United States and the Lower Provinces, and has secured \$4,000 for the new church, and \$500 for the manse, the foundation of which was laid some time ago on the "Bay Hill."

THE *Guelph Mercury* says: The Rev. J. M. McLaren, B.A., conducted the services in Knox Church last evening. His discourse gave evidence of much ability and was exceedingly well delivered. Mr. McLaren is one of the rising young men of the Presbyterian ministry. He left this morning for his field of labour at Blenheim, where he will be ordained and inducted to-morrow by the Presbytery of Chatham.

THE Rev. J. A. Murray occupied his pulpit in St. Andrew's Church, London, on Sunday week, preaching to very large audiences. In the course of his opening remarks in the morning he thanked the congregation for their kindness in extending his holiday and also for the attention to church affairs in his absence. In the evening he preached a sermon on "Waiting," taking his text from Psalm xl. i: "I waited patiently for the Lord."

THE *Galt Reporter* says that the residence of Rev. John Porteous, Cameron Street, was the scene on Wednesday of the marriage of his third daughter, Miss Annie, to Rev. T. B. Porteous, of Glasgow, Scotland. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson. After a short trip the young couple will return home, and on the 3rd of September they will sail from Montreal for Glasgow, leaving there almost immediately for Harrismith, South Africa, where Mr. Porteous has been appointed resident clergyman of the Presbyterian church.

A LARGE audience greeted Rev. T. G. Thompson on Thursday evening week to listen to the lecture on Vancouver, delivered in Watdown. As was expected it was most interesting, containing a great deal of valuable information respecting that new country. Mr. Thomas Stock occupied the chair. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Thompson for his highly instructive lecture, moved by Rev. Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Page. The choir gave suitable selections during the evening.

THE *Pembroke Observer* says: At a meeting of the Ramsay auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held at the residence of Mr. David Snedden, Mrs. Knowles, wife of the Rev. Robert Knowles, now pastor of the Alice Presbyterian congregation, was presented with a very handsome silver water pitcher and goblet accompanied by an address expressive of appreciation of her valuable services, regret at her departure and warmest well-wishes for her future prosperity and usefulness.

THE corner-stone of the new Presbyterian church at Arnprior was laid on Wednesday week, Mrs. D. McLachlin performing the delicate ceremony of tapping the stone with the silver trowel and declaring it "well and truly laid." The pastor, Rev. D. J. McLean, gave an introductory address; prayers were offered by the senior members of Presbytery, Rev. Messrs. Crombie and Mylne, and the sermon was preached by Principal MacVicar, of Montreal. Short addresses were also delivered by several gentlemen, amongst whom were the Rev. D. McDonald, of Carleton Place.

A RECEPTION was held in the school-room of the West End Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., last week, for the purpose of introducing Rev. Godfrey Shore, the new pastor, to the people of his congregation. The proceedings were opened by the singing of a portion of hymn 249, followed by a brief address by the chairman, Mr. Jarvis Wilson, after which Rev. Mr. Macneill offered prayer. A resume of the church history was then given by Rev. Dr. Bennett. Rev. Messrs. Fullerton, Fotheringham, Morrison and Macneill, and Mr. John Montgomery followed in short addresses. Rev. Mr. Shore then made a brief reply and the proceedings closed with the benediction.

THE Hamilton Christian Endeavour Union is hard at work completing arrangements for the Provincial Convention to be held in Central Presbyterian Church on October 23 and 24. At a special meeting of the Executive Committee held last week reports were received from the various committees, showing that all were enthusiastically endeavouring to make the convention a great success. The young people attending as delegates will be entertained at the homes of the nine church societies in Hamilton. Rev. Frances E. Clark, D.D., of Boston, Mass., President of the United Society, will arrive in Hamilton on the first day of the convention. An excellent programme is being arranged for.

THE funeral of Rev. Angus Robertson, Presbyterian minister at Donald, B.C., was held last week the services being conducted by Rev. Messrs. Herdman and Leech in the Presbyterian church. The funeral procession was a very large one to the cemetery, where he was interred. Deceased went to Calgary in 1883 from Manitoba College as a missionary, holding service in a tent till the first Presbyterian church in Calgary was built, he being pastor for two years. He afterwards took charge of the mission fields of Pine Creek and High River; then he was sent to Donald, where he was taken ill of typhoid fever. The week previous he was removed to the hospital at Medicine Hat, where he died on Friday night. Deceased was thirty-four years of age, and leaves a wife and child.

THE Carleton Place *Herald* says: In the absence of the pastor, Rev. D. Macdonald, who was at Perth, the Rev. Dr. Howie, a native of Syria, who lost his eyesight before he had quite completed his university course, conducted the services in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, both morning and evening. Although utterly unable to see, yet he read the psalms and hymns, the chapters which he selected for the lessons, and gave out his text in the usual form. In the morning the reverend gentleman took for his subject "Christ's lamentation over Jerusalem," and preached a very able discourse. In the evening, under the head of "The Three-fold Mission of Affliction," he related some interesting incidents of his own career. The Doctor is a pleasant speaker. He lectured the following evening in the same church.

THE Rev. J. A. Macdonald, on a recent visit to his former home at Bridgen, was presented with a very handsome gold-headed cane, suitably inscribed, a purse of money and an address, in which it is said: "We do not wish as citizens to be unmindful of the unwearied service you have rendered us as a minister of the Gospel, in any cause which has had for its aim either the temporal or moral elevation and welfare of the community. In all religious enterprises, in all social movements and moral reforms you have taken a warm interest and have rendered valiant and ungrudging service." The address goes on to speak appreciatively of Mr. Macdonald's high Christian character and personal worth, and gratefully acknowledges the power of his influence and example in the community. The address closes with fervent well-wishes for his future happiness and usefulness.

THE annual meeting of St. John Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour was held recently in the parlour of the church. The president, Mr. W. J. Parks, on retiring gave a suitable address, and hoped for good success during the coming term under the new officers. The secretary's report showed a roll of fifty-nine members, forty-four active and fifteen associate. The treasurer reported favourably. The following officers and committees were elected for ensuing term: Mr. D. McLean, president; Miss J. Parks, vice-president; Mr. T. S. Hill, secretary; Miss E. Tremble, treasurer; Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, 107 Hazen street, corresponding secretary; Lookout Committee, chairman, Mr. Parks; Prayer-Meeting Committee, chairman, Mr. F. W. Storms; Social Committee, chairman, Mr.

J. McDaid; Temperance Committee, chairman, Mr. C. H. Doig; Missionary Committee, chairman, Miss Henderson.

THE *Montreal Witness* says: A correspondent sends the following facts relating to the late Rev. James Bauld Stewart of Ashton, Ontario, which will doubtless be read with interest by those who knew Mr. Stewart: He was born at Gargumnock, Perthshire, Scotland, in 1856. In the university of Glasgow he received his literary education for the ministry of the Presbyterian church. After this was completed he came to Canada and took a course of three years in the Presbyterian College of Montreal, McTavish Street, from which he graduated in 1882, being valedictorian of his class. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Renfrew and Lanark in 1883, and ordained minister of the congregation of Castleford, Ont., in the same year. There he laboured with remarkable faithfulness till January of the present year, when he accepted a call from the joint congregations of Ashton and Appleton, Ont. The death was very sudden. Those who witnessed it testify that it was one of such triumph and glory as they shall never forget.

REV. T. CHARLES EDWARDS, of the University of Wales, visited Montreal last week. He preached in Erskine on Sunday week, morning and evening, and also addressed the Welsh Union in the Y.M.C.A. in the afternoon. The subject of his morning discourse was St. John, xiii. 17: "If you know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." The surroundings of the text, more particularly Christ washing the Disciples' feet and instituting the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, formed the theme of his discourse, and, as he demonstrated, illustrated the principles of a living Christianity. The first act set forth the Christian life as one of service; the second presented it as one of nearness to and communion with God. The two illustrated a complete Christianity, and to exhibit that perfect Christianity in their daily lives should be the aim of every professed follower of the Saviour. The discourse was an able and logical one. The preacher made no pretensions to oratory, but when warmed up with his subject showed that he possessed many of the characteristics of the true orator. The reverend gentleman is principal of the University of Wales, and one of the objects of his visit to this country is to procure assistance towards replenishing the library of that institution. It was burned down some four years ago and the library destroyed. Largely owing to the exertions of Dr. Edwards the university has been rebuilt, but the library is still wanting. No doubt Dr. Edwards will receive some substantial assistance in Canada, and particularly from his Welsh fellow-countrymen. He left Montreal for Boston, but is expected to return in about a fortnight.

THE "Roll Call Day" idea as carried out in Knox Church Sunday school, Regina, is a re-union of those who are and have been members of the school, and when former members cannot be present they are asked to respond by letter. In this way those who may have dropped out of the school are brought back and an effort made to retain them, while those who have moved from town have their interest revived by visiting or sending a friendly letter to the school. The plan as carried out was a great success. The floral decorations for the concert were allowed to remain over Sunday and added to the attractiveness of the exercises. At eleven o'clock in the morning Rev. Alexander Urquhart, of Brandon, formerly pastor of Knox Church, preached a sermon to the school. The children were out in full force and occupied the centre seats. In the afternoon the roll call took place. Neat programmes were provided and printed in blue on four sheets and tied with a blue ribbon. At a tap of the bell the school rose and sang a doxology followed by responsive reading of the 100th Psalm, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Carmichael. A hymn was sung, a brief review of the past quarter's lessons given, a special anniversary song sung, then came the roll call. During the calling of the roll the following programme was interspersed: Solo by Geneva Fair, chorus by school, duet by Maud Rogers and Fannie Laidlaw, brief addresses by Rev. A. Urquhart, ex-Bible class teacher, Mr. John MacCaul, ex-superintendent; Mr. J. J. Campbell, ex-superintendent. Letters were read from Rev. James Millar, ex-Bible class teacher, now missionary in British Guiana; Rev. N. H. Russell, ex-Bible class teacher, who goes as a missionary to Central India in a few months, and several former officers, teachers and scholars of the school now in different parts of the world. At the conclusion of the roll call another hymn was sung, and the secretary-treasurer reported number answering to roll call, 206; total number present, 238; number present by letter, twenty-four; collection in school, \$20, in letters, \$8, total, \$28. A number of girls sang very sweetly, "God be with you till we meet again," all joining in the chorus. A responsive reading was followed by the chanting of the Lord's prayer by the school, and the pronouncing of the benediction by the pastor.

THE Presbyterians of Renfrew celebrated their semi-centennial two weeks ago. In August, 1840, St. Andrew's congregation was organized under the ministry of the late Dr. Mann, of Packenham, who was the first Protestant minister in the county of Renfrew. The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, on invitation of Dr. Campbell, pastor of the church, held their August session at Renfrew in order to participate in and assist at the demonstration held from August 24 to 26. Commemorative services were held on Sabbath, August 24, both morning and evening, conducted by Rev. T. G. Smith, D.D., of Kingston, assisted by Rev. S. Mylne and the pastor. Dr. Smith, during his morning discourse, referred to the successful labours of the devoted predecessors of Dr. Campbell—Rev. Dr. Mann and his successor, Rev. George Thomson, of the Old Kirk, and the Rev. S. C. Fraser, first Free Church minister, who came to Renfrew in 1848, and his successor, Rev. William Lochhead, now of Lindsay Presbytery. On Monday evening a concert was held in the church. Historic addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. D. J. McLean, of Arnprior, and Mr. R. Bell, of

Carleton Place, son of the first Presbyterian minister in the counties of Lanark and Renfrew, Rev. Mr. Bell having been sent out as chaplain of the British Army to Perth about seventy-five years ago. Congratulatory addresses also were given by Rev. S. Mylne, father of the Presbytery; Rev. H. Taylor, successor to the late Dr. Mann in Packenham; Mr. Moffat, of Pembroke, and Rev. C. Allum, of the Methodist Church, Renfrew. These addresses were interspersed by suitable music by the choir and others. Among the soloists was Miss Ettie Airth, granddaughter of the first settler in Renfrew, and the first elder in the Presbyterian Church, also Miss Mann, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Mann. The picnic in Carswell's Grove on Tuesday brought the jubilee programme to a close. In looking back over the fifty years and contrasting the condition of the congregation in its early days with its present position, the Presbyterians of Renfrew have every reason to thank God for His goodness in the way in which He has led them and to be stimulated to press forward unto still higher and better things.

THE second annual floral concert of Knox Church Sunday school, Regina, held recently, eclipsed all its previous efforts in the line of entertainments. The floral decorations were beautiful, the programme excellent and varied; the attendance and financial receipts large. A motto extending over the choir arch bore the words, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word of our God shall endure for ever." The arches over the side windows were festooned, and brackets, extending up the sides of the windows and on each side of the platform to the motto, held potted plants in bloom. These with festoons, hanging baskets, and potted plants on window sills, platform, etc., gave the church the appearance of a large conservatory, filled with rare beauty and fragrant perfume. The children were arranged on the platform on sloping seats, and were a pretty sight, their rosy cheeks and smiling faces rivaling the floral beauty around them. Miss G. Mellis accompanied with the large organ, Mr. W. Maguire with cornet and Mr. R. Martin led the singing in the choruses. The following is the programme rendered: Chorus by school, "A Summer Song;" prayer by Rev. J. A. Carmichael; recitation by Katie Carmichael, "God hath planted Flowers;" duet by Maud Rogers and Fannie Laidlaw, "Flowers for the Altar;" recitation by Quentin Barker, "Bonnie Blue Bells;" duet by Stella and Jessie McCracken, of Pense, "Buttercups and Daisies;" solo by Geneva Fair, "Blossoming for Jesus;" recitation by May Mowat, Cora Rogers, Eva Chatwin, Ruth McAra, Violet McKell, Nellie Carmichael; chorus by school, "Cheer up;" address by Rev. A. Urquhart; motion recitation by Cora Rogers, Nellie Carmichael, Birdie Donahue, Maggie McLachlan, Ruth McAra, Ethel Fair, Rachael McAra, Bertie Chatwin, Gerrie McKell, Jeannie Morrison, Willie Mitchell, Robbie Mitchell, Willie Chatwin, Mac. Carmichael; recitation by Eva Chatwin, "First up;" duet by Lucy and Alice McAra, "Consider the Lilies;" solo by Cora Rogers, "Flowers of Sweet Perfume;" recitation by Maggie McLachlan; chorus by school, "A Time of Joy;" recitation by Myrtle McLellan, "Great Lessons by Little Teachers;" motion song with wreath of flowers, by Flossie Campbell, Minnie Murchison, Sarah Cockwill, Alice McAra, Annie McIntyre, Geneva Fair, Aggie Short, May Mowat, Cora Rogers, Maggie McLachlan, Ruth McAra, Nellie Carmichael, Eva Chatwin, Flossie McKell; chant the Lord's prayer; benediction. The little Misses McCracken, from Pense, sang very sweetly and were warmly received. The motion exercises elicited most enthusiastic applause, and the audience persisted in having a repetition of the song with wreaths. A collection was taken in aid of the Sabbath School Building Fund, which netted the handsome sum of \$40.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—This Presbytery met in Morrin College on August 26. Rev. T. Z. Lefebvre was elected Moderator. Elders commissions in favour of Messrs. Daniel Cream and John C. MacLean for Chalmers, Quebec, and Kingsbury respectively, were accepted. The Rev. P. Straith, of Saugeen Presbytery being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery. Revs. A. T. Love and James Sutherland, commissioners to the General Assembly, reported their diligence. Mr. H. Craig, student, read an exercise, which was sustained. The Clerk was instructed to certify Mr. Craig to the authorities of Morrin College. Certain statements having been made to the effect that Mr. Blue, a student, had not kept faith with several Presbyteries in the matter of appointments given, a committee was appointed to deal with the case. Professor Macadam was appointed Moderator of the Session of Portneuf. A circular letter from the Home Mission Committee was read showing that this Presbytery is expected to contribute \$850 to Home Missions and \$650 to Augmentation for 1890-1891. The Clerk was instructed to apportion their share to the various congregations. It was resolved to put forth efforts to make up the amount deducted from the grants to augmented congregations in consequence of deficiency in Augmentation Fund last spring. To give effect to this the following committee was appointed: Professor Macadam, D. Cream (joint Conveners), A. T. Love, D. Tait and R. Brodie. The amount required is \$225. A committee consisting of Revs. D. Tait and Professor Macadam and Mr. D. Cream, elder, was appointed to visit the French Mission at Spider Lake and report to the next meeting. Mr. Simon MacDonald was licensed to preach the Gospel, and appointed to Kennebec Road for one year. Arrangements were made for Mr. MacDonald's ordination. Mr. W. A. Johnston's resignation of Kennebec Road Mission was accepted, to take effect on September 30. Mr. Johnston retires from the active duties of the ministry after many years of faithful service. Mr. John Hardy was taken under the care of the Presbytery as a student having the ministry in view. The next meeting will be held in Chalmers Church, Richmond, the 11th of November next.—J. R. McLEOD, *Pres. Clerk*.