

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. K. Junor has been visiting his friends at St. Mary's.

RAPID progress is being made with the erection of the new Presbyterian church at Regina.

THE Rev. Walter Reid delivered a sermon to the Odd-fellows in Weston Presbyterian Church on Sabbath last.

Two of Principal Caven's sons are on the medical staff despatched to the scene of hostilities in the North-West.

THE Rev. J. C. Smith, of Galt, has been appointed to supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Newmarket.

MR. RATTERY has been appointed to supply Glenvale, Harrowsmith, and Wilton Presbyterian Churches for the summer.

THREE Presbyterian chaplains, the Rev. Messrs. W. S. Ball, C. B. Pitblado, and D. M. Gordon have joined their respective battalions at the front.

MR. McMILLAN, for a long time Principal of Rockwood Academy, last week was the recipient of a handsome present on the occasion of his leaving the village.

THE Rev. Wm. McKee, of Cookstown, has been in Toronto, visiting his nephew, Lieut. Morrow, who was accidentally shot while en route to the North-West.

THE following cablegram has been received from Rev. Dr. Mackay:—"Tamsui, 21st April. Got back. Converts faithful. Don't send missionary. G. L. MACKAY."

THE erection of the new Presbyterian church at North Gower is proceeding rapidly. The structure was commenced on the 4th of February last, and will be finished by the fall. The cost will be \$5,600.

THE *Elora Express* says that Rev. Mr. Mullan, of Fergus, has received a call from the Mount Forest Presbyterian Church, promising a \$300 advance in salary. It is not known whether Mr. Mullan will accept.

THE building of the new St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, is progressing vigorously. If the entire work is only carried on as energetically, the building will certainly be completed within the stipulated time.

THE *Bradford Witness* says the Rev. J. Carswell, Bond Head, has forwarded to Dr. Keil \$100 for Foreign Missions; \$50 for endowment of Knox College; \$50 for Manitoba College; and to Rev. R. H. Warden \$100 for French Evangelization, received from the estate of the late Charles Wilson, an elder of the First West Gwillimbury Presbyterian Church.

THE *Perth Courier* says the death of the Rev. Robert Mackenzie, M.A., Presbyterian minister at McDonald's Corners, Dalhousie, long expected, took place on Saturday, April 18, of bronchial catarrh. He was much beloved by his late congregation, and his death was the occasion of much sorrow. The deceased clergyman was a native of the North of Ireland.

AT Morrin College Convocation, last week, the graduating class, consisting of Messrs. Rolph, Ferguson, Silves, Walters, Campbell and Home, were presented with certificates entitling them to receive the degree of B.A., from McGill University, and the degree of D.D. was conferred for the first time in the College's history upon the Rev. John Bennett, of Almonte, a former student.

A LARGE audience assembled in the basement room of Knox Church, Guelph, last week, to attend the closing meeting for this season of the Temperance Society of the congregation. All who took part in the entertainment did their share with much ability, so that the interest increased until the close of the meeting. The chair was occupied by Dr. McGuire, President of the Society, and the Rev. R. J. Beattie conducted the opening exercises.

AN exchange says: Mr. Adam Shortt, who this year takes his degree as Master of Arts at Queen's, is at present in Edinburgh pursuing his studies at the University there and adding lustre to the fame of his *Atma Mater*. He has just succeeded in winning the highest prize in metaphysics in Edinburgh University, the Bruce of Grangehill prize of \$100, besides receiving a medal as first in the honor class. Mr. Shortt is to be congratulated on his success.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Cooke's Church on Sabbath week. As the Session have all resigned, the following gentlemen, who have been appointed by the Presbytery to form an interim Session, officiated as elders: Mr. James Brown, from Charles Street; Mr. Thomas Kirkland, M.A., from St. James Square, and Messrs. Robert Merryfield, James H. Fyfe and George F. Burns, from Knox Church. The attendance was large, and the whole service very impressive.

KNOX Church, Montreal, Sabbath School Temperance Association held its final social of the season recently. The lecture room of the church was well filled, and the programme an excellent one. During the intermission, a highly interesting and instructive microscopic exhibition was given, and at the conclusion of the programme, the pastor, the Rev. James Fleck, B.A., gave a brief, interesting address, in which he took occasion to refer to the need of the cultivation of a true temperance sentiment. The advocates of temperance, although defeated in the local option question, were told not to lose courage. He hoped that all the friends of temperance would band together next year for a fresh attack on the liquor traffic strongholds.

ON the evening of the 21st ult., a number of the members of the Bible class taught by Robert McQueen, on the ninth concession, Beverly, met at his residence, Kirkwall, and presented Mrs. McQueen with a beautiful hanging map and Mr. McQueen with a handsome easy chair, and an address expressive of the appreciation of his services as teacher and friend and as counsellor and sympathizer in their doubts and difficulties, closing with the prayer that they might all one

day meet as an unbroken Bible class on the right hand of God. After a suitable reply by Mr. McQueen on behalf of Mrs. McQueen and himself, the company proceeded to enjoy themselves for the remainder of the evening. The proceedings were brought to a close with devotional exercises.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, Peterborough, which has been remodelled and now presents a commodious and handsome appearance, was reopened for divine service on Sabbath last. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., of Toronto, preached morning and evening. The Rev. P. McF. McLeod preached in the afternoon. On the following Monday evening, a grand organ recital was given in the Church by a finely-trained choir with the new organ, under the direction of Professor Parker, of St. Catharines. On Monday afternoon a sale of fancy and useful articles was held in the lecture-room of the church, and in the evening tea was served in the school room. The congregation, under the pastoral care of Rev. F. F. Torrance, M.A., has made gratifying progress in the past, and is now without doubt entering on a new era of prosperity.

A CORRESPONDENT says: The Rev. Mr. Dionne, having completed his six months' mission at Metis, left on the 20th inst. for his home at Grand Ligne, near Montreal, much regretted by the members and adherents of the congregation. He acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of all those who were privileged to listen to his truly evangelical and practical discourses. He, in every way, proved himself to be highly qualified for the work of the ministry. I may mention that he is a convert from Romanism of many years' standing. By his unobtrusive and ardent piety, manifested in his work in the pulpit, and in his whole Christian conduct and character, he shows himself to be not only a convert from the darkness of Rome, but from the darkness of nature, to the light of life. Our best wishes go with him and his family wherever his future lot may be cast.

IN an appreciative obituary notice of the late Mr. Robert Little, School Inspector, of Halton County, the *Canada School Journal* says: The subject of this sketch was born at Woolwich, Kent, England, on the 7th February, 1835. His father, Robert Little, was born in the parish of Westruther, Berwickshire, Scotland, and died in Esquesing, Halton County, on the 2nd September, 1858. His mother, Marion Bell, was born in the parish of Stow, Edinburghshire and also died at Esquesing in 1861. The elder Mr. Little entered the Royal Foot Artillery in 1823, and served about twenty-two years, seven years of which he spent in Canada. Mr. Little spent his life in the honourable profession of teaching, and he remained identified with educational interests till his death on the 8th inst. He was a life-long and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. His religion was of a quiet, unobtrusive character, and was carried into every detail of every day life. He appeared to possess much of the mind of Christ, and evil thoughts never seemed to occupy his mind.

THE first annual meeting of Medicine Hat Presbyterian Church congregation was held on Monday evening, 20th ult. After the Rev. Mr. Davidson had opened the meeting with devotional services, Mr. George McCuaig was called upon to act as secretary. The treasurer, Mr. W. T. Finlay, then presented the financial statement of the Church for the past year, which proved to be not only satisfactory, but highly creditable to so young a church. There were raised for all purposes during the year, \$1,343.23—almost sufficient to place the church clear of debt—a state of affairs in its first year which augurs well for its future. Mr. McCuaig, as treasurer of the Sabbath school, showed the sum of \$35.35 as the amount of Sabbath collections. Of this, \$17.25 were spent on papers, library and hymn books, and \$10 were donated to the organ fund, leaving a balance to the good of \$6.10, and the school in a prosperous condition. The meeting was brought to a close after Messrs. Tweed, Cousins, Porter, Hargraves, McCuaig, and Finlay were re-elected as managing committee for the coming year.

THE *Winnipeg Free Press* says: "A large audience assembled in Knox Church to listen to the lecture given by the Rev. Mr. Gordon and the concert combined therewith. The uniforms of officers and men from several of the different corps at present in the city were noticeable among the civilians. The programme opened with a few verses of the well-known hymn 'Onward, Christian Soldiers!' which all joined in singing, after which the programme proper was opened by Miss Thomson with a pleasing instrumental Scotch solo. Mr. Wheeler's song was next listened to with marked pleasure, and Miss Coutly's song coming next was so much enjoyed as to force her recall. The lecturer of the evening, Rev. Mr. Gordon, was then introduced by Rev. Mr. Bryce, who kindly fulfilled the duties of the chairman. The lecturer touched upon such places as Battleford, Clarke's Crossing, Batoche's and other places now brought prominently forward, but the main subject was 'Rambles Among the Rockies,' in which he depicted scenes he personally viewed, and narrated incidents he himself saw during his trip to the Rockies in the autumn. The lecture was highly interesting, and the attention of the audience was unbroken throughout. Mr. J. D. Scott resumed the programme, and his song was rendered perfectly. Miss Craig furnished, as the last piece on the programme, a very pretty piano solo. The audience dispersed after singing the National Anthem."

THE *Sentinel Review* contains a very interesting account of the celebration in connection with the completion of the twenty-fifth year of Rev. W. T. McMullen's pastorate of Knox Church, Woodstock. On the evening of the 15th ult., the congregation assembled in a social capacity, provision having been made for a sumptuous and elegant entertainment. Addresses, expressive of warm and affectionate appreciation of Mr. McMullen's personal worth and valuable labours, were read for the Session and Board of Trustees by Mr. George A. Pyper and by Miss Johnston on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, who presented their pastor with a most elegant and complete suite of study furniture. Mr. McMullen, deeply moved, made touching and appropriate responses to the unexpected and generous expressions and gifts of his many friends. Congratulatory remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. Williams, Methodist, and Trotter, Baptist, and by

Messrs. D. R. Stuart, Geo. Currie, G. R. Pattullo, John White and George White. On the following Sabbath Mr. McMullen preached an appropriate and impressive anniversary sermon from Acts xxvi. 22-23. In feeling and emphatic terms the speaker avowed his ever-increasing appreciation of the Gospel of Salvation through the blood of Christ as the grand and only remedy for human sin and human sorrow. Having obtained help of God he had continued unto this day proclaiming it to small and great, and his devout aspiration was that in the future he might set it forth with more fulness, faithfulness and fervour than ever he had done in the past. He then reviewed the changes which had taken place in the congregation, in the churches of the town and throughout the Presbytery. He exhibited from the pulpit the call put in his hands twenty-five years ago, remarking that of that long list of names only thirty now remained. The present membership of Knox Church is about 360; the additions since April 19, 1860, amount to 766, and of these over 300 have come into the full fellowship of the Church by profession of faith under Mr. McMullen's ministry, and the number of baptisms during his pastorate has been 452. His closing appeal to those who had not yet professed faith in the Saviour will not soon be forgotten.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—The Presbytery of Sarnia met at Hamilton by leave of the Synod and was constituted. *Inter alia*, a communication from the London Presbytery, intimating certain action in regard to East Williams congregation, was considered. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed that the Presbytery of Sarnia, having received an intimation from the Presbytery of London that East Williams congregation had asked leave to moderate in a call, and had also asked assistance to maintain ordinances there, the Presbytery, in view of the fact that East Williams lies contiguous to another congregation asking augmentation funds, express the conviction that to settle East Williams at the present time would be an unnecessary and unwise expenditure of Church funds. The Presbytery of Sarnia recommended that the Presbytery of London continue to give such supply as East Williams may be able to pay for, and leave it to time and Providence to shape the future course to be pursued in that section. In accordance with the above, this Presbytery agree to appoint a deputation to meet a deputation from the London Presbytery to visit the congregation, with the view of having matters amicably arranged in that field.—GEO. CUTHBERTSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery held its quarterly meeting on the second Tuesday in March. The attendance of members was good. Reports were given in the matter of Augmentation by the following brethren: Rev. Messrs. Sutherland, Johnston, Urquhart, McDonald and Hall in favour of Wallacestown, Ailsa Craig, Argyle Church, Port Stanley and London East. Mr. McConnell reported that he had preached in Glencoe and declared the union of St. Andrew's and Knox Church congregations consummated according to appointment; the report was received. A deputation, consisting of the Moderator and Clerk, was appointed to visit Dunwich in connection with ministerial support. Commissioners were appointed to next General Assembly in accordance with a new scheme providing for sending both the lay and clerical representatives by rotation. The following are appointed for this year: Messrs. McKinnon, G. Sutherland, J. Rennie, I. Milloy, J. L. Cameron and Munro, ministers; J. B. Shipley, Alex. Cameron, Peter Cavan, John Scott, Alex. Wood and Arch. McGrady, elders. A petition from Williams was presented by Mr. W. R. Sutherland, embodying a subscription list for supporting ordinances, and requesting leave to moderate in a call, and also that the Presbytery apply for a grant from the Augmentation Fund. The petition was favourably entertained, and a motion duly made. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Presbytery of Sarnia in order to secure their co-operation in arranging for the future supply of that field. A call from London South to Mr. James Ballantyne, licentiate, was laid on the table. Mr. Murray. The call was sustained and put into Mr. Ballantyne's hands, who signified his acceptance. The ordination and induction was appointed to take place in London South Church, on the evening of the 7th April. At an adjourned meeting of Presbytery on the same day, Mr. W. R. Sutherland intimated his desire to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and requested the Presbytery to make application to the General Assembly for leave to do so, and also for a retiring allowance from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. Mr. Sutherland's request was granted. Mr. Ball gave in the Report of the Committee on Remit on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The Presbytery agreed to approve of the recommendations of the Assembly's committee on the subject. The Presbytery agreed to make application to the next General Assembly on behalf of Mr. Robbins, a minister of the Canada Methodist Church, to be received as a minister of this Church. Mr. Alexander Henderson read the report on the Sabbath schools within the bounds. The report was received and ordered to be transmitted to Convener of Synod's Committee on the subject. The Home Mission Report was given in by Mr. Rennie, the same was received, and Mr. Rennie authorized to make application for the amount specified to the Augmentation Fund Committee. It was agreed to give supply to Tempo in accordance with the wish of the people there on the report of the brethren appointed to confer with them. The next regular meeting was appointed for the 2nd Tuesday of July in First Presbyterian Church, London, at eleven o'clock, a.m.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, *Pres. Clerk*.

MONTREAL NOTES.

THE induction of the Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., as pastor of Erskine Church, takes place on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., and on the following evening a welcome social is to be held, to which the office-bearers of the congregation have invited a number of friends from the other city churches. The managers have recently expended a considerable sum in re-painting and frescoing the lecture-room, vestry, etc., and the church has been much improved thereby.

A COMMITTEE has been formed, with Rev. Prof. Scrimgeour as chairman, to arrange for the accommodation of the met-