

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. T. G. Thomson, late of Vancouver, is supplying the pulpit of Waterdown Presbyterian Church with great acceptance.

BEFORE leaving Thorold for Fiddan the Rev. C. D. McDonald, B.D., was entertained at a social, and was presented with a well filled purse and an affectionate and appreciative address, to which he made a fitting and happy reply.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Dr. Reid has received from Miss Mary McEwen, executrix of the last will of the late Mrs. Catherine McEwen, of Exeter, the sum of \$7,215, viz for French Evangelization, \$500; and the remainder for the Foreign Mission Fund.

THE debt on Knox Church property, Mitchell, has been completely wiped out. Since Rev. Mr. Tully became pastor of the church nearly \$7,000 has been collected, besides the regular expenses of the church. A new church edifice is to be built.

THE Rev. Mr. Doudiet, of Montreal, delivered an interesting lecture in the Meaford Presbyterian Church lately. Mr. Doudiet is engaged in the work of French Evangelization, and his object in his present lecturing tour is to enlist the sympathy and raise funds for the work.

ON Wednesday last a congregational meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Regina, for the purpose of extending a call to a pastor. It was decided unanimously to invite Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of Columbus, Ont., offering him a salary of \$1,500 and manse.

THE handsome new building of St. John's Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Emerald and King Streets, Hamilton, will be opened on Sunday, April 27. The dedicatory services will be conducted by Principal Caven, of Knox College, Toronto. The interior of the church is rapidly nearing completion, and the upholsterers are busily engaged putting in carpets and cushioning the pews.

THE *Chronicle* says the committee appointed to solicit subscriptions towards building a new St. Andrew's Church in Arnprior have met with considerable success in their canvass, having already an amount of over \$9,000 subscribed. It is thought that to provide such as will meet the requirements of the congregation will cost about \$14,000 or \$15,000, and from the liberal start made on the subscription list there should be no difficulty in securing the balance needed.

A MEETING of the Chatham Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian Church, Blenheim, on Tuesday week. Rev. D. Currie was named as Moderator of the Dresden Church. With regard to the Blenheim congregation, it was agreed, on the suggestion of Rev. Mr. McRobbie, that owing to Rev. Mr. Waddell's precarious state of health, no further action would be taken until the regular meeting at Chatham on the second Tuesday in March. Rev. Mr. McRobbie was appointed, in conjunction with elders and managing committee, to secure a pulpit supply in the meantime.

THE usual fortnightly meeting of Knox Church Young People's Christian Association was held last Friday evening, and was largely attended. Readings were given by Miss McGaw and Mr. W. McDougal. The feature of the evening was a debate on the subject "Should Pew Rents be Abolished." The affirmative was ably supported by Messrs. W. J. Greig, M.D., and J. Knowles Jr., and the negative in a similar manner by Messrs. E. W. Maas and McDougal. The affirmative, however, on a vote being taken, were awarded the palm of victory. During intermission refreshments were provided by the ladies.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Kingston Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, Wednesday week. Mrs. D. Ross, President, Kingston, presided. The following officers were elected: Mrs. D. Ross, Kingston, president; Mrs. William Byers, Gananoque, first vice-president; Mrs. R. Taonahill, Belleville, second vice-president; Mrs. McCaulay, Monro Road, third vice-president; Mrs. Sinclair, Madoc, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Coulthard, Picton, fifth vice-president; Miss L. F. Fowler, Kingston, secretary; Mrs. Clark, Hamilton, treasurer; Miss Fowler was appointed delegate to the General Society to meet Hamilton April 9 and 10.

THE annual missionary meeting of Knox Church, Woodstock, was held last week. An excellent address was given by Rev. A. B. Winchester, returned missionary from China. The report of the Missionary Association showed that \$448.30 had been collected. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported \$185; the Young Ladies' Mission Band, \$143; the Morning Star Mission Band, \$50; the Sabbath school, \$180; and the Bible class, \$47. Total on hand for the schemes of the church, \$1,053.30. A contribution by envelope for the Augmentation Fund is yet to be taken up. After a brief address by Dr. McMullen on Home Mission work and the Augmentation Fund, the appropriations were made, thanks given to the officers and committee, and on motion of Mr. George A. Pyper they were re-appointed.

THE *Montreal Gazette* says: In some of the Presbyterian churches on Sunday week, Rev. Mr. Burns and Mr. Macdonald, of Toronto, who are visiting the city in connection with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, made an appeal in behalf of the fund. They stated that what was desired was to raise an annuity of \$350 for each aged minister. The amount required to allow of this would with the collections, be a capital sum of \$200,000, and it was proposed to raise that amount by instalments extending over three years. At present there were sixty-seven annuitants, none of whose salaries had been high; in fact, some of them never received more than \$600 a year. It was desired to put retiring ministers in a position of comfort at the age of seventy, or earlier if they were infirm. In Toronto a sum of \$30,000 had already been subscribed by about one half of the congregations, and it was proposed to raise a like amount in Montreal.

THE last annual meeting of the Knox College Missionary Society for the present term was held last week. The business consisted of reading reports, discussion of fields for summer work, and the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following are the fields and the students who have been appointed to them: Manitoba and the North-West—Caird, Mr. William Gould, B.A.; Long-lakston, Mr. W. H. Grant, B.A.; Sydney, Mr. John R. Sinclair, B.A. Ontario—Lanark, Mr. W. T. Hall; Kilworth, Mr. C. Tough; Kagawong, Mr. G. S. Scott; Franklin, Mr. W. R. MacIntosh; Chisholm, Mr. A. E. Hannabson; French River, Mr. G. S. Johnston; Walford, Mr. W. H. Johnson; Goulais Bay, Mr. R. G. Munro; Bethune, Mr. A. E. Harrison; Wabash, Mr. J. S. Muldrew; Frank's Bay, Mr. J. Menzies; Black River, Mr. J. S. Davidson; View River, Mr. C. R. Williamson. The following officers were elected for the year 1890-91: Mr. T. H. Rogers, B.A., president; Mr. P. E. Nichol, first vice president; Mr. John R. Sinclair, B.A., second vice-president; Mr. A. Stevenson, B.A., recording secretary; Mr. H. R. Horne, corresponding secretary; Mr. W. H. Johnson, treasurer; Mr. W. R. MacIntosh, secretary of committees; Messrs. W. H. Grant, B.A., G. W. Logie, C. Tough, G. L. Johnston, J. Menzies, councillors.

THE sacred concert in connection with the anniversary services of Carmel Presbyterian Church was held in that church recently. There was a large audience, the church being full. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Cook, of Hensall, followed by an address by the pastor and chairman, Rev. J. S. Henderson; short, witty and instructive addresses were also given by Rev. A. D. McDonald, of Seaford, and Rev. G. Cuthbertson, of Wyoming, Ontario. The Seaford Quartette Club delighted the audience with some excellent music. The Exeter Quartette Club also gave a good account of themselves. Miss Sands and Miss Williams, of Goderich,

amused the audience by some good recitations. Mrs. Cook, of Hensall, sang a solo very sweetly, and the duet by Messrs. Stone-man and Brown was also well rendered and received. The solos by Messrs. Hamilton and Willis, of Seaford, were excellent, and the duet by Messrs. D. McDonald and W. Willis, of Seaford, was greatly appreciated. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to about \$150. The anniversary sermons on the previous Sabbath were preached by the Rev. George Cuthbertson, of Wyoming. The congregations were large at both services, and all were deeply interested in the excellent discourses of Mr. Cuthbertson. The anniversary services throughout were very successful, and the good people of Carmel Church are to be congratulated on having so successfully and pleasantly passed another milestone in their existence.

THE *Hamilton Times* says: The Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., of Centenary Methodist Church, conducted divine service in McNab Street Presbyterian Church recently. He preached an excellent sermon from Genesis xxii. 24-26. Speaking of prayer, he said it was natural for all men to pray when they were in trouble. He instanced Voltaire, who, when he was in trouble, invoked the name of Jesus Christ, whom he had previously cursed. Many people in trouble foolishly and short-sightedly betook themselves to liquor, suicide, etc., to get the wished-for relief instead of taking Jacob's plan, namely, prayer. At the conclusion of the sermon (Rev. Mr. Ross having retired to till an engagement elsewhere), whilst welcoming new members, Rev. Dr. Fletcher referred to the fact of Rev. Dr. John Scott and Rev. James Black having made MacNab Street Church their religious home. They had both taken part in the induction services of the first pastor of the congregation, the late Rev. Dr. Inglis, and both pastor and congregation were all right glad to have the benefit of their presence now. Rev. James Black then pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Ross, of Brucefield, writes: The response received in answer to the appeal on behalf of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission has been most encouraging. We have now over 4,000 copies of each leaflet out; but we would very much like that that figure should yet be doubled. Some weeks more have been allowed to us and we earnestly invite further applications for leaflets. Are there not many Sabbath school superintendents much interested in the school? A hundred or more leaflets and envelopes scattered one Sabbath by means of the school, the envelopes to be brought back the next Sabbath; this plan would take little time and little trouble and would give the opportunity to help to the very homes that would be most pleased to give it. Just try it and see if it does not warm the people's hearts, and have them all the more ready for the next general French collection when it comes. Most hearty thanks to those who from all quarters have so kindly responded already. But are there not many—very many—more earnest Christian women who can each send for a dozen? If you only knew what a pleasure it is to put them up and send them off I am sure it would help you to hurry up and write the little card that would carry your address.

NEARLY every member of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B.C., attended the meeting last week to choose a minister to whom they would extend a call to the pastorate. Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., as Moderator of Session, presided. A lengthy discussion as to the merits of the two gentlemen whose names were submitted took place. On a standing vote of the members it was resolved to extend a call to Rev. T. Chalmers Jack, of Maitland, N.S. The call was then made out, but in consequence of the managers being unable to fill in the guarantee of stipend the meeting was adjourned for two weeks. Rev. Mr. Jack, says the *Vancouver World*, is a medalist and Master of Arts of the University of New Brunswick, of which province he is a native, his father before him being a faithful servant of the Master in the ministry of the Church. He is a gentleman of the widest education, the highest attainments and his Christian life and character are known of all men. He is beloved by the young people, over whom he has great control, directing them in the paths of rectitude. As a pulpit orator he possesses great force, and his language is the purest Anglo-Saxon. He is known to many in this city outside of the Presbyterian congregations who hope that Mr. Jack will see his way clear to accepting the call. Should he do so the First Presbyterian will have reason to congratulate itself, for Mr. Jack will surely raise it to a high place among the sister churches, and exert a most benign influence upon the community in general.

THE *Calgary Herald* says: News came in this morning of the death last night at Medicine Hat of Rev. James Herald, the esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian Church of that town. The deceased clergyman was a native of Scotland, and was ordained a minister in 1857. He was for many years in charge of the Old Kirk congregation in Dundas, Ont., whence he removed to Port Arthur, and came in the winter of 1885-86 to Medicine Hat. Lately his health has been far from good, and this winter he suffered from a severe attack of influenza, of which he had a relapse some weeks ago, resulting in his decease last night, at the age of sixty-six years. His late visit to this town—a flying trip to the mountains excepted—was in September of last year, for attendance at the meeting of the Presbytery of Calgary, of which court he was an active and much-respected member. Many friends here and throughout Alberta were warmly attached to him, and the deepest sympathy is felt for the bereaved widow and relatives. The Presbytery of Calgary met on March 5. A gloom was thrown over the court as a telegram was handed in and read announcing the death of Rev. James Herald, one of the first Moderators of the Presbytery, and the much-esteemed pastor of the Medicine Hat congregation. At the last regular meeting of the Presbytery Mr. Herald had taken an active and leading part, and arrangements had been previously made for inducing him into the full pastorate, according to the usages of the denomination immediately at the close of this present meeting of the court. Mr. Herald will be greatly missed by the brethren and in Presbyterian circles generally. Telegrams of condolence with the widow and congregation were at once despatched.

ON the 18th inst., at Round Lake Mission to the Indians, White-wood, Rev. B. Jones, late also respectively of Drayton, Owen Sound and Manitowaning, etc.,—passed gently and peacefully to his eternal rest, at 10.30 a.m., most deeply lamented by all, and it was a most pleasing sight indeed to see the Indians coming in all day long to look at the body of him "who had gone before" and kissing it before being screwed down and their sitting and condoling with Mrs. Jones. Who will not love the poor Indians after this? He continued to the last as he had always laboured to be—a man sterling and unflinching in his integrity, equity with and to all being his great forte, and this was the secret of his great, quiet and unostentatious but powerful influence which he exercised upon all with whom he came in contact, and the following resolution, passed on the day of his death, is but one of the many official testimonies borne to his worth: At White-wood, within the church there on Tuesday, the 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1890, the Presbytery met and was constituted. Sederunt *et inter alia*: The Presbytery having on assembling heard of the death of Mr. Jones unanimously pass the following resolution: The Presbytery of Regina hereby expresses its sorrow at the loss sustained by the death of Mr. Benjamin Jones, of Round Lake. It would put on record its appreciation of his faithful and untiring labours as a missionary during the past ten years. It would mark its high estimate of his missionary character and unostentatious service, especially in the interests of the Indian Mission at Round Lake. It would hereby also desire to convey to Mrs. Jones and relatives its sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement and would pray that our Father who is a Husband to the widow and the God of all consolation may sustain in the day of trial and be a God and a Guide even unto death. It was further agreed that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Jones.

AFTER giving an account of the death and arrangements made for the interment of the late Rev. James Herald, the *Medicine Hat Times* says: Deceased was a native of Kilmuir, Scotland, where he was born on September 12th, 1824. He received his literary and theological training at Marischal College, Aberdeen, where he was a distinguished student. At the age of thirty-four he was appointed to the Presbytery of Montreal, and with his wife emigrated to Canada the same year. The following year he was inducted as pastor of Dundas Presbyterian Church, where he laboured with such unremitting zeal in His Master's cause that in 1876 he was compelled, owing to failing health, to give up regular preaching. For the four succeeding years he had no regular charge, but they were by no means years of idleness, as during that time he frequently allowed his overworked brother ministers to enjoy a holiday by taking their pulpits for one or more Sundays. In 1880 he took charge of Port Arthur and Fort William mission stations. It was during the five years that he worked in this field that he collected the greater portion of the money which built St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at Port Arthur, a church which is one of the ornaments of that town. In performing this truly meritorious work, which he did in connection with his usual missionary services, he travelled on foot, and by sled and other primitive conveyances, many hundreds of miles through the wilds of the north shore of Lake Superior, visiting at regular intervals all the construction camps within his large missionary field. In 1885 he was appointed to the mission station, where he has since laboured with zeal befitting the work to which he devoted his life. He was to have been inducted as regular minister this week and his stipend augmented. In the summer of 1887 he visited Scotland for the purpose of raising funds to build a church here. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the town and was respected by all classes of citizens.

A LARGE audience assembled in the lecture room of Knox Church, Toronto, on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., to hear what proved to be a very interesting and instructive lecture on India, illustrated by stereoscopic views, by the Rev. Mr. Wilkie. The lecture was, if anything, a little too long, occupying about two hours in delivery; but, despite this small drawback, the interest was fully sustained throughout. After having exhibited a portrait of a native priest, the lecturer explained that some persons in Christian lands thought in order to reach the natives with greater ease and unfold to them the Gospel truth, that the missionaries should dress and live in every way like the men with whom they came in contact. This, he explained to the audience, was simply impossible, as was amply demonstrated by the hideous picture before them. Missionaries went to the foreign field knowing that they would have to sacrifice their comfort and suffer many trials in the propagation of the Gospel of liberty and truth; but they were not prepared to throw away their civilization or their manhood. Disclaiming any feelings of bitterness in the matter, for he had none, the lecturer further explained that the Salvation Army had adopted this plan, going about in dresses similar to those worn by the native holy men. In one instance they had adopted the dress worn by a class of the most degraded and licentious priests in India, and instead of thereby being able to approach the people with greater freedom, they were almost entirely shunned by the inhabitants as representing a class of men too degraded to be associated with. By many other admirable illustrations he disposed of erroneous views held by many Christians. The lecture will doubtless have the effect of stimulating the missionary spirit in all those who had the pleasure of hearing it.

THE first annual meeting of the Owen Sound Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Owen Sound on the 25th of February. The business sessions were held in Division Street Hall, and a public meeting in the evening in Knox Church. The Auxiliaries were fully represented. At the morning session much routine business was done, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Rogers, Desboro', president; Mrs. Somerville, Owen Sound, and the presidents of all the auxiliaries, vice-presidents; Mrs. Fraser, Annapolis, secretary; and Miss McDowell, Owen Sound, treasurer. The afternoon session was opened by Mrs. Caton, of Owen Sound, reading the Scriptures, and Mrs. McLennan, Sydenham, leading in prayer. Mrs. Somerville welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. Magee, Daywood, responded on their behalf. Mrs. McAlpine, Chatsworth, read an admirable paper on "The Spirit of Our Work." Very satisfactory reports were read by the secretary and treasurer, showing an increase of six auxiliaries since last year, and 500 pounds of clothing, 100 of which was new, sent to the Indians on File Hills Reserve. The total contribution to the general fund was \$179.84—a slight advance on last year. Notices of motion given at the last annual meeting of the General Society were fully discussed. The printing of abstracts of reports of auxiliaries in the annual report was approved. No decision was come to as to the basis of representation of auxiliaries. The proposed change in the constitution so as to include work for women and children in other as well as heathen lands was rejected unanimously. Representatives from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Methodist and Baptist churches of Owen Sound addressed the meeting, on the work in which their societies were engaged. Luncheon and tea for all the delegates were served in the hall by the ladies of Division Street congregation, whose generous hospitality was highly appreciated. At the public meeting in the evening Mr. Waits, the pastor of Knox Church, presided. The programme comprised addresses by Mr. McLean, Moderator of Presbytery, and Mrs. Rogers; a paper by Miss McDowell, and a few pointed remarks in conclusion by Mr. Somerville. The choir of the church furnished appropriate music. The society is greatly encouraged by the success of their first annual meeting.

THE *Rideau Record* says: Although it was cold and unpleasant last Thursday night, there was a good audience in St. Andrew's school room to hear the Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, give a lecture under the auspices of the S. and L. A. Mr. Scott was an Ontario delegate to the Young Men's Christian Association Convention held in Stockholm, Sweden, over a year ago, and gave his hearers the benefit of his trip there as well as to many other places. He first took his audience with him to Quebec, where he joined some friends and boarded the Sarmatian, bound for Liverpool, explaining the voyage for every day, until they arrived at Liverpool, when train was at once taken for London. Mr. Scott went on to give a short description of London, mentioning going to Spurgeon's tabernacle where 6,000 people were spellbound for the time being with the voice of one man, and, said the speaker, the congregation are a plain people and Spurgeon is a plain man. He then proceeded to describe the different scenes and doings in that vast city, and the many places he visited. The ignorance of Londoners regarding Canada is simply unpardonable, said the speaker, and he quoted a few instances to prove his saying. He then left London and went on with his route, calling at Paisley, Glasgow in Scotland, leaving the port of Leith in a steamboat especially for the delegates, who were numerous, and from every country. He continued with his travels through Norway until he arrived at Bergen, the largest town in Norway, which was twice the size of Kingston, Ont. He mentioned also a special feature about this land. He said it was the land of the midnight sun, from the 14th of May till the end of July the sun is visible at midnight which is grand but awfully solemn. Then the journey for Scotland was made, where he spent a very pleasant and profitable time. The speaker went on to give some figures appertaining to the Young Men's Christian Association, after which he commenced his return journey to London thence back to Canada, thus giving the audience the pith of his travels in an interesting way and those who were there fully enjoyed it. A very nice programme of music was given by some of the members of the choir during the evening. A silver collection was taken up. Votes of thanks were given the speaker and singers and the meeting dispersed.