

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. J. Robbins has been preaching on the fallacies of the atheism of to-day.

THE Rev. R. P. MacKay has returned, and resumed his ministrations in Parkdale.

THE work of building the new Presbyterian Church at Rochester is to start immediately.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, is expected home this week.

THE Rev. Dr. Laidlaw resumed his ministerial work in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on Sabbath last.

THE Rev. R. J. Beattie, of Knox Church, Guelph, has returned home, and resumed his pastoral duties.

THE Rev. Mr. Duclos, Presbyterian minister, is establishing branches of the White Cross Army in the county of Pontiac.

MISS MCGREGOR, missionary from Central India, gave addresses in Knox Church, Ayr, last Thursday afternoon and evening.

A NEW Presbyterian congregation has been formed in the east end of Toronto. It is to be named the Independent Presbyterian Congregation.

REV. MR. PEATTIE, formerly of Claremont, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit, Cambridge, on Sabbath week, during the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. Cockburn.

THE members and adherents of Knox Church, Hamilton, are pleased that their worthy pastor, the Rev. Mungo Fraser, M.A., has returned from his summer vacation.

THE Rev. Robert Knowles, of Blakeney and Clayton, returning from an eleven weeks' trip to Europe, was heartily welcomed by his congregation, and presented with a purse of \$120.

PRINCIPAL GRANT, of Queen's University, preached in Toronto last Sabbath to crowded congregations in Old St. Andrew's in the morning, and in New St. Andrew's in the evening.

THE Knox College Missionary Band have held 258 meetings and given 332 addresses in nine Presbyteries of the West. Messrs. Goforth and D. McGillivray continue their labours during September.

THE Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Knox College, Toronto, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, on Sabbath week, and preached two able and practical sermons, which were highly appreciated by the congregation.

THE Rev. Dr. Smith, formerly of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., now of Wasau, Wis., preached on the morning of Sabbath week in St. John Church in that city, and to his former congregation in the evening.

PROFESSOR DRUMMOND, of Edinburgh, has been visiting Montreal and neighbourhood, before making a run through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He speaks in complimentary terms of the Canadian system of education.

AN Albany exchange says that the Rev. John James, D.D., a former pastor of the State Street Presbyterian Church, and now at Walkerton, Ont., preached able sermons to large audiences recently at his old church in the State capital.

THE Rev. Dr. Ormiston preached in the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on Sabbath week. His evening discourse partook of the nature of a farewell, and was most touching. The congregations were large, both morning and evening.

THE Rev. James Black conducted the open-air Gospel and song meeting on The Gore, Hamilton, on Sabbath week, choosing as his Bible lesson Luke xiv., and then speaking very impressively upon the righteousness of Christ, the blessings of salvation and sanctification.

A SUNDAY School Convention in connection with the Presbytery of Brockville will be held at Kempsville on Wednesday, September 14. A number of addresses will be delivered, among others one by Rev. A. McGillivray, of Brockville, on "Aims and Aids in Teaching."

THE Rev. Dr. Ormiston of New York, preached vigorous and rousing sermons in Toronto last Sabbath. In the morning he occupied the pulpit of St. James Square Church, and in the evening he preached to a crowded congregation in connection with the reopening services of Cooke's Church.

THE Rev. R. H. Abraham, of Burlington, who not long ago declined a call to Niagara Falls, has decided to decline also the offer of a professorship in Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa. Mr. Abraham will remain with his congregation at Burlington, much to the satisfaction of his people.

THE Rev. W. C. Van Meter, superintendent of the Italian Bible Mission, Rome, addressed the congregation of Calvin Presbyterian Church at their preparatory service on Friday evening. He also addressed the Ministerial Association at the rooms of the Y.M.C.A., on Monday, September 5.

THE Rev. John McGillivray has returned from South Harpville, Maine, where he spent his vacation, and has resumed his labours in Melville Church, Montreal. During his vacation the pulpit of Melville Church was supplied by his brother, Rev. Donald McGillivray, of the Missionary Band.

THE Rev. Mr. Gordon, Presbyterian minister, had a narrow escape while passing through Katapene, in the North-West, lately. His horse got unmanageable, and was brought to a standstill by running into a wire fence. Mr. Gordon escaped unhurt, but the horse was badly cut, and the rig damaged considerably.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, Kingston, has lately received some valuable and interesting additions to its museum in the shape of stuffed animals, including a Polar bear, a car-

boon, some foxes, wolverines, etc. These have been sent by Robert Bell, M.D., F.G.S., C.E., and have come from the direction of Hudson's Bay.

ONE of the Hamilton papers states that the Rev. Mr. Goldsmith delivered a magnificent address at the Reform Mission in the Royal Templars' Hall on the afternoon of Sunday week. "Woman's Works and Woman's Rights" was his theme, and a more substantial, well thought-out argument would be difficult to produce.

PRINCIPAL KING has returned to Winnipeg from a visit to the Pacific Coast. He preached at several of the churches while out West. The Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, who was on his way to British Columbia, was seized with a sudden chill. He returned with Dr. King, and was his guest till able to begin his journey for home.

THE Presbyteries of Winnipeg, Rock Lake, Brandon, Regina and Calgary are desirous of securing the services of student catechists for a year. The engagement will begin with October or earlier, and a missionary will be paid for a year \$600 and travelling expenses to the field. Applicants may communicate with the Rev. James Robertson, Winnipeg.

THE Sunday School of the Hespeler Presbyterian Church held their annual picnic lately, on the grounds of Mr. John Dickie, Puslinch. The party left the village early in the afternoon, and among others, in addition to the teachers, were the pastor of the church, the Rev. Mr. Haigh and his wife. A very good time was enjoyed by all those attending.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in Elma Centre Presbyterian Church, on Sabbath last. Rev. John Ross, B.A., of Brussels, preached morning and evening. On Monday evening the annual soiree was held, when addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. John Ross, Brussels; J. Ferguson, Atwood; D. Dack, Listowel; and A. Stephenson, Molesworth.

IN the absence of the pastor of MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. H. Fletcher, who is at present away on his vacation, Rev. Mr. Black, late of Caledonia, conducted divine service on Sabbath week in the school room, as the main building is undergoing alteration. Mr. Black also officiated in the same place on the previous Sabbath very acceptably.

BY request, the Rev. David Mitchell, of Jersey City, N. J., preached a memorial service, having reference to the Rev. Hugh Rose, late pastor of Knox Church, Elora, on Sabbath last, in Knox Church. The two Churches—Chalmers and the Methodist—were closed, and the congregations of both joined with Knox Church in this commemoration.

THE congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Point Edward, presented Mr. W. Bryce with an address, accompanied by a handsome gold watch, in recognition of his services in connection with the church. The presentation was made at the close of the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, in the presence of a large number of the congregation. Mr. Bryce made a suitable and feeling reply.

THE Rev. J. S. Black, formerly of Erskine Church, Montreal, is meeting with great success in his work at Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he is now settled. His congregation has a membership of 212, and has so much increased as to render necessary a new church building. The revenue last year reached \$19,400, of which \$7,069 were for congregational and \$12,330 for benevolent purposes.

THE Rev. Mr. Neil, pastor of Charles Street congregation, resumed his place in the pulpit on Sabbath last in renewed vigour, after a vacation pleasantly spent on the Maganatewan and in Muskoka. During his absence his pulpit was acceptably filled by Rev. E. J. Hamilton, D.D., Professor of Mental Science in Hamilton College, New York, who is eldest son of the late Rev. Dr. William Hamilton of this city.

THE Knox Church, Binbrook, Christian Temperance Society gave a tea meeting and concert in the drill shed on Tuesday evening week, which was a grand success. Rev. W. P. Walker, pastor of the church, occupied the chair. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music. Speeches of a practical and instructive nature were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Rees, Blackheath; Mooney, Port Hope, and S. G. Harris, Binbrook.

THE Rev. D. L. McCrae, the highly esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, the *World* of that town says, has left to enjoy the sea and sunshine of the Pacific slope. After visiting Denver, Colorado Springs and San Francisco, he intends to spend two or three weeks at Santa Fe, an old Spanish Mexican town, and the present capital of the Territory of New Mexico, built high up among the Rocky Mountains, on a plateau 7,047 feet above sea level.

THE Rev. Dr. Archibald, of St. Thomas, Ont., preached in the First Presbyterian congregation, Truro. A Maritime Province exchange says: Dr. Archibald, who is a native of Truro, is pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas, a congregation of upward of 300 families. St. Thomas is a city of about 12,000 inhabitants, and a railway centre. We are glad to see him in our midst, and to know that he is in the enjoyment of good health and enjoys his congregational work.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Midhurst, was formally opened on Sunday week. Sermons were preached respectively by the Revs. Messrs. Cochrane, McLeod and Sturgeon. On Monday afternoon a picnic was held on the grounds adjoining the church, where addresses were delivered by the chairman, Mr. Charles Drury, M.P.P., and Revs. Messrs. Cochrane, McLeod, Sturgeon, Trollope, Cosgrove and others. In the evening there was an entertainment in the church, when a programme of addresses, vocal and instrumental music, etc., was furnished.

THE *Daily Telegraph* of Alton, Illinois, says that the Rev. Dr. Wolff, who lately preached so acceptably in the Central Church here for a few Sabbaths, delivered a very entertaining and instructive lecture at the Presbyterian Church last evening on "Impressions of Canada," with special

reference to historic Quebec. There was a large and appreciative audience present, and the eloquent effort was listened to with profound attention, and has received unstinted commendation.

IN Belleville an evangelical and undenominational mission has been established in a necessitous part of the city. The friends who are engaged in this work are desirous of promoting Sabbath school work. Congregations and Sabbath schools might aid them by giving library books to which they themselves have no further use, for the purpose of forming a library for the mission school. Any such donations will be gladly received, and may be sent to Mr. W. E. Holton, Belleville, Ontario.

ON a recent Sabbath morning the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro', assembled for worship as usual, but no services were held. The pastor, Rev. A. Bell, was suddenly seized with illness and could not conduct the services. The congregation distributed themselves among the other Churches, a large number attending St. Paul's, where Mr. Duncan, a student of Knox College, preached. Rev. Mr. Bell's illness, it is gratifying to announce, was only of a temporary nature and he has recovered.

MR. A. E. JEWETT, Science and Mathematical Master of Campbellford High School, was married last week to Miss Carrie Smith, eldest daughter of the late Mr. W. J. Smith. The ceremony took place in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, the pastor officiating. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Rev. Dr. McTavish, on behalf of the trustees of the church, presented Mrs. Jewett with a handsome family Bible and hymn book, in keeping with the time honoured custom that the first couple married in a church after its erection should be so complimented.

It is announced that Professor Bryce has again gone West. He expects to visit one or two Indian reserves on his way, and then go through to the Pacific Coast. The Presbytery of Columbia meets on September 7, and he expects to be present, then he will return to be at the meeting of the Regina Presbytery, Sept. 14. He will visit Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, and will hold anniversary services at Moosejaw, Sept. 18. In all probability several lectures will be interspersed here and there as time permits. It will require all his time to fulfil these engagements, and get back for the re-opening of the College for the winter.

FOR the past month or so the congregation of Chalmers Church, Guelph, have worshipped in the City Hall, to the loss of having the interior of the fine and substantial edifice repainted and otherwise improved. The interior altogether presents a very fine appearance, and is in marked contrast with the former unadorned walls. The basement is also painted to match the church. The reopening of the church and the anniversary services took place on Sabbath. The Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., conducted the service morning and evening. On Monday evening an interesting social was held. Dr. Cochrane and others delivered addresses.

THE St. John, N. B., *Telegraph* states that the Rev. John Allison, D.D., who, thirty years ago, was the beloved pastor of Centenary Church, and who is now stationed at a Presbyterian congregation at St. Paul, Minn., was heard at St. David's Church on Sabbath morning week. While Dr. Allison has aged in the many years which have elapsed since he called St. John his home, the flight of time has not dimmed the vigour of his spirit, nor impaired the brilliancy of his discourse. A large congregation listened with the closest attention to the scholarly and eloquent sermons which he preached from John iii. 30—"He must increase, but I must decrease."

THE Winnipeg *Free Press* states that the Rev. Dr. Bryce, while absent from the city, received a letter from Captain Thomas Hope, intimating his intention of visiting Winnipeg, and he very much regrets having been unable to meet the gentleman when he was in Winnipeg last week before leaving for the Pacific Coast. Captain Hope is the son of the Hon. Charles Hope, and his mother is Lady Isabella Hope, daughter of the Earl of Selkirk, the founder of the colony. Captain Hope is named after the earl, and is his grandson, and he is perhaps the first descendant of Lord Selkirk who has visited this colony, of which, he says, he has heard so much of all his life.

ON a recent Sunday evening, instead of the usual sermon in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, Mr. Malcheff, a native of Bulgaria, spoke, giving an interesting account of that country and Macedonia, their extent, features, manners, customs, religion, etc. Macedonia is the country which St. Paul was directed in a vision, and Rev. Mr. Burnfield, in introducing Mr. Malcheff, referred to that fact, and pointed out that as Macedonia had the light while our forefathers were in heathen darkness, now that the position is in a measure reversed, it behooves us to do what we can for its enlightenment. He spoke in high terms of Mr. Malcheff, who is studying at Hamilton College with a view to engaging in missionary work among his countrymen.

A VERY happy meeting was held in the Presbyterian Mission on Duchesne Street on the evening of Tuesday week. It was the occasion of a farewell to Rev. James Argo, who has been so successful in his work as missionary in this place during the last three and a half years. Two addresses were presented to Mr. Argo; accompanying one from the scholars and members of the Bible class was a beautifully covered study chair, and accompanying the address from the teachers and visitors of the mission was a valuable present of fourteen handsome volumes, including the full set of Matthew Henry's Commentary and other theological works. Rev. H. M. Parsons and others made feeling addresses. Mr. Argo, in leaving to become the pastor of the Normal and Union congregations, carries with him the prayers and best wishes of those associated with him in his work on Duchesne Street and of many friends in the city.

THE *Galt Reformer* says: Rev. Dr. Jardine, who laboured for several years with distinguished success as a missionary in Calcutta, India, and who has recently been appointed by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church