

British and Foreign.

Ottawa.

The first Sunday in the month is "Mission Sunday" in Erskine Sabbath School. The collection last Sabbath was over \$7.00.

At a meeting of young people at the mission hall a mission band was organized in connection with Erskine church, and 45 members were enrolled.

A congregational social will be held in the Glebe church on Tuesday, April 23rd. The affair is for the purpose of bringing about more sociability among the members of the congregation.

Owing to Rev. Mr. Milne suffering from a sore throat, Mr. Blair occupied the pulpit at last Sabbath morning's service in the Glebe church. In the evening Rev. Mr. Milne preached another sermon in his series on Pilgrim's Progress.

Special services have been carried on in Erskine Church during the past two weeks. The Pastor conducting the services and preaching every night. Much interest was aroused as was evidenced by the large audiences every night, and the number who signed cards expressing a desire to lead a Christian life. So far the Pastor has received 27 names.

Last Sunday, Revs. W. Timberlake of the McLeod street Methodist church and R. Herbison of Stewarton exchanged pulpits at the forenoon service. Mr. Timberlake's able sermon was highly appreciated by the Stewarton people. In the evening Mr. Herbison preached on "The Glory of Womanhood." The discourse was a fine effort and his tribute to godly mothers particularly effective. On Wednesday evening the two churches are to have a union prayer meeting. This drawing closer together of the churches of Christ is most gratifying and very much to that spirit of good will and brotherly love which should permeate the followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene.

At the last monthly meeting of the Bible Society there was a large attendance. There were present Mr. Geo. Hay, president; Rev. Dr. Armstrong, corresponding secretary, and about forty ministers and laymen, friends and workers of the Society. Nearly 40 applications had been received for the position vacant through the death of the late Rev. J. C. Campbell, and a committee was named to take these into consideration. The appointment of speakers at the next annual meeting, in St. Andrew's church, was also discussed, and the following were agreed upon: The Rev. Hugh Pouley of Montreal, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, Ottawa, and the Rev. S. Goldworth Bland, Eastern Methodist church, Ottawa. The prospects for a good meeting are excellent.

A week ago, last Sunday the quarterly communion was observed at Stewarton Church, the minister, Rev. R. Herbison, being assisted thereat by his predecessor in the pastorate, Rev. R. E. Knowles, B. A.; of Knox Church, Galt. Fourteen were added to the church. Mr. Knowles preached with much power to very large congregations at both the forenoon and evening services. On the Monday following, he delivered his popular lecture "Secrets of Scotch Success" under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, it being a downpour of rain, the Church was filled to the doors, and a gratifying amount of money was realized for the church funds. The lecture was a masterpiece of brilliant rhetoric, full of life and poetry, humor and pathos, yet all perfectly blended in perfect harmony. Again and again, during the delivery of the lecture, Mr. Knowles was applauded, and the bursts of laughter or the tears that would come showed the absolute control he had of his delighted and enthusiastic audience. Seldom has one the privilege of having such an intellectual treat and Mr. Knowles may be assured a very cordial welcome from his former parishioners and many Ottawa friends whenever he visits the Capital.

The death is announced of Rev. John McNabb at the age of 61 years. Deceased was compelled to abandon active work of the ministry, but although a martyr to the pains of rheumatism for many years discharged the duties of Clerk of Maitland Presbytery with rare faithfulness up to within a few weeks of his death. Mr. McNabb was a graduate of Knox College; was a preacher of more than average excellence and his pastorates at Beaverton, Little Britain, Man, and Lucknow were fruitful of much good to his people. His sorrowing widow and relatives will have the sympathy of many friends in this sore bereavement.

The New York Presbytery voted against the revision of the Creed.

Wick is supporting the Bill to prevent the sale of liquor to children.

The Uganda railway is now open to within 65 miles of Victoria Nyanza.

Dunfermline has resolved to try a public-house on the Gothenburg system.

Rev. Mr. Dickie, Coarbridge, has been elected minister of Wick Parish Church.

Rev. N. D. Mackay, Newtonmore, has been elected minister of the parish of Nigg.

In the five Commonwealth States of Australia there are some 12,500 miles of railway.

Sir Edwin Arnold, who has been sorely tried by a long illness, is now practically blind.

Rev. J. W. Mann, Langholm, has been elected minister of Shettleton United Free Church.

There were 6,951 persons apprehended for crime in Dundee last year, an increase of 1230.

The Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, M. P., is again to reside in St. Andrew's during the summer.

About Olan heather-burning is in full swing, and after nightfall some of the hills present quite a picturesque effect.

Rev. D. Cameron, Bridge of Allan, and wife have on their marriage been presented with handsome gifts by his congregation.

The Rev. Alex. Auld, Orlrig, has been asked by the Business Committee of the U. F. Church to accept the Moderatorship of the General Assembly.

On occasion of his semi-jubilee the other day the Rev. Dr. Fergus Ferguson, Queen's Park Church, Glasgow, was presented with a silver salver and £500.

Auctermuchty has a modern Samson. He lifted four gates off their hinges and left them on the roadway. He did it for fun, but had to pay 30s. for the caper.

Greenock United Free Church Presbytery have agreed to relieve Dr. Macmillan of the active duty of the ministry. He is to receive £230, and the colleague £450.

King Edward has become patron of the Aberdeen Society for the benefit of the children of deceased clergymen of the Church and Professors in the Universities of Scotland.

The first Christian Scientist Church in this city was organized in 1887, and the second four years later. To-day in New York City there are eight incorporated churches. In the United States there are six hundred.

George MacDonald's "Malcolm" has been brought within reach of the million, an excellent sixpenny edition of the story having just been published by Messrs. Newnes. It is 27 years since "Malcolm" was written.

Rev. Dr. John Paton's tour in Ireland has raised a wave of enthusiasm and zeal in the cause of missions. In the cities and towns the largest buildings were unable to contain the crowds that thronged to hear him.

Among the schemes which it is understood the King has in contemplation for adding luster to his reign is a great Exhibition in London. There has been no Exhibition in the capital of an international character for nearly forty years.

The National Bible Society of Scotland reports that its work goes on unimpeded in South China. During the past quarter 16,000 copies of Scriptures have been sold there; and at Peking the work of the Society has been resumed.

Under the ancient shadow of the ancient Abbey of Arbroath, where Bruce presided over the great assembly of nobles that defied the Pope, and where the author of "The Bruce" was born and reared, stands Saint Vigean's Chapel or Ease, or Inverbrothock R. C. Church.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, celebrated the other day her 53rd birthday and the 30th anniversary of her marriage with the Marquis of Lorne. Next to the Empress Frederick, Princess Louise is the most talented, as she is certainly the most popular, of the daughters of Queen Victoria.

The parlor social at the home of Mrs. S. G. Kitchen, St. George, was both interesting and beneficial. A collection was taken for the Indian missions amounting to \$10.00.

ing of a new century to present some statistics, covering the past 25 years, that can not fail to be of interest to the congregation. For example there were connected with the congregation in 1874 145 families and 258 communicants. In the intervening years 727 members were added to the roll. In that time 813 baptisms, 192 marriages and 407 deaths have been recorded in our registers. Of the last the greatest number occurred in 1887 when there were 25 deaths. The deaths last year were six the smallest number of any year. In each two years, namely, 1886 and 1887 there were thirteen marriages. In each of the years 1886 and 1888 there were two marriages. In the year 1877 there were 59 persons baptized and the smallest number to whom this rite was administered was 10 in 1892. At present there are 180 families and 501 communicants. The Board of Managers for the first time present a detailed list of subscriptions to Minister's stipend, schemes of the church, women's missions and central fund. Pew seats were discontinued in 1892, since which date the stipend has been raised by subscription; and in this connection, regret is expressed that while there has been no reduction in numbers there has been a falling off in revenue from this source. This, however, should not be cause for surprise. It usually takes several years of an educative process to bring a congregation up to the full measure of an all round liberal giving under the voluntary system. When given a fair chance it usually works out all right and proves thoroughly satisfactory. St. Paul's has a strong session, the members of which, at second the ministers efforts most heartily. It is made up as follows: Moderator, Rev. D. W. Morrison, B. A.; Clerk, W. G. Elliot, James Brodie, John Younie, Arch. McCormack, Thomas Hamilton, Thomas McKell, John Stewart, D. McEwan, Jos. McWhinnie and Robert Russell. The congregation has had four ministers since its organization. In 1835 Rev. James Anderson was inducted and continued in the pastorate until his death in 1861 or for nearly 26 years. He was succeeded by the Rev. James Seiveright, M. A., who was inducted in 1862, and ministered for three years. The Rev. Wm. C. Clarke, B. A., was inducted to the charge on April 12th, 1865, and ministered therein until his resignation in the latter part of 1873. The present pastor, the Rev. D. W. Morrison, B. A., was inducted on March 4th, 1874, a longer period than any of his predecessors. It is right to add that all the church agencies—such as the Sabbath School, the Women's F. M. Society, the Y. P. Society and the Ladies Aid Society—are all in a state of marked efficiency, and doing, each in its own way, effective work for the Master.

Northern Ontario.

Presbytery of Owen Sound will meet in Knox Church, Owen Sound, the 2nd July to a. m.

Rev. S. H. Eastman, M. A., Meaford, has been elected Moderator of Owen Sound Presbytery for ensuing six months.

The Presbyterians of Brookside, by a practically unanimous vote, have decided to place an organ in the church.

Leave has been granted the congregation of Kemble to sell their old church and to lease the ground on which it stands for a term of ten years.

On the nomination of their respective sessions Owen Sound Presbytery appointed Messrs. Geo. Stodart, Geo. Ledingham and Wesley Baker, as commissioners to the General Assembly.

Owen Sound Presbytery has been petitioned to form a mission station in Brooke; and from members and adherents of Knox church, in same locality, asking that their present relations to Knox be not disturbed. A committee was appointed to report on the whole subject.

Owen Sound Presbytery unanimously adopted the following resolution arising out of the Temperance section of the report on Church Life and Work: "That the Presbytery sincerely sympathize with, and commend the action of brethren actively engaged in seeking to abate the evils of intemperance, and especially in opposing the granting of licenses to houses which are not a necessity to the community."

The Rev. Dr. Jackson, of East Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, Cleveland, lately pastor of Knox Church, Galt, has been elected Moderator of the Cleveland Presbytery.