

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. David Mann, after an extended visit to Great Britain, has returned to Toronto.

At a meeting last week of the Pickering congregation, a movement was made in favour of calling Rev. Mr. Lord to be their minister.

THE Rev. Alexander Jackson, the new pastor of Knox Church, Galt, is expected to occupy the pulpit on the first Sabbath in October.

At a meeting of the congregation in St. Andrew's Church-Lindsay, a unanimous call was given to Rev. D. J. McLeod, B.A., of Banff, N.W.T.

At the Governor-General's dinner during his Toronto visit, the Rev. W. T. McMullen, Moderator of Assembly, and Principal Caven were among the invited guests.

THE Rev. James Bryant, formerly pastor of Bradford Presbyterian Church, leaves for California on Monday, to pay his brothers a visit. He will be returning in about six weeks.

THE board of management of the Ottawa Ladies' College has appointed Miss Alice Chambers, B.A., senior English preceptor. She is a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston.

MR. MACGILLIVRAY, who recently took the degree of Ph.D., with high honours in Germany, is on a visit to his brother, Rev. A. Macgillivray, Brockville. He is an applicant for one of the professorships at Queen's College, Kingston.

MRS. D. MCCRAE, late secretary of the Guelph branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the Presbyterian Church, shipped a bale and a case of clothing contributed by the branch here for the mission at Demarara.

It is somewhat noteworthy that the Minutes of Assembly for the past year report the deaths of eighteen ministers, while three more besides have since died. Also, that twelve ministers were placed on the retiring list, making in all the startling number of thirty-three.

THE Rev. Mr. Scott has taken his departure from Manitowick, where he officiated as pastor of St. Andrew's Church. His departure will be severely felt, as he was a universal favourite. He has been appointed to a higher position, Principal of Ottawa Ladies' College.

THE Revs. A. T. Love, Dr. Mathews, Joliffe, Bareham and Stobo, the Hon. D. A. Ross and Messrs. R. R. Dobell, J. C. Thomson, P. Johnston and W. Brown have been elected delegates to represent the Quebec branch of the Evangelical Alliance at the Montreal Convention.

ON the 10th instant the congregation of Mosa extended a hearty and unanimous call to the Rev. A. S. Stewart, of West River. Stipend promised, \$850, with manse and glebe of five acres together with a vacation of four Sabbaths annually. There was not a dissenting voice at the meeting held for moderation, and should Mr. Stewart accept, a hearty welcome awaits him.

MISS ROSE, missionary teacher at Pia-pot's Reserve, near Regina, begs to acknowledge the following donations from friends in Ontario: A church bell, from Woodstock, weighing 250 pounds; a magic lantern (very fine, the children like it); a box of bonnets and hats, suitable for the white settlers (very acceptable), from the Misses Fraser, Kintore congregation, West Nissouri; \$4 from St. Catharines.

PROFESSOR WILLIAMSON, of Queen's College, Kingston, has received a letter from Principal Grant, written from Melbourne, Australia, in which he speaks of his perfect restoration to health, as well as of his hard work. He is expected to return to Kingston via San Francisco late in the fall. Australian papers give large space to reports of Dr. Grant's sermons and speeches and indicate that his visit has awakened great interest.

THE anniversary services held in Knox Church, Beaverton, on Sabbath week, conducted by the Rev. D. H. MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., Principal of Montreal Presbyterian College, were very largely attended. The reverend Doctor gave very able, interesting and instructive sermons, and his lecture Monday evening was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the large audience. The collections on the different occasions were very liberal.

THEODORE MALCHEFF, the Macedonian student, who has been lecturing in the eastern part of Ontario, has applied to the authorities to take the second year course in Queen's University, preferring it to the American colleges. He is a Presbyterian in doctrine. He says the denominations are not distinguished in Macedonia. South of the Balkans the Presbyterians and Baptists labour, and north of the mountains the Methodists. Mr. Malcheff has been in Canada since the 1st July.

THE Warsaw Presbyterian Church, after being renovated, much improved and beautified, was reopened on the 2nd inst. The Rev. James Carmichael, M.A., Norwood, preached an able and appropriate sermon in the morning. The Rev. Mr. Power occupied the pulpit in the evening, and delivered a powerful and persuasive discourse. At the tea meeting held on the following evening, the Rev. John McEwen, of Lakefield, gave a telling address on "Grumblers." The collection on Sabbath and the proceeds of social, with the voluntary contribution, netted \$164.38.

IF the Chicago *Interior*, as noticed in your last issue, selects as a noticeable speciality the statement of Professor Caven before the Pan-Presbyterian Council "to the effect that, while there may be a distinction between faith in Christ and faith in a system of doctrines, the two must not and cannot be put over against each other," and adds that it "challenged attention and acceptance," the not very flattering inference is unavoidable regarding the nature and character of much that was said besides seeing that the statement contains nothing that is either novel or wonderful, so writes a correspondent.

THE teachers and scholars of St. John's Sunday school, Almonte, held their annual picnic in Mr. David Miller's

grove recently. There was a large attendance of the children, who seemed to enjoy themselves to the full. A number of the ladies of the congregation were present and set a large table which was loaded with cakes and other eatables sweet to the palate of the average boy and girl. The Rev. Messrs. Edmondson and Kalem, and the efficient superintendent, Mr. Norman Riddell, were present, and greatly aided in making the children enjoy themselves with swinging, races and scrambling for apples, etc. Altogether the children had a very enjoyable time, and no doubt would like if anniversaries would come oftener than once a year.

A FAREWELL social was held last week in the William Street Mission Hall, Toronto, the occasion being the departure of Miss Pearson for preparatory training in foreign mission work. Erskine Church in connection with which the mission is conducted was well and largely represented. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Thomas Yellowlees who delivered a feeling and appropriate address, concluding by presenting Miss Pearson with a handsome copy of the Scriptures bearing a suitable inscription, and a well-filled purse. Interesting and profitable addresses were delivered by Mr. Nicol (student), Mr. J. A. Patterson, Mr. McNab, who labours in connection with the mission, and others. Mr. Lepper rendered with fine effect several familiar evangelical hymns at intervals, and others contributed musical selections. Miss Pearson enters on a new and enlarged sphere of effort with the hearty sympathy and support of many friends.

A LARGE and representative union meeting was held in John Street Presbyterian Church, Belleville, last evening, to say farewell and bid God speed to Mr. William Horne, who has been accepted by the China Inland Mission for work in China. Mr. Horne has been studying with a view to the Presbyterian ministry, and ultimately the foreign mission field. During Dr. Hudson Taylor's visit to Belleville, however, he was so interested and touched by the great and pressing need of China that he was constrained to volunteer for immediate service. Mr. Horne has spoken at most of the churches, and a deep and widespread feeling of prayerful interest and sympathy has been aroused in all the congregations. Nearly all the city ministers were on the platform and took part in the service, speaking kindly words of encouragement to the young missionary-elect. Mr. Robert Wallace also gave an interesting address on China, illustrated by a number of curiosities which helped the audience better to understand what Mr. Horne's position and surroundings would be in the new land.

OUR new church at Newdale, Manitoba, was opened on the 2nd September by Rev. D. Stalker, of Gladstone, who is at present Moderator of the Brandon Presbytery. The building, which will hold about 200 people, was filled to overflowing both morning and evening, when Mr. Stalker preached very able and impressive discourses. The church though not yet finished internally, is a very handsome edifice, and reflects great credit on the people and their devoted missionary, Rev. J. Mowat. It will cost, when finished, about \$1,000, and is said by one who knows of such matters that, it is the cheapest Presbyterian Church in Manitoba. On Monday evening, an entertainment was held to celebrate the opening of the Church, which was crowded to suffocation. After a sumptuous repast, the chair was occupied by the Hon. Dr. Harrison, ex-M.P.P., who is a prince among presidents on such occasions. Rev. Messrs. Todd, August, Stalker and Mowat; and Mr. Waugh gave appropriate addresses. Miss Waugh, of Winnipeg, sung several Scotch songs, and the choir rendered sacred selections. The proceeds, with the collections on the Sabbath, in aid of the Building Fund, amounted to \$203, which will enable the congregation to finish their church free of debt. The whole of the Newdale mission field is in a very satisfactory condition, great progress having been made since Mr. Mowat was appointed to it.

THE Rev. John Wilkie, one of the Presbyterian missionaries to India, now visiting Canada on furlough, gave a most interesting lecture in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on Wednesday night week under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. There was a large attendance. Rev. Dr. Wardrope conducted the introductory services, after which Miss Annie Mackintosh sang with sweetness and feeling, "Not Ashamed of Christ." Mr. Wilkie's lecture was illustrative of the social habits and dress of the Hindus. These were rendered specially interesting by several young people appearing in the actual dresses worn by the Hindus, both male and female, from the Parsees and Brahmans down through all the castes to the lowest. There was also displayed quite a full collection of samples of needle work, embroidery and inlaid work, etc., all of most exquisite workmanship. The religious customs of the Hindus and the Mohammedans and the Buddhists were also described, and one of the prayer wheels used by the Buddhists in their devotions was exhibited, and caused much amusement. The lecture was of a deeply interesting character throughout, and the dress, etc., exhibited gave one a better idea of the habits and customs of the natives of India than could be gathered from a long-written description. At the close of the lecture many remained and more minutely examined the articles.

THE corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church, Orillia, was laid on Monday week by the Rev. W. T. McMullen, Moderator of the General Assembly. There were a large number present. Dr. Beaton, chairman of the building committee presided. On the platform were his worship, Mayor Thompson and the town council; Mr. Wainwright, chairman of the school board; the elders, deacons, managers and building committee of the congregation, and other representative citizens of Orillia and vicinity. The clergy were represented by Dean Stewart, Principal MacVicar, of Montreal; Mr. McLeod, Barrie; Mr. Dobson, Oro; Mr. Jones and Mr. Williams, Orillia; Mr. Gilchrist, Seabright; Mr. Manning, Orillia; Mr. Johnson, Beaverton. Dr. Beaton delivered a brief speech in which he gave an historical sketch of Orillia Presbyterianism, tracing the history of the congregation from its beginning as a mission station down to the present time. The audience then sang the Hundredth Psalm and Mr. Manning read appropriate selections of Scripture. The Rev. R. N. Grant led in prayer.

The chairman then deposited the following papers and documents in the box which was laid in the stone. A copy of the first issue of the *Expositor*, dated May 26th, 1867, the first paper published in Orillia; the *Times*; the *Pack*; the *Presbyterian Record*; the report of the Orillia Presbyterian Church for 1887; THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN; the *Gospel Light*; the *Workman*; the *Orillia News-Letter*; the *Globe, Mail, and Empire*; a narrative of the steps taken by the office-bearers and congregation that led to the erection of the new building, and a report of the day's proceedings up to the moment that the stone was laid. A silver trowel was presented to the Moderator. The stone was lowered and the Moderator giving it three taps with his trowel declared it duly laid. Many of the audience then came forward and laid their money pretty freely on the stone, after which they sang God Save the Queen and repaired to the school room to hear the addresses. The chairman introduced Principal MacVicar, who spoke on the doctrines and polity of Presbyterianism. It was as solid and strong as the stone tower on which he had been standing a few minutes before. Mr. McMullen followed, the *Orillia Times* says, in a rattling speech bristling with good points and full of rich humour. He caught the audience in his first sentence and he and they kept on the best terms until the end. Mr. McLeod delivered a brief address full of encouragement to the congregation. He complimented them on what they had done for the Schemes of the Church, urged them to go forward with their good work, and impressed the hope that the next time they met it might be in the new church. The reverend gentleman was at his best and the speech had a fine effect. After a few words from the pastor the benediction was pronounced by Dean Stewart, and a most enjoyable and profitable meeting was brought to a close.

MONTREAL NOTES.

Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine, was re-opened on Sabbath last. It has been more than doubled in size and seats about 450. It is now heated by furnaces and lighted by gas. There are commodious Bible class and infant class rooms. The Rev. J. Barclay, of St. Paul's Church, preached in the morning, the Rev. J. Fleck, of Knox Church, in the afternoon, and the Rev. F. H. Marling, of Emmanuel Church, in the evening. The attendance at the several services was large. On Friday evening a social meeting of the congregation was held. Mr. Matthew Hutchinson presided, and addresses were given by Dr. Campbell and Warden and Rev. Messrs. Everett (Episcopal), Hill (Congregational), and McGillivray, the pastor. The choir sang several pieces with good effect, and refreshments were served by the ladies. The church presents a most attractive appearance and the parlour, carpeted and furnished by the young people, is very cheerful and inviting. The congregation is to be congratulated on its greatly improved circumstances, and on its increased opportunities for usefulness in this growing suburb.

On the evening of Thursday next, the 20th inst., the Rev. J. L. Morin, B.A., is to be inducted into the pastorate of St. John's French Presbyterian Church (Russell Hall). The congregation have issued cards of invitation to many of the English-speaking Presbyterians in the city, and it is hoped that a goodly number of these will be present. A welcome social is to be held at the close of the induction service.

On Thursday last the foundation stone of the New Presbyterian Church, Sherbrooke, was laid in the presence of a large audience. In the evening a social entertainment was given by the ladies, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. Principal MacVicar, Rev. J. Fleck, of Montreal, and others. The new church will be an ornament to the city and a credit to the Presbyterians. Under the Rev. A. Lee, its pastor, the congregation is making encouraging progress.

The number of students attending the Presbyterian College, Montreal, promises to be greater during the ensuing Session than in any previous one. Already, between twenty-five and thirty new students have made application for rooms, so that the college buildings will be filled to their utmost capacity. The opening lecture on Wednesday, October 3, is to be delivered by the Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., of Erskine Church.

The arrangements are approaching completion for the Christian Conference to be held in this city, from the 22nd to the 25th October, under the auspices of the Montreal branch of the Evangelical Alliance. The opening meeting, when the delegates will be publicly received and a conversation take place, is to be held in the Crescent Street Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, 22nd October, the other Sessions being held in the American Presbyterian Church. A large number of delegates from all sections of the Dominion are expected and several well known speakers from the United States have promised to deliver addresses. General Sir Robert Phayre, K.C.B., vice-president of the Alliance, London, England, is to represent the parent society. To ensure the success of the Conference financially, the sum of \$1,750 has already been guaranteed. This has come from all denominations in the city, the Presbyterians subscribing upwards of \$1,200 of the total amount. The sum aimed at is \$2,500. This will doubtless be got, as only \$12 has thus far been subscribed by our Methodist brethren, and comparatively small amounts by some of the other denominations.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE CONFERENCE AT MONTREAL.

The following is the programme of the General Christian Conference, under the auspices and direction of the Montreal branch of the Evangelical Alliance, to be held in Montreal, Quebec, from 22nd to 25th October, 1888:

Monday, half-past seven p.m., *Public Reception of Delegates*.—Chairman: Sir William Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S. Address of Welcome: Rev. G. Douglas, D.D., LL.D. Response: General Sir Robert Phayre, K.C.B., Vice-President of the Alliance, London, England. Response: Mr. W. E. Dodge, New York, President of the