

## Ministers and Churches.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Fesserton, has been bricked and may now said to be completed.

THE Rev. C. S. Lord, B.D., was inducted to Grafton and Vernonville Presbyterian Churches, Nov. 8.

PUNDITA RAMABAI carries \$50,000 with her to help establish a school for Hindu girls and widows in India.

DR. COCHRANE has received £150 from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, in aid of the Home Mission Fund.

THE Rev. J. Carmichael, of Columbus, has received a unanimous call from Knox Church, Portage La Prairie, Man.

THE Rev. George Dempster has been inducted by the Presbytery of Ottawa into the pastoral charges of Cheslea and Hull.

THE Rev. Dr. Archibald, formerly of Knox Church, St. Thomas, has gone with his family to reside in Denver, Colorado.

MRS. EDWARD BLAKE gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$20 for the McAll Mission Auxiliary from "A Friend" in Hamilton.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell preached a sermon last Sabbath, in which he made a vigorous reply to Canon Taylor's recent arraignment of missions.

THE Rev. Dr. Sutherland, who was a delegate from Australia to the Pan-Presbyterian Council in London last summer, is now in Montreal, the guest of Rev. Mr. Morin, of that city.

THE Rev. J. F. Somerville, B.A., of Queen's, formerly of St. Mark's Mission Church, Toronto, has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of Baker Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

THE Hon. G. W. Ross delivered an interesting lecture on "Canada," in Charles Street Presbyterian Church last week. The pastor, Rev. John Neil, presided at the meeting which was well attended.

THE Rev. R. Haddow, B.A., a graduate of Knox College, who has been called to the Presbyterian Church at Milton, is a son of Mr. George Haddow, ex-M.P., for Restigouche, N. B.

It is stated on good authority that Rev. Father Chiniquy has felt himself compelled, on account of age, to give up his travels, and intends to settle down in Montreal for the remainder of his days.

MR. McNAB, a student of Knox College, will take charge of the Ruth Street Presbyterian Mission, Parkdale. Mr. McNab inaugurated his appointment with a grand musical social on Thursday evening.

THE Rev. Mr. McCrae, of Cobourg, has received a unanimous call to the First Presbyterian Church, Jamestown, N. Y. This is the largest and most important congregation in Western New York.

THE Right Hon. Sir John and Lady Macdonald attended divine service at St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on Thanksgiving Day. The pastor, the Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., preached an eloquent and thoughtful sermon.

GOSHEN BRANCH HOWIE, of Knox Church, Brussels, and his bride, were welcomed at the reception held at the house of Dr. McNaughton (largely attended by the public) on November 7th; Mr. Thomas Strachan, elder presided, and many kind wishes were expressed by many friends.

DURING Mr. Moody's stay at Vancouver, he conducted a Bible reading service in the First Presbyterian Church, in which he took up the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and treated them as studies. As a result of these meetings a class was formed, the members of which agree to the reading of one chapter a day.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in College Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last Sabbath, when the Rev. Alexander Jackson, of Knox Church, Galt, preached stirring sermons, morning and evening. On the following evening a successful tea meeting was held, at which addresses were delivered by prominent city ministers and others.

THE Rev. T. G. Thompson conducted the services at the First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, and Mr. G. W. Rasure, the "Cowboy Evangelist," preached in the evening. Mr. Rasure chose for the subject of his remarks the parable of the Prodigal Son, and gave an eloquent discourse which was attentively listened to by the large audience present.

THE mission station east of the Don, under the care of St. James Square Church, Toronto, has advanced rapidly and done excellent work. A flourishing Sabbath school is under the superintendence of Mr. John Cameron. The Presbytery have sanctioned its organization as a congregation, and on Sabbath last, Dr. Kellogg preached the opening sermon.

THE Rev. C. A. Doudiet, superintendent of Presbyterian French Missions, preached in St. Andrew's Church Sunday morning week, and in Union Church, Smith's Falls, in the evening, to large congregations. In the afternoon he delivered an interesting address to a union meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath school in St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls.

THE Rev. Joseph Builder, died on Wednesday last in Washington, D.C. He returned last June from India, where he had been working as a missionary, and had been in poor health for a considerable time. Rev. Mr. Builder was a native of Caledonia, Ont. He leaves a wife and two children. The remains were interred in Burlington, where Mrs. Builder's relatives reside.

AN Ottawa paper says: The reception accorded to Principal Grant throughout Australia is a gratifying tribute to an eloquent Canadian, of whom this country should be proud. One of the oldest men, formerly a premier in Adelaide, writes to a gentleman in this city: Dr. Grant is a splendid man, and it would be well for England and the dependencies if all English-speaking statesmen were just like him.

THE Rev. Mr. Wilkie, who has spent nine years in missionary work in Central India, with the city of Indore as his head quarters, addressed the Presbyterian congregations of Egmondville and Seaforth on Sabbath week, being in the former place in the forenoon, and in the latter in the evening. He also delivered an address on the Hindoo religions in the Presbyterian Church in Seaforth on the Monday following.

AT a meeting of Cooke's Church Young People's Christian Association, held on Tuesday evening, in the lecture room of the church, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mr. J. McIver, president; Mr. James Wilson, Miss Mitchell, Mr. S. McCutchin, vice-presidents; William Rennie, jr., secretary; Miss Cooper, treasurer; Misses Lizzie McCutchin, Annie Allison, Lizzie and Bella McConnell, Messrs. J. Rennie, William Lamb, John Wilson, directors.

ANNIVERSARY services will be held in Deer Park Presbyterian Church on Sabbath next, 25th inst. The preachers announced are Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., in the morning, Rev. W. R. Parker, D.D., in the afternoon, and the Rev. R. P. McKay, B.A., in the evening. On the evening of the 27th a social tea meeting at which addresses by popular speakers are promised. The services on the following Sabbath will be conducted by Rev. J. M. Cameron and Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D.

THE remodelled Presbyterian Church at St. Stephen, N. B., was opened for service lately. The interior is vastly improved in appearance, while the sitting accommodation is considerably enlarged. Rev. A. J. Mowat, of Fredericton, delivered eloquent addresses both morning and evening, and specially fine music was rendered by the choir. The offerings for the day amounted to over \$800. Rev. Messrs. Gunn, Bruce, Mowatt, Sutherland and several other of the Presbyterian clergy were present at the opening.

AT the meeting of the Young People's Association in connection with St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., last week, Mr. W. A. Kerr read an essay on the subject, "Should a lawyer defend a prisoner when he knows him to be guilty?" and took the affirmative. In the debate which followed, Mr. Kerr was sustained in his contentions by Rev. Mr. Macneil, Messrs. W. M. McLean, jr., and C. H. Ferguson, while Messrs. W. C. Magee and A. L. Law disputed the correctness of the arguments laid down by those who favoured Mr. Kerr's propositions.

THE Rev. Dr. T. G. Smith, of Kingston, was in Ottawa lately looking after unpaid subscriptions towards the original Queen's College Endowment Fund. He intends to return to that city shortly to solicit further aid connected with the Jubilee Endowment Fund of \$250,000. Dr. Smith says \$50,000 more will be required to complete the permanent endowment, which will place the college in a first-class position. He says the college was never in such a prosperous condition as at present, and the outlook for the future never so bright. Principal Grant, who is making a tour round the world, is at present in Japan. He is expected home in the middle of December.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Galt, and their new pastor, Mr. Jackson, have reason to congratulate themselves on the alliance they have recently formed. The former have shown their loyalty in mustering in large numbers to the church meetings, and the latter seems to vindicate the high opinion held of him by giving them something worth hearing. The writer attended, in the basement of that church, a prayer meeting, at which there would not be less than 500 present. Ladies, as a rule, predominate at these meetings, but this meeting was well attended by both sexes, and from 1,000 to 1,200 would partake of the communion recently. The church is a handsome structure, and the singing is good, but the harmonium is a poor apology for the organ which ought to fill the niche behind the choir.

A BRANDON correspondent of the *Winnipeg Free Press* writes: Things sober and sedate are generally associated with the Presbyterian Church here. Last evening as no minister appeared, one of the elders took charge of service, conducting a very pleasant choral one, interspersed with Bible readings and prayers. The presiding elder noticing the red uniforms of several Mounted Policemen who were in the church, and taking them for Salvationists, asked them to take part in the service. The feeling of the policemen of the plains in their new rôle is not known, but the greater part of the congregation noticed the mistake, as a broad grin could be seen on many faces. Elder Lockhart is perhaps puzzling himself yet as to why his quiet remarks and sober demeanour on that occasion should be the signal for smiles.

THE fourteenth annual Convention of the County of Waterloo Sabbath School Association took place in the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, in the town of Berlin, on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. New office-bearers were appointed, Rev. Mr. Yeoman, president. The programme embraced addresses from gentlemen representing different schools in the county. They were of a character which had a special bearing on Sabbath school work and many valuable hints were thrown out not only in their delivery but in the discussions which followed. Questions of every conceivable kind were submitted to the question drawer, Rev. Mr. Dickson, Galt, who answered them very clearly and concisely. There were delegates from the Sabbath schools and the friends of Berlin had charge of the service of song. Such meetings are calculated to foster a new interest in the good work, and to stimulate past workers to a new zeal in the noble and honourable work to which they have addressed themselves.

NOVEMBER 8 was a red-letter day among the Presbyterians of Lobo. The induction of their new pastor, the Rev. Frank Ballantyne, gathered a large congregation in their beautiful church. After an appropriate sermon by Rev. Mr. Roger, of London, Rev. Mr. Ball, of Vaneck, addressed to Mr. Ballantyne the usual questions, and in addition gave extended counsel to the people as to their duties and obligations. The pastor was then addressed by Rev. Mr. Sawers, of Westminster, and some kindly words of congratulation were spoken by J. Armstrong, M.P., as

representative elder from Westminster. There were also present Revs. Dr. Thompson, of Proof Line; Anderson, of Nairn; and Henderson, of Hyde Park. After further business the Presbytery adjourned to the manse close by, where they joined a large party of the members of the Church in a bountiful repast furnished by the ladies of the congregation. The settlement is a cordial one, and the prospects of Mr. Ballantyne's usefulness in the united charge of Lobo and Caradoc are very encouraging.

THE induction of Rev. E. W. Waits took place in Knox Church, Owen Sound, last week. Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Annapolis, presided; Rev. Mr. Fleming, of Thornbury, preached; Rev. Mr. McAlpine, of Chatsworth, addressed the minister, and in the absence of Rev. Mr. McInnis, Dr. Fraser addressed the congregation. In the evening the ladies of the congregation gave a reception in the Town Hall to the newly-inducted pastor, and a large number sat down to the excellent spread provided in the Council Chamber. After tea addresses of welcome were tendered to Mr. Waits by Rev. Mr. Holmes, on behalf of the Methodist Church; Rev. Mr. Mullan, for Kilsyth Presbyterian Church; Rev. F. Schiverea; Rev. Dr. Stuart, for Baptist Church; Messrs. James Masson, M.P., John Rutherford, F. W. Merchant and General Secretary Waldron of the Y. M. C. A. The addresses were interspersed by music by the Knox Church choir. After the addresses Mr. Robert Malcolm, on behalf of the congregation, read a cordial address of welcome. Mr. Waits, in reply, thanked the speakers, the audience and the congregation for their kindly welcome, and said that though he came from Eastern Canada he was bound by the strongest ties of nature and service to the Province of Ontario. Here he began his ministerial work and six years of his life had been spent in the town of Stratford as pastor of one of the Presbyterian Churches there. He expresses his intention of devoting his time and talents to the cause of the Master in Owen Sound. Rev. Mr. Somerville was absent from town, attending the funeral of his sister-in-law at London, and Mr. F. W. Merchant welcomed Mr. Waits on behalf of Division Street Presbyterian Church. The meeting closed with an anthem by the choir and the benediction by Rev. W. E. Kerr.

THE *Huron Expositor* says: The Rev. William Caven, D.D., Principal of Knox College, Toronto, excited widespread interest in the village of Cranbrook and surrounding country by his presence in opening the Presbyterian Church in this section. The interest was so intense that he formed a theme of conversation for several days before his appearance. The day was delightful and all were eager to get a glimpse of the celebrated divine. Half an hour before the appointed time the seats were all occupied. The aisles and ante-room were packed by eleven o'clock and many were unable to gain admittance. Rev. Dr. Caven took his text from the last part of Psalm lxxxiv. 10, "I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." In appearance he is tall and commanding, with lofty brow. Though well advanced in years he is full of life and energy. His voice, though not powerful, is deep and distinct. He uses few gestures and speaks in an easy conversational style. His knowledge of Scripture is remarkable and he explains his text so clearly and simply that it may be easily understood by a child. The text expounded in the evening was John xiv. 16, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." He was listened to throughout the sermon with rapt attention by a large audience. The pastor, Rev. D. B. McCrae, has been greatly blessed in his ministry and is beloved by his people. The old church was altogether too small as the congregation has increased much in prosperity and membership. The new edifice, formally opened by Dr. Caven on Sabbath last, is a large and comfortable brick church, and long may the esteemed pastor and devoted people be spared to meet therein and worship God.

THE third anniversary of the Young People's Christian Union, in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Niagara, was held in their rooms on Friday evening, September 21st. The pastor of the Church, the Rev. J. H. Smith, presided. A short sketch of the work of the Young People's Christian Union, was given by the president, Miss M. A. Blake. Reports were read by the secretary and treasurer. A very pleasing programme was rendered, consisting of readings, recitations, music, but the chief feature of the evening was an address from Rev. Dr. Mowat, of Queen's University, the former pastor of St. Andrew's Church, in which he expressed his pleasure in finding that the young were becoming interested in missions, stating that the almost impossibility of interesting older people in missions was simply because they had not as children been trained in habits of giving. The reverend gentleman gave a graphic picture of the Home Mission field in the early history of Ontario, showing that every dollar given to the Home Mission, gave an ample return to the Foreign Mission field in after years. The young people deserve credit for the tasteful manner in which the room was decorated with autumn leaves and flowers. They also offered refreshments in the form of various kinds of fruit. The report was very encouraging, showing that from all sources, weekly offerings, mite boxes, mission band, a sum of about \$50 was on hand, clear of all expenses, which is to be apportioned to various Schemes of the Church. The young people have met weekly for Bible study, once a month for missionary information, and there seems to be a growing interest in spiritual matters. At the business meeting the next week, officers were elected for the ensuing year. These were: Mr. F. Smith, vice-president; Miss Davison, treasurer; Miss E. Secord, assistant-treasurer; Mr. J. Senior, secretary; Mr. E. Ball, assistant-secretary. Miss M. A. Blake was re-elected president, and it would indeed be difficult to find anyone to take up the work performed by her so zealously, ungrudgingly and with such a loving heart.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 6th inst., Rev. A. Gilray, Moderator. Rev. W. G. Wallace reported having moderated in a call from Knox Church, Milton, which was given in favour of Rev. R. Haddow, B.A., a minister of the Church without charge. The