

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterians of Birtle propose purchasing a \$400 pipe organ for the new church.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., lectured recently on "Mrs. Browning," in the Reformed Episcopal Church, Ottawa, under the auspices of the Ladies' Association.

REV. L. G. MACNEILL, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., has been summoned to the bedside of his daughter, who is dangerously ill at Edinburgh. Just before leaving, a committee of St. Andrew's Church waited upon him and presented him with a well filled purse of gold.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Peterborough, held their anniversary services on Sabbath and Monday last. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., of Ottawa, on Sabbath morning and evening. Special collections were in aid of the church debt. A service of song was held on Monday evening.

THE death is announced of the late R. McNabb, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. Deceased was one of the early settlers of Mariposa Township, and a native of Islay, Argyshire, Scotland. Two of his sons are engaged in the ministry, Rev. J. McNabb, of Lucknow, and Rev. R. McNabb, of Beachburg.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Canadian Post* writes: We are very sorry to announce that Rev. Mr. Patterson, of the Presbyterian Church, is to leave us. Can we not try some means of keeping this worthy minister among us? We will miss him greatly as a sincere and earnest speaker. We hope in some future day he may return, and he will be made welcome by his many friends in Cambridge.

THE Rev. J. P. Dardier, of Geneva, who conducts the colporteur movement in connection with the Evangelical Society of that city, paid a brief visit to Toronto, and on Sabbath last delivered most interesting addresses, explanatory of the important work accomplished by the society in France, Switzerland and Italy. He addressed meetings in the Presbyterian Church, Parkdale, in the morning, St. James Square Sabbath School in the afternoon, and in St. Andrew's in the evening. Next day he proceeded to Montreal, and purposes returning to Geneva early next month.

ON Tuesday evening, 3rd inst., the members of the Bible class, which has been taught by Rev. S. W. Fisher, of West Flamboro', met at the manse, and presented Mrs. Fisher with a magnificent tea set of hand painted china, a hanging lamp for the parlour, and an oil tank. An address was also read expressing the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are held by the young of the congregation. The affair was a complete surprise to the recipients. After the presentation, the ladies, who had brought well filled baskets with them, set out a splendid tea, and a very sociable and happy time was put in.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, on Sabbath, May 8. One hundred and seventy-seven new members were received—156 on profession of faith, and twenty-one by certificate. About 600 persons communed, and the services, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Pitblado, were deeply impressive. Many of the new converts were brought in during the evangelistic services lately held in that city, and conducted by Brother Meikle. Exactly 250 members have been added to St. Andrew's Church in less than three months. This congregation is greatly encouraged, and more than ever determined to win souls for Christ.

HALIFAX *Herald* says: A long looked for event was quietly celebrated at the home of the bride recently, viz., the marriage of Rev. John F. Dastan, of St. Paul's Church, Truro, and Miss Anna McGregor, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. McGregor, of this city. Only the immediate friends of the families were present. The bride, who is greatly beloved by a very large circle of friends, was the recipient of some 200 presents, many of them handsome and valuable. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Allan Simpson, pastor of Park Street Church. The happy couple have gone to Boston on their honeymoon. Rev. Mr. Dastan has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Brandon, and will shortly leave for his new Manitoban home, and become a fellow labourer with Pitblado, Gordon, and other distinguished Nova Scotia preachers now settled in the North-West.

ON Thursday, the 5th instant, the Rev. J. M. McAllister, M.A., late of Ashton and Beckwith, was inducted by the Presbytery of Brockville into the pastoral oversight of the congregation of Iroquois and Dixon's Corners. Mr. Bayne, of Morrisburg, presided, Mr. Cameron, of Hallville, preached, and Messrs. Stuart and Kellock addressed the minister and congregation respectively. The service was largely attended, and much enjoyed by the people. At the close a very pleasing incident took place, consisting in the presentation by Mr. Kellock, on behalf of the Session and congregation, of an address and a purse of \$75 to Mr. Bayne, in recognition of his services during the vacancy. The address spoke in the warmest terms of the high respect and esteem in which Mr. Bayne is held by the congregation, and their gratitude for the manner in which he had discharged his duties as Moderator of Session. It is only fair to say that this generous act is thoroughly in keeping with the liberal spirit which has always distinguished this little congregation. In this respect they are a noble example to their neighbours. Iroquois is a stirring little village, full of energy and enterprise, and now has for the first time a resident Presbyterian minister. Mr. McAllister enters upon his work with the advantage of several years' experience, and is well known as an able, diligent and successful pastor. His new field is a most hopeful and encouraging one, and the prayer of all is that he may be spared in health and strength, and blessed to do a glorious work for the Master. In the evening a social meeting was held, at which an excellent programme of speeches and music was presented, and the new minister and his estimable wife were warmly welcomed by the congregation, and other friends

who were present. Rev. Mr. Huxtable, of the Methodist Church, was present at both the induction service and the welcome meeting in the evening.

RE-OPENING services in connection with Mount Forest Presbyterian Church were held on May 1. Rev. J. K. Smith, D.D., of Galt, Moderator of the General Assembly, conducted the services morning and evening. Rev. E. T. Carter, Baptist minister, Mount Forest, preached in the afternoon. All the services were well attended, highly edifying, and much appreciated by the people. The Methodists gave up their service morning and evening, and the Baptists gave up their evening service to allow the people to attend, showing an excellent Christian spirit existing among the different churches. On Monday evening the ladies provided a feast of fat things in the shape of a social, and Rev. G. M. Miligan, of Toronto, delivered an able and forcible lecture on "The Needs of Our Times," which was well attended. Members of the different churches furnished excellent music. A gallery has been put all round the church, the ceiling has been rounded and frescoed, the church has been painted, the pulpit has been furnished anew with desk and chairs, electric lights have replaced the lamps, and altogether the interior of the church presents a new and beautiful appearance. The ladies married nature and art by placing flowers in front and alongside of the platform, and one could hardly help thinking of the Scripture, "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." The roof of the church has also been reshingled, and the spire is still to be renovated. Sheds have been added to the church grounds for the accommodation of the people from the country. About \$500 was contributed toward the repairs on Sabbath. Altogether the repairs will cost about \$3,000, which is provided for, with the exception of \$500. It is gratifying to know that while the congregation has been spending so much upon themselves they have contributed to the different Schemes of the Church about three times more than in the previous year. The congregation now enters upon a new era, and Rev. Mr. Bickell and his people are to be congratulated on the success that has attended their earnest efforts.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular meeting was held on May 10, in River Street Church, Paris, Rev. D. M. Beattie, B.D., presiding as Moderator. On the remnant of ecclesiastical co-operation, this Presbytery, while heartily in favour of united action in supplying the more destitute portions of our land with Gospel ordinances, and the union of weak Churches belonging to different denominations, would recommend that all such praiseworthy efforts after union be effected by the Presbyteries of the Church. The congratulations of the Presbytery were given to the Rev. F. R. Beattie, Ph.D., on having gained by examination the degree of D.D.; and to Rev. D. M. Beattie, B.A., and Rev. W. S. MacTavish on having received the degree of B.D. The committee appointed to visit Mount Pleasant and Burford reported the cause in a progressive condition in said congregation, and the Presbytery expressed gratification therewith. It was agreed to collect a rate of two cents per unit over the Presbytery toward the railway fares of commissioners to Assembly. Two months' leave of absence was given Rev. T. Atkinson, of Knox Church, Ingersoll. The very hearty congratulations of the Presbytery were conveyed to Dr. Cochran on the completion of a quarter of a century in the pastorate of Zion Church, Brantford, to which Dr. Cochran responded in feeling terms, and a committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute. Circular letters sent applications to receive ministers were reported as follows: Presbytery of Sarnia, anent Rev. N. Smith, Canada Methodist Church; Niagara, anent Rev. Isaac Baird, American Presbyterian Church, Halifax, anent Rev. W. B. Begg, Church of Scotland; Owen Sound, anent Rev. R. Hunter Craig, Congregational Church; Winnipeg, anent Rev. W. Hamilton Spence, Methodist Church of Canada; Quebec, anent Rev. John McLeod, B.A., Congregationalist, Antwerp, State of New York. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, July 12, at eleven a.m.—W. F. McMILLAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—A regular meeting of this court was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 10th inst.; Rev. A. Henderson, Moderator. Rev. T. Lowry, being present, was invited to sit and correspond with the Presbytery. Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Grant, members of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, addressed the Presbytery, regarding the establishment of branch societies, and expressed their desire that the Presbytery hold its January meeting in St. Marys, when the society and Presbytery might together hold a public meeting. Rev. Mr. Grant and Mr. F. Bell resigned their positions as delegates to the Assembly, and Mr. Wright was appointed in room of Mr. Grant and Mr. C. Baird in place of Mr. Bell. Mr. Wright requested that an alternate be appointed, lest he should not be able to attend. This was agreed to, and Mr. Tully was named as alternate. Mr. Hamilton reported that \$200 had been granted to Wellesley and Crosshill, and that Mr. D. Perry, student, was engaged for Niagara. A circular letter from the Presbytery of Halifax, anent application to Assembly to receive Rev. W. B. Begg, of the Church of Scotland, was read. The remits from Assembly were considered. That regarding marriage with a deceased wife's sister was approved, and is as follows: "The discipline of the Church shall not be exercised in regard to marriage with a deceased wife's sister, deceased wife's aunt, or deceased wife's niece." Mr. Gordon dissented from this finding. The following motion anent ecclesiastical co-operation was passed, viz., "Approve the principle, and leave the matter of giving effect to it to the wisdom of the several Presbyteries." Mr. Yool gave notice that he would at next meeting introduce a motion regarding the appointment of elders as commissioners to the General Assembly. Mr. McPherson having objected to the resolution passed by the Presbytery regarding the paper against Mr. Wright which Mr. McPherson published, the following resolution was passed: "Seeing that Mr. McPherson expresses disapproval with the resolution of Presbytery at its last meeting, on the ground that it was based

on an examination of the case only in part, the Presbytery expresses its willingness to enter into a full investigation of the case when Mr. McPherson formulates the charges which he makes against Mr. Wright." The Presbytery then adjourned to meet again in the same place at half-past ten a.m., on the second Tuesday of July next.—A. F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

MONTREAL NOTES.

The Presbytery of Montreal met in Knox Church here, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Rev. J. Fleck, Moderator. The call from Russelltown and Covey Hill, to Mr. N. Waddell, was sustained by the Presbytery, and accepted by Mr. Waddell. It was agreed to meet in Russelltown for the ordination and induction, on Monday, 23rd inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. James Patterson to preside, Rev. H. McLean, of Laguerre, to preach, Rev. J. Watson, M.A., of Huntingdon, to address the minister, and the Rev. W. Robertson, of Hemmingford, the people. The call is a most cordial and unanimous one.

The call from Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine, to Mr. John McGillivray was presented. It was signed by the entire membership of the congregation, with the exception of two or three who were not accessible. The call was sustained by the Presbytery, and accepted by letter by Mr. McGillivray. The ordination and induction were appointed to be held on Thursday, 2nd of June, at eight o'clock in the evening, Rev. R. H. Warden to preside, Rev. F. M. Dewey to preach, Rev. James Barclay to address the minister, and Rev. L. H. Jordan the people.

A call was laid on the table from Vankleek Hill, addressed to Rev. D. McEachern, of Dundee, in this Presbytery. Commissioners from both congregations were heard; those from Vankleek Hill, urging Mr. McEachern's translation, and those from Dundee, strongly pleading for his continuance in his present charge. Mr. McEachern, while recognizing the importance of Vankleek Hill, felt it his duty to remain with his present attached people, and the call was accordingly set aside by the Presbytery.

Ex-Chief Justice Sir William Young, of Halifax, who died a few days ago, has left \$50,000 to Dalhousie College, and upwards of \$100,000 additional to charitable institutions in Halifax. He was a member of St. Matthew's Church of that city, the church of which Rev. Principal Grant was pastor, before his removal to Kingston, and now ministered to by Rev. R. Laing, formerly of Montreal.

A comparison of the acknowledgments in the June *Record* this year, with those in the same issue of last year, shows an increase of \$11,600 for Foreign Missions, of \$600 for Augmentation, of \$900 for French Evangelization, and a decrease of \$5,700 for Home Missions. In 1886, the sum of \$5,739 was received for Home Mission work from the students of the U. P. Church of Scotland. Deducting this amount, the Home Mission receipts are this year about the same as last. Owing to the change made by last Assembly regarding the Union College Fund, the receipts for it are about \$4,000 less than last year. This amount has, however, been more than made up in direct contributions to the several colleges. If the Augmentation Scheme is to continue existence, and if the Home Mission work of the Church is to hold its own, both funds will require a very largely increased revenue next year.

In the Methodist Church of Canada for the year 1885 there were reported arrears of salary to the extent of \$82,840 in 423 charges, an average deficit of \$195. Of these 423 charges in arrears seventy-eight are in the Toronto conference, fifty-one in London, twenty-nine in Niagara, sixty in Guelph, sixty-one in Bay of Quinte, ninety-four in Montreal and fifty in Manitoba. These deficits are almost wholly in the weaker congregations, thus affecting the ministers with smaller salaries. In our own Church for the same year the total arrears reported for Ontario, Quebec and the North-West are \$9,071 in seventy-four congregations. Of the congregations on the Augmentation List only six reported arrears last year, amounting in all to \$765, and these were in two of the Presbyteries in the North-West.

The subscriptions reported thus far for the new Endowment Fund of Victoria College amount to \$134,240, including the two or three large sums promised at the General Conference last year. It looks as if our Methodist brethren were to have considerable difficulty in raising the required \$500,000.

The Rev. James Barclay, of St. Paul's Church here, has been again invited to preach before the Queen this summer in Scotland. Mr. Barclay was honoured in a similar way the summer before last.

The winners this year of the McGill University Scholarships offered by the Presbyterian College here are: First year, Mr. R. McDougall; second year, Mr. W. E. Deeks; third year, Mr. Giles, and fourth year, Mr. R. Johnston, B.A.

Mr. James Croil and his family, who have been absent in Europe for the past twelve months, returned by the *State of Alaska* to New York on Thursday, and arrived in Montreal on Saturday. They have been greatly benefited by their trip.

The annual meeting of the Temporalities Board was held on Tuesday last, when Mr. Alexander Macpherson was elected chairman in room of Mr. Andrew Allen, who resigned, owing to pressure of other business. Among those in attendance were the venerable Dr. Cook, of Quebec, looking hale and strong for his years, and Rev. Professor Ross, of Kingston, who officiated on Sabbath in Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine.

As the time approaches for the meeting of the General Assembly, several of the brethren elected as commissioners find it difficult to go. In this Presbytery several have resigned, including Messrs. Jordan and Dr. Smyth. Mr. Dewey was elected in Mr. Jordan's place, but at a Presbytery meeting on Tuesday he resigned. Mr. Boyd, of Beauharnois, has been appointed in Dr. Smyth's stead.