

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE congregation of Prince Albert, N.W.T., has given a very hearty and unanimous call to the Rev. W. MacWilliam, LL.B., who was sent out some time since by the Home Mission Committee to take charge of this important and promising field.

THE fourth anniversary of the opening of the new West Presbyterian Church, was held on Sabbath 20th April, when Rev. Hugh Johnston preached in the morning, Rev. J. A. Murray, of London, addressed the Sabbath school and friends at three o'clock, and Rev. G. M. Milligan preached in the evening. The sermons were all able and appropriate. On the evening of Tuesday 22nd inst., the anniversary social was celebrated. After tea was partaken of in the lecture room the company adjourned to the church where the pastor, Rev. R. Wallace, presided, and excellent addresses were given by Revs. J. M. Cameron, A. F. McGregor, G. Simpson, editor of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, A. D. Powis; and Mr. David Millar. The choir under the able leadership of James Fax precentor, rendered the following anthems, "Safely through another year," "Peace be within thy walls," "God is the refuge of His people," and "I will wash my hands in innocence." Altogether it was a very pleasant re-union.

**PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.**—This Presbytery met in the David Morrice Hall on the 1st inst., Mr. James McCaul, moderator. Mille Isles was removed from the list of congregations and placed among the mission stations on the Presbytery roll. Mr. A. B. Mackay, convener of the committee on the Augmentation of Salaries reported, showing that the congregation of Chalmers Church, Montreal, had increased its minister's salary from \$1,200 to \$1,400 from 1st Jan. last, thus rendering it independent of the fund; that from 1st Jan. last the congregation of Taylor Church, Montreal, had added \$200 to its minister's salary, necessitating a re-adjustment of the grant from the fund from that date; that the congregation of English River and Howick had fulfilled the requirements of the Presbytery and that the only congregation requiring help that has failed thus far to comply with the conditions, is that of Rockburn and Gore. The report expressed the hope that it may soon be able to do so also and thus share in the benefits of the fund. The sum of \$3,874 of the first year's subscriptions have been received and at least \$200 more are expected. This will enable the committee to send to the Assembly's Augmentation Fund about \$4,000, including the grants paid to ministers in the Presbytery. Other \$4,000 however are desirable to enable the Presbytery to contribute its fair proportion of the whole amount to be raised by the church. The report expressed the hope that an immediate response would be given to the appeal issued recently to all sessions, so that the whole amount required for Augmentation may be raised. On motion of Mr. A. B. Mackay, seconded by Mr. R. H. Warden, the report was received and adopted. A call from the congregation of Elgin and Athelstan in favour of Mr. Andrew Rowat, of West Winchester, was sustained. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were elected: Ministers, by rotation—Messrs. James A. F. McBain, James M. Boyd, B.D., Duncan McEachren, William J. Dey, and Thomas Cumming; by ballot—Messrs. Robert H. Warden, Principal Macvicar, D.D., Alexander B. Mackay, David W. Morison and Robert Campbell. Elders, by ballot—Messrs. William Drysdale, David Morrice, Alexander C. Hutchison, William D. MacLaren, John Stirling, James Brodie, Dr. Rodger, James Wattie, David Yule, and Dr. Christie. Principal McKnight, D.D., of Halifax, was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly. Mr. R. H. Warden, convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee reported, showing the nature of the supplies for the past quarter, and making recommendations for the supply for Avoca and Ogdensburg, Laguerre, Russelltown, Mille Isles, Farnham West, Rawdon and Laprairie, for the summer. The Presbytery received the report, adopted the recommendations contained in it, and appointed Messrs. Warden, McCaul and A. B. Cruchet a committee to visit Farnham West at an early day, to confer with the people as to the best method of working the field in the future. The Rev. Mr. Duclos received the special thanks of the Presbytery for his services in organizing and building up the congregation at this place. The

Rev. James S. Black tendered his resignation of the charge of Erskine Church, Montreal, owing to the state of Mrs. Black's health. It was agreed to cite the congregation to appear at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery, to be held in Erskine Church, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., to show cause, if they have any, why Mr. Black's resignation should not be accepted. Mr. Campbell, convener of the Presbytery's city mission committee, reported, giving details as to the results of the recent canvass in the city, showing that many families and individuals had been discovered claiming connection with congregations in the city, whose names were not known to the sessions of such congregations. Also, that about 275 families or single individuals had been found who should be in connection with one or other of the congregations, but were not; also that these two classes present an important field for sessional work in the city. The report gave a synopsis of the city missionary's labours during the past quarter; which Mr. Patterson supplemented by a short address. The committee recommended that sessions be asked to report to the Presbytery from time to time as to members and adherents coming to or leaving their bounds; also, that the collections at the annual missionary meetings be devoted to the support of city mission work. The report was received and its recommendations adopted. Mr. James Fleck, convener of the committee on the State of Religion, read an encouraging report, giving a synopsis of the replies to the General Assembly's queries, from twenty-two reporting congregations, and recommending—First, That in future a copy of the queries be sent to each member of the several sessions, as well as to the moderator, in order that more time may be given to consider the points and more definiteness attained in answering them. Second, That the Presbytery recommend members of sessions, in visiting their districts, to urge, in a wise and friendly way upon the heads of families, the duty and blessedness of family worship. The report was received, its recommendations adopted, and the committee, especially the convener, thanked, and the report was ordered to be transmitted to the Synod. The application of Mr. McKeown was remitted to a committee. The name of Mr. M. S. Oxley was placed on the roll as an ordained missionary within the bounds. It was agreed to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive Mr. John Fraser, of the Congregational Church, as a minister of the Presbyterian Church. It was agreed to make application to the Assembly for leave to take Mr. Seylaz on trials for license. An application from Mr. J. Hutchinson, Perth, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland to be received as a minister of this Church was remitted to a committee to report on 22nd inst. Reports on Statistics, Sabbath Schools and Temperance were submitted. An overture to the General Assembly on statistics, signed by Messrs. McBain and Morison, was read and ordered to lie on the table till the adjourned meeting on the 22nd inst. Mr. Robert Campbell and Dr. Christie were appointed representatives of the Presbytery on the Synod's committee on Bills and Overtures. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Erskine Church, Montreal, on Tuesday, the 22nd of April, at ten a.m., and the meeting was closed with prayer.

### OBITUARY NOTICES.

#### THE REV. DONALD M'KENZIE.

The late Rev. Donald McKenzie, emeritus pastor of Embro, was born in Dorcas, Inverness-shire, Scotland, August, 1798, and died in Ingersoll, Ont., April 8th, 1884, in his 86th year. The last tribute of respect was paid to the precious dust of this honoured father to the Church on the Friday following his death. A very large assembly composed of his ministerial brethren, and friends, followed the remains to Embro cemetery, where they were laid along side those of his beloved wife, Christina Cameron, who but three months previously was called to her rest.

In the year 1833, the Synod of Ross resolved to send a missionary to labour among their expatriated countrymen in Canada, and Mr. McKenzie was asked to be their first missionary. After much serious and prayerful conference with the committee appointed by the Synod, and with many private Christians, Mr. McKenzie resolved to come to Canada. Accordingly, in presence of the Synod of Ross, assembled in Tain, in May, 1834, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Dingwall as a missionary to Canada, the Rev. Dr.

McDonald—"the Apostle of the North"—presiding on the very solemn occasion. The following June, 1835, Mr. McKenzie became the pastor of a regularly organized congregation in Zorra, to which he faithfully ministered till it became manifest that age and infirmities demanded he should retire from the pastoral care and labour of so large and important a congregation. His retirement from the active duties of the pastorate took effect in 1872, after which he took up his abode in Ingersoll, but continued emeritus pastor of the congregation, and for a number of years took great pleasure in being present at the solemn communion services; frequently taking an active and edifying part in these services. In his unworthy successor, had in this way ample opportunity of becoming intimately acquainted with this honoured servant of the Lord. Whilst faithful in declaring the whole counsel of God, he spoke the truth in love and in the exercise of Christian prudence.

Jacob-like, he led on softly as the flock were able to endure it, his aim being to copy the Master, who spoke the word unto the people as they were able to hear it. This he did without compromising truth or pandering to the vitiated tastes of men. He was scholarly and in all respects a man of culture.

He held firmly by definite and systematic theological views and could have no sympathy with the modern prating of the so-called "men of advanced thought," and the would-be sages of "the new theology." He was a man of fervent piety, and by the grace of God he was enabled to keep himself unspotted from the world—his skirts were untarnished.

In recognition of his services to the Church, and of his manly Christian worth, I can testify that literary and theological institutions in this land, which would have regarded the deed as reflecting credit upon themselves, have offered to confer upon Mr. McKenzie academic honours, which he thought prudent courteously not to accept, preferring to be known in the evening of life as he was commonly known in the day of his activity.

During his ministry, by precept and example, he became an earnest advocate of temperance at a time when it was not so easy to face the usages of society as it is now. And the fact that he for so long a period retained the confidence and universal esteem of so large a congregation, speaks well of his pastoral faithfulness, devotion and administrative ability. During his ministry there could be found in Zorra as much of the true power of Godliness as in any part of Canada, and as the fruits of an earnest ministry his congregation has furnished more students for the ministry than any other within the same area in the Dominion; one of these being the distinguished missionary Dr. George Leslie McKay, of Formosa, China. These students in all have numbered twenty-nine, and though all have not distinguished themselves in the foreign field, each in his own sphere, has occupied a position at once creditable and useful; and of each, were it the place here to do so, things of good report could be said. It is much to their own credit that they bear testimony to our deceased father's worth as a man of God, and an ambassador of Christ.

He had the honour of being one of the pioneer missionaries who laboriously and zealously laid the foundation of our Zion in Western Ontario; and was privileged to see the fruit of his self-denying labours. Mr. McKenzie being endowed with good conversational powers, was socially, edifying and entertaining. In deportment he was grave, and dignified; and as the ambassador of Christ, sought to magnify his office. His demeanour was in all respects that of the true Christian gentleman. His friendship and confidence once secured, was not easily shaken.

As a counsellor he was wise and sympathetic. To the end he was interested in the welfare of his flock, and often prayed for their spiritual prosperity.

He has left his mark; his memory is fragrant, and his life will be identified with the history and progress of Zorra for generations to come.

He had been blessed in his lot with a helpmeet who was truly a charter of his burdens, and discharged with unflinching faithfulness the duties of a devoted wife and a loving mother.

Of the family of three sons and three daughters with which the Lord had blessed them, five still survive, much esteemed in society and in the Church of God. Their parents have been spared to see a good old age; and now that the Heavenly Father has taken them home to rest from their labours, and to receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away, we rejoice