Church News.

VACANCIES.

REV. A. Bell has resumed his duties as school inspector, Portage la Prairie.

REV. HUGH MCKELLAR, of High Bluff, is making a missionary tour of the Cypress district.

REV. DR. FRASER, Leith, and Rev. Mr. Amos, Aurora, exchanged pulpits last Sabbath. REV. A. McDougall, of St. Andrew's, N.B., has accepted a call to Calvin church, St. John.

REV. J. T. PATERSON has declined a call to Knox church, St. Vincent, and St. Paul's, Sydenham.

IT is reported that the tenders are out for the erection of the second Presbyterian church at Hopewell, N.S.

REV. A. A. SCOTT and wife, Carleton Place, have returned from the seaside much invigorated in health.

THE Presbyterian church of Heckston held a picnic at the camp ground last week, at which \$180 was realized. REV. DR. JAMES, of Hamilton, preached in Knox church, St. Mary's, on Sunday last, morning and evening.

A SUCCESSFUL garden party in connection with the Presbyterian church, Markdale, was held on Friday, 21st

THE Presbyterian manse, Wallaceburgh, Ont., Rev. D. Currie pastor, has lately been undergoing extensive

REV. MR. DUFF, of Elora, occupied very acceptably Dr. Smellie's pulpit last Sunday week, both morning and

THE ladies of the First Presbyterian church, St. Mary's, intend holding a harvest home on the 24th September in the church.

REV. F. W. ARCHIBALD has been called to Knox church, St. Thomas, at a salary of \$1,600, free house and four weeks' holidays.

THE Rev. David Mitchell, Belleville, has been spending a few days in Toronto. Mr. Mitchell's health has much improved of late. REV. W. A. MCKENZIE, M.A., B.D., late of Carberry

Man., has received a unanimous call to Grafton and Vernonville, Presbytery of Peterboro'.

MR. J. W. Bengough, editor of *Grip*, has been engaged by the Presbyterians of Parry Sound to give two of his highly entertaining lectures.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. Edwards (Methodist) from his pulpit, Mount Albert, for a few weeks, Rev. Mr. McDonald filled his appointments. MESSRS. MEIKLE and Gerrior have removed their

gospel tent from Chatham, N.B., across to Douglastown, where they are now holding meetings.

A CALL from Knox church, Pictou, has been extended to Rev. George S. Carson, who has but lately returned from Scotland, where he took a post-graduate course. REV. N. McNAY has been nominated by the Presby

tery of P. E. Island to be moderator of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, to meet in St. John in October next. THE Rev. Prof. Bryce, of Manitoba College, is in Toronto investigating points in Canadian history, after spending some weeks at the same work in Boston and

Cambridge, Massachusetts. REV. J. C. WATT, M.A., formerly of Knox College, Toronto, late of Findlay, Ohio, has accepted a unanimous call to the Fifth Presbyterian church, Cincinnati. Mr. Watt has had much success as a pastor in Findlay.

REV. JAS. BOYD, former pastor of the Presbyterian church, Demorestville, with his son James, now of Beauharnois, are the guests of J. N. Lazier. Their many friends, says a correspondent, are glad to have a visit from

REV. Dr. JARDINE, Brockville, has been consulting with the people of Farmersville respecting instituting permanent Presbyterian services amongst them. In Dr. Jardine's absence Mr. Dow, of Farmersville, occupied Dr. Jardine's pulpit.

WE are glad to notice that the Presbyterian congrega tion at Angus. Ont., have increased the stipend of the pastor, Rev. J. Leishman, by the addition of the rent of the manse. The stipend is now \$550 and a manse. Such evidences of regard are most gratifying.

THE Rev. Dr. Torrance, who has been absent on a three weeks' holiday to the North-West as far as the Rocky Mountains, returned Saturday. Since his absence the doctor appears to have renewed his youth, and looks the picture of health and happiness. - Guelph Mercury.

On Thursday evening, 27th ult., after the usual weekly prayer meeting, the ladies of St. Paul's church, Bowman-ville, presented the newly inducted pastor, Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., with a handsome silk pulpit gown with cassock from the establishment of Mr. Geo. Harcourt,

AT the induction of Rev. D. Bickell into the pastoral charge of Mount Forest, as previously mentioned, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, who had acted as Moderator of Session, was presented by the congregation with an address and purse of \$100 for his valuable and disinter-

AT a pro re nata meeting of the Sarnia Presbytery the Rev. D. C. Johnston's induction was appointed to take place at Oil Springs on Wednesday, 2nd Sept., at 11 a.m., Rev. G. McLennan to preach, Rev. John Thomson to preside and address the minister, and Rev. J. A. McDonald to address the people. ald to address the people.

SAYS the Keene correspondent of a Peterboro' paper: "Rev. Mr. Carmichael, of Norwood, preached a grand sermon in the new church here on Sunday last. Rev. F. Andrews will preach next Sunday at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Geo. Read has purchased the old church, and intends to make two dwelling houses out of it."

Union evangelistic services are being held in Dundalk, Ont. The movement began with the Rev. John Ross, newly inducted pastor of the Presbyterian church. The Methodist ministers of the town early signified their desire to co-operate in the good work, and with their assistance and that of Rev. John M. McIntyre, the evangelist, much good is being done.

Tavish, of Nassagaweya. The stipend promised is \$800 with a manse and one month's holidays. The Rev. James Little, of Princeton, formerly Mr. McTavish's pastor in Nassagaweya, was appointed to preside and ordain. The out of place to 'stir up your pure minds by way of remembers. ordination is fixed for Sept. 8th.

THE Presbyterian Sunday School of Kemptville, Ont., had an excursion to the M. E. camp ground above Brockville. About 500 persons were on board. They were highly pleased with the trip, and especially with the camp ground, which is one of the finest in Canada, if not the finest. The result, after all expenses were paid, was a good time and \$111 to the good.

Mr. Madill, who was received as a Christian worker by the Saugeen Presbytery, has been sent to labour in the new field known as Riverview and Corbetton. This field has been explored and visited by the Rev. J. A. Ross, who has been asked to take the oversight of it. In the latter place a Presbyterian church is in course of erection. The student in charge is preaching with great acceptance.

A MINISTER who was a candidate for the pastorate of A MINISTER who was a candidate for the pastorate of Knox church, in the town of St. Mary's, Ont., has received an anonymous letter from some one in that town, which reads thus: "And you really thought you could come hear and rule over us. No, siree! Not for Josef. Nobody that talks so much Scott Act as you did in our town hall can come to St. Mary's, if we knows it. Did you ever get left? Yours, OLD RYE." And yet there are newspapers in Perth who pride themselves in advocating the interests of just such men as "Old Rye"!—Chatham Banner.

The Sabbath School and congregation of First church, Brantford, Rev. Dr. Beattie pastor, held their annual excursion on the 20th ult. A special train, consisting of eight coaches carrying about 400 old and young, set out for Bay View Park, Burlington Bay, Hamilton. Two steamers took the party over from the wharf to the park, where a most enjoyable day was spent. In the afternoon many went to the beach, others to the city, and others amused themselves in the park. The party reached Brantford before dark, and the general feeling was that this was the best of their annual excurfeeling was that this was the best of their annual excur sions yet held.

THE day after Mr. and Mrs Young, of Clifford, Ont., returned from Toronto, where Mrs. Young had been under medical treatment for an affection of the ear, a deputation of the congregation waited on them, and presented them with an address and sixty dollars. The address was expressive of the high estimation in which the pastor and his wife are held, of the deep sympathy for them and their family in their present severe affliction, and concluded with an earnest prayer that Mrs. Young, who has been so long and seriously ill, may soon be restored to health and strength. We heartily join in the expression of sympathy and good wishes for the pastor

and his family.

At the meeting of the Saugeen Presbytery on July 29th, Mr. John A. Ross was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the Dundalk and Fraser Settlement congregation. Rev. A. Wilson, Markdale, preached, Rev. D. McLeod, B.A., Priceville, addressed the people, and Rev. John Morrison, of Cedarville, the pastor. A welcome social was held on the evening of the same day. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Campbell, Ph.D., Harriston, Strongman (Methodist), Morrison, McDonald, Horning's Mills, and Wilson. The choir furnished excellent and appropriate music. The stipend promised is \$750, payable quarterly in advance. The congregation is increasing already, and improvements The congregation is increasing already, and improvements are being made on the church property. Evidently this is a happy settlement.

THE Rev. A. J. Mowatt has returned from his vacation, and on Sunday morning last preached to a large congregation in St. Paul's kirk (of which church the reverend entleman is pastor), from the text in Amos iv., 12 Prepare to meet thy God." This was a most vigorous, eloquent and deeply interesting discourse, and to at least one stranger present was convincing proof that the pastor of St. Paul's was a profound theologian, a deep thinker, an excellent scholar, and a preacher not at all afraid to speak out boldly against sin and sinners, and was a zeal-ous labourer in the Master's vineyard. Towards the close of his sermon the preacher alluded in the kindest and most eloquent manner to the late Mr. Robert Tnorburn, most eloquent manner to the late Mr. Robert Thorburn, a member of the congregation, referring to the unvarying cheerfulness of the deceased, of his love of country and his country's Church, and of his devotion to his home, family and friends, and the blank caused by his sudden death. The congregation are looking forward with much pleasure to the fall when the services will be held in their new and beautiful stone church, which will then be completed.—Fredericton Capitai.

THE sudden acceptance of Dr. Moffat of the call from the congregation of West Winchester was a real surprise to very many of his own congregation, and when it became definitely known that the ties that had bound pastor and people together for twenty-seven years were to be severed, and their old and loved pastor was removing to a distant field, it was at once determined to get up a "farewell social," which took place in the basement of Free St. John's church, Thursday evening, 27th ult. The evening was not at all a favourable one, nevertheless there was a large audience present made up of all classes and was a large audience present made up of all classes and creeds, thus showing that the doctor was held in high repute, not only by his own congregation, but by all classes. D. Sinclair, Esq., occupied the chair, and as usual filled the position with ability and tact. The speakers of the evening were Rev. Messrs. Shortt and Scott, whose excellent speeches were supplemented by brief remarks from the following well-known gentlemen, viz., Messrs. O'Connor, Cooper, McNamara and Stephens. In addition to the addresses herewith given, the ladies of the congregation read an address to Mrs. Moffat, and presented her with a handsome silver tea service (six pieces) as a parting souvenir. Miss Moffat was likewise presented with a very appropriate present and an address by the members of the Sabbath School. We have not learned the amount of the purse to the doctor, but we believe it was a very handsome sum.—Telescope.

THE Rev. P. McF. McLeod, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Toronto, delivered a temperance sermon to his congregation, Sabbath evening, 23rd ult. He dwelt upon the necessity of the protection of the He dwelt upon the necessity of the protection of the homes of the people from this gigantic drink evil, and showed that as far back as 1736 the people of Great Britain recognized the necessity of legislating for the restriction of the liquor traffic, which line has been followed up to the present time. In referring to vested interests in the liquor traffic, he claimed that the highest authority, that of the Privy Council of Great Britain, had decided that the Dominion Government had the power and the right to pass prohibitory legislation. He alluded to the passing of strong resolutions in favour of the Scott Act by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Act by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and stated that after careful enquiries by himself and testiand stated that after careful enquiries by himself and testimonies from brother ministers residing in counties where the Act was in operation and where the officials did their duty, he found that drinking was very much diminished. In such places, where the husband once used to go to the saloon with his earnings, he now purchased the necessaries of life for his wife and family. In referring to the continuous context to see the family. In referring to the coming contest to carry the Scott Act in this city, he said he felt it was his duty, in view of the terrible ravages of drink, and in view of the evil effects upon the men engaged in the traffic, to do all in his power to assist in carrying the Act in this city It was not necessary for him to make any apology to his congregation for preaching this sermon, as men whom he had preached to in those pews had been destroyed by this blighting curse of our country. In the words of Gladstone, he claimed that it was the duty of Government to make it easy to do right and difficult to do wrong .- Globe.

As has been already stated, the Rev. James Quinn has recently resigned the pastoral charge of the St. Luke's Presbyterian congregation, Bathursi, N.B., to enter upon mission work in the North-West in the Carberry district. At the last regular meeting of the Presbytery of Paris held in Ingersoll a call was presented to Rev. W. S. Mc- 23rd ult., Mr. Quinn took leave of his people in an -Halifax Witness.

out of place to 'stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance' and to exhort you to 'be established in present truth.' Leaving for Manitoba, under appointment of the Home Mission Board (Western Section), I take with me many happy memories of Bathurst. I have been your pastor for two years and four months. I have, amidst a few difficulties and some discouragements, done my best, with the help of God whose grace is ever available, to further your spiritual interests—to lead you to 'seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, —with what success is known only to God. It has been a matter of great satisfaction and comfort to me to know from many who have regularly waited on the ordinances of public worship, Bible classes and prayer meetings, that they have been blessed and edified. To God be ascribed all the glory. . . . I would impress upon you the very important duty of maintaining family worship and encouraging Bible study in the household. aging Bible study in the household. I would not for a moment undervalue Sabbath School instruction, but remember Sabbath Schools never can take the place and fulfil the duty of parents. Show your households the value you place upon 'the Word' by your own earnest and practical perusal of it. (Matthew vii., 21.)" After reminding the people of the prime importance of attendance upon public worship and a word of affectionate counsel to the youth and children, he asked for the prayers of the people in his new undertaking. Mr. Quinn and his family passed through Toronto last week on their way to their distant home. To adopt the language of the Newcastle Union-Advocate, "We join with hosts of friends in wishing him abundant success and prosperity in his remember Sabbath Schools never can take the place and in wishing him abundant success and prosperity in his new field of labour."

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.

On Monday at noon two beloved missionaries sailed in the Caspian from this port on their way to India. We should correct ourselves and say three missionaries; for should correct ourselves and say three missionaries; for we bade farewell to Rev. J. Fraser Campbell and his wife, and to Rev. Robert C. Murray. It is not right to ignore, or to withhold recognition from the wives of missionaries; and Mrs. Campbell is entitled specially to be regarded as a missionary for she offered herself for service in India some years before her marriage, and was accepted, and had proved herself a zealous and efficient labourer in the field. A largely attended farewell meeting was held in St. Matthew's church on Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. Burns presiding. The younger missionary, Rev. R. C. Murray, briefly and impressively addressed the meeting on the obligation resting on Christians to the meeting on the obligation resting on Christians to send the Gospel to heathen lands. He spoke of his own conversion—and how when listening to an earnest address by Mr. Campbell at Pictou shortly before he went out to India ten years ago, he, Mr. Murray, felt constrained to devote himself to the service of the Master. He had been led diving the intervening years to present constrained to devote himself to the service of the Master. He had been led during the intervening years to prepare for the ministry and to offer himself for service in Central India. His salary is provided by one congregation, that of St. Paul's, Montreal. Mr. Campbell exhorted his hearers to be in full sympathy with Christ. He pointed out the immensity of the field and the scarcity of missionaries. In Central India where our missionaries labour there is a population of ten millions, and among these we have a force of *five* missionaries. As many as the whole population of Nova Scotia die in those states every year—die without the knowledge of Christ. Mr. Campbell made a powerful appeal to the consciences of his hearers. Dr. Burns briefly conveyed to the missionaries the earres. Dr. Burns briefly conveyed to the missionaries the earnest good wishes and sympathies of the people. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. M. Morrison, A. Simpson, and H. H. McPherson. Among the ministers pre ent were Dr. Todd of Tarrytown, N.Y., Rev. Andrew Wilson (one of our veterans from the West) Rev. Mr. Snodgrass (son of Dr. Snodgrass) and Rev. Mr. Burnfield of Recchville.

Son of Dr. Snodgrass) and Rev. Mr. Burnheld of Brockville.

The first farewell missionary meeting was held in Halifax was when Rev. John Geddie and his wife left for the South Seas in November 1846—nearly thirty-nine years ago. Dr. Geddie will ever be remembered as the honoured pioneer of a noble band who have done service in the Foreign Field. What changes since the 13th November 1846! Our pioneer missionary travelled over this country but had not the advantage of one mile of railway. He went to Boston in eight days through a succession of terrible storms, and he had to go round Cape Horn before getting to the Pacific. We have had farewell meetings in Hali'ax in connection with the departure of George N. Gordon, J. W. Matheson, Samuel F. Johnston, Donald Morrison, James Gordon, Joseph Annand and J. W. Mackenzie and Hugh Robertson; all New Hebrides missionaries; and John Morton, Kenneth Grant, Thomas Christie and J. W. MacLeod for Trinidad; and now we have to add the meeting on Sunday night to bid farewell to Messrs. Campbell and Murray. If we count the wives of missionaries and other ladies Brockville. If we count the wives of missionaries and other ladie

who have gone into the field, we find that about forty. Presbyterians have gone from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to labour in heathen lands.

When Dr. Geddie left us in 1846 the Foreign missionary movement was confined to the "Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia." It has gradually extended so as to embrace the whole Presbyterian family throughout the embrace the whole Presbyterian family throughout the Dominion. The Church which supported him has become identified with the Presbyterianism of all British America; and the missionary spirit which he was the first to kindle by actual personal enterprise now finds expression in missions to Trinidad, Central India, and Formosa, as well as to the New Hebrides.

Of the missionaries whom we have sent forth Dr. Geddie, Mr. and Mrs. Mathewson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, the Gordons, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison "lie dead on the field of battle"—a gallant band of ten whose bodies rest in honoured graves—whose souls have gone to God, and whose characters and names are precious to the Church as a stimulus to greater zeal and self-sacrifice.

While ten are gone, and a few have dropped from the

ranks on account of impaired health or for other reasons, the majority are still in harness, toiling diligently as the Master directs

When speaking of missionaries who have fallen in the field let us not forget young MacLaren who went out to Siam in connection with another branch of the Presbyterian Church. And when recounting the number of missionaries who have gone forth from the Maritime Provinces let us not ignore the ten or twelve who have gone to India and Burmah from among our Baptist brethren. The work is one, however widely apart the scenes of labour and although the Churches at home should

When Mr. Geddie left Halifax in 1846 the annual contributions for missions to the heathen by the Presbyterians of British North America amounted to less than This year, 1885, the receipts amounted probably to \$70,000.

It may be well to refresh the memories of our readers by enumerating the whole staff of Missionaries among the heathen supported by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Among the Indians of the North-West we have Revs. John McKay, George Flett, Solomon Tunkansuiciye, Hugh McKay, Cuthbert McKay, and Donald McVicar. In Formosa we have Dr. G. L. McKay and Rev. John Jamieson. In Central India we have Rev. John Wilkie, J. Fraser Campbell, Joseph Builder, W. A. Wilson, and R. C. Murray, with the Misses McGregor, Rodger, Ross, and Beattie, ladies who have special training and qualifications for work among the women of India. In the fications for work among the women of India. In the New Hebrides we have Rev. J. W. Mackenzie, J. Annand and H. A. Robertson. In Trinidad we have Rev. John Morton, K. Grant, J. W. MacLeod, and J. K. Wright; and also Misses Blackadar, Semple and Copeland

Taken all in all the mission work of our Church is in a very hopeful state, and the interest in it is steadily increasing. Among the most helpful agencies to-day are the "Woman's Presbyterial Societies" which diffuse much information and collect a large amount of money.

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