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Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Walter M. Roger has been elected President of the London Ministerial Association.

DR. DANIEL CLARKE, of Toronto, lectured in the course now being delivered in Central Church, Hamilton, last week.

MAYOR MCLRLIAN, of Hamilton, says the Times of that city, is a very handy man. He occupied the pulpit of Knox Church Sunday morning and evening

THE First Presbyterian Church, London, is making steady progress under the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Clark. Thirty-three new members were added last week.

THE Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Knox Church, Galt, preached an able and eloquent sermon to the St. Andrew's Society and Sons of Scotland in Knox Church, Guelph, recently.

THE Rev G M. Milligan gave an interesting lecture on "Notes of Travel" last week in one of the parlours of Old St. Andrew's Church. The proceeds were devoted to the Ladies Aid Society of the Church.

A SCOTTISH exchange says: Mr. Oliver Mowat, prime minister of Ontario, whose ancestors were intimately connected with Dunnet, Thurso, has presented two silver patens for use at the communion in the parish church.

THE vacancies in the Presbytery of Halifax, N.S. have been recently filled. Windsor congregation has called Rev. Anderson Rogers, of Yarmouth; Shubenacadie, Rev. Mr. Murray, Sydney; and Middle Musquoduobit, Rev. Mr. Grant, of Stewiester.

THE Rev. John Burton, B.D., in response to a request from the American Bible Society has heen appointed by the Directors of the Upper Canada Bible Society to represent them and make an address at the seventy-fifth anniversary to be held in New York in May next.

In the report of the missionary conference which appeared in last issue, it was inadvertently said that "the Hon. and Rev. R. Moreton favoured an extra theological course." Such a position is not in harmony with that gentleman's views, and in fairness to him the correction is made.

THE following were the officers elected at the recent meeting of the Toronto Christian Endeavour Union: President, T. G. Anderson, Central President byterian; vice-president, Mr. Ferguson, Charles Street Presbyterian; secretary, Mr. McConnell, Cooke's; assistant secretary, Mr. Dunn, Cooke's; treasurer, Miss Verral.

nection between Alvinston and Napier, and con- executive to consent to the proposition. The misstituted Alvinston a separate charge. This is a stonary's report also gave promise of an early settleof these new charges will require to be supplemented, but evidently for a short time only, as in all three congregations the people are active and warmly disposed to the work. For Napier and Brooke a minister able to speak Gaelic will be destrable; no evening service will be required in this charge. Rev. J. H. Graham, Watford, would like to communicate at once with available candidates for these places.

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AT the regular quarterly meeting of the Presby-tery of Brockville, held on Tuesday week, the Home Mission Report showed that the four mission stations were being regularly supplied, all the congregations having settled pastors. Circulars anent Home Misformerly issued as a monthly of 16 pages is now published as having settled pastors. Circulars anent Home Misan all interacted Memal-monthly paper of 12 pages. Sions and Augmentations were read. The Preshytery Designed especially for the older achievant. Is asked for \$950 for Home Missions and \$600 for School Subscriptions, to one address, Augmentation. It was decided to apportion the is asked for \$950 for Home Missions and \$600 for Augmentation. It was decided to apportion the amounts among the different congregations. Petitions were asked for the enactment of laws for the better observance of the Salibath, and committees were appointed to interview the members of Parliament within the bounds of the Presbytery. Mr. D. O. McArthur asked to be received into the Presbytery and a committee was appointed to confer with him. The March meeting will be held in Cardinal.

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and Session, and for two weeks addressed large
audiences nightly on vital Gospel topics with gratifying results. A marked deepening of interest is fying results. A marked deepening of interest is continued reading the Rible and became converted observable among Christians, and many, especially by faith in Christ. He then met Dr. Gaia, of among the young, have been led to make definite choice of Christ as their portion. One gratifying scature of the meetings was the quiet, reverent, carnest manner in which they were conducted. Nothing sensational, nothing in the least objec-For single sub-scription price, see each paper.

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was of a very high order, and well merited the warm reception given to all the performers. In the absence of Mr. Fisher, the Conservatory was represented by Signor D'Auria, Giuseppi Dinelli, J. D. A. Tripp and other members of the staff. Principal Macintyre, in connecting the musical department of his college with the Conservatory, has gained for it an efficiency which is unsurpassed, and the talent brought out on Friday evening was evithe talent brought out on Friday evening was evi-dence of the wisdom of the arrangement. Two pupils from Professor S. H. Clarke's elocution class showed marked ability in this department, and the recitations were well received. Principal Macintyre, in closing, spoke of the satisfactory work and the great success of the session, the excellent health of the pupils, and announced the reopening on the 6th of January.

THE St. Mary's Argus says: A few days ago we heard it rumoured that Rev. J. A. Turnbull was going to leave town, and remove to the city of Toronto. The Globe confirmed this report by saying that the Session of the West Presbyterian Church met last evening to select a pastor, and the unanimous choice fell upon Rev. J. A. Turnbull, of St. Mary's. If the reverend gentleman accepts the call the congregation will part with him with feelings of pain and sorrow, for he has become dearly beloved by the members and adherents of the First Presbyterian Church. It will also be a matter tor general regret throughout the town, as he is highly respected by a large circle of friends. The To-ronto congregation will get a pastor who has a large sympathetic heart, and a good sound head filled with the knowledge ther makes his sermons at once instructive as well as interesting.

THE executive of the Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Committee of the western d vision met in Toronto last week. Rev. Dr. Wardsope, Convener of the committee, occupied the chair, and there were present Rev. Dr. Burson, St. Catharines; Rev. Professor McLaren, Rev. Dr. Reid, Andrew Jeffrey; Dr. McDonald, Hamilton, and Mr. Hamilton Cassels, secretary of the committee. Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, though not a member, also sat with the executive. In view of the intended tour around the world of Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, a gentleman prominently connected with the Preshuterian Church and mission weak in Canada it me. byterian Church and mission work in Canada, it was decided to request him to visit Formosa in the interests of the committee. It is expected that the reverend gentleman will agree to this if his stay in Hong Kong will permit. Dr. Torrance will leave at an early day by one of the new Canadian Pacific Railway steamers. The minutes of the meeting of the Honga Problems and the Honan Presbytery, held on October 13 and 14, were read. At that meeting it was resolved to ask permission to acquire property in Honan under mortgage, as it would accommodate them better than renting. As the report of the missionary's last tour was very satisfactory, it was decided by the ment in that province.

PROF. BALDWIN, of Toronto University, lectured on "Illusions" in the Central Church school room, Hamilton, last week. The lecture, says the Times, was a masterpiece of scientific and philosophical analysis. Illustons were said to be the result of a discrepancy between the impres-sions made on the senses and one's standard of judgment. Illusions arise from internal causes, as when by power of will one calls up scenes that are not present; from external causes, as when one sees something that forcibly recalls something else with which it is not identical, for instance, mistaking one person for another; from organic causes, as when disordered brain or nervous system causes, as when disordered brain or nervous system causes the perceptive organs to act as if something external were being perceived. As for illusory appearances or hallucinations, they are as real to the person seeing them as if they existed. The seeing of an actual object causes an action of certain brain centres, and the nervous disorder which brings the centres, and the nervous disorder which brings the hallucination causes the same action in the same brain centre as would be caused by the sight of an actual object. Our means of testing illusions are: Our mental standard of truth, exactitude or certainty; the consensus of general opinion and experience in certain points; and the "controlling sense," or sense of touch; called the controlling sense because it is the sense least liable to deception. The whole subject of "Illusions" is one that emphasizes the necessity of a continued search for truth. Some very interesting anecdotes and illustrations were given. The lecture was one of the most successful and brilliant of this excellent series.

SUNDAY evening week, in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, Signor Domenico Sicoli Spada, an Italian gentleman, addressed the audience (in his native tongue, interpreted by Mr. Charles T. Paul. Mr. Spada was born in Naples of Roman Catholic parents in 1864. He was destined for the priesthood and studied in Rome at II Seminario Car-dinalizio, where after five years he was ordained a deacon and appointed instructor in Latin, which post he held for three years. While there a Bible fell into his hands which he began to read with great zeal; this was forbidden him as soon as dis-covered by his superiors, and, as he still persisted, was excommunicated, and left the seminary. his own family he was persecuted especially by his two uncles, who are priests. He was disinherited by his father and obliged to leave home. Still he Florence, who induced him to leave for America. He arrived in New York eight months ago, and during his stay there was a member of the Italian Church of Kev. Signor Arrighi. Mr. Spada is now in Toronto and is anxious to do something for his own tongue. At present most of the Italian chil-dren attend St. Patrick's Catholic school, where they On Friday evening last the Presbyterian Ladies' do not understand the instruction given in English. College, Toronto, gave their Christmas concert in In the mission he would tell them about Jesus and

turther information from and leave contributions with Mr. Charles T. Paul, at the Meisterschaft School of Linguistry, 20 Queen Street West.

PRESENTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 9th inst., Rev. W. Frizzell, Moderator. Agreeably to application, leave was given to the congregation of West Toronto Junction to obtain an additional loan of \$7,000. A letter was read from Hon. Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice, acknowledging receipt of the resolution adopted by the Presbytery in regard to the matter of capital punishment, and stating also that he would be glad to lay the said resolution before his colleagues. It was reported by Rev. Walter Reid that he had moderated in a call from the congregations of Fairbank and Fisherville, which was given in favour of Rev. Alexander Wilson, probationer. Guar-antees for stipend were read, promising respectively \$400 and \$300. After hearing commissioners it was agreed to sustain the call and to apply for a was agreed to sustain the call and to apply for a supplement of \$200. The call was put into the hands of Mr. Wilson, who was present, when he declared his acceptance of the same. The Moderator and the Clerk were then appointed to assign him subjects of trial for ordination. And the Presbytery agreed to meet in Fairbank Church on the 23rd inst., at one p.m., for the purpose of hearing said trials, and, if satisfied therewith, to proceed at two p.m. with the services for his ordination; the Moderator to preside; Rev. R. C. Tibb to preach; Rev. A. Gilray to deliver the charge, and Rev. W. Reid to address the people. Rev. R. P. Mackay reported that he had moderated in a call from the congregation of West Church, Toronto, which was given in favour of Rev. J. A. Turnbull, LL.B., of St. Mary's, in the Presbytery of Stratford. A guarantee for stipend was read, promising \$2,000 to be given in monthly payments, with provision for one month's holidays each year. Reasons for translation were also handed in and read. In support of the call Messrs. David Millar, R. S. Gourlay, W. Carlyle and John Gordon appeared as commissioners and were duly heard. On motion made and seconded, the call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted, together with relative papers, to the Presbytery of Stratford, and Revs. R. P. Mackay, D. J. Macdonnell and Dr. McTavish were appointed to prosecute the call before said Presbytery. The Presbytery took up the resignation of Rev. A. H. Drumm, as tendered by him at last ordinary meeting. In relation thereto it was reported by Kev. J. Argo that he had cited the congregations of Georgetown and Limehouse to appear for their interests at this meeting. Accordingly Messrs. Norman Lindsay and Joseph Barber appeared as commissioners from said congregations and were severally heard, when they stated in sub-stance that they could offer no opposition to the acceptance of Mr. Drumm's resignation. Mr. Drumm was then heard on his own behalf, when he pressed the acceptance of his resignation. It was thereupon moved and agreed to that this resignation be now accepted, the decision to take effect on and after the 28th inst. A committee was appointed consisting of Prof. Thompson and Rev. W. Meikle, to prepare a minute regarding Mr. Drumm and submit the same to next ordinary meeting. Rev.
Andrew Wilson was appointed to preach at Georgetown and Limehouse on the first Sabbath of January and declare the charge vacant. It was also agreed to appoint Rev. Joseph Alexander as Moderator of the Session during the vacancy. And a committee was appointed to look after supply for the pulpits concerned. In view of the approaching Missionary conference—to be commenced by the Presbytery in the afternoon—it was moved by Rev. Walter Amos, and agreed to, that the committee who were appointed to make arrangements for said conference be also appointed to prepare a report of

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