

Ministers and Churches.

NIGHTLY revival services are being held in the Presbyterian Church, Bradford.

THE Rev. J. C. Cattanach, of Sherbrooke, has received a call from St. Andrew's Church, Halifax.

THE Rev. D. Currie has declined the call from the congregation of Richmond Bay West, P. E. I.

THE Rev. Joseph Allard has resigned the pastoral charge of the French Protestant Church, Quebec city.

WE understand the call to Alexandria has been declined by the Rev. K. MacLennan, M.A. It is to be hoped that spirited and rising congregation may soon secure a harmonious settlement.

DR. REID has received from the *Northern Advocate* \$60, viz.: for Knox College Students' Missionary Society, \$10, and \$50 for expenses of Missionary to India (J. W. Goforth). This will be reported to Foreign Mission Board.

THE sixteenth anniversary tea meeting in connection with St. Andrew's Church, London, was made the occasion of a grand sacred concert, given in the body of the church, under the presidency of the pastor, Rev. J. Allister Murray. The music rendered was of a high order, and was heartily enjoyed by the large audience present.

ON the evening of Oct. 23rd last a pleasing event took place in the office of the Western Bank in Tilsonburg. The Rev. M. McGregor, pastor of the Tilsonburg Presbyterian Church, and a number of the members and adherents of the church having met together in the bank, advantage was taken of the occasion to present Mr. McGregor with a very fine Astrachan coat suitable for winter driving.

THE Rev. J. Sieveright, B.A., Presbyterian minister in Muskoka, delivered a most entertaining and instructive lecture on "The Far West" last week, in the school-room of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough. The reverend lecturer graphically described the maladministration of Indian affairs that prevails in our North-West Territories, stating that the course of missionary work and enterprise was seriously retarded and hampered by it. The audience, which was fairly large, heard him with great attention, and were much pleased with his lecture.

WE notice from late Manitoba papers that Dr. Bryce, of Manitoba College, has been chosen a member of the American Historical Association, a very influential society of authors in American history. We notice also that Dr. Bryce has been elected a corresponding member of the Celtic Society of Montreal. This, we understand, is not so much from having the blood of the Gaul in his veins, though we believe Dr. Bryce is by descent a Perthshire Highlander, as for the part he has taken as a historian in writing the history of Lord Selkirk's Highland Settlement, which was the nucleus of Manitoba, and for other investigations into the history of the Celts on this Continent.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, officiated with great acceptance in St. Andrew's Church, London, on Sabbath, November 8th. Dr. Cochrane is always welcomed in London by large and attentive audiences, and this occasion was no exception to the rule. On Monday, November 9th, Dr. Cochrane lectured in Glenora on "The Martyr Heroes of Scotland." The lecture was delivered in Burns Church to a large and appreciative audience. Eloquent and instructive, this lecture furnishes this kind of intellectual food necessary to a proper understanding of the precious heritage received from those men of whom the world was not worthy. The pastor, Rev. J. Robinson, presided. To a vote of thanks moved by Rev. N. McKinnon, Dr. Cochrane expressed his pleasure at being present in Glenora, and wished pastor and people much success.

THE *Port Hope Guide* says. The lecture delivered last week in the First Presbyterian Church was full of interest. Mr. Sieveright gave a graphic account of some of his personal experiences in reaching his far off field of labour. He is an enthusiastic admirer of the Saskatchewan country, its climate, people and resources. He came into personal contact with all the leaders of the late rebellion, and gave his impression of how it might have been prevented. The dissatisfaction among the whites of Prince Albert, irrespective of creed or politics, was as great as among the Half-breeds; but the latter had not patience to exhaust all constitutional methods of securing redress before resorting to arms. He spoke of the happy effect of the prohibitory policy as to the liquor traffic in the North-West, the abuse of the permits, too freely granted by the Lieutenant-Governor, being its chief weakness. To Mr. Sieveright's energy and promptitude the location of the town of Prince Albert on the mission property is due.

THE annual meeting of the Charles Street Presbyterian Church Ladies' Working and Aid Society was held in the vestry and Bible class rooms of the church. On Friday afternoon last a very large number of the ladies of the congregation being present, Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, president, in the chair, after the meeting was opened by devotional exercises, the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and adopted, showing that the society during the past year has done much good, not only in helping the deserving poor in the northern part of the city, but in buying material and meeting weekly to make the same up in useful garments, and also in collecting cast-off clothing and sending the same to the Indian mission in the North-West over which the Rev. Mr. Hodnett has charge. They (the society) have also sent money to missions. The treasurer reported a balance of over \$25 on hand after paying all charges. Mrs. J. C. Hamilton was re-elected president; Mrs. R. S. T. Davidson and Mrs. Carman vice-presidents; Mrs. Hodgson, secretary, and Mrs. A. Finlayson, treasurer. The members of the society meet every Friday afternoon in the church parlour for work.

INTERESTING anniversary services were held in Saint Andrew's Church, London, on Sabbath week. The preacher

on the occasion was the Rev. William Cochrane, D.D., of Zion Church, Brantford. The morning sermon was an able exposition of the truth contained in Eph. i. 13-14. A special service for children was held in the afternoon, at which Dr. Cochrane and the Rev. Messrs. Thompson and Sutherland delivered stirring and attractive addresses. Dr. Cochrane, in beginning his remarks, spoke more particularly to the older members, contrasting the magnificent temple of to-day with the old building in which he had preached when Dr. Scott was pastor, and referring to the progress made as a great cause for rejoicing. In the evening Dr. Cochrane preached from 2 Chron. xxv. 9. After illustrating and enforcing the general principles contained in the text the preacher next addressed himself especially to young men. He hoped they might be kept from temptation and lead such a life as to reflect honour on themselves and their parents. Many of them had come from country homes, and he urged them to obey the teachings of their mother. He asked could they afford to live without Jesus—without the faith that carried their father and mother to heaven, and neglecting the old family Bible. He concluded by urging young men to begin a new life and accept salvation at once.

THE congregation at Carman, Manitoba, erected a church this summer which was opened on the 18th of October. The Rev. J. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, preached in the morning, the Rev. Mr. Townsend, of Manitou, in the afternoon, and the Rev. Mr. Whimster, Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, in the evening. All the services were largely attended. On Monday there was a soiree, when the building was completely filled. Addresses were given by the gentlemen above named and by the Rev. Mr. Lantow and Mr. Barclay. The musical part of the programme was ably filled under the leadership of Mr. Haverson. The church is a frame structure, 26 x 41, costing about \$1,400. It is neat and comfortable, with a seating capacity of about 200. The Rev. W. R. Ross is pastor of the congregation and has done valuable service in the district for our Church. For years Mr. Ross ministered to the Presbyterians scattered over a wide area and was instrumental in erecting the church at Campbellville and that at Miami. The congregation cheerfully seconded Mr. Ross's efforts in the enterprise as shown by the whole cost being covered by the subscription list. A faithful fulfilment of obligations and the church will soon be out of debt. We wish pastor and people every success in their new venture. Should the railway pass through the town, as is expected, the frame building must soon give place to brick, for a better farming district than is found along the Boyne River does not exist in the Province.

THE Rev. John Brown, whose death occurred recently at Newmarket, Ont., was born in Kirkcubrightshire, on the 20th of September, 1807. While still a young lad he displayed much aptitude for study. At the age of twelve or thirteen he began attending the Grammar School of Kirkcubright. Here he remained for three years, and when only sixteen he entered the University of Edinburgh, where he enjoyed the great privilege of hearing Christopher North's Lectures in Moral Philosophy. He was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1832, and after a few years became assistant minister in the parish of Tranent. He retained to the last the fondest recollections of his work, and would recall many pleasing reminiscences of communion seasons in the parish. In 1852 he went to Florida, where he found the climate unfavourable, and came to Canada in 1854, when he was inducted into the charge of Newmarket. For more than twenty years Mr. Brown laboured in this field, preaching in Aurora, Holland Landing and Queensville as well as Newmarket. In 1875 he felt constrained, through increasing infirmities, to retire from the active duties of the ministry. He was a man of ripe scholarship, and his sermons were distinguished for great clearness. At the time of his death he had been over fifty-two years a minister. He was one of the most genial of men, warmly attached to the Church of his fathers, and ready to give a hearty welcome to any brother minister who crossed the threshold of his manse. Peacefully and calmly he fell asleep in Jesus, on the evening of Thursday, the 29th of October, 1885, having passed the allotted span of three-score years and ten.

A VERY interesting entertainment was given on the evening of Thursday the 12th, to the returned soldiers by the Young People's Association of the West Presbyterian Church. About thirty of "C" Company, Infantry School, attend West Church and most of them, along with six others from that church, were called to the North West. A large assembly of friends met to show their interest in them and to express their joy at their safe return. The chair was occupied by the president of the Young People's Association, Mr. R. A. Gourley, who told the returned soldiers that all had prayed for them when absent and now rejoiced in their presence with us. Several piano solos and duets were rendered, also songs and recitations—one very amusing—by a member of "C" Company. The pastor, Rev. R. Wallace, also gave an address congratulating the soldiers on their safe return, and their true heroism and patriotism. He said the time would come when war would cease, when through the influence of Christianity men generally conformed to the golden rule laid down by Christ. But in the meantime patriotism demanded that we shall stand by our country and defend her against every foe. He showed that many soldiers have risen above the natural tendency of war to harden the heart and have exhibited the noblest traits of moral and religious character. Not only have we Bible instances of great warriors like David with tenderest hearts, but in later ages, under Christian influence, history tells us of many noble and generous men who wore the military garb. Several great victories have also been won by praying soldiers. Thus was gained the victory of Bannockburn and the continued triumph of Cromwell and his Ironsides who swept the proud Cavaliers before them as the chaff is driven before the wind. Thus in the great crisis of the Sepoy Mutiny in India the scale was turned by Havelock and his "saints" or praying soldiers. So also the regiments formed by the roughs of New York at the beginning of the Civil War were the first to flee from the field of battle, whereas the God-fearing men of the North fought it out to final victory under General Grant, who feared

God and knew no other fear. Mr. Wallace then showed that there is another kind of heroism yet more important—moral heroism—to be able to say "No" to the tempter and to the many allurements they will all meet. They should adopt right principles and act upon them at all times. Godliness promotes industry, economy, honesty and truthfulness, and these are the elements of true success in business. Many with such a character have risen from the lowest to the highest positions. Refreshments were then served both to the soldiers and the large number of young people and their friends that had assembled and all felt that they had enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

DR. CALVIN McQUESTEN, of Hamilton, a venerable elder so well and favourably known for many years for his Christian worth and service, passed away in his eighty-fifth year, full of faith and hope. He was the oldest member of the Session of MacNab Street Church. His funeral was largely attended by the citizens of Hamilton and by many friends from a distance. The Rev. D. H. Fletcher, in closing an impressive sermon having special reference to his death, said that it was due to the memory of the deceased elder and to the congregation that reference should be made to some features of his Christian character, with a view to stimulate themselves to greater fidelity and earnestness in their Christian life. Dr. McQuesten loved the Saviour and served Him to the close of his long and useful life. He loved God's Word and read it prayerfully and systematically. The sacred volume was his daily companion, and when not able on account of the infirmities of old age to read any portion of it continuously himself, he loved to hear it read by others. He especially loved the Psalms of David and the Gospels; that of John being his favourite; and the portions of it in which he delighted most to read toward the close of his life were the fourteenth to the seventeenth chapters. He acquired the habit of reading the Word of God daily when quite young, and continued it through life, delighting in it more and more as he advanced in years. He appreciated very highly the means of grace. When enjoying health and strength his seat in the sanctuary was always occupied at both the morning and the evening service. He relished evangelical preaching in which the needs of humanity and the freeness of Divine grace were unfolded. His favourite sermons were those which gave prominence to the work of Christ, and to the mission and work of the Holy Spirit. In church polity he was a staunch Presbyterian, and in creed an intelligent Calvinist. His favourite writers in theology were Dr. Witherspoon, Jonathan Edwards and Dr. Charles Hodge. He had the writings of these eminent divines in his possession, read them frequently, and prized them very highly. He was a generous supporter of the Gospel. He contributed toward the erection of the church in which he worshipped before uniting with this congregation upwards of \$20,000, probably the largest amount given by any member of the Presbyterian Church in this city toward the erection of a church. He had taken a deep interest in missions from his youth, and always rejoiced to hear of the success of the Gospel in foreign lands. He contributed every year through the missionary association of the congregation the sum of \$200. He was a man of prayer. He regularly, when able, attended the prayer meeting, and greatly encouraged us by his presence and earnest prayers. It was his privilege to conduct family worship in his own house the night before he died. He retired to rest apparently in comparatively good health for a man of his advanced years. In the morning he was found asleep, but it was the sleep of death. He died alone, and yet not alone, for the Divine Master was with him. Gently called by the voice he knew so well, he gently passed away, and we are comforted with the assurance that for him to die was gain.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD. A regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox Church, St. Mary's, on the 10th inst. There was a good attendance of members. A circular from Dr. Reid anent the work of an additional professor in Knox College was read. Mr. Henderson, Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund, made a statement regarding contributions to that fund. He was requested to bring in a report of the condition of the fund at next meeting. Mr. Tully presented an overture regarding term service in the ministry. It was agreed that copies of the same should be sent to the members and the consideration of the overture deferred until next meeting. At two o'clock the Presbytery proceeded with the induction of Rev. A. Grant. Mr. Hamilton presided and called upon Mr. McKibbin who conducted divine service, preaching from John x. 27. Dr. James, formerly of Hamilton Presbytery, and Rev. Messrs. Henderson and Hincks, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Mr. Wright, of the Episcopal Church, being present, were invited to sit and correspond with the Presbytery. Mr. Hamilton then narrated the steps taken and put the usual questions to Mr. Grant, which were satisfactorily answered. He then engaged in prayer and in the usual terms inducted Mr. Grant to the pastorate. The right hand of fellowship was then given by the members of the court. Mr. P. Scott addressed the newly inducted pastor, and Mr. Henderson the congregation. These services were brought to a close by singing and pronouncing the benediction by Mr. McPherson. Mr. Boyd then conducted Mr. Grant to the door where the congregation extended to him their greetings. The Presbytery considered a circular anent the amount to be raised by this Presbytery for the Augmentation Scheme. Messrs. Turnbull, Grant and Wood were appointed to divide that amount in proper proportion among the congregations in the bounds. The committee appointed to examine Mr. J. B. Hamilton reported. The Presbytery agreed to sustain his examination and recommended that he be engaged to labour in the mission field. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Stratford, on the second Tuesday of January, 1886.—A. F. TULLY, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—The Presbytery of Winnipeg met in Knox Church on Wednesday, the 7th ult. There were present Revs. A. McLaren, D. M. Gordon, C. B. Pitblado, J. Herald, J. Laurence, C. W. Bryden, S. Polson, J. Pringle, Prof. Dryce, Prof. Hart and D. B. Whimster,