

Indian Commissioner Huyter Reed, was present. St. Andrews Church, Winnipeg, furnished the chief reception in excellent style. Rev. W. Moore, Indian missionary at Regina Reserves, was present at Portage la Prairie missionary meetings, giving addresses. Historic meetings were held early in January, at Kildonan, commemorative of the opening of the church in 1854. Rev. Dr. Bryce delivered an address on "manners and customs of early Kildonan." Rev. Prof. Hart read portions of a manuscript life of Rev. Dr. Black, prepared by his brother, Rev. James Black of Caledonia, Ontario. Rev. Dr. King gave an address on the "Genius of Presbyterianism." On the preceding Sabbath, memorial services were conducted by Rev. D. B. Whimster in the morning, and Rev. C. B. Pitblado in the evening. B.

Obituary.

REV. WILLIAM DOAK, sometime minister in the Presbytery of Stratford, but who was for many years 'retired,' owing to an affection of the throat, died very suddenly at Sarnia, on the 25th of December. As Town Clerk, he was sitting in his office writing, when he was stricken down. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but it was of no avail; in a few moments after the doctor's arrival, Mr. Doak was dead. He was much respected, and his sudden death created a profound sensation in Sarnia.

REV. ROBERT CAMPBELL MURRAY:—It is but a little while since we announced the death of Mrs. Murray, and now the sad news has come to us by telegraph, that Mr. Murray himself has died, suddenly, from the effects of sun-stroke. We had every reason to hope that a career of great usefulness was just beginning to open up for this young, earnest and devoted missionary; but infinite wisdom has ordered it otherwise. We can but bow submissively to His holy will and say,—“Even so Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight.” “The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

MR. JOHN MICHAEL, an elder of nearly fifty years standing, since 1873 connected with the congregation of Columbus and Brooklin, Presbytery of Whitby, died on the 20th of November. He was greatly esteemed for his piety, liberality, and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties as an elder.

DR. W. N. WHITESIDE of Beeton, Ont., died on 31st December, universally lamented.

Though not a Presbyterian, he was a constant reader of the RECORD, and a generous contributor to many of our church schemes.

MR. DAVID WYLIE for many years a highly esteemed elder of the Congregation of Ramsay, died on the 2nd of December, in the 86th year of his age. He was born in Paisley.

In the North-West.

MISTAWASSIS RESERVE,
BY REV. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.

Prince Albert, Dec. 13th, 1887.

AN invitation from Mr. and Mrs. McKay of Armadale Mission, to attend the marriage of their third daughter, Jessie, on the 7th inst., gave me a good excuse for gratifying a long cherished wish to visit what is perhaps best known to your readers as Mistawassiss Reserve. It is situated over fifty miles to the west of Prince Albert on the north side of the North Branch of our great Saskatchewan river. Our party which consisted of the intending groom, his aide, his brother-in-law and myself, left so late on the afternoon of the 6th, that we arrived at our camping ground, on the banks of the river, (after various needless variations from the trail in the dark), in “the wee sma hours ayont the twal.” Our host had long given up expecting us that night, but the clay chimney in the corner of the little shanty, fed by the dry poplar wood, soon sent its cheery light and heat all over the room, and in a few minutes *the kettle* was boiling, “the cup that cheers” was ready and we refreshed ourselves before taking a few hours rest. The expectant bridegroom took care that we were afoot in good season in the morning, and by half past seven we were en route, reaching Rev. Mr. McKay's at a little after three o'clock. The first five miles beyond the river is good for nothing but what timber grows on it, the land being sandy and broken up by muskegs and small lakes; as we drew nearer the mission, however, the land became more valuable and fit for settlement, and when we reached the mission itself, I could not conceal my surprise at the evidences of civilization which I saw in every direction. No tents are to be seen here, no shanties even, but such houses as any fairly prosperous white settlement in the north-west possesses. The mission house itself, I am glad to say, is commodious and comfortable, standing on a rising ground and commanding an extensive view in all directions. Their new church, opened just a week before our visit, is a log building 20 x 30 feet, and walls 14 feet to the plates. This part was furnished by the Indians themselves, and it does them credit, as both the material and the putting together could not easily be surpassed in that style of building. The walls are plastered and wainscotted; the