

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. W. Boyle takes a trans-Atlantic trip for the restoration of his health.

THE congregation of Chalmers Church, Woodstock, have agreed to the introduction of an organ.

THE Rev. W. S. Ball, of English Settlement, goes to the North West as Chaplain to the 7th (London) regiment.

THE Rev. John Thompson, Sarina, preached his nineteenth anniversary sermon in St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday week.

THE Rev. Walter Coulthard presided in the Presbyterian Church, Pictou, at the formation of a Young People's Temperance Union.

THE Rev. Alexander McFaul, of Charleston, has been confined to his bed for nearly two weeks with rheumatism. He is recovering very slowly.

THE Presbyterians of Thedford and Ravenswood are taking preliminary steps towards the erection of a manse in Thedford for the Rev. H. Currie.

THE Rev. John Chisholm has accepted the appointment of the Home Mission Committee to Nicola Valley, British Columbia, and leaves early in May for his new field.

THE Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of St. Mary's, delivered a lecture in Kirkton recently, which was unanimously declared to be the best ever listened to there. Subject: "The Siege of Derry."

AT Perth last week the Rev. M. McGillivray, B.A., delivered an interesting lecture under the auspices of the "Mechanics' Institute," taking for his subject "How to be Happy."

THE *Selkirk Herald* says: It is understood that the Rev. Mr. Matheson will give up his present charge about the end of the current month, and proceed to his new field of labour in Ontario.

THE Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, of Mhow, delivered an interesting lecture on the Central India Mission in Knox Church, Ayr, last week. A liberal collection was made at the close.

THE Rev. R. Scrimgeour, of Forest Presbyterian Church, has been ill since Sunday last. It was with the greatest difficulty that he got through with the morning service on that day.

THE Presbyterians are now holding service in the town hall, Mariposa. Rev. Mr. Patterson preached recently to a good congregation. There is a probability of their establishing a church here.

THE Rev. J. M. Aull, Palmerston, has lately given a series of sermons on the "Divine Origin, Purpose and Achievements of the Church." The discourses were of an instructive and comprehensive character.

AT Dumfries Street Church, Paris, on Sabbath evening, the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell addressed a gathering comprising the united congregations of that and the River Street Church, in the interest of Indian missions.

THE Peterborough *Review* says that the ladies belonging to St. Andrew's Church held a very successful sale of useful and fancy articles in the school room of the church on Thursday afternoon and evening. During the evening refreshments were served.

THE many friends of Rev. Thomas G. Thomson, late of Brucefield, will be pleased to learn that he and Mrs. Thomson have arrived safely in Victoria, British Columbia, on the 16th inst. They had a pleasant trip and they both stood the long journey well.

ST. JOHN, N.B., has been enjoying the close of the lecture season. The Rev. T. F. Fotheringham lectured on John Knox and his Times; Rev. Robert Nairn on Robert Burns; and Robert J. Burdette, of the *Burlington Hawkeye*, is announced to lecture at the Institute.

THE congregation of St. Sylvester and Lower Leeds, Presbytery of Quebec, is now without a pastor and desires a speedy settlement. It affords a good field of usefulness for a willing worker. Communications to be addressed to the Rev. F. M. Dewey, Richmond, Quebec.

A SUCCESSFUL soiree in connection with the West Presbyterian Church, Puslinch, was recently held at Killan school house, at which Mr. Duncan Ferguson presided. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Thomas Cowan, Galt, Dickie and Cunningham, Hespeler; Gilchrist, Killan, and Marshall, Morrison.

THE annual tea meeting in connection with Mr. Bryant's charge was recently held at Coulson's Hill. The chair was occupied by Mr. James Wilson and the audience was addressed by Rev. Messrs. B. Bryant, Bradford; J. Caswell, Bond Head; James Bryant, and Mr. Newton. The meeting was enlivened by some excellent music.

ON a recent Sabbath the Rev. Hugh Rose held a special service at four p.m., in Knox Church, Elora, in lieu of the regular evening service, at which his remarks were addressed especially to the Sabbath school children. The service was very interesting, and it is intended to hold a similar one at stated periods during the summer months.

THROUGH an oversight in a recent paragraph referring to the annual meeting of the Upper Canada Tract Society, the name of Rev. George Burnfield, B.D., was omitted. The reverend gentleman moved the principal resolution at that meeting, and on the following Saturday evening read a paper on Egyptian Hieroglyphics at the meeting of the Canadian Institute.

THE ladies of the congregation of Knox Church, Woodstock, recently presented their pastor, the Rev. W. T. McMillen, with a handsome suite of furniture for his study. An address was presented to the reverend gentleman, congratulating him upon the pleasant intercourse which had

existed between pastor and flock during the twenty-five years of his ministerial work in Woodstock.

THE ordination of elders took place in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blyth, on the last Sabbath in March, when Messrs. William Pollock, Robert Laidlaw and John Brigham were duly installed to the office of eldership. An excellent address for the occasion was delivered by the pastor, Rev. A. McLean, to both people and the newly elected elders. A large congregation witnessed the ordination.

MISS MARY LIND, eldest daughter of Mr. William Lind, of London, was married at Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, last week to Mr. Nelles, of Montreal, a son of Dr. Nelles, of London. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Proudfoot. The young lady was agreeably surprised by a few of her friends, and presented with a very handsome dinner-service and water pitcher. The presentation was made on behalf of the congregation, who feel very grateful to Miss Lind for her services as leader of the singing.

LAST Sabbath, Rev. James Carruthers preached his farewell sermons to large congregations in Knox Church, Pictou. His text in the morning was from Col. iii. 4; and that in the evening from Psalm xv. 1 and 2; also, Psalm cxvi. 7. It is five years since Mr. Carruthers was inducted into this charge. His zeal, his ability, and his popularity assisted greatly in building up the congregation of which he was pastor. In matters of public concern he gave his aid cheerfully. He goes to take charge of a large congregation, that of St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

A FINE new pipe organ has just been introduced into the St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, and was used in the public worship of God for the first time on Sabbath, the 19th inst. On the occasion the Rev. John Burton, B.D., of Toronto, occupied the pulpit, and delivered two earnest and thoughtful discourses to crowded audiences. Mr. Burton eloquently described what elements in the services of praise really constituted true worship of God, and clearly pointed out on Scripture grounds how far instrumental aid may be profitably employed in the sanctuary. A warm welcome will await the rev. gentleman should he visit Guelph on any future occasion.

By a large majority vote by ballot of the members of the West Presbyterian Church, Miss Macgregor has been elected to lead the psalmody, *viz* Mr. Fax, resigned. The same ballot also favoured the introduction of an organ into the services of the church. Some time ago it was found the accommodation for the large number of scholars attending the Sunday School, numerically the largest in the denomination, was taxed to its utmost, and, unless applicants were to be turned away, more accommodation would have to be provided. Subscription lists were started, and in a very short time a handsome sum was collected, entirely from members and adherents of the congregation, sufficient to cover the cost of erecting a gallery and making alterations, which will, when completed, afford seating capacity for about two hundred additional scholars. Tenders were asked for, and after due consideration, the contract is now awarded—the whole to be finished within seven weeks from its commencement. The progress of the work will be arranged so as not to interfere with the regular Sabbath meetings.

THE *Sherbrooke Examiner* says. The Rev. Dr. Mathews, of Quebec, delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture in the Presbyterian Church lately. The Rev. J. C. Cattinach presided, and at the opening of the meeting made a statement of moneys given to missions by the congregation. Amongst other items \$100 was given to Foreign Missions—\$107 to Canadian Missions in the North West, with \$32 to Home Missions, \$17 to Colleges, \$17 to educating children in the South, and some other items. The choir of the church sang two anthems during the evening. Dr. Mathews then spoke. He alluded to a visit to Belfast during the session of the Pan-Presbyterian Council, composed of delegates from the different Presbyterian Churches. All parts of the world were represented. Mission work in India, China and other places was referred to as a burning question within the Church. Then a visit to other European cities—Brussels, Antwerp, Berlin, Cologne, etc., was described. A very graphic description was given of Waterloo and the memorable battle fought there. At Berlin the International Y. M. C. A. was in session and pleasing reference was made to the interest shown by the officials of the German Court. The lecture was intensely interesting and was much enjoyed by all present.

THE *Selkirk Herald* states that at the close of his sermon Sabbath afternoon, Rev. Mr. Matheson, of Knox Church, announced that he had decided to accept the call sent to him from Ontario and that he had notified the Presbytery to that effect. Mr. Matheson said that he had given the matter every possible consideration, and had refrained from giving his decision until the last moment, and in view of existing circumstances he could see no other way left open for him. He made the change in the hope that it would be for the good of his present congregation. Due notice would be given by the Presbytery of what steps would be taken by them. It is needless to say the members of the congregation heard the announcement of their pastor with the greatest regret. It was evidently a trial to him to have to make it, and the feelings of sympathy and regret were mutual. The friendship that has always existed between the pastor and his people has been of a marked character, and always unbroken. It is only in accordance with his views of circumstances connected with the two congregations of Little Britain and Selkirk that he has been led to the step now taken. The best wishes of the congregation go with him to his new field of labour, where it is hoped he will long be spared to do good work.

THE report of Knox Church, Owen Sound, recently published states that although there has been a number of families who have removed from the town, the accessions during the past year here have been greater than in any previous year, the additions to the membership numbering eighty-two. There were thirty three baptisms, among them that of four adults. In every department of congregational activ-

ity a healthy and hearty state of things is indicated. The report of the Session states that the mission contributions for 1884 are \$425, exactly \$100 in excess of those of the previous year. In these offerings for the extension of the cause of God, the Session believes that year by year new blessings are flowing to our people, inasmuch as they are rising to the privilege of giving to Him who "loved us and gave Himself for us." The various organizations have done a good work throughout the year. There has been a heartiness manifested among the workers. The two new organizations—the Ladies' Association and the Mission Band—have rendered efficient service. A Band of Hope has during the year been formed. The choir and the Sunday school have contributed their quota to the work done by the congregation in general. The Board of Management speaks encouragingly of the finances. The Sabbath and week evening services have been attended in a manner which indicates appreciation of the means of grace.

THOUGH First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, cannot claim a remote antiquity it can show a substantial and progressive record. In the annual report the managers congratulate the congregation on the pleasant and amicable relations that have ever subsisted among them, and also the continued progress of the body as evinced by the continually growing list of members, for all of which we have the greatest cause for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church who has so signally crowned our efforts with success, and we hope that, trusting in the same source for our guidance in the future, a similar measure of success will continue. They also mention with pleasure the fact that the ordinary expenditure has been fully provided for by ordinary income and a small balance left over. The income for the past year amounts to \$3,288.72, raised as follows: From pew rents, \$253; open collections, \$580.24; contributed by envelope, \$2,301.13; proceeds of soiree, \$74.35; donations, \$5; subscription on church debt, \$75. The Sabbath school is in a very flourishing condition as the following extract from the report will show: Number of scholars on roll, 323, average attendance, 243; number in infants' class, 71; average attendance, 55; number in intermediate class, 222; average attendance, 168; number in Bible class, 30, average attendance, 20; number of teachers, 29; number of other officers, 5; Twelve persons from the Sabbath school joined the church and became communicants during the year.

AT a late meeting of Knox College Students' Missionary Society, the following resolutions were adopted: Whereas it has pleased God in His all-wise yet mysterious providence to remove from our midst Mr. W. N. MacFarlane, an esteemed brother and fellow-student and an active member of the Society, therefore be it resolved, 1st. We desire to place on record our deep sense of the loss we have sustained in his death, and of the many noble qualities in the life which he lived, truly worthy of our imitation. 2nd. As a student he was diligent and thorough, persevering beyond the ordinary, and, we fear, beyond what his frail body could bear. 3rd. As a missionary he was zealous and sympathetic, and as a preacher earnest, faithful and acceptable, so that the fruits of his labours are rich and abundant. 4th. As a friend he was true, kind and unselfish. As a follower of the Lord his life was exemplary, quiet yet courageous, deeply spiritual in conversation, and wholly consecrated to the Master's work. 5th. That we express our deep sympathy with the bereaved parents and relatives who have been called upon to mourn the loss of one so full of promise, and would commend them to the care of Him who has said: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify Me." 6th. That these resolutions be recorded on the minute book of the Society, and printed in THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the bereaved parents, and further that the meeting now adjourn through respect for the memory of our deceased brother.

THROUGH the kindness of Mrs. Harvie, the following extract from a letter dated Broadview, April 13, 1885, has been sent for publication: DEAR —,—"When you see in the papers that the Crees on the Round and Crooked Lake Reserve have been quieted and satisfied through the wisdom and sagacity of some Indian Agent, don't believe it. You can tell people that we owe our lives to the noble Christian courage of a Presbyterian Missionary, the Rev. Hugh McKay. (I wish I could write his name in golden letters.) Kiel sent word to the Indians that the soldiers who were coming up and going through Broadview were sent to take the Indians prisoners, and that they must help him to drive out the whites. There is nothing an Indian fears like imprisonment, and the poor things were going to fight for their liberty. Mr. McKay told them that he would share their fate, whatever it might be, and gave them his word that if they would go quietly to work again they would not molest them, and, after some further talk, they quietly dispersed. It made my blood run cold when Mr. McKay described some of the weapons they were preparing and their use. Just fancy what it must have been for him, the only white man on the Reserve, to go boldly into a horde of Indians, whooping and sharpening their knives and making their war-cries. Mr. McKay will not leave the Reserve, but is trying in every way to quiet the Indians. They call him the "Big Praying Man," and his influence is wonderful. By the way, if any of the ladies of your acquaintance helped to make up those boxes of clothing that were sent to Mr. McKay, for the Indians, just tell them that they helped, under God, to prevent our being murdered, for there is no doubt that the distribution of these warm, comfortable clothes among the poor, frozen creatures last winter, gave Mr. McKay a hold on them. There was about \$300 worth sent, but when you consider that there are over 1,500 Indians on this Reserve, you will see that there was not too much. Don't worry about us. Yours, —"

ERSKINE Church, Montreal, which has now the prospect of having the Rev. L. H. Jordan settled as its pastor on the 7th prox., has not abated its Christian devotedness during the vacancy. The annual report, recently issued, says in reference to Rev. J. S. Black's resignation: The Session put on record a minute expressive of their sorrow at the dis-