

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE congregation of Caven Church, Exeter, have decided to extend a call to the Rev. John Gibson.

THE trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, have purchased a site for a manse at a cost of \$800. They will build soon.

THE Huron "Expositor" says that the late Mr. John Towers, of Tuckersmith, bequeathed \$2,000 to the Formosa Mission.

MISS BLACKAUER, of the Trinidad Mission, addressed a meeting of the Halifax Woman's Foreign Missionary Association on the 12th inst.

ELMA CENTRE and West Monckton have unanimously agreed to give a call to Rev. Andrew Henderson, M.A., offering a stipend of \$800, a manse, and glebe of five acres.

MRS. JOHN SHARPE, of Hastings, on retiring from her labours in the Sabbath school, owing to enfeebled health, has received from members of her Bible class some valuable tokens of their affectionate esteem.—COM.

AT a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Manitoba, held in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the 8th inst., Mr. R. G. Sinclair, after an examination which was sustained, was duly licensed and ordained to the work of the ministry. The Moderator *pro tem.*, Mr. McGuire, of Emerson, addressed the newly ordained minister in appropriate terms.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of River Street Church, Paris, held their annual meeting on the 13th inst. The amount collected during the year was \$246.52, and the expenditure \$299.28, the difference having been more than covered by the balance on hand at the beginning of the year. The expenditure was for the following objects: Deserving poor of congregation, \$34.35; painting church tower, \$40; new communion service, \$30.68; toward manse fund, \$150.

REV. J. A. ANDERSON, B.A., was heartily welcomed by both sections of his congregation on his return from his wedding tour. A deputation from the Whitechurch section met the bridal party at the station, and escorted them to the manse, where the ladies of the congregation, who already were in possession, were awaiting their arrival. After a hearty hand-shaking, and kind congratulations, the whole company sat down to a sumptuous repast, prepared by the ladies. A pleasant evening was spent, and the company retired, leaving behind them many substantial tokens of their kindness. About a week afterwards, in the evening, the manse was again invaded, this time by the Fordyce section, who took complete possession. The table was again made to groan beneath its load of good things. Two chairs were placed at its head to which Mr. and Mrs. A. were conducted, when an address of welcome was read expressive of the goodwill of the congregation, and appreciation of Mr. A.'s services, coupling with this the hope that both Mr. and Mrs. A. might long be spared to dwell in their midst. Accompanying the address was a presentation of two beautiful vases, one of which contained over \$33. Mr. A. replied, on behalf of himself and wife, in brief but suitable terms. The prosperity of the united congregation of Whitechurch and Fordyce since Mr. A.'s induction, in October, 1880, has been of a very marked nature.

THE meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on the evening of the 12th inst., for the purpose of bidding farewell to the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., in view of his departure for Winnipeg, was very largely attended, not only by Presbyterians, but by members, both clerical and lay, of the various other Protestant denominations in the city. Dr. Grant presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Canon Johnson; and addresses were given by Revs. Dr. Moore, Mr. Hooker, Mr. Farnes, Mr. Cameron and Dr. Kemp; also by Mr. George May, who appeared on behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association; by Rev. Mr. Gavin, who presented a Bible and an address from the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society; and by Mr. McLeod Stewart, who conveyed the parting good wishes of the St. Andrew's Society. The meeting unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this public meeting of citizens of Ottawa, being pastors, members and adherents of the various Protestant Churches, gladly avail themselves of the opportunity now afforded them of expressing, as they hereby do, their sincere respect and very high personal

esteem for the Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D.; their warm appreciation of the distinguished public service he has rendered for well-nigh fifteen years in connection with the educational, religious and philanthropic institutions and interests of this city; their deep regret at his removal, for they regard it as involving themselves and the community at large in a great and painful loss, and their very cordial desire that Heaven's richest blessings may ever attend him, as also Mrs. Gordon and his family, and that in the new and important sphere on which he expects soon to enter, he may be abundantly strengthened and encouraged amid all his duties, and find his labours crowned with signal success."

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Edmonton, N.-W.T., was held on the 29th of March. After devotional exercises, the pastor, Rev. A. B. Baird, B.A., was appointed chairman. The report of the managing committee gave an outline of the history of the congregation since its organization in November, 1881. A hall had been secured as a place of worship during the winter. The Hudson's Bay Company had given a church site on their reserve. The building of a church had been resolved upon, and a building committee appointed. Besides the regular morning and evening Sabbath services, weekly prayer meetings had been held, and meetings for practice in sacred music. The congregation had adopted the new hymn book. The financial statement showed that partly by Sabbath collections and partly by subscriptions—not yet altogether paid—the sum of \$416 had been raised to meet the minister's salary and current expenses, and it was announced by the Secretary that a gentleman had signified his intention of giving \$100 to this fund. The Building Committee reported that they had resolved on the erection of a frame building, eighty feet long by fifty feet in width, with four Gothic windows on each side and a porch in front. Outside, the walls are to be of dressed lumber, tongued and grooved; inside, they are to be batten and plastered. It is intended to have the building heated with hot air. The erection has been postponed till August, to admit of the arrival by steamer of the necessary building hardware, etc. The sub-committee appointed to secure subscriptions to the building fund had obtained \$1,078, besides several promises of indefinite amounts from gentlemen who did not wish to put down their names until the time came for payment. After election of officers, committee-men, etc., and some discussion on matters connected with the management, the meeting was closed with the benediction.

THE corner-stone of the new Presbyterian church of Campbellford was laid on Wednesday, the 14th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Neil, of Seymour, who administered Gospel ordinances to the Presbyterian families in the vicinity 42 years ago, having been ordained in the township of Seymour on the 29th of January, 1840. The services were opened by those assembled to witness the ceremony uniting in singing the 46th Psalm. The Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Belleville, led in prayer; the Rev. Mr. Beattie, Campbellford, read portions of Scripture from the Old and New Testaments, suitable for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Sutherland, pastor of the church, presided, and read the document deposited in the foundation, giving a brief account of the rise and history of the congregation, and also a record of the office-bearers and others connected with the erection of the church. There were also enclosed in the glass jar the customary coins, and recent copies of the "Presbyterian Record," "CANADA PRESBYTERIAN," Minutes of Synod of Toronto and Kingston, Home Mission Report of Presbytery of Peterborough, together with some of the leading newspapers of the day. Mr. Robert Cock, Secretary of the Building Committee, presented the silver trowel to Dr. Neil, who, after prayer and a brief address, performed the work assigned to him in an appropriate and becoming manner. The new church will be constructed of brick, 70 feet by 42½, height 30 feet, with stone basement, a d. tower 12 feet square. It is calculated to hold about 400 people, exclusive of accommodation in the galleries. The estimated cost is about \$7,500. In connection with the proceedings, the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Belleville, delivered a most interesting lecture in the old building (adjacent to the new) to a highly delighted audience. It abounded in wise practical counsels and happy illustrations, and frequently elicited expressions of applause. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded the lecturer.—COM.

THE following is from the "Muskoka Herald" of the 8th inst.: "By appointment of the Presbytery of Barrie, a meeting of the united congregations of Bracebridge, Monck and Muskoka Falls was held in the Presbyterian Church, Bracebridge, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, for the purpose of giving a call to a minister. For the past seven years, almost, these congregations have been under the care of the Rev. A. Findlay, an ordained missionary, who, in addition to this charge, has had the supervision of the Presbyterian missions in the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts. Notwithstanding the disadvantage of so extended a charge, and losses from the removal of families from the bounds, these congregations have so grown under Mr. Findlay's care as to require the undivided attention of a pastor. They applied to the Presbytery for leave to call a minister, and after enquiries had been made leave was granted. The Rev. R. Moodie, of Stayner, was appointed to moderate in a call, and, accompanied by the Rev. J. Leiper, of Barrie, attended the congregational meeting. Public worship was conducted by Mr. Leiper, who delivered an able and practical discourse from Matt. v. 13, 14. At the close of the service the Moderator stated the object of the meeting, and called upon the congregation to proceed with the selection of a minister. Mr. Findlay was at once nominated, and, no other name being proposed, he was, after a show of hands had been called for, declared to be the unanimous choice of the meeting. His name was then inserted in the call, which was thereupon signed by the members and adherents present. Messrs. Spring, Barron and Killen were appointed commissioners to prosecute the call before the Presbytery at its first meeting. Messrs. Leiper and Moodie expressed their pleasure at the choice which had been made, assuring the congregation that it would gratify the whole Presbytery as well as themselves. They also expressed the hope that should Mr. Findlay accept the call, the congregation would prosper under his pastorate even more than during his past connection with them. The call was left in the hands of the elders, for the signature of members and adherents who were not present. It may be added, that till the issue of the call Mr. Findlay retains the supervision of the mission work."

OBITUARY.

SAMUEL REIL.

The person whose name stands at the head of this notice was a man of no ordinary merit. He was born in the north of Ireland in the year 1795, of parents of Scottish extraction. His ancestors had fled from their native land during the persecution of the Covenanters, and their descendant possessed many of the best qualities which distinguished those stout-hearted religionists. Having removed with his parents to Paisley when only seven years of age, he grew up to maturity among the intellectual weavers of that town. He adopted their craft, and no doubt received a mental stimulus in the way of self-improvement by his intercourse with those sturdy tradesmen. He removed to Canada with his family in the 50th year of his age, and settled in the township of Ramsay, in Lanark. Here he remained for some twelve years, when he took up his abode in the county of Renfrew, in the township of Adamston, where he died in the 87th year of his age.

He was a man to be admired for his many good qualities of head and heart. His character for sober industry, sterling honesty, and unswerving truthfulness has had a permanent influence upon his children and their descendants, many of whom are now occupying prominent positions in the manufacturing industries of our country. His sincerity and undeviating attachment to his principles have often been the subject of remark among the circle of his friends and acquaintances. He early gave his heart to God, and wherever he went was known as a consistent follower of his Saviour. Many thought him too strict, for he carried his religion into all things, and yet he was no morose man, for his mind was full of anecdote and story, which he would pour forth to illustrate a truth. His mind was of a cheerful type. He had a very retentive memory, and had acquired a remarkable knowledge of the Bible. This knowledge it was his delight to impart to his family and neighbours. He was universally loved and respected, and seemed as one of the old patriarchal fathers amongst us. He passed away in a good old age, and his end was peace.—C. MCK.