

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterians of Qu'Appelle intend shortly building a new stone church 25 x 45 feet.

DAVID ANDERSON, who left Stonewall about six months ago to attend the U. P. Hall, Edinburgh, Scotland, to go through a theological course, returned lately and is now stopping with his parents in Stonewall. He occupied the pulpit several times while in Scotland.

DURING last week the Rev. Dr. Moffat, of West Winchester, lectured for the Mechanics' Institutes of Oakville and Kingston. There were large audiences. The topic was "President Garfield, or, How Young Men May Rise in Life." Such lectures are very helpful to the institutes in Ontario.

THE ladies of the Presbyterian congregation of Penetanguishene took a beautiful way of welcoming Mrs. Currie's return. They filled her house with the most choice house plants. Mrs. Currie has been for some months under the care of the eminent Dr. Gardiner, of Montreal, and all her friends are rejoiced at her restoration to health.

ATTENTION is directed to the employment agency in connection with the Girls' Industrial Institute, which is free, except to employers when a servant is provided; also to the rooms to rent to young girls. Accommodation for fifteen, pleasantly furnished, at fifty cents per week. Meals can be had at the coffee room. The Institute is at the corner of Richmond and Sheppard Streets.

THE new St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, is already more than half paid for, though subscriptions are yet to be received from a large part of the congregation. The subscriptions up to date amounted to more than \$12,000. The cost of the church was about \$20,000. At the re-opening the collections averaged \$100 a service, \$300 altogether. The Ladies' Aid Society have a good round fund in hand for the purchase of the new organ which is to be placed in the choir gallery in June.

AT a meeting of the Eastern Committee of the Foreign Mission Board, held in New Glasgow lately, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to: That thanks are due, and are hereby given, to the Rev. E. Scott, for the interesting notices of Foreign Mission work in his excellent publication, the *Maritime Presbyterian*, and especially for generously giving all the profit from that publication to our Foreign Mission Fund, the various sums given by him from that source up to the present date amounting to \$350.

THE congregation of Duncannon, Ont., have been greatly annoyed in connection with their new church building. The contract was to have been completed by the 1st of last November. The builder not having it finished then, an extension of time was granted. It remained in an incomplete state during the winter, and was this spring inspected by the architect, who condemned the work. The entire brick veneering has to be taken down and rebuilt, besides several smaller changes which will take till the latter part of next June to complete.

THE *Birle Observer* says: On Saturday last, Rev. Mr. Hodnett met with another accident ere he had quite recovered from his first injury. When about to tie his horse near the door of the grist mill the noise of the machinery startled the animal, which dragged Mr. Hodnett some distance on the ground, finally taking the carriage over his body. Mrs. Hodnett, who was in the buggy, jumped out and she was much bruised. The danger was very great, as the ground about the mill is so covered with large stones that it is remarkable that either escaped as well as they did.

FROM Penetanguishene, on May 11 1886, the Rev. Hugh Currie, pastor of the congregation, writes: Will you kindly convey through your columns the best thanks of the Presbyterian congregation in Penetanguishene to the following friends for their liberal contributions to "our struggling cause":—In Montreal: Rev. A. B. Mackay, \$10; Mrs. G. A. Grier, \$10; a Friend, \$5; A. Campbell, \$5; Hugh McKay, \$5; Robert Anderson, \$5; Mrs. I. McKay, \$4; Mr. Smith, \$2. In Port Elgin: Donald Gilchrist, \$5; Mrs. Campbell, \$5; James MacKinnon, \$2. Any further contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged, sir, with your permission, in these columns.

THE Rev. S. H. Kellogg, D.D. and family arrived in Toronto last Friday. It is gratifying to see him fully restored to his wonted good health. Arrangements for his induction and reception have been completed. The Presbytery of Toronto meets in St. James Square Church on Thursday next, 20th inst., at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, when the induction services will be held. In the evening from half past six refreshments will be served in the church parlours, and at eight o'clock the chair will be taken by Hon. Oliver Mowat. Mayor Howland is also expected to take part in the proceedings. The evangelical churches of the city will be represented.

BESIDES the usual congregation, says a contemporary, there was a large number of friends and acquaintances in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, on a recent Sabbath morning to hear the Rev. A. C. McKenzie. Mr. McKenzie is a young minister of much promise. We understand he is soon to be inducted over a large congregation at Oswego, N. Y. His many friends here will follow him with their best wishes for his future comfort and usefulness. His services on Sabbath were of special interest as they carried not a few back to the able and earnest ministrations of his now sainted father who was for thirty-eight years pastor of the Embro congregation, and intimately associated with the history of West Zorra.

THE Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee met in Knox Church lecture room last week. There was a full attendance of members. There were nine applications from ladies to be sent out as missionaries under the supervision of the committee, but no new appointments have at present been made. Since the last meeting of the committee Dr. Mackay, of Formosa, has baptized over 1,100 converts. An encouraging

report was presented of the work in the North West. The gross revenue, including the balance from 1885, for the closing year amounts to over \$53,000, and there is a balance of nearly \$4,000 after expenditures have been made of \$7,000 to the North West field, nearly \$18,000 to the China mission, and over \$20,000 to the work in India.

THE Rev. J. Sieveright, late Presbyterian missionary at Prince Albert, N.-W. T., delivered a most interesting lecture on Wednesday evening in Knox Church, Perth, on the subject, "Three Years in the Far West," comprising his journey to, and life in, Prince Albert and that part of the Saskatchewan country. The lecturer gave a most glowing account of the vast agricultural capabilities of that region, and its fitness to sustain an immense population, and to develop large cities. The Manitoba and North-Western Railway, now being built, and expected to reach Prince Albert in two years more, would open up fully this splendid expanse of country for rapid settlement. This would give railway communication between Winnipeg and Prince Albert, a distance of 500 miles.

AT the last meeting of the Halifax Presbytery the Assembly's plan for the unification of the Eastern and Western Foreign Mission Boards was, on motion of Dr. Burns, approved by a very large majority. In the evening a conference on the State of Religion and Sabbath Schools was held in Chalmers Church in the presence of a large congregation. Among the visiting clergymen who took part in the conference were Rev. Dr. Macrae and Rev. Mr. Fotheringham, of St. John; Rev. Mr. McKay, of Chatham; Rev. Dr. McCulloch, of Truro; Rev. E. Scott, of New Glasgow. After the close of the meeting Messrs. W. L. McCrea, R. McLeod and J. W. McLennan, whose trial discourses were heard in the afternoon, were, after the usual examination, licensed to preach the Gospel, and received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

PRINCIPAL FORREST, D.D., lately delivered a lecture in Truro on the cause and cure of the present "Dull Times." The lecturer contrasted the condition of things now with the good old times. The different theories and plans for improving the times were mentioned, such as socialism and the lessening of production, etc., but none of them, the lecturer thought, were practical. The real cause of the difficulty was to be found in the increased rate of expenditure, especially in household matters. In the lecturer's opinion the solution of the difficulty lay in cutting down extravagant expenditure, and paying more attention to cultivation of the soil, there being, unquestionably, far too many men leaving the country to live in the already overstocked towns and cities. At the conclusion of the lecture, the Rev. E. Ross proposed, and Mr. J. B. Calkin seconded, a vote of thanks to Principal Forrest.

THE *Edinburgh Scotsman* of a recent date contains an account of the graduation ceremonial of the University of Edinburgh, from which we learn that three Maritime Province men have gained academic distinctions. The degree of M.A., with first-class honours in mathematics, was conferred on David Tweedie, who is, if we are rightly informed, the Gilchrist scholar from Mt. Allison College. The degree of D.Sc. in the department of the physical experimental sciences was conferred on John Waddell, B.A., Ph.D., a graduate of Dalhousie College, who last year carried off the Vans Dunlop scholarship (£100 stg. a year for three years) in chemistry. The degree of B.Sc. in the department of mathematical sciences was conferred on H. G. Creelman, another graduate of Dalhousie College and a Gilchrist scholar. It was also announced that H. G. Creelman had carried off the Vans Dunlop scholarship in natural philosophy, also £100 stg. a year for three years.

THE regular quarterly meeting of the Ottawa Presbytery was held in Knox Church there, last week. The Rev. Wm. Caven, of Buckingham, Moderator, presided. There was a good attendance of members. Rev. Mr. MacLaren, former professor of music, was licensed as a minister of the Gospel, and arrangements were made which will likely result in Mr. MacLaren being settled at Carp and Kinburn as pastor, at an early date. Arrangements were also made to secure a minister for Casselman, and to push church organization there more energetically. The Rev. Mr. Farries, as chairman of the Home Mission Committee, reported that all the mission fields were now fully supplied with preachers for this summer. Dr. Moore reported, on behalf of the French Evangelization Committee, that all the stations were supplied with preachers and the work was progressing rapidly. The Presbytery adjourned at six o'clock. A meeting of the committee in connection with the college consolidation, appointed by the General Assembly, was held at the same time.

THE *Cincinnati Inquirer*, in a recent issue, gave a good portrait and published an account of the theological career and present success of Rev. J. C. Watt, M.A., of the Fifth Church of that city. It is gratifying to notice that Mr. Watt, who is characterized as being responsible for the tidal wave of religious interest that has lately visited Cincinnati, honours Knox College, Toronto, as the place where he completed the curriculum of theology, and Mono Centre as his field of missionary labour in Canada. After leaving Knox College with the graduating class of 1878, Mr. Watt went to his native State, Ohio, and received his license from the Presbytery of Dayton. He was then called to Utica Presbyterian Church, Ticking County, and after remaining three years there was called to the First Presbyterian Church, Findlay, Ohio, where he remained until last summer when he was called to the Fifth Church, Cincinnati. Since his induction into the pastorate of that church, the congregation has been growing rapidly, and indeed the religious interest that has been awakened there has spread to many other churches.

ONE of the most successful social events in the history of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was held in the Sabbath school room recently. By invitation of the ladies of the church, the office bearers, the members of the church, especially the new ones, and the members of the Bible class,

met for a social tea and conversation. The large room was crowded, and the utmost sociability prevailed during the evening. A table was spread with tempting edibles, which received the attention of as many as could be seated, while every class room also contained a small picnic party, intent on enjoying themselves. After tea a general making of acquaintances and social conversation took place. The young ladies who take an active interest in church work, and of which St. Paul's seems to have an unusually large number, led by the elderly ladies, busied themselves in seeing that every person was properly entertained, but especially the young men. Rev. F. F. Torrance, pastor, presided, and was most enthusiastic in his endeavours to entertain and with marked success. Several of the office bearers of the church were called on, who gave short addresses. The choir, under the leadership of Professor Parker, at intervals contributed musical selections. A vote of thanks having been tendered to the ladies for the entertainment provided, the meeting was dismissed after singing the doxology, Rev. Mr. Torrance pronouncing the benediction.

RECENTLY after the regular meeting of St. John, N. B., Presbytery, an evening meeting was held in St. David's Church, for the ordination of five young men for the mission field. They were Messrs. W. C. Calder, James Ross, W. McDonald, Joseph Cahill and Robert Haddow. The Moderator said it was perhaps the first occasion in the history of St. John that so many had been ordained at one time. The Presbytery of St. John covered a large area, and they had had great difficulty in meeting all the demands made upon them. An effort had been made to extend the mission work, and they had succeeded beyond their expectations. He paid a high compliment to the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and the assistance they gave. Never was the Presbytery of St. John in such a satisfactory condition in regard to its mission work as it was at the present time, and he hoped it would become more prosperous. He said the five young men had been licensed in the afternoon, having passed a very satisfactory examination. He then put the usual questions in the ordination formula to the licentiates, who made the responses, after which the Moderator and other clergymen of the Presbytery stood around the candidates, and went through the impressive ceremony of ordination. Hymn 162 was then sung, and the Moderator introduced Rev. J. McGregor McKay, who addressed the newly ordained ministers. After referring to the noble efforts of the St. John ladies in aid of the mission work he addressed his remarks to the young men, impressing upon them the importance and nobleness of the work they had entered on. Rev. Dr. Macrae addressed the congregation in an earnest manner, after which the meeting closed.

ON Sabbath, the 9th inst., the 90th Battalion attended divine service in Knox Church, Winnipeg. It was the anniversary of the Battle of Batoche. The *Free Press*, which gives a full report of the sermon preached, says: Hundreds of people lined the streets, while others filled the church long before the service began. Separate pews were provided for the 90th, and by the time they were seated the church was packed to its capacity and many were unable to gain entrance. The services were opened by the congregation singing the hundredth psalm. This was followed by prayer, after which the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung, when the pastor, Rev. D. M. Gordon, preached an eloquent sermon. The rev. gentleman held the rapt attention of his vast audience from the beginning to the end of his sermon. He spoke in an earnest and forcible manner, and recalled to the minds of those present recollections of the exciting times of one short year ago. He took his text from Psalm cxvii. 3—"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The discourse as reported is earnest, yet temperate, in expression, and full of impressive thoughts. Reference to the stirring events of last year was concluded in these words: The very memories which this day suggests remind us that the soldier's life, especially in times of action, brings him close to the borders of the unseen eternal world, and unless his ear be sealed against every voice from the spirit land, there come times in the campaign when he sees in a new light the claims of God upon him. Alone in the night-watch, on picket, with the silent stars looking down upon him, or on the eve of battle, when he knows that ere another sunset he may be where the crack of the rifle is heard no more, or in the bivouac after the sunset when very near him may lie the unburied remains of his comrades, or at the open grave, where the dust of the honoured dead returns to dust, these are occasions that might move the most careless to reflection. Those services, too, that we held on the open prairie under the calm, blue sky, was there not an impressiveness about them that is often lacking in the separate services to which at home we are accustomed, a religious fellowship that helped us more clearly to realize our union in the Church of Christ, apart from all dividing lines, with "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all?"

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—A meeting of this court was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 11th inst. Rev. John McClung, Moderator, occupied the chair. Circular letters from other Presbyteries were read, stating that application would be made to the General Assembly for permission to receive as ministers of this church Rev. D. McKay, of the Church of Scotland, Rev. George Maxwell, of the Evangelical Union, Mr. Joseph Watt, of the Congregational denomination, Mr. H. C. Ross, of the Canada Methodist Church, Rev. W. E. D'Argent, of the American Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thomas H. Patchell, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. T. E. Calvert, M.A., of the U. P. Church of Scotland. The following motion, introduced by Mr. Stewart, was carried: That hereafter this Presbytery appoint the whole number of its representative ministers to General Assembly by rotation, unless in exceptional circumstances, and that a committee be appointed to prepare the roll of Presbytery and bring in a report at next meeting of Presbytery on the whole question. Messrs. Stewart, Wright, Turnbull and Tully were appointed to this duty. Mr. Tully tendered his resignation as commissioner to Assembly, which was accepted.