

sionary Society stated that \$104 had been raised by the society, but the membership had fallen off from twenty-eight to twenty-five. The report showed that help had been extended to the North West and in other directions. The Victoria Mission Band reported a membership of forty-three, while a legacy of \$500 from the late Miss Smibert and other collections made up a sum of \$605 for the work of the church. Mr. Reid was then moved into the chair, and a resolution was moved by Mr. D. Fraser, expressing their sense of the many obligations which Rev. Mr. Henderson had laid the congregation under in the past, as well as by his services this evening, and thanking him for it all. Mr. Lind seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. J. H. Fraser and Mr. Robert Reid, and carried with a standing vote and great applause. Mr. Henderson made a suitable acknowledgment, and the meeting was adjourned.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of Chalmers Church, Hollin, was held on the 8th ult., Rev. H. Morris, pastor, in the chair. The meeting was well attended and the reports indicate prosperity in all departments of the church's work. Before adjournment a resolution was adopted expressive of the harmony that has characterized the intercourse between pastor and people during the past seven years. Also the high value in which his services are still held.

The anniversary of Knox Church, Walkerton, last week, was a pleasant and profitable occasion. The following figures gleaned from the reports indicate growth and prosperity. Last year the roll of communicants numbered over 320, an increase of sixty since the union of the two congregations. There were seventeen added on profession of faith last year, and last month thirteen more; besides additions by certificates. The revenue of the congregation amounted to \$3,242. Of this sum there was collected for missionary purposes \$788; the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Sabbath school contributing towards this \$170 and \$62 respectively. It was also stated at the meeting that the managers were earnestly putting forth efforts to clean off the \$5,000 of debt, which has lain as an incubus upon the church ever since it was built, fourteen years ago; and that they had received the promise of subscriptions amounting to over \$4,000 already. May the Lord prosper them in their laudable effort.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Beachburg, was held recently. There was a good attendance of the members and adherents. The various reports submitted were of an encouraging nature. Forty-one names were added to the membership last year, and, including the amount from Westmeath, over \$300 contributed to the schemes. The congregation finding their present church rather small and in need of repairs, decided to build a new church. In a few days about \$3,000 was subscribed. It is expected when the whole congregation is canvassed the subscriptions will amount to about \$4,500. On February 11 another meeting of the congregation was held, and a site chosen in a central part of the village. Trustees and building committee were appointed. The pastor, Rev. R. McNabb, entered on his seventh year in January. At the Sabbath school entertainment on New Year's night he was presented by his congregation with a gold watch and chain. This is but one of the many tokens of esteem shown both the pastor and his wife within the last year. It is not many months since Mrs. McNabb was presented with an address and a purse of \$42 in recognition of her services as organist. In commenting on the crowded state of the church at a communion service last fall, we ventured the opinion that the congregation should build a new church in a more central local city, rather than enlarge the old one. We are glad, therefore, to hear of the decision the congregation has come to.

The annual meeting of Tilbury East and Fletcher congregation was held lately in the church at Valetta, and notwithstanding untoward circumstances, was very fairly attended. Rev. A. C. Manson, pastor of the congregation, occupied the chair. Reports from the three Sabbath schools, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the two Societies of Christian Endeavour were presented, and showed that a very great amount of effort had been put forth instructing and interesting the young. The statistical results of these efforts were brought out in the report of the Session, which was specially gratifying. Mr. Manson was ordained and inducted over the congregation on November 20, 1888, and the report embraces the intervening period, being a little over a year. During that time seventeen new members had been received by certificate and forty-eight by profession of faith, in all sixty-five, the largest annual addition to the membership that the congregation has had. Eight certificates of disjunction had been given, and one member had been removed by death. The communion roll at present contains the names of 223 members, a few of whom have left the bounds, but have not asked their certificate. Baptism was administered to eleven infants and two adults. On a vote of the congregation the organ has been used to assist in the service of praise. The financial report was then read by the secretary-treasurer, Mr. D. R. Farquharson, and it showed that the stipend of the pastor had been all paid, very fair contributions made to all the schemes of the Church, handsome and commodious shelter for teams provided at both churches, and considerable repairs made to the church at Valetta. Contributions from all sources amounted up to \$1,600. The congregation has recently built a new brick church at Fletcher and a new manse, and has virtually no debt. Mr. Manson, the pastor, is a recent graduate of Knox College, and has shown himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. His earnestness and indefatigable labours during the year have been much blessed, especially among the young, and are much appreciated by the congregation at large. Long may his bow abide in strength!

OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES WALLACE.

There died at his residence, Kemptville, Ont., on Sabbath morning, February 16, 1890, Mr. James Wallace who had served as an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Canada for about thirty years. He was born in Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland, in August, 1800, and was consequently at the time of his death in his ninetieth year. He had a strong, healthy constitution, and an active, vigorous and well-cultured mind and was able to attend the House of God that he loved so much regularly to within a few weeks of his peaceful, triumphant departure.

He had been carefully trained according to the good custom of his native land, in the Bible and Shorter Catechism which made a fine foundation for his subsequent extensive reading and observation. His conversation was embellished with apt Scripture reference and his prayers replete with Scripture and heart pleadings.

He was a miller by calling. When he came to Canada in 1847 he was employed by the Messrs. Molson, of Montreal, when he sat under Rev. Donald, now Dr. Fraser, in Cote Street church. In 1851 he removed to L'Original and was employed by the late Sheriff Fredwell. It was, whilst here, under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Johnston that he was ordained to the office of elder; being subsequently elected into South Gower and Kemptville. He removed to South Gower in 1860 having purchased a farm of which he disposed in 1870. He removed to Kemptville in 1878 where in quiet retirement he spent the remaining twelve years of his eventful life. He

was deeply interested in the Church of Christ and gave freely time, money, and prayers for its advancement.

He was a man of sterling integrity and of devout piety. He was as humble as a little child and had great reverence for God and all that represented Him—for His word, His day, His house, His table, His servants and His people. May the mantle of the good old man fall upon very many on earth.

He left his aged enfeebled companion with their son and daughter to mourn what is to them here an irreparable loss, but "they sorrow not as others who have no hope." He was greatly beloved by all who knew him.

His venerable form, kindly face, cheery voice and holy life will be much missed in Kemptville. H. J. M. D.

REV. D. B. CAMERON.

The late Rev. D. B. Cameron, whose death took place on the 25th ult., was born near Fort William, Inverness shire, in the year 1817, so that at the time of his decease he had almost completed his seventy-third year. He was one of a family of twelve children, five of whom are boys and seven girls. His parents availing themselves of the opportunities afforded by the educational system which had long been adopted in Scotland, and which has contributed so largely to the scholarship and intelligence of its people, sent him early to school, which was situated near the famous battlefield of Culloden, on which it may be said that the overthrow of the royal family of Stuart was decided. He afterwards attended the high school in Fort William, and took a distinguished place among his school-mates, carrying off the highest prize in Latin. Having acquired the requisite scholarship, in early manhood he gave himself to teaching, and continued in the profession for some years. Not being satisfied however, with the attainments he had made, he went to Edinburgh University and entered himself as a student in the Arts Course, which he prosecuted for three sessions under professors whose names rendered the university famous for the time and have been handed down bearing the stamp of eminence in their particular subjects. From the university he returned to teaching for a short period, and then he resolved to leave his native land and come to Canada. Two of his brothers had gone to Australia, and so far as known one of them is still alive in that remote region, but the subject of our sketch sought the western continent, in all probability influenced in his choice by the fact that the Rev. Mr. McTavish, to whom he was attached, had exchanged Scotland for Canada as the field of his pastoral labours. After arriving in Canada he went to Mr. McTavish's, who was then settled at Woodville, and there is good reason to suppose that at first he applied himself again to study and resumed the work of teaching. Turning from this he engaged in mercantile pursuits, but very soon found that they were not congenial to his tastes, and they were completely abandoned. He now gave himself with fresh energy to study with the determination that he would qualify himself for the work of the ministry in the land of his adoption. In this course he had Mr. McTavish for his counsellor and helper, and after some time, part of which he laboured in the openings that presented themselves in the mission field, he was duly licensed by the Presbytery of London to preach the Gospel. It was not long till the congregation of Bradford was satisfied of his worth and talents, and the gifts for instruction and edification from the pulpit which he possessed, and he was accordingly called by them to take the oversight of their souls in the Lord. This call he accepted and he was regularly ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of that congregation on December 15, 1869. He remained in this charge for six years, but the congregation of Knox Church, Acton, having become vacant by the translation of their pastor, the Rev. Lachlan Cameron, to Thamesford, Mr. D. B. Cameron was heard as a candidate, and chosen to fill the position. He regarded this as an intimation in providence that he was to change the scene of his official labours and having accepted the call he was inducted into the church at Acton, by the Presbytery of Guelph, on June 7, 1875. It may be mentioned at this point that Mr. Cameron was a good Gaelic scholar—in fact, it was his native tongue—and as there was a considerable Gaelic population connected with Acton congregation at the time, his fluency in this language was one of his qualifications for the position. He remained in the pastorate here for over ten years, when circumstances led to his tendering his resignation, which was accepted by the Presbytery, and his connection with the congregation was severed. He laboured afterwards as opportunities offered themselves—ever ready to declare the Gospel of the Grace of God whether in the way of helping a brother or as temporary supply in some station or congregation. A few Sabbaths before his death he had occupied one of the pulpits in Toronto, but as he had been labouring under an attack of influenza he was prostrated by his exertions and returned exhausted to his lodging. He next made his way to Mr. Peter Mann's, in the neighbourhood of Acton, one of the elders of Knox Church there. Here he was in the midst of an attached and godly family, each member of which, both parents and children, was disposed to do, and actually did, all in their power for his restoration to health. His medical adviser was most attentive and did whatever skill and experience could suggest to arrest the trouble, which had been aggravated by his journey from Toronto and now began to show symptoms of danger. Congestion of the left lung developed itself and in less than three weeks ended in death.

The funeral took place on the 27th ult. from the house of Mr. Mann and was very largely attended. The Rev. Mr. Strachan, Moderator of the Presbytery, who is well acquainted with the native place of Mr. Cameron, took charge of the services. These consisted of singing, prayer by Dr. Smellie, Fergus, the reading of the Word, with remarks, by Mr. Strachan, and prayer by Dr. Torrance, Guelph. The oldest ministers of the Presbytery present acted as pall-bearers, these being Rev. Dr. Smellie, Dr. Torrance, Dr. Middlemiss, with the Rev. Messrs. Strachan, Smith and Beattie. The body was conveyed to Fairview cemetery and laid in its last resting-place only a few rods from the manse which Mr. Cameron had occupied when in charge at Acton. Not a few of those present gave evidence of being deeply affected as they saw the coffin lowered and the grave filled in.

Mr. Cameron was a man of deep and fervent piety. His mind was clear and active. He was a faithful friend, and at all times ready to deny himself for the comfort and welfare of others. His pastoral duties engrossed the chief part of his concern and he gave himself to the prosecution of them in such a manner that it could be said of him that he was instant in season and out of season. He was conscientiously careful in his preparations for the pulpit. He was a good expounder of the Word, and his rule was to declare the whole counsel of God. He could rebuke the sinner, show him the evil of his ways and warn him of their consequence. He could enter into the feelings of the person broken and contrite in heart and passing through the pangs of conviction. He could encourage the timid, speak a word in season to the weary, exhort the tempted to hold fast his integrity, soothe the sorrowful under bereavement, and point the departing saint to the home in heaven, and the Saviour who had gone before him to prepare a place.

Shortly after the resignation of his charge in Acton, Mr. Cameron gave to the public a goodly and well-printed volume of discourses on the Epistle to the Ephesians. He had just issued from the press an exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews in two volumes; both of these works were sold by subscription and have had a considerable circulation. At the time of his death he had in hand and ready for the printer, an exposition of the Song of Solomon. Mr. Cameron rests from his work and an appropriate inscription over his grave would be "in the sure and certain hope of a resurrection to everlasting glory."

British and Foreign.

THE Rev. Colin Gibb, M.A., has been called to Morebattle U.P. Church.

A ROYAL CHARTER of Incorporation has been granted to the Institute of British Journalists.

THE Rev. John Picken, M.A., has been elected to Libberton Parish Church, Lanarkshire.

THE Victoria Infirmary, for the south side of Glasgow, was opened recently by the Duke of Argyll.

THE Prague Town Council have decided to shelve the motion to provide a suitable site for a monument to John Huss.

A GENTLEMAN in Victoria has given \$95,000 to the Melbourne and Sydney Young Men's Christian Associations.

THE Rev. Robert Nevin, of Londonderry, has received the degree of D.D. from the Reformed Presbyterian College, Geneva, U.S.A.

DR. LIDDELL, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, has completed his eightieth year. He is joint author of the well known Greek Lexicon.

HER Majesty's warrant has been received appointing Dr. Hamilton, President of Queen's College, Belfast, a Senator of the Royal University.

A LEGACY of nearly \$30,000 falls to the foreign missions of the U.P. Church in consequence of the death of Mrs. Millar, of Kinnear House, Cupar.

THE annual meeting was held recently in Glasgow of the Auxiliary Association in aid of Miss Leigh's British and American Mission Homes in Paris.

THERE is a proposal that Rev. John McNeill should conduct services at least once on Sunday in the Holborn Circus, which is both large and central.

THE attack of influenza from which Dr. Donald Fraser was suffering proved much more severe than was at first expected. He has had to cancel quite a number of engagements.

EVIDENCE on the subject of theological texts has been given before the Scottish Universities Commission by the leading men of all the Scottish Churches, both lay and clerical.

THE Head Brahmin of the great Temple at Tripett, near Aven, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment for fraudulently appropriating the treasures of his own temple.

THE Rev. Robert Stewart, B.D., of Jedburgh, has been unanimously recommended by the Congregational Committee for election as pastor to New Greyfriars' Church, Edinburgh.

MRS. MARGARET ARNOT, of Kerr, who died on the 10th of February at Earlston, has left valuable bequests to several philanthropic institutions and the Mission Schemes of the Church of Scotland.

ON the motion of the Rev. Dr. Aird, ex-Moderator of the Free General Assembly, the Dornoch Presbytery unanimously adapted a motion calling on the College Committee to deal with Professor Dods.

MR. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN'S Bill for enabling Roman Catholics to fill the offices of Lord-Chancellor of England and Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland has been backed by Mr. Gladstone, Mr. John Morley, Sir H. Davey and Mr. Asquith.

IT was announced on a recent Sunday in Anstruther Church that the plebiscite as to whether the offer of an organ for the Chalmers Memorial Church, made by Mr. Williamson, M.P., should be accepted, showed complete unanimity for acceptance.

DR. JOSEPH BROWN, the venerable senior pastor of Kent Road Church, Glasgow, has given notice in the North Presbytery of that city of an overture to the Synod asking for a much-needed simplification of the forms of procedure in cases of appeal and protest.

ELAIN Free Church Presbytery have approved of the formation of a Choral Union, for the purpose of improving Church Psalmody, recognizing choirs as a distinct branch of Church service and organization, and for promoting their encouragement by Presbyteries.

SEVERAL candidates for the chair of Church History in Magee College, Derry, rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Witherow, are mentioned. Among others, the names of the Rev. J. D. C. Huston, B.D., of Belfast, and the Rev. Clarke H. Irwin, of Bray, are freely spoken of.

SPEAKING at a temperance demonstration held in South London, Sir Wilfrid Lawson remarked that the question for which he held a brief was coming to the front, as proved by the fact that no less than twelve Bills dealing with the liquor traffic were before the House of Commons.

PROFESSOR SIR W. THOMSON has been elected a member of the Board of Electors to the Cavendish Professorship of Experimental Physics at Cambridge University until 1898, and Mr. Justice Denman has been elected a member of the Board of Electors to the Downing Professorship of the Laws of England until the same date.

THE Rev. John Dunwoody Martin, who for more than half a century was the minister of Tullyallen, died at Market Hill on January 31, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He was ordained in connection with the Secession Synod, but, with that body, united with the Synod of Ulster when the General Assembly was formed.

THE Anglo Indian Temperance Association, founded by Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P., and of which Mr. Samuel Smith, M.P., is president, continues to receive from its agents in India very satisfactory reports of the progress of the work. The object of the Association is to secure the ultimate prohibition of the sale of liquor throughout India.

AT the communion services held on the 29th of December last at the station of Anand, in India, in connection with the Irish Presbyterian Foreign Mission, there were present 500 persons, of whom eighty were communicants. One adult and five children were baptized, making a total of thirty-one during the year, twelve of whom were adults.

TWO overtures at least will most probably be before the next meeting of the U.P. Synod in favour of arranging an autumnal meeting of that court for the discussion of more general questions than come before the usual meeting in May. One of the overtures will be proposed in Kilmarnock Presbytery by Dr. Whitelaw, and the other in Aberdeen Presbytery by Rev. David Beatt.

THE Rev. Mr. Macaskill, of Dingwall, in intimating the collection for the college, said his conscience would not allow him to recommend the scheme to the generosity of his congregation. Some of the wealthier members of the English-speaking portion of the congregation have, however, resolved to increase their subscriptions to the college, and reduce proportionally their contributions to the Sustentation Fund.

DR. RENTOUL, who a few years ago left the English Presbyterian Church for the Antipodes, where he was soon elected professor, recently lectured at Ormond College, Melbourne, on "Tennyson." Professor Rentoul has received a note from the Poet Laureate in which Lord Tennyson says that his son is delighted with the lecture, and thinks it the best, or one of the best, interpretations of his father.