

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Principal Grant preached an eloquent sermon on "Patriotism" in Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, on Sabbath last.

SERVICES were recently held at Sydney, Cape Breton, to celebrate the jubilee of the Rev. Hugh Macleod, D.D.

AT the opening of the Theological College, Halifax, the opening lecture on the Epistle of Clement, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Macgregor.

THE congregation of College Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, have resolved on the erection of a new, handsome and commodious church building.

THE Rev. A. B. Mackay, Montreal, preached in Knox and St. James' Square Churches on Sabbath last, in behalf of the General Assembly's augmentation scheme.

A LECTURE was delivered in St. Andrew's by the Rev. Principal Grant on his recent journey across the Rocky Mountains by the Bow River and Kicking Horse Pass.

MR. J. J. BELL, M.A., formerly superintendent of St. Andrew's Sunday school, Picton, Ont., has been unanimously appointed to the same position in St. John's school, Brockville.

ANNIVERSARY services, conducted in the morning by Rev. H. D. Powis, and in the evening by Principal Caven were held in the College Street Presbyterian Church last Sabbath.

THE death of the Rev. Peter Goodfellow of Antigonish, N.S., and formerly of Bosanquet, was announced recently. Mr. Goodfellow was an able and faithful minister of the New Testament.

A NEW lecture to be delivered in Brantford at an early date by Dr. Cochrane is announced. The subject is an interesting one "Across the Rockies, through Salt Lake City to the Golden Gate of California."

THE Rev. H. A. Robertson addressed large congregations in Toronto on Sabbath week. He gave most interesting accounts of mission work in Eromanga in St. Andrew's Church in the morning, in Erskine Church in the afternoon and in Charles Street in the evening.

LAST week in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, the Rev. H. A. Robertson addressed a large meeting on missionary work in Eromanga. The audience evinced a deep interest both in the lecturer and his subject. The collection for the mission amounted to \$45.

THE Rev. Mr. and Mrs. John Morton, and Rev. John Knox Wright and wife sail from New York this week for Trinidad to assume their mission duties there. We are sure that the prayers of God's people will ascend on their behalf, that their labours may prove abundantly fruitful.

THE Knox College Missionary Society acknowledges the receipt of a parcel of religious literature, from a friend in Hamilton, for distribution in the fields occupied by the society during the past summer. The society trusts that the example set by its Hamilton friend may be followed by many others, and that a goodly supply of suitable reading matter may be sent to the committee for distribution.

DR. WARDROPE acknowledges with thanks the receipt, per John Scott, of \$4 from Sabbath school. Mimosa: per D. B. Scott, of \$20 from Missionary Society, Eramosa: per D. B. Scott, of \$7.60 from Sabbath school, Eramosa; per Mr. James Coril, of \$5 from Unknown Friend, also of \$5 from Mrs. Margaret Eadie, Sherbrooke, and of \$10 from John Linton, Galt. All these sums in aid of mission in Formosa.

IT is to be regretted that the position of the Rev. William Burns has been misunderstood in some quarters. He is the accredited agent of the college Board in prosecuting the endowment canvass, as he was previously employed in collecting outstanding subscriptions for the building fund. He has recently canvassed several congregations in the Simia Presbyterian and Drummondville in the Hamilton Presbytery with excellent results.

THE congregation of Zion Church, Peabody last Sabbath worshipped in their very neat new brick church which is now free from debt. They have also constructed horse-sheds which are free from debt. Chalmers Church, Keady, already has enlarged its building to accommodate one hundred more members. They are also about to paint the interior and exterior, obtain

new chandeliers and otherwise improve this place of worship. These with Desboro' form three large and prosperous congregations under the pastorate of the Rev. Hugh Currie.

ALTHOUGH the classes in Morrin College have been in session for several weeks, the formal opening did not take place until the evening of the 13th inst. The hall of the college was filled with a very fine audience, many of the leading citizens of Quebec being present. In the absence of the principal, Dr. Mathews presided. Besides the professors and teachers of the college, there was seated upon the platform, Professor Goldwin Smith. The students sang several pieces during the evening which were very favourably received. The opening lecture was delivered by Dr. Mathews, professor of Systematic Theology. After sketching briefly the state of Protestant Education in Quebec and pointing out some of its deficiencies, he dwelt at length upon the advantages of a university education. The lecture was thoughtful, instructive and very practical and frequently elicited applause. Prof. Goldwin Smith delivered a brief address on the subject of higher culture and practical life. He was cordially received by the audience. The students attending the classes of Morrin are more numerous than in previous years and a good work is being done through its instrumentality.

THE Presbyterian Mission of Ancaster East and Barton, has, during the summer months, been under the charge of Mr. John A. Ross, a student of Knox College, Toronto. Although his stay was necessarily short, much was accomplished, in that his earnest and unwearying efforts to spread the Gospel have been greatly blessed. It may be said of Mr. Ross that "In every work that he began in the service of the house of God, he did it with all his heart" and truly prospered, since God has manifested Himself in a great harvest of love and mercy; and there is good cause to magnify His Holy name, in making this servant the means of many precious souls here being brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, as well as reviving and strengthening the church in its various branches. Such interest has been awakened in the weekly prayer meeting, that it is decided to continue it through the winter. Various members of the congregation taking charge in turn. A large number of the congregation met at the residence of Mrs. Renton "The Students' Home" on the evening of Oct. 13th, and held a very pleasant social on behalf of the congregation. Mr. William Fortune read an appropriate address, and Mr. John B. Calder presented to Mr. Ross a handsome Bible and a purse of money. A very feeling reply was made by Mr. Ross expressive of his appreciation of the gift, and the kindly feelings prompting its bestowal. The hearty good wishes and earnest prayers of the congregation to which he has so faithfully ministered go with Mr. Ross in his future labours.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The Presbytery of Stratford met in Knox Church, Stratford, on Tuesday, November 13th. Session records from Knox Church, St. Mary's, Mitchell, Listowell, Burns Church, Brookdale, were submitted and examined. The congregation of Widder Street Church, St. Mary's, cited to appear for its interests in the matter of the resignation of the pastor, Rev. John McAlpine, presented the following resolution: The congregation having learned with much regret that the Rev. Mr. McAlpine has tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge, desire to express their high esteem of him as a preacher of more than ordinary ability and great faithfulness, and as a diligent and kind-hearted pastor, and for such reasons would desire his continuance amongst us; but from a due regard to his future health and comfort we do not oppose his resignation. Mr. McAlpine addressed the Presbytery and intimated his purpose to adhere to his tender of resignation. The Presbytery accordingly agreed to declare the charge vacant on Sabbath, November the 15th. The London Presbytery having proposed a union between Lucan and Granton, steps were taken to bring about if possible such a result. A call from Knox Church, Listowell, to Rev. Isaac Campbell, of Richmond Hill, promising a salary of \$1,000 per annum with free manse and one month's vacation was sustained as a regular Gospel call. In the event of his accepting the call, the induction services were appointed to be held in Knox Church, Listowell, on Tuesday, December 18th, at two o'clock. Rev. John Anderson declined the call to Avonton and Carlingford, and Mr. Hamilton was em-

powered to moderate in another call when the congregation is ready to proceed. The Presbytery encouraged the brethren appointed to canvass the congregations in the Presbytery to proceed with their work despite of difficulties, and ordered a report to be given in at next meeting of Presbytery. The following resolution anent the resignation of Mr. McAlpine was passed. The Presbytery accept with deepest regret the resignation of Mr. McAlpine. They would hereby express and record their sincere regard and affection for their brother. Their high admiration of his eminent pulpit abilities and pastoral fidelity, and their deep sense of the loss to be sustained by his removal. They would also express the hope that their brother may soon be guided by the Great Head of the Church into a new sphere of labour and usefulness. The Presbytery desire further to express their sympathies with the congregation in the loss of an able and efficient pastor, and cherish the hope that they may be wisely directed in the choice of a successor, and that a happy settlement may speedily be effected. The Presbytery adjourned to meet for ordinary business in Knox Church, Stratford, on Tuesday, January 15th, 1884, at ten o'clock a.m.—W. A. WILSON, Pres. Clerk

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

The opening of the Theological Faculty in Queen's College, Kingston, took place as usual on the first Wednesday in November. The chief feature of the occasion was the address delivered by the Rev. Principal Grant. A large part of it was devoted to an amplification and defence of the views expressed by him relating to State aided universities in his address on "University Day." The rest of his remarks was addressed specially to students of theology. Owing to pressure on our space we regret that even that portion of the opening lecture has to be curtailed. The following is the concluding part of Principal Grant's characteristic address:

The Platonist will be an honour student in philosophy; the Aristotlean in science. As both philosophies are alike in their fundamental positions, both being, as Disraeli would say, "on the side of the angels," though differing in form, it is immaterial whether you have been attracted by the synthesis of Plato or the analytic method of Aristotle. Either will teach you the strength and the weakness of the mind, will cause you to rejoice in its possibilities, and reverently to acknowledge its limitations. You will find either the one or the other a veritable porch to theology. True, you will find it only a porch as St. Augustine found the Hortensius of Cicero and the philosophy of Plato.

In that most charming and most modern of all the religious works of the first Christian centuries, "The Confessions of Augustine," the mighty theologian indicates what the philosophers could do and what they could not do. In Cicero and Plato and other such writers, he says, "I meet with many things acutely said, and things that awaken some fervour and desire, but in none of them do I find the words 'Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' " "It is one thing," he says again, and his words are like the swell of an organ, "it is one thing from the mountain's shaggy top to see the land of peace, and find no way thither; and in vain to strive towards it, in ways beset by fugitives and deserters, and opposed by their captain, the lion and the dragon; and another thing to keep on the way thither guarded by the hosts of the heavenly general. Those things did wonderfully sink into my soul while I read the least of the apostles, and meditated upon Thy Word and trembled exceedingly." This witness is true. It could have been delivered by the fathers before St. Augustine, by Justin, Origen, Athanasius; and it has been repeated from that day to this by the greatest souls in the Christian firmament. Anselm and Aquinas, Wyckliffe, and Thomas à Kempis, Calvin and Melancthon, Erasmus and Luther, Hooker and Howe, Baxter and Butler, and the greater lights of modern German and English theology have all been profoundly and favourably influenced by Greek thought. All would say that Plato and Aristotle awaken hopes and longings that are the true sign of the divinity of the soul, hopes and longings which they cannot satisfy, which God, manifest in the flesh, dying for us and rising again, can alone satisfy.

I welcome you to the study of the science of sciences. I am sure you bring with you the requisites to the highest kind of work—some preliminary knowledge,