

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Mr. Allen, Presbyterian, Newburg, has been called to Newcastle.

THE Knox Church, Galt, mission band have decided to disband and form a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

THE Rev. Dr. Sexton, of Dunkirk, N.Y., preached to large congregations in Knox Church, St. Catharines, on Sunday, June 15.

THE Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, of Owego, New York, occupied the pulpit of West Presbyterian Church with great acceptance last Sabbath.

THE Rev. Dr. McTavish has been presented with a well filled purse by his Toronto congregation on the occasion of his departure for a trip to Europe in company with Mrs. McTavish.

DURING the absence of Rev. R. P. McKay, of Parkdale, interim Moderator of West Church, Denison Avenue, Toronto, the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell will perform the duties pertaining to the office.

THE Rev. J. F. Smith, missionary in Corea, China, has sent to Kingston an order for boots. While on a recent tour of six weeks he treated 1,380 patients and performed 105 surgical operations.

BEFORE the Rev. H. Gracey left Gananoque for the General Assembly, he was presented on behalf of St. Andrew's congregation with a check for \$100, as a token of esteem and good will.

THE Union Church Sabbath afternoon services organized by summer residents at Kew Beach and vicinity were begun for the season on Sabbath last. There was a large congregation present.

A TORONTO contingent of ministerial brethren, Rev. Messrs. R. P. McKay, John Neil, Dr. McTavish, William Frizell and William Patterson sail this week by the *State of Nebraska* for Europe.

THE Rev. John Neil preached an appropriate and instructive sermon to the Sons of Scotland, from Psalm cxxxv. 5, on the afternoon of Sabbath last. The collection was for the benefit of the Protestant Orphan's Home.

THE session board of St. James' Presbyterian Church, London, have selected Rev. Mr. Talling, who has just graduated at Toronto, as their choice for pastor in succession to Rev. D. McGillivray and a congregational meeting to extend him a call will be held on June 30.

THE Rev. C. J. Hastings, a recent graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, has recently received a unanimous call from the united congregations of Constable and Westville, N.Y. He was ordained and inducted at Constable by the Champlain Presbytery on the 17th inst.

THE *Minden Echo* says: The Sunday school of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, have presented Brown's Station Sunday school with a handsome library, containing over fifty volumes, worth \$10. This will be very acceptable, as the school has been recently started and promises to do well.

PROFESSOR GREGG requests us to state that in reports given of his speech on the marriage question he is erroneously represented as saying that the Rev. Mr. Chambers was condemned for marrying a man to his deceased wife's sister, whereas he said that Mr. Chambers had condemned the conduct of another minister for celebrating this marriage.

IN the French Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Sabbath week, Rev. Charles Tanner, St. Andrew's Church, Lewis, occupied the pulpit, and preached a very eloquent and impressive sermon on the text, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church." The attendance was large. In the evening the pastor, Rev. Mr. Renaud, preached.

THE Rev. J. B. McLaren, of Aylmer, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Guelph, preaching a sermon on "The Judgment." Mr. McLaren, says the *Mercury*, is a fluent and forcible speaker, and handled his subject in a masterly manner, showing deep thought and sound reasoning, while in his application in reference to the Judgment Day the picture was vividly drawn and all exhorted to prepare to meet the Judge and receive a welcome to the mansion above.

THE Rev. G. D. Mathews, D.D., Secretary of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, popularly known as the Pan-Presbyterian Council, will be in Toronto this week with reference to the meeting of the Alliance in this city in 1892. The Toronto council will meet with Dr. Mathews in Knox Church Lecture Room on the evening of Friday 27th inst. at eight o'clock. All ministers and elders are cordially invited to be present.

THE Chalmers' Church, Toronto, Sunday school, enjoyed a pleasant outing on Saturday last. The pupils and their friends made up a large party and went to Burlington Beach where they spent the day very agreeably, and returned with the *Marathon* on her last trip in the evening. The Rev. J. Mutch accompanied the excursion. The fine boats on the Hamilton line are very popular and deservedly so. They keep good time, are admirably managed and the best of order is maintained.

THE *Lindsay Post* says: Last Sunday evening week the volunteers, under command of Col. Deacon, attended divine service at St. Andrew's Church, where a practical, eloquent and spirit-stirring sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Johnston, the popular pastor, to a congregation that crowded the large building to the very doors, a large number being unable to obtain admittance. His text was from Exodus, xvii. 15: "And Moses built an altar and called the name of it 'Jehovah Nissi.'"

THE Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, of which the Rev. Dr. John Hall is pastor, has made a splendid record for the past year. Its membership in April of this year was 2,312, an increase of 137 during the year. There were 1,584 Sunday school scholars, including 67 Chinese. During the year the church lost 230 members, who went to form the Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, and the total contributions amounted to \$167,351, of which \$33,925 was for congregational purposes.

THE *Marford Mirror* says: Owing to the absence of the pastor there was a service of praise in the Meaford Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning. There was a large attendance of members and adherents, and also quite a number from the other churches of the town. The selections of the choir were very appropriate and well rendered. During the service the elders of the church, Messrs. P. Christie, W. Carnahan and J. Clark lead in prayer, and Mr. Clark read several suitable passages of Scripture.

THE Rev. Alexander Henderson, Convener of the London Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, writes: The following are the vacancies in the London Presbytery with the respective Moderators or corresponding elders with whom probationers should communicate during the current quarter: St. James, London, Mr. Neil McNeil; London, Ailsa Craig and Carlisle, Rev. W. S. Ball; Vaneck, P.O.; Hyde Park and Komoka, Rev. F. Ballantyne; Ivan, P.O.; Tempo and South Delaware, Rev. R. McIntyre, Delaware, or Mr. Colin Campbell, Southwold.

FOR some time past the in. r. of St. John's Presbyterian Church, corner of Bolton Avenue and Gerrard Street, has been undergoing extensive alterations and repairs to secure increased accommodation for the growing congregation which, under the faithful pastorate of Rev. J. McP. Scott, continues to flourish. The old pews have been taken out and have been replaced by others more elaborate and comfortable. The walls and ceilings were repainted and frescoed. These alterations were completed last week and the re-opening services took place last Sunday. During the morning Rev. S. H. Kellogg, D.D., conducted the services, and in the evening Rev. D. J. Macdonnell preached an appropriate sermon. Collections in aid of the building fund were taken up.

THE handsome little building on Locke Street, Hamilton, known as the Presbyterian Mission Church was crowded with an appreciative congregation on Sabbath week, the occasion being the last sermon by the talented and popular young minister, Rev. W. J. Clark. He took for his text John xv. 22: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you." The preacher enlarged on the faithfulness, patience, long suffering and helpfulness of Christ's nature and life, urging those present to become professed Christians as a great help to their work in connection with the church which they were trying to establish in that part of the city.

THE *Smith's Falls News* says: Last Sunday week Rev. Mr. Grant, of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, asked for a plate collection of \$2,000 to pay off a portion of the debt that has been for a long time hanging over the church and manse. At the lecture on Monday night he announced that there had been received over \$1,000, and he was quite hopeful of receiving the full \$2,000 when all the congregation is heard from. It is rumored that the St. Andrew's people will shortly build a handsome church, that will eclipse anything in these parts. Why not? No congregation in the Ottawa valley out of the city of Ottawa is abler. All they want to accomplish it is a united and harmonious effort.

THE Rev. Robt. Henderson was ordained and inducted recently as pastor of Bayfield and Bethany congregations. The services were most interesting and impressive, a large number of clergymen from a distance taking part. The congregation was the largest ever assembled in St. Andrew's Church. In the evening a very successful tea meeting was held in the town hall, when a large number were present and a most excellent programme of speeches, choruses, duets and solos was presented. The choir of Bayfield and Bethany rendered choice music, and the solos of Miss Hilda Moorhouse and Miss Connell drew forth hearty applause and appreciative comments. Misses Gairdner, Morgan and McPhail were accompanists. Proceeds upwards of \$52.

MR. W. M. SOUTER, who went out with Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, in September 1888, is dead. He had acquired a fair knowledge of the Chinese language during residence at the Mission Home at Gan-K'ing, and was on the way last November to commence active missionary work with his Canadian associates in the Province of Kiang-Si, when he was seized with an attack of pleurisy, from the effects of which he never recovered. He had competent medical aid and every kind attention during his illness, but all was of no avail. His death, says the *Hamilton Times*, will be deeply regretted by very many friends in this city. Previous to his departure for China he had been for some time studying for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and was highly recommended by the Presbytery.

THE *Patriot*, Charlottetown, P.E.I., says: The Rev. Dr. McLeod and Mrs. McLeod have received a kindly welcome after their wedding tour. The *New Glasgow Chronicle* says: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McLeod who have just returned from their visit to New York and Saratoga, have been kindly remembered by their people at Thornburn. First came a beautiful mantel clock, with congratulations from friends, then an address of welcome from the session to Dr. McLeod, and a most comfortable easy chair for the study. Later came a handsome lamp for Mrs. McLeod and other tokens of love and esteem from the ladies of the sewing circle. These evidences of regard and true affection on the part of their congregation increases the happiness of both pastor and people, and also welcome Mrs. McLeod into her new home and congregation.

THE new Presbyterian church at Glencoe which has been building for more than a year was opened on June 1st. The Rev. Principal MacVicar, of Montreal, preached morning and evening, and the Rev. W. H. Butt (Methodist) at three o'clock. On Monday evening Dr. MacVicar lectured on "Social Discontent." The opening services were continued on the following Sabbath when the Rev. Dr. McMullen of Woodstock preached morning and evening and the Rev. W. R. Sutherland at three o'clock. A tea-meeting held on Monday evening was addressed by Dr. McMullen, Mr. Sutherland, of Napier, and the Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Dutton. The various meetings were largely attended. On the first Sabbath an overflow meeting was held in the lecture hall of the church when the Rev. A. Henderson, of Appin, preached. The cost of the church is in the neighbourhood of \$12,000.

A VERY successful social and musical entertainment was held lately at the Locke Street mission of the MacNab Street Church, Hamilton. Mr. J. C. McKeand, the worthy and painstaking superintendent, who occupied the chair, gave a short resume of the history of the mission and necessity of increased accommodation. The addition to the building cost, with necessary seats, etc., about \$700, all of which had been subscribed and the greater portion of it paid in. A friend in Barton sent fifty dollars, and the Hon. James McMillan, senator for the State of Michigan and who was brought up in this city, and belonged to MacNab Street Church, sent \$100. The young men of the Bible class in the school by an entertainment which they got up a short time ago contributed the sum of twenty-eight dollars. It is the intention of those residing in the locality to take steps at once to form themselves into a congregation; as the city is growing very much in the south west, increased church accommodation is a necessity.

THE *Warton Echo* says: The week of services in the Presbyterian church in which the pastor was assisted by the Rev. D. A. McLean, of Kemble, was closed on Friday evening by a very interesting and impressive service. After a sermon by Rev. Mr. McLean the session of the church met, the parents of two of the families of the congregation took their seats before the session and, professing their faith, asked baptism for their children according to the divine covenant. The sacrament of baptism was therefore administered to these households. Three of the adult young people of the congregation came before the session and, making their own profession of faith, were baptized and received into full communion with the Church. Then sixteen other persons came forward and were received by the session as communicants. On the Sabbath the sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed. Two other young people were received by the session on Monday morning, making an addition of twenty-one new members to the church, seventeen of whom came to the communion for the first time. Such a consecration to Christ made a deep impression on those who witnessed it, and the communion service was marked by a hush of reverence, by hearts thankful to God for what had taken place and by eyes filled with tears. It may be said that the Divine Spirit working through the Word has made the Gospel "the power of God unto salvation" in this church.

THE congregational meeting of the members of Erskine Church, Hamilton, to select a pastor from among those who have supplied the pulpit during the past few months was largely attended, and a lively interest taken in the proceedings from first to last. Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., acted as Moderator, and carefully explained the law and procedure of the Presbyterian Church in regard to the matter of calling a pastor. Mr. W. Brown, clerk of the session, acted as Secretary. After debating the matter fully and freely for considerable time a vote was called for, when it was found that the meeting was largely in favour of Dr. Campbell. A motion was then put and carried that the selection of Dr. Campbell be made unanimous. The *Hamilton Times* says: Rev. Dr. Campbell is a clear and forcible speaker and his discourses give evidence of close study, deep thought and a firm grasp of evangelical truth. The reverend gentleman has also the reputation of being very successful in his ministry in the fields he has hitherto occupied, his present charge in Collingwood being in a very prosperous condition. Erskine Church is to be congratulated on the choice she has made, and it is to be hoped that Dr. Campbell will see his way clear to accept the call that has been so heartily tendered. Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., and Mr. M. Turnbull, Chairman of the Board of Manage-

ment of the Church, were appointed to appear before the Barrie Presbytery and further the call on behalf of Erskine Church. The stipend offered is \$1,200 a year.

THE baccalaureate sermon to the members of the graduating class of Brantford Ladies' College, the oldest Presbyterian ladies' college in the Dominion, was preached on Sabbath last in Zion Church by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, governor of the college. There was a full congregation. His subject was, What is Truth? based upon Proverbs xxiii. 23, "Buy the truth and sell it not." The discourse abounded in wise counsels and inspiring thoughts. The seven graduates, who sat immediately in front of the pulpit, were addressed at the close in fitting and solemn terms. The closing exercises of the college this year are attended with unusual interest. Friends and patrons of the institution have come in great numbers to be present on this interesting occasion. On Thursday evening last elocutionary readings were given, under the direction of Miss Hart, to a delighted audience, and on Friday evening the seven graduates of the year were received by the Alumni Society at their annual conversation. The college grounds were brilliantly lighted up and presented a scene of rare beauty to the crowds of invited guests. On Monday evening the annual concert took place, and on Tuesday evening the session closed by the conferring of degrees and presentation of medals and prizes in Zion Church. The competition for these has been exceedingly keen, and the result had been looked forward to with unusual interest. Dr. Cochrane presided on the occasion, and the Rev. Dr. Laing, Moderator of the General Assembly; Mr. Wm. Patterson, M.P., and other prominent gentlemen took part. The college, under Miss Lee, the efficient lady principal, has, during the year, reached a high standing of scholarship.

THE first annual commencement of the Presbyterian Ladies' College took place Friday evening of last week. A musical programme prepared under the direction of Mr. Edward Fisher, musical director, was of more than usual merit and excellence, showing an order of talent which would have been creditable to professionals. The success which has attended the new college is somewhat phenomenal judging from the high order of work done by the students and the dignity which characterized the proceedings of the evening. Principal Macintyre presided, and he was surrounded on the platform by members of the staff all in their academic robes, the Rev. John Stenhouse, M.A., B.Sc., science master; W. H. Fraser, B.A., lecturer in French; Miss C. Alice Cameron, B.A., Professor in Classics, and also Mr. Edward Fisher, musical director; Giuseppe Dinelli, Signor F. d'Auria, Miss Jeanie Banks, Oakwood; Miss Abbie Kellogg, Leadville, Col., and Miss Helen Shortreed, Toronto, are the first names associated with the honours of the institution, having received honour certificates which entitle them to their diplomas when issued. Dr. Macintyre made the gratifying statement that the accommodations had been so completely taxed during the year that a contract for an additional building had been let, and that work would commence immediately, to be completed before the college opened on September 5th. While the college provides for elementary work, it at the same time prepares students for university examinations. A class of ten students entered upon the work during the session and from the attainments and practical experience of the staff this phase of the work is sure to meet with great success.

A MOST interesting series of Normal Sessions for Sabbath school workers has just been brought to a close in Winnipeg. The meetings were held in the lecture room of Grace Church every Tuesday evening for five successive weeks, and the sessions lasted about two hours. The attendance averaged three hundred, and was thoroughly representative. The leading schools in turn provided chairman and music. The instructors were Rev. Alexander Grant, D. McIntyre, B.A., superintendent city schools; D. J. Goggin, B.A., principal normal schools; Rev. Dr. Bryce, Manitoba College, and E. A. Garratt, of the collegiate department. Their respective subjects were: "The Preparation of the Lesson," "Attention," "The Teacher and the Class," "The Teacher outside the Class," and "Primary Class Organization and Illustration." Every subject was handled in an intelligent and practical manner and followed by animated discussions. It is safe to say that no meetings held in Winnipeg in the interests of Sabbath school work have encouraged and helped teachers as these have done. Rev. J. J. Roy, of St. George's Episcopal Church, who presided at the last meeting, expressed himself deeply indebted to the course for valuable suggestions and new ideas. It will be interesting to friends in the east to know that Sabbath school work is in a healthy condition in this new province. In every small settlement schools are organized and operated at least during the summer months. In the cities and towns many schools are equipped with every modern convenience and have a force of workers capable and progressive. The interest has been kept up during the past ten years by a few earnest, devoted men and women in the different centres and by the persistent and patient efforts of the Manitoba Sabbath school Association. This organization in the face of many discouragements arranged for a convention almost every year. Two years ago Mr. W. Reynolds accepted an invitation to attend the annual convention and his timely suggestions led to the formation of many local associations.

THE *London Advertiser* says: A very interesting social meeting of the teachers, officers and friends in connection with the North Presbyterian Sabbath school was held recently at the residence of the superintendent, Mr. James Gordon, 305 Richmond Street, to bid farewell to Miss Jean Gordon who is leaving here next week for her work in connection with the American Board of Foreign Missions in Southern India. Miss Gordon has been one of the active workers in the North Presbyterian Sabbath school since it was organized, and the announcement of her intention to join the mission staff of the American Board at Ahmednagar, India, has been a matter of much interest to her friends and associates in this city, and the large gathering of her friends on Monday evening was an evidence of how much Miss Gordon has endeared herself to all who have been associated with her. On behalf of the Sabbath school, a kindly worded address was read by Mr. Gordon, the superintendent, and the presentation of a lady's Bible was also presented to Miss Gordon by Miss Eliza Douglass, on behalf of the circle of King's Daughters, with which she has been associated. Miss Gordon replied in a few simple, earnest words of thanks for the kind words spoken and the token of regard for her she had received, reviewing her work with her friends in London and the way she had been led to give her herself to the work in the foreign mission field and encouraging others to give themselves to the good work in the Master's service. Short addresses were given by Rev. Mr. McKenzie, of Knox College, who occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath week, on the encouraging features of the foreign work, and by Rev. Mr. Gordon, on the history and needs of the work. Vocal and instrumental music by Mr. and Mrs. Nelles, Miss Evans, Miss Bessie Evans and Mr. Evans, Miss Kate Gordon, Miss Maggie Gilmour and a very fine selection from Miss Gray were greatly enjoyed; and after all had partaken of refreshments, and many hearty good-byes had been spoken to Miss Gordon, one of the pleasantest gatherings held in connection with the North Presbyterian Sabbath school separated. Miss Gordon sails for London, Eng., where she will remain a short time before resuming her journey to India. The King's Messengers Foreign Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church and their friends also assembled to bid farewell and Godspeed to their second vice-president, Miss Jean Gordon, who leaves for India to engage in mission work. Miss J. Gourlay, president, occupied the chair and addresses were delivered by Mrs. Roger and Rev. James Gordon. Miss MacIntosh, on behalf of the band, presented Miss Gordon with a beautiful travelling alarm clock and an affectionate address, to which she replied, giving a brief outline of her expected work in the far East.