

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Mr. Buchanan has taken charge of the Presbyterian mission at Dominion City.

THE sum of \$4,000 has been collected in aid of the Band Street Church, Ottawa, Sunday School Building fund.

THE Rev. P. McLeod, of Victoria, who has been seriously ill from an attack of pleurisy, is slowly recovering.

THE Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Calvin Church, Montreal, has been severely ill at his residence on St. Antoine street for the last two weeks.

PRINCIPAL GRANT delivered an able and eloquent address in the Grand Opera House, Hamilton, last week, in favour of Imperial Federation.

THE Rev. James Ross, B.D., of Knox Church, Perth, has been appointed lecturer on Church History in Queen's University, for the session of 1890-91.

THE Rev. Roderick McKay, B.D., lately returned from British Columbia, was inducted to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation of Bromley on April 30.

THE Rev. Mr. Scott, of the Ottawa Ladies' College, and Mr. Robt. Stewart of Ottawa were in Perth last week assisting Rev. Mr. Meikle with his evangelistic meetings.

THE North Plympton-Sunnyside Presbyterian mission band has the honour of giving the first contribution towards the Presbyterian branch society of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

THE Rev. Mr. McClelland, of Port Hope, met with a somewhat serious accident lately, having been thrown out of a conveyance during a runaway. He is gradually recovering from his injuries.

THE Rev. Dr. Kellogg preached to a large congregation last Sunday evening on "Why I am not a Romanist." The subject was handled in a lucid and logical manner, without passion or prejudice.

PRINCIPAL GRANT, D.D., of Queen's College, occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, last Sabbath at both services, and preached eloquent sermons to very large congregations.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Kincardine, have voted their pastor, Rev. J. L. Murray, three months holidays for the purpose of visiting the old country, and have also donated \$200 to help defray his expenses.

THE Rev. James Donaldson is endeavouring to make arrangements for the re-opening of the old St. Andrew's Church, Galt. It is said that the reverend gentleman is meeting with considerable encouragement in the matter.

THE Rev. A. Wilson, of Toronto, delivered a lecture in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, last week on "Scotland's Martyrs and their Principles." He was listened to by a good audience, who were well pleased with the treatment of the subject.

At the last meeting of the Brandon Presbytery held Tuesday evening, the call given by the congregation of Portage la Prairie to Rev. Peter Wright, of Stratford, Ont., was sustained by the Presbytery. The stipend promised is \$1,800 and manse.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa, the Rev. Mr. Glassford, Richmond, tendered his resignation, owing to too much work. The resignation was strenuously objected to, and the committee offered to take one of his charges, Stittsville.

It is a good sign, says a British Columbia contemporary, when we read of church enlargements. St. Andrew's congregation is impressed with the necessity for increased church accommodation. Large numbers are turned away from the services for want of room.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church, Duart, Sunday week. The pastor, Rev. A. Currie, was assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Beckett, of Thamesville, Rev. Mr. Currie, of Kintyre, and Rev. Mr. Francis, of Rodney.

THE Victoria Presbyterian Church is now undertaking a mission to Corea. A young man now attending New College, Edinburgh, is soon to be ordained and sent forth as the first missionary. Except to the New Hebrides this is the first mission outside of the colony.

THE Rev. Mr. Wilkie, missionary from Indore, lectured on Friday evening week to a large audience, and occupied the pulpit at both services on Sabbath week in Knox Church, Galt. He also addressed the Sabbath school before the morning service. The missionary collection was liberal.

THE Rev. T. Ambler, who some five years ago filled the pulpit of the Methodist Church here, but who some eighteen months ago joined the Presbyterian body, is now stationed on the mission field of Phelpsston, Knock, Gibson and Wyevale, and has taken up his residence in Phelpsston for the summer.

THE Presbytery of Toronto has nominated the Rev. Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's College, for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Principal Grant has already been nominated by other Presbyteries, and the probabilities are he will be the next Moderator.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Brockville, in St. John's Church, last week, the Rev. James G. Potter, B.A., a graduate of Queen's, was licensed. A call from Merrickville and Jasper was accepted by Mr. Potter. His ordination and induction were appointed to take place at Merrickville on the 14th inst.

THE Rev. D. Findley, B.A., on leaving Cautley and Portland, was presented at a crowded meeting with a complete set of Matthew Henry's works, and purse donated by the Portland congregation. Kindly worded addresses were presented by both sections of the charge he is leaving for the congregation at Manotick.

ON Wednesday, 24th April, Rev. Donald Munro, who came to Deloraine in August, was formally inducted as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. Welsh, of Boissevain, presided, while Revs. Mr. Townsend, of Manitou, McKenzie, of Morden, and Brown, of Souris, assisted. The attendance was large and the addresses appropriate.

THE *Evangelical Churchman*, the organ of the evangelical party in the Canadian Episcopal Church, has gone on steadily improving in quality, and growing in influence. It has thus been enlarged and otherwise very perceptibly improved in external appearance. It is conducted in an excellent spirit and with marked ability. We congratulate our contemporary and cordially wish it increased prosperity, usefulness and influence.

THE committee appointed by the Presbytery, consisting of Revs. Dr. Torrance, J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., and Mr. A. H. Goodall—to confer with the congregation in Paislinch in reference to the request for the removal of their pastor, Rev. Dr. McKay, met the congregation on Tuesday week. After discussing the question in all its bearings, a vote of the congregation was taken, the majority being in favour of removal.

A VERY pleasant gathering assembled last week at the Presbyterian Church, Brandon, to welcome the new pastor. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. P. Wilson, Methodist; Rev. J. H. Best, Baptist; and Rev. E. P. Flewelling, St. Mary's. Rev. Mr. Urquhart replied in a very happy speech, heartily thanking all for their kind words and cordiality. The church was tastefully decorated. Cake and coffee was passed around during the evening. The choir gave some very fine selections.

THE Presbyterian Church in Acton has been internally remodelled and renovated. The opening sermons were preached on Sunday week by Rev. Mr. Jackson, Galt. The collection amounted to between

\$70 and \$80. On Monday a social was held. Rev. J. W. Rae, pastor, occupied the chair, and able addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Drumm, Georgetown, and Rev. J. B. Mullen, Fergus. Mr. Henderson gave a short and interesting account of the congregation. The attendance at all the meetings was very large and the new organ was used in the worship.

LAST Friday evening the lecture room of the East Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Toronto, was crowded to the doors with a highly appreciative audience, the occasion being the closing entertainment for the season of 1888-9, given by the musical association in connection with the church, under the able leadership of Mr. James Stoddart. The service of song was rendered in a very pleasing manner by a chorus of eighty voices, with orchestral accompaniment, assisted by Miss Mary Herald, of Hamilton, as reader. The proceeds of the entertainment will be applied in aid of the Church Building Fund.

RECENTLY the first company of the Boy's Brigade in Canada was organized in connection with St. John's Presbyterian Church. A number of young boys, students of the Sunday school, joined it. The officers are, Mr. T. M. Seeley, captain; Mr. Fred Storms and Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, lieutenants. The two first names have certificates from the Royal School of Artillery, Quebec, and Mr. Fotheringham has a captain's certificate from the Toronto Military School. Boys between the ages of twelve and seventeen may join this Brigade. It is hoped other churches will take up the idea.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by those present recently at St. Paul's school house, Hamilton, to listen to a cantata rendered by the Young Ladies' Mission Band, under the presidency of Mrs. James Watson. The society is an undenominational one, comprising members from various churches, and has for eight years past maintained an orphan girl in the orphanage at Nazareth, in Galilee. The Hun. and Rev. Mr. Moreton made a few suitable closing remarks expressive of his appreciation of the programme, and returning the thanks of the audience to those who had made no little exertion to render the cantata a success.

THE sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, before the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, on the 10th of April last, has been published in pamphlet form by Messrs. James Hope and Co., of Ottawa. The subject of the sermon was "The Christian ministry in relation to politics and public questions." Dr. Armstrong contends that preachers should not keep aloof from politics when any questions affecting the free institutions of the land are being discussed, because it was the preaching of the Gospel that made free institutions possible, and only in the spirit of the Gospel can they be maintained.

THE Ottawa Journal publishes over a column of interviews with prominent members of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on the action of the pastor, the Rev. T. W. Herridge, in opposing the action of the Ottawa Presbytery, of which he is Moderator, in passing a resolution endorsing the action of the Dominion Evangelical Alliance on the Jesuit question. Mr. Herridge is fairly supported, but many members speak strongly of the position he has taken on the entire matter. Especially do they object to the language of his letter published in the *Interior* of Chicago, in which he accuses the elders of the church with being hot-headed and fanatical.

THE anniversary of the ordination of G. B. Howie, L.A., of Brussels, was observed on Monday the 6th inst. Mr. Thomas Strachan who occupied the chair said that when he first heard of Mr. Howie's coming to Brussels he thought it would be perfectly impossible for Mr. Howie to do the work of a pastor on account of his want of sight; but now he is as fully persuaded as any of the rest of Mr. Howie's efficiency not only in the pulpit, but in every other branch of service. Dr. Nicholl of Brantford bore essentially the same testimony at a public meeting in that city. Missionary addresses and papers were given by Mr. Day, of Toronto, by Mrs. Howie and others.

THE Rev. Dr. Ormiston, who preached in Toronto last week, is about to take a trip to the Pacific coast. He is then expected to return to Toronto, and after occupying St. James Square Church pulpit for a few Sabbaths, designs to proceed on a tour to complete which will occupy him till October, 1890. He visits Europe, spending some time in Rome, and will pass the winter in Egypt and Palestine. Returning to Europe, he will sojourn in and pass northward by easy stages to Norway. From there he will go to France, and finally to England and Scotland. It is to be hoped that the reverend gentleman will enjoy his visit, and return with renewed health and energies.

THE Winnipeg Sun says: A number of students arrived from the east on Thursday for the purpose of engaging in mission work for the summer throughout the country as follows: Waskada—E. G. Walker (Queen's College, Kingston); Elmira—J. Bennie (Queen's College, Kingston); Winlaw—J. F. Scott (Queen's College, Kingston); Kinstino—B. R. Drummond (Queen's College, Kingston); Saskatoon—W. Johnston (Knox College, Toronto); Riverside—John Stewart (Edinburgh). The above students have gone to their various stations. Rev. P. J. Grant, of Dunbar, Ont., has been appointed to the Port McLeod Church. He will leave for McLeod as soon as his resignation is accepted by the eastern Presbytery.

EDINBURGH papers state that Robert A. Falconer and J. W. Falconer, sons of Rev. A. Falconer, Pictou; Clarence Mackinnon, son of late Rev. John Mackinnon, passed the examinations for M.A. in Edinburgh University, and were duly capped. Mr. R. A. Falconer passed with honours. Seldom have any young men such an academic record as the young Falconers, not only most honourable, but exceptionally and uniformly brilliant. Mr. A. W. Duff, of St. John, won the Vans Dunlop scholarship in natural philosophy, \$500 for three years. In this he succeeds Mr. H. G. Creelm, a Nova Scotian, and a former Gilchrist scholar. The John Edward Baxter scholarship, mathematics, \$500 a year for three years was won by D. B. Mair, a Canadian.

THE following summary from Rev. Dr. McLeod's report on Sabbath Schools within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou is encouraging. Schools reported last year, fifty; this year, sixty-seven; others and teachers last year, 329; this year, 393. Scholars enrolled last year, 2,904; this year, 3,975; average attendance last year, 2,105; this year, 2,870; contributed for missions last year, \$687; this year, \$774; being an advance on last year of 165 officers and teachers, 1,071 more scholars enrolled, and \$87 more contributed for missions. Seventy-three elders teach in the Sabbath schools, in several instances conducting Bible classes with efficiency and success. Seventy communicants were added to the roll from sixty-seven Sabbath schools.

A CONVERSATION of a very pleasing character was given last Friday evening by the officers and members of Knox Church, Toronto, Young People's Christian Association in the lecture room and other spacious rooms of the church. Rev. Dr. Parsons presided, and, in the course of his remarks welcoming the friends of the young people of his church, he explained the object of the Association and the good influence which it exercised over the congregation. The audience was large, and the lecture-room being brilliantly lighted, the scene throughout the evening was animated and productive of the most happy results. Refreshments were served in good conversational style, and with the literary and musical programme taken part in by Miss Winnet, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Brodie, Mr. Charles Dimmock and Mr. D. E. Fralick, all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

THE Presbytery of Rock Lake met recently in the Town Hall, Deloraine, to induct the Rev. Donald Munro as pastor of the congregation worshipping there in connection with the Presbyterian Church. There was a good attendance of the congregation. There were present, Revs. John Cairns, Maringhurst; M. Mackenzie, of Morden;

Rev. John Brown, Sourisford; J. A. Townsend, Manitou; J. K. Welsh, Boissevain; Donald Munro, Deloraine, and Mr. Lowry, catechist missionary, Killarney. Mr. Cairns occupied the chair as moderator. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Farquharson, Mr. Townsend preached an able and appropriate sermon, after which Mr. Munro was inducted as settled minister of Deloraine, Mr. Welsh leading in prayer. Messrs. Brown and Mackenzie addressed the minister and people respectively, and the proceedings concluded with praise and prayer. At the close Mr. Munro received the congratulations of the Presbytery and people.

THE London *Advertiser* says: The anniversary services of the King Street Presbyterian Church, London, proved a great success. On Sunday the congregations were large and listened with great interest and, it is to be hoped, profit to two most eloquent and impressive discourses from Rev. Mr. Boyle, of St. Thomas. Monday evening a large company gathered to enjoy the social, material, musical and mental attractions of the occasion. After a season of refreshment and good-fellowship in the basement of the church, the company proceeded upstairs. The pastor, Rev. W. M. Roger, occupied the chair and made a brief address, expressing his own and his people's sense of gratitude for the many mercies and blessings attending their united labours. Then followed appropriate, enjoyable and instructive addresses from Messrs. Johnston, Boyle and Livingston, interspersed with choice pieces by the choir. An announcement from the Ladies' Aid Society of the very satisfactory results of their recent sale of work and collections among the congregation was received with much gratification.

At the Ratho congregational prayer meeting Rev. W. McKinley, who has retired from the pastorate, was presented with a well-filled purse and an address setting forth the high value his pulpit ministrations, and pastoral services and the affectionate esteem in which he was held by the people of his charge. Mr. McKinley, who was visibly affected, made a very feeling and appropriate reply. He briefly reviewed the history of the congregation during his pastorate amongst them. He referred with pleasure to the Christian courtesy which had been at all times extended to him and the hearty co-operation of the members of session, managers and individual members of the congregation in all Christian work. It was, he said, hard to part from associations where there had been no misunderstandings, but perfect harmony, peace and good will. During his brief stay with them forty had received the rite of baptism, sixty had united with the church and twenty had been called away to the spirit land. In conclusion, he urged each to be faithful unto death in order to receive a crown of life.

THE Hamilton *Times* gives a full account of the anniversary services held in MacNab Street Presbyterian Church on Sabbath week. It states that on the thirty fourth anniversary of the formation of this congregation and the close of the seventeenth year of the pastorate of Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D.D., services appropriate to the occasion were held. Having arrived at another halting place in their history it was fitting to take a survey of the way they had come, and to look forward with hope to the future. Rev. Daniel MacTavish, M.A., D.Sc., pastor of the Central Church, Toronto, occupied the pulpit, and delivered eloquent and instructive sermons. There were large attendances, morning and evening. After giving the leading biographical incidents in his career it says that Dr. MacTavish is one of the rising young men in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In the morning the subject of discourse was Phil. iii. 13, 14; and in the evening Dr. MacTavish delivered an earnest and well-thought out discourse from Hebrews iv. 15, 16, dwelling on the perfect humanity and sympathy of Christ.

In Erskine Presbyterian Church, Montreal, a children's service was held Sabbath week, when Rev. Mr. Jordan preached on the subject, "A Wonderful Timepiece." Nearly all the children of the Sabbath school were assembled in the front pews of the centre aisle. The preacher illustrated his sermon, delivered in a conversational manner, by aid of a number of clocks of different styles and sizes specially chosen because of some curious feature in their construction. From the ancient sun-dial and hour-glass, down to the most recent types of skillful handicraft, there were afforded abundant illustrations of how wonderful a clock man is capable of constructing. The speaker then pointed out that man himself is a clock, constructed with divine ingenuity and more wonderful a thousand times (both in physical and spiritual nature) than the most ingenious timekeeper which his own hands had fashioned. The preacher by many most forcible illustrations impressed upon the young the necessity and duty of so living that the great purpose for which they were created might be realized. The earnest attention of the young people was retained to the close of the service.

THE anniversary meeting of the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was held last week. The church was well filled, and the meeting was a most interesting one. Eloquent and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. MacTavish, of Toronto, and Rev. Alexander Jackson, of Galt, the theme of the speakers being church work. During the evening, an address, expressive of the appreciation of his devoted ministerial services and labours on behalf of the Church at large, and his eminent personal work, was presented to Rev. Dr. Fletcher, the popular pastor of the church, by Sheriff McKellar, on behalf of the congregation. Moved by the Hon. James Turner, seconded by Mr. John I. Mackenzie: That the address now read be and the same is cordially approved of; that it be signed by the following members on behalf of the congregation: Dr. Macdonald, Mr. J. M. Dingwall, Mr. Alexander Turner, Mr. Angus Sutherland, Hon. James Turner, Sheriff McKellar, Mr. A. W. Leitch, and Mr. D. McGillivray; that it be handsomely engrossed and framed and sent to the manse.—Carried unanimously. Rev. Dr. Fletcher made an exceedingly appropriate reply, and several speeches were made by leading members of the congregation.

At the Y. M. C. A. Convention in Philadelphia, last week, the following statistics were submitted: The statistics in the International Committee's elaborate report show associations, 1,273; reporting, 1,141, of which 1,110 show an aggregate membership of 195,456, with 33,958 serving on committees, a large increase in every particular over the last biennial report. The total net property of the associations reporting is \$8,944,685, as against \$6,053,259 at the last report. Building funds are pledged, amounting to \$1,397,285 by 120 associations. Library funds are reported by six associations, and endowment funds, \$26,917, by four. The expenses of the International Committee for the year were \$45,248. General secretaries and other paid officials number 869. Volumes in the libraries of 522 associations number 385,728. Educational classes are reported by 234 associations, literary societies by 148, lectures by 543, and sociables by 657; in each case a large increase over the figures of the last report. The attendance at the Bible and training classes, weekly prayer meetings, foreign missionary meetings, Gospel and daily prayer meetings, and days of prayer for young men and colleges, indicates also an average gain. Situations to the number of 7,619 were secured for members of 277 associations. Railway branches number seventy-seven, and boys' departments 162. Substantial progress is shown by the statement as a whole.

THE congregation of Bromley, which has been without a pastor since the translation of the Rev. J. C. Campbell to the congregation of Russell in the Presbytery of Ottawa, has again secured the services of a regular pastor. A short time ago an unanimous call was given to the Rev. Roderick McKay, B.D., lately returned from British Columbia, and on the 30th April he was inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation. The induction services took place in the church at Paris settlement. Public worship was conducted by W. J. Drummond, of Alice, who preached an appropriate sermon from Gal. vi. 7: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." At the close of the sermon the Rev. G. R. Lang, of Admaston, gave a brief