

Ministers and Churches.

A CHRISTIAN Endeavour Society has been organized in connection with Knox Church, Stratford.

THE Rev. C. D. McDonald, Thorold, Ontario, has received a call to the pastorate of Kildonan Presbyterian Church.

THE Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, was nominated by Manitoba Presbytery as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

THE Presbyterians of Ayr were treated Sabbath week to two eloquent sermons on Home Missions and Augmentation, by Rev. E. Cockburn, of Paris.

ANNIVERSARY services, conducted by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, Central Church, Galt, were held in the Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, on Sabbath week.

THE Vancouver News says: The Rev. T. G. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, has, it is understood, resigned his pastorate, owing to some difficulties in the congregation.

FROM a letter recently received from Mhow it is learned that Miss Minnie Stockbridge, of the Central India Mission, has recovered from an illness which at one time, it was thought, would prove fatal.

THE North Presbyterian Church on Selkirk Street, Winnipeg, was opened Sabbath week. Rev. Mr. Pedley conducted the morning services, and Rev. Mr. Hogg, of St. Andrew's Church, took the evening service.

THE famous Tennessee Jubilee Singers will give one of their unequalled entertainments in the Bond Street Congregational Church on Friday evening next, December 20th. They will no doubt be greeted by a large audience as the admission has been reduced to 25 cents.

THE Rev. J. A. G. Calder, Lancaster, has been so far indisposed for some time past as to be able to take only one service on the Sabbath, the church for a few evenings being closed. Last Sabbath evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. C. E. Gordon-Smith.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the Presbyterian Church, Wingham, on Sabbath week. Ten new names were enrolled in the communion roll. Rev. Mr. Geddes, of Whitechurch, preached the preparation sermon on Saturday with much acceptance.

THE Rev. Dr. McTavish preached in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, Sunday morning and evening week with all his old-time power and fervour. Dr. McTavish, says the Post, arrived in town Friday evening, and received from his old congregation, and from the people of Lindsay generally, a most cordial welcome, showing the warm place he has in the hearts of all who know him.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in Knox Church, Mitchell, on the 8th inst. Able and impressive sermons were delivered by Rev. W. T. McMullen, D.D., of Woodstock. At both the services there was a large attendance although the day was very wet. Instead of the usual tea-meeting a cash collection was taken which amounted to seventy-three dollars. On Monday evening the Ladies' Aid Society held a social at which Dr. McMullen gave a highly interesting address and the church choir some well-rendered selections.

ON Monday evening week a meeting was held in connection with the Mission Band of the Presbyterian Church, Barrie, to bid farewell to Mr. W. H. Cross. The attendance was large and the meeting very successful. An address was presented to him with a handsome timepiece and a nicely bound set—in fifteen volumes—of the works of Dickens. Addresses were delivered by Rev. D. D. McLeod and Messrs. A. Hay, J. McL. Stevenson, J. J. Brown and D. F. McWatt. Several songs were sung by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Cooper, accompanied by Mr. Lane.

THE Free Church of Scotland Monthly speaks thus of our Formosa Mission: No mission in the world, perhaps, can show a more notable record than that of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. At the end of sixteen years' work, and with a comparatively small staff of laborers, it reports 2,650 baptized members; two native pastors, sixty-four elders, sixty deacons, and thirty-seven native preachers. It maintains two mission houses, fifty chapels, a girls' school, and a training college. The credit of these results is due, under God, to Dr. McKay, one of those remarkable men who are born missionaries.

THE members of the Western Presbyterian Church, Denison Avenue, held their annual social last week in the lecture room of the church. The pastor, Rev. Robert Wallace, presided, and a very pleasant time was spent. Short addresses were given by Rev. W. J. Hunter, of Erskine Church, Mr. Clarke, of Knox College, and Ald. McMillan, after which an abundance of instrumental and vocal music was furnished by the choir. Ample refreshments, consisting of coffee, sandwiches and cakes, were dispensed by the ladies. Another social in connection with the Sabbath school was held the following evening.

THE Acton Free Press says: Rev. William Meikle, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Oakville, returned home last week from Mobile, Ala., after an absence of two months. Mr. Meikle looks and feels better for his trip, and we are glad to learn that Mrs. Meikle is recovering from her long period of illness, and expects to return in the spring fully restored to health. Mr. Meikle delivered two able sermons in his church on Sunday week; in the morning he preached from the words, "How long shall ye halt between two opinions?" In the evening he dwelt upon the words, "Show me wherefore thou contendest with me."

THE tea meeting in connection with the Presbyterian Church at Dorchester station Monday week netted \$220. The entertainment, after tea was served, gave general satisfaction, the commodious church being packed. Quartettes, duets, solos by several ladies and gentlemen from London and vicinity greatly enlivened the evening's proceedings. Speeches by the Rev. Messrs. Sawers, of Westminster, and Henderson, of Hyde Park, and Hazens and Galloway were full of wit and instruction. Mr. John Ferguson, of London, presided. There will only be about \$550 indebtedness on the church which it is likely will be wiped out shortly. The church complete cost \$6,000.

At a meeting of the Manitoba Presbytery the following resolution was adopted: This Presbytery, while cherishing and expressing decided preference for a thoroughly non-sectarian public school system, embracing all schools maintained by public moneys and under the supervision of the State, is resolutely opposed to any system of state-supported education in which prayer and the reading of the Bible and the employment of its teachings to inculcate and embrace Christian morality are prohibited, as indefensible in principle, almost certain to be prejudicial in operation, and, moreover, as wholly unnecessary and useless as a measure of conciliation, and appoints a committee to act either by itself or in concert with similar committees of other bodies with the view of seeing that, if possible, effect be given to the views embodied in this motion in any legislation relative to public school education at the approaching session of the Provincial Legislature.

A most interesting meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, North Plympton, Manitoba, Monday evening, November 25. It was a thanksgiving service under the auspices of the Auxiliary and the Mission Band of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The principal feature of the programme was an address by Mrs. Watt, president of the Winnipeg Presbyterial Society. She emphasized the truth that blessing always comes in the line of duty, and that women by identifying themselves with mission work are carrying out the command of the Saviour, and may therefore expect, not only to be blessed, but to be blessed themselves. A reading, "The Burial Rites of an African King," was contributed by Mrs. McLachlan, also

essays on "Caste" in India and "The Progress of Japan" were read. Members of the Mission Band rendered, very nicely, a recitation, "Mission Stars," and the audience did its part by joining in mission hymns and by contributing eight dollars to the funds of the society. The meeting was presided over in a very happy manner by the pastor, Rev. J. Hamilton.

ANOTHER very successful entertainment was given in the lecture room of the Bloor Street Presbyterian Church last week under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies' College. The principal feature was an able lecture on the subject of "The Evolution of Physiology," by Rev. John Stenhouse, M.A., B.Sc., Edin., who treated his subject in an able, interesting and instructive manner. A novel feature of the entertainment was a demonstration in bandaging by a class of the College in practical hygiene. This was another illustration of the practical part of a college course, the advantages of which of itself, though simple, might prove invaluable in many cases. Principal Macintyre occupied the chair, and during the evening the following programme was admirably contributed by young ladies of the College: Piano solo, by Miss Dallas; vocal solo, "O, Loving Heart, Trust On," by Miss Walker; piano solo, by Miss Ethelind Thomas. At the close of the entertainment a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, the chairman, and to the young ladies who had so ably contributed to the pleasure of the audience.

THE union thanksgiving service in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, was held in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening week. Mrs. Hay presided at the meeting, assisted by the presidents of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the King Street Methodist and Congregational Churches, and by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Atkinson of the Division Street Methodist Church. A large number of ladies from the different missionary societies of the town were present. Readings were given by Miss Elsie Russell, president of the Mission Band of the Presbyterian Church, and Miss E. Sutherland. A paper on the "Claims of Foreign Mission Work on the Christian Women of Canada," was read by Mrs. N. I. MacNachtan. After the collection had been taken up, Mrs. Allen gave an interesting account of the work done by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada. Miss McCallum read a poem entitled "Patchwork," after which the meeting closed with prayer. The young ladies of the Mission Band, conducted by Mrs. Archer, led the singing.

THE Presbyterial Conference was held in St. Paul's school room, Hamilton. Rev. Dr. Laidlaw was appointed chairman, and Rev. J. G. Murray clerk, pro tem. Rev. Dr. Laing, was unable to be present, but sent to the chairman the paper prepared by him on the subject, "The minister's study of the Scriptures for the pulpit and his own personal piety," which was read by Dr. Laidlaw, created some discussion. Hon. and Rev. R. Moreton introduced the subject, "Personal dealings with souls as a means of winning them to Christ," and several members spoke upon it. At noon the Presbytery convened for the transaction of business. An application from Wentworth Church for leave to place a mortgage of \$1,500 on their church property was granted. A call to Rev. W. J. Dey, of Erskine Church, Hamilton, from the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, the salary guaranteed being \$1,000, was presented by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Lynedoch, and was sustained by the Presbytery. The congregation of Erskine Church were cited to appear before the Presbytery at a date to be fixed before the adjournment of the Conference.

THE Port Arthur Sentinel says:—A splendid congregation met in the church at Fort William West, on November 5th, to take part with the Presbytery of Winnipeg in the induction of Rev. J. L. Simpson into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Fort William. The proceedings of the evening were opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John Pringle. After formal preliminaries, the Rev. Wm. Neilly conducted divine service, preaching an admirable sermon, pointed and practical, from Acts xxi. 39. The Moderator asked the questions prescribed to be put to ministers at induction. He then, after prayer for the divine blessing on pastor and people and their work, inducted Mr. Simpson into the pastoral charge of the congregation. The Moderator afterwards addressed the minister, and Rev. Robt. Nairn, of Rat Portage, the people, with great force and point. After the service in the church there was a social welcome meeting at the residence of Mr. Armstrong—a good, hearty, old-fashioned social it was too, enough to warm the hearts, not only of the new pastor but of all present. The unanimity of the call and the hearty greeting accorded Mr. Simpson augur well for his success in his new field.

At a meeting of the London Presbytery the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that city, was accepted, and the following resolution unanimously passed:—Rev. John A. Proudfoot, D.D., was first ordained and inducted into this Presbytery of London, then in connection with the United Presbyterian Church, in the month of July, 1848. On the 28th of May, 1851, he was translated to the charge, being called to succeed his father. From that time he held the office of Presbytery Clerk till the time of the Union of the United Presbyterian and Free Churches in 1861. Concurrently with his clerkship, and for fifteen years thereafter, he had charge of the Home Mission work of the Presbytery, then embracing an area that is now covered by a large part of what constitutes the Presbyteries of London, Sarnia, Chatham, Stratford and Huron, and his own ministerial labours extended partly into what are now the congregations of South Nissouri, Westminster and Dorchester. The Presbytery make special recognition of the acceptable work he has done and is still doing as a lecturer in Knox College in homiletics, pastoral theology and Church government, and hope that wider doors of usefulness may open up to him in the service of the Church and his Master for many years to come.

THE Stratford Herald says: Mr. Galloway, of Uxbridge, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church in this city last Sabbath evening. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. E. W. Pantan, after which Mr. Galloway took for his text Psalms xxxiv. 1, "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth." The speaker first referred to the past and present status of praise in the Church; showed what praise implies and what it is; and that God alone is worthy of praise in its highest sense because in Him alone is absolute perfection. He then proceeded to inquire: 1, Who should praise God? 2, When? 3, Why? and 4, How? Under the latter head the speaker dealt with the functions of music in divine service, the composition and duties of choirs, the nature and purpose of voluntaries, etc. Considered merely as a literary effort the sermon was one of marked power and beauty. Theologically, it was a masterly exposition of the subject under discussion. Mr. Galloway has a fertile imagination, but he never permits it to wander beyond what reason and Scripture would warrant, while his excellent descriptive powers enable him to place vividly before his hearers the conceptions of his own mind. The speaker's reference to his own life of trial and suffering was particularly interesting and touching and should stir up in his hearers a feeling of gratitude to Almighty God for health and strength of body and mind. Every one who heard him must have been pleased and profited, for his matter and manner were both excellent.

THE Brantford Expositor says: The prize list offered by the Directors and friends of the Young Ladies' College for competition this year, has just been published. Besides the usual prizes for special excellence in English, Mathematics and Philosophy, given to the best students in the different classes, and the prizes given for painting, music and modern languages—three scholarships of the value of \$50 each are offered for competition—one to the senior, one to the middle and one to the junior class. There is also the Mayor's Silver Medal to the senior class, and the College Silver Medal to the middle

class. The Governor-General's medal as formerly, is awarded to the student taking the highest standing in the University examinations. Mrs. Wm. Clark, of Newark, N.J., has also founded a Bursary, to aid from year to year, in educating the daughter of a clergyman. Mrs. Clark, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Waters, was a student of the college eleven years ago, graduating in 1878. It is to be hoped that other graduates will follow her example. The Christmas concert will be given Thursday, the 19th in the College Hall, at 7.30 p.m. The programme this year is specially attractive, in addition to instrumental and vocal music and dialogues in the modern languages, eight of the young ladies will render Charles Dickens "Christmas Carol," under the direction of Miss Gertrude Hart, the talented teacher of elocution in the college. The elocution classes of Miss Hart, we are glad to know, are being liberally patronized, as they deserve. Those who receive invitations for the concert, may look forward to a rich treat. The college re-opens after the holidays, promptly, on the 7th January, 1890.

THE Hamilton Times says: Knox Church was crowded to the doors last evening by the members of St. Andrew's, St. George's, the Irish Protestant Benevolent Societies and the members of the church to hear the Rev. Mungo Fraser preach the annual sermon of the St. Andrew's Society. So great was the crowd that there was not a vacant seat in the church, and even the aisles were filled. The members of the three societies occupied the seats in the auditorium of the church immediately in front of the pulpit. Rev. Dr. Fraser, after welcoming the societies on behalf of the congregation, preached a highly interesting and characteristic sermon, taking as his text Genesis xlii. 2: "We are all one man's sons. We are true men; thy servants are no spies." He began by saying that St. Andrew was the first missionary among the fathers of the Church, having converted Peter, who afterwards became a staunch pillar of the Christian Church. St. Andrew was the first man called by Christ. He was a man of deeds more than words, which was characteristic of the Scotch. He was the patron saint of Russia and of Greece as well as that of Scotland. "What is the use of cherishing the memory of men of the grand old times and keeping bright our recollections of the old land?" In response to this question the speaker quoted the familiar lines of Sir Walter Scott, "Breathes there a man with soul so dead?" He referred to the splendid history of Scotland and to the thousand tender recollections of the old land which render beautiful the vista of memory of every loyal and patriotic son of Old Scotia. In closing, Dr. Fraser dwelt on the manliness of the Scotch race which had won them respect throughout the world. The musical portion of the service was particularly good. Mr. James Johnson's solo, "Heaven is My Home," was excellently rendered, as was also "I'm Far Frae My Hame," by Miss Allen, R. Robb, J. Martin and James Johnson. At the conclusion of the service a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Dr. Fraser. The collection was in aid of St. Andrew's Benevolent Fund.

THE death of Mr. George Rogers took place at his residence, 167 Mansfield street, Montreal at a quarter to two on Saturday afternoon week. By this event says the Montreal Witness, one of the oldest landmarks of the city has been removed. Born in Ireland in the year 1798, he in his young manhood went to Glasgow and learned the business of an iron founder. He emigrated to Canada in the year 1832 and was for several years employed in the Eagle Foundry in Montreal, then carried on by the firm of Ward and Brothers, who were succeeded by Mr. George Brush. Leaving their employment he became foreman of the moulding department in St. Mary's Foundry on St. Mary street, owned by the Hon. John Molson, and in 1852, when Mr. Molson gave up business, he became lessee in company with Mr. Warden King, under the style of Rogers and King. They removed to their present foundry premises on Craig street in 1856, and Mr. Rogers retired from the firm in 1870. Mr. Rogers, name has been widely known throughout the length and breadth of Canada, particularly in connection with the Presbyterian church. He was for many years an elder in the Lagachetiere street and Erskine churches; to the building fund of the latter he was one of the largest subscribers. When the question of instrumental music was raised he was one of those who joined the movement against it, and with many others of the members and office bearers of that church left and built Stanley street Presbyterian church. He was one of the originators of Montreal Presbyterial College, and by his liberal contributions gave an impetus to the subscription list which gave assurance of its ultimate success. Forward in every good word and work, liberal in his support of all charitable institutions in the city as well as by private beneficence, his loss will be seriously mourned in the church and in the city. He leaves a widow; his children all died in infancy. Mr. Rogers was 92 years of age and an elder in Stanley street church at the time of his death.

THE auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Collingwood, held a thankoffering meeting on Friday, 28th ult. Mrs. Robertson, the president, in the chair. Notwithstanding that the streets were almost impassable, owing to the heavy snowstorm of the past three days, a fair-sized audience was present. Those who ventured out felt well repaid for the effort. The music furnished by the young ladies of the church choir was appropriate in character, and was highly appreciated. A reading entitled "The Voices of the Twilight," by Mrs. Moodie, president of the Stayner auxiliary, met with hearty approval. The special feature of the evening was an address delivered by Mrs. McKee, of Barrie. The address was a thoughtful and comprehensive enumeration of special reasons for thankfulness, national, ecclesiastical, social and educational, and was listened to with great interest. On the following Wednesday the annual meeting of the auxiliary was held in the lecture-room of the church. In former years this meeting has taken place in March, leaving the auxiliary only nine months' work to report for this year. This change has been made in accordance with a recommendation from the Presbyterial society, that all auxiliaries should hold their annual meetings as nearly the close of the fiscal year as possible. The meeting opened with an address from the president, who spoke first of the work done and the changes made in the Collingwood auxiliary. The membership had increased, more interest had been shown in the meetings, and during the six years existence of the auxiliary not one member had been lost by death. The auxiliary deeply regretted the loss of the secretary, who had for several years been a most faithful and efficient officer. The best wishes of the society went with her to her new home. Mrs. Robertson then gave a short review of the general society, the increase of auxiliaries and mission bands all over the province, the sad void left by the death of the foreign secretary, Mrs. MacMurchy, and closed with a synopsis of the work done during the year in India, China, Eromanga, Trinidad, Formosa and the North-West. The secretary reported a membership of forty, with an average attendance of sixteen. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of fifty dollars. The funds of this society are contributed voluntarily by the members at the regular monthly meetings, no other means being resorted to for raising money. The following officers were then elected: Mrs. Robertson, president; Mrs. Ross, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Campbell, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Ewing, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Bassett, secretary; Mrs. Frame, treasurer; Mrs. A. Foreman, asst.-treasurer. The young ladies' mission band in connection with the auxiliary, lately established, met on the same day. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read, and the following officers elected: Miss Smith, president; Miss Duffy, 1st vice-president; Miss Ferguson, 2nd vice-president; Miss K. Robertson, secretary; Miss Clarkson, asst.-secretary; Miss Blue, treasurer; Miss Winters, asst.-treasurer.

SABATH, 5th inst., was the anniversary of Knox Church, Elora. Rev. J. A. Murray, of London, preached the anniversary sermons. His text in the morning was Col. i. 12, "Giving thanks to the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." In the evening he preached from the well-known text, John