

Ministers and Churches.

LESLIEVILLE Presbyterian Sabbath school held their annual excursion and picnic at Lorne Park on Monday week.

In a recent number through a typographical slip the Rev. Mr. Stark was described as "an old Unitarian," it should have read "an old Torontonian."

THE Rev. Mr. Boyle, pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas, who was much improved, has been very low lately and his condition is not at all encouraging.

THE Sunday school and congregation of the Sumach Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, took the steamer *Macassa* last week, and went to Oakville for their yearly picnic and excursion. The boat was well loaded, and the party thoroughly enjoyed itself at that pretty spot.

At the congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Dresden, last week, Rev. Mr. Currie, of Wallaceburg, presiding, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Port Hope. Mr. Mitchell, says the Dresden *Times*, is a thorough gentleman, and no doubt he will give entire satisfaction to the congregations at the Scotch Settlement and Dresden.

SINCE the Hull Presbyterian Church has had a settled pastor much improvement has been noticed both in the building and attendance. A furnace has been put in, the interior repainted and other needed alterations made. The plain windows are now to be replaced by others of stained glass. The number of Sunday school scholars on the roll has also largely increased. Through the kindness of a friend who started a library fund with \$25, to which about \$75 has been added, the committee has been enabled to purchase 250 excellent books. It is hoped that in the near future a suitable building will be secured for the Sunday school, which at present meets in the church.

THE annual picnic of Knox Church, Winnipeg, Sunday school last week was a most enjoyable affair. The *Antelope* took down a big boat-load of happy youngsters and their teachers in the morning, and in the afternoon and evening additions were made to the merry gathering until it aggregated between 450 and 500 persons. The usual games were enjoyed, races run, etc., in which the victors not only gained glory, but prizes, and the sail home in the evening was very pleasant. There was nothing to interrupt the thorough enjoyment of the day, and the older people as well as the little ones returned shortly before eleven o'clock, somewhat fatigued but contented with the day's outing.

MR. J. J. ROBERTSON, of Vankleek Hill, Ont., died on the 8th inst., leaving a bequest of ten thousand dollars to Manitoba College. In reference to this Principal King writes as follows: Allow me to correct this statement, as not unlikely to prove misleading. The debt of \$5,000 remaining on the College in the beginning of June is now all but covered by the generous subscriptions of friends of the institution from Quebec to Hamilton. I am safe in saying that no part of the legacy, said to be \$10,000, left by Mr. Robertson, a liberal friend of Manitoba College for some years, would, under any circumstances, be applied by the board to the payment of debt. It will go, I trust, to increase the small endowment already in the possession of the College.

THE most successful excursion that has left Bradford for many years took place last week to Big Bay Point and Barrie, under the auspices of the Bradford Presbyterian Sabbath School. An invitation having been extended to the schools in connection with the associated congregations, a large number from the country were present. Almost a dozen rigs came from Schomberg, while our village turned out grandly, making a total of nearly 400. After the hour for leaving the wharf, 8 o'clock, not one straggler came, and exactly five minutes later the steamer *Orillia* moved off. When passing De Grassi a number there were taken aboard. A delightful sail of some three or four hours and about half the passengers were landed at Big Bay Point and half at Barrie. The homeward trip was no less pleasurable, the geniality of all contributing.

THE Rev. A. C. Campbell was ordained to the office of the ministry and inducted to the pastoral charge of Maple last week. Rev. Mr. Amos, of Aurora, presided. The sermon was preached by Rev. R. M. Hamilton, of Eglinton. The subject of discourse was Romans i. 16, which Mr. Hamilton treated in an earnest and impressive manner. In accordance with the simple yet solemn usage of Presbyterianism, Mr. Campbell was set apart to the work of the Gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. He was afterwards addressed in earnest and affectionate terms by Rev. Dr. Carmichael, and an appropriate address to the people was given by the Rev. Mr. Stuart. Mr. Campbell was cordially welcomed by his congregation, and he begins his ministry with most encouraging prospects of success. At the conclusion of the services a sumptuous repast was spread under the trees that adorn Mrs. Noble's lawn.

ON the morning of Sabbath week, Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in the North West, preached at Knox Church, Ottawa. The Western Home Mission Field, he said, now extends over a territory of 2,000 miles from east to west, by 400 from north to south; this is exclusive of the basin of the McKenzie river and the Rocky Mountains to the north. The missionary work is in a most hopeful state of prosperity, but the demand for teachers and preachers is far beyond the supply. People were coming from all quarters to settle. A very large number were from the old provinces, as well as from the British Islands, the North of Europe and Germany, from China and Japan, and the aim of missionary work, from a national standpoint, was to make them all Canadians. For the accomplishment of this it was necessary that the schools be common to all, and taught in the English language, so that the young may grow up together in unity of sentiments and aims, cultivating a common national spirit. The North-West people, however, said to the politician, "Hands off, and we will regulate these matters of language for ourselves."

THE Rev. J. Wilkie gratefully acknowledges the following donations to the Canadian Mission College at Indore, India: From Rev. Prof. MacLaren, D.D.—Prophecy a Preparation for Christ, R. Payne Smith; Boston Monday lectures—Christ and Modern Thought; Christian Life, Bayne; Essays on Supernatural Religion, Lightfoot. From Rev. Mr. Graham, Egmondville—Scientific Dialogues. From Miss MacMurchy—eight recent works on Physical Sciences. From Mr. Williamson, 5 King Street West—Rome in Canada; Sunday Book of Poetry; The Children's Garland; God's Word Through Preaching, Hall; Book of Praise, Palmer; Lectures on Teaching, Fitch; Beecher's Lectures on Preaching. From Rev. S. Houston, M.A., Kingston—Stier, five volumes; Olshausen, four volumes; Pye Smith on Messiah, three volumes; March's Introduction, six volumes. From Mrs. John Ross, of Brucefield, from the library of the late Rev. J. Ross—Hall's Works, six volumes; Cunningham's Lectures, five volumes; Hengstenberg on the Apocalypse, two volumes; Charnock on the Attributes, two volumes; Cosmos by Humboldt, four volumes; Xenophon in Greek, ten volumes; Morrell's History of Modern Philosophy; Lime St. Lectures; Owen on the Glory of Christ; Philosophy of Sir William Hamilton; Hamilton's Discussions; Symington on the Atonement; Gesenius Hebrew and English Lexicon. C. Hodge—Systematic Theology, three volumes, Romans, Ephesians; A. A. Hodge's Outlines of Theology; Winer's Idioms; Lectures on the Shorter Catechism, Green, two volumes; Hill's Divinity; Davies' Sermons, three volumes; Ancient Christianity, Isaac Taylor, two volumes; Arabic Bible; Chalmers' Evidences, two volumes; Edwards' Works, four volumes; Barnes on Daniel, two volumes; Typical Forms by McCosh; Horne's Introduction; Gaussen on the Cannon;

Gaussen on Inspiration; Richardson's Arabic Grammar; Robinson's Greek and English Lexicon and at her smaller works.

THE Rev. J. Wilkie forwards for publication the following list of additional subscribers to the Indore College Fund: For the Building and Furnishing Fund: Toronto—Miss Dick, \$50; John Muldrew, \$25; Davidson & Hay, \$25; Miss Irving, \$4; A Friend, \$4; A Friend in the Lord, \$3; G. Leslie, \$5; A. B. McColl, \$10; Andrew Smith, \$10; W. J. Douglas, \$5; Mr. Phillips, \$1; Robert Crean, \$10; A Friend, \$10; Mrs. MacLennan, \$10; Rev. W. G. Wallace, \$5; A Friend, \$2; Two Friends, \$2; Mr. Hunter (of Chalmers), \$10. Montreal—Matthew Patterson, \$20; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Grier, \$20. Renfrew—D. Stewart, \$5; D. McAndrew, \$25; Anonymous, \$5. Ottawa—Miss Helen Gibson—her mite box and contents. Belleville—Mrs. George, \$2.43; Pembroke, \$42.25. Lyn—Miss Armstrong, \$10; Madoc—\$45; Columbus—\$36.75; Seabrook—Knox, \$57.40; Beaverton, \$35.78; Chesley—Mrs. J. Ward, \$3; North Bruce, \$34; Egmondville—Rev. Mr. Graham, \$5; Chesterfield—Bible Class, \$10; Georgetown—Mrs. George Fraser, \$2; Ferguson—A. D. Ferrie, \$50; Westminster Friends, \$5; London South—Thank Offering, \$5; Bertie McKenzie, 50 cents; Eden Mills—Misses Argo, \$5; Norval—Mrs. J. Brown, \$1; Brampton—\$100; West Flamboro' Sabbath School, \$8; Burns Church, Moore, \$6.25; Hamilton—Mrs. McQuesten, \$5; Vaughan, Rev. Mr. Nichol, \$5; Lobo & Caradoc, \$40; per Rev. S. Houston, of Kingston, \$5; Parkdale, Toronto—\$336; Warwick—Knox, \$3; Andrew Wilson, Nelson, \$50. Scholarship Fund.—Norval and Union—\$6; Ingersoll—Miss Baxter, \$25; Admaston, \$106; Toronto—T. Gaul, \$1; Renfrew—Miss Eva Cameron's class, \$9; Ottawa—J. Hardie, \$5; Charlotte-town—per Rev. J. Carruthers, \$500; Fordwich & Gorrie—\$34; Kingston—per Rev. S. Houston, \$16; Toronto—Charles Darling, Halton, Christie Scholarship, \$25; Mrs. Davidson, Wroxeter, for her twins, \$500; Newtonville—George Perkins Leslie prize—in memoriam; Bristol, \$11; additional scholarship, per Mrs. Duff, \$50; Almonte, St. Andrew's, Dr. Bennett scholarship, \$50; Montreal—J. Murray Smith scholarship, \$25.

AT St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on the morning of Sabbath week Rev. Principal King, D.D., took for his text Luke x. 17-21, from which he unfolded three forms of joy, legitimate and rational, ascending from lowest to highest. First, the joy that springs from the exercise of power for human ends. Second, the joy that springs from the consciousness of heavenly citizenship—not simply that the soul is safe, but that the character has become heavenly, for this is implied in having the "name written in heaven." Third, the joy that springs from the disclosure of the things of the kingdom to meek and childlike souls; and from the fact that this is in accord with the will of God. Learn from this passage that goodness is better than power; gracious character is better than activity, though power to work and activity in working are true sources of pleasure. Do not be content with a religion from which joy is absent—seeking salvation from Christ and joy from the world. Learn to know that acquiescence in the will of God is the highest joy. After the sermon Dr. Laidlaw remarked that seven years ago the General Assembly had called Dr. King from the pastorate of St. James Square Church, Toronto, and appointed him to the principalship of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, where very marked success had attended his arduous labours; and as St. Paul's Church had contributed from year to year to the support of the college, the congregation would be glad to have Dr. King say something to them about his work. Dr. King expressed his pleasure at having had the opportunity of preaching in St. Paul's, where he had not preached for many years. He thanked the congregation for the interest they had taken in his work and for the help they had contributed. During the past seven years he had received from all sources about \$50,000 toward the debt and endowment fund of the college, and when he should receive another \$500 the debt would be all provided for, and the Church would own a very valuable institution, with a substantial building, four acres of ground, in a most eligible position in Winnipeg, and \$15,000 endowment. The number of students in attendance last session was 114, including those in arts and the preparatory department. Twenty-two have graduated in arts and are now in the theological department. About forty students do mission work during the summer, and an average of fifteen during the winter, saving all the travelling expenses that would be incurred by sending these students all the way from Toronto to Kingston. The reverend principal hoped that the \$500 still needed to wipe out the debt would be contributed by the friends of the college in Hamilton, and intimated that a friend not now in the Presbyterian Church had already handed him \$100.

A GOOD audience met last week in the McNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, to hear Mr. A. Orr-Ewing, of the China Inland Mission. Rev. Dr. Fletcher, pastor of the church, presided. After devotional exercises, conducted by the chairman and the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Moreton, Mr. Ewing was introduced, and delivered in a clear, ringing voice a very interesting address. He began by presenting a brief outline of the extensive country under the government of the Emperor of China, and of its vast population, computed to be between three hundred and fifty and four hundred and fifty millions, of whom it is estimated 33,000 die daily. The Chinese people are very conservative. The intense conservatism arises largely from the fact that the country has within itself sufficient for its varied needs, leaving no necessity for intercourse with other nations. This conservatism gives its complexion to their religion, which is largely Confucianism. But the improvements introduced by foreigners, especially in recent years, such as telegraph lines, railroads, the advantage of which the Chinese appreciate, are gradually making inroads on this conservatism. The form of religion which has an immense influence of all classes of Chinese is the worship of ancestors. It includes not only the direct worship of the dead, but all that is done for their comfort, and all that is done to avert calamities which departed spirits are supposed to bring upon the living as a punishment for inattention to their requirements. The masses of the people are extremely superstitious. They believe in sorcery and witchcraft. They will not even betroth young people until they first ascertain when the day and hour of their births were so identical as to warrant a happy and prosperous life. There is more attention given to etiquette and ceremony among the Chinese than, perhaps, among any other nation. When two strangers meet the first questions asked are, "What is your honourable name? Your place of residence? Your age?" If the person to whom the questions are addressed is somewhat advanced in life the questions are asked in a most reverential tone. Obedience to parents is strongly inculcated, and filial disobedience is severely punished. A son may be imprisoned and even put to death for unfilial conduct. Women are treated with great disrespect, and spoken of as part of the household furniture. Men are not expected to wear moustaches until they are forty. Full-bearded men are treated with an amazing measure of respect. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing sang together very beautifully and with good effect a Chinese version of the hymn "He Leadeth Me." In the second part of his address Mr. Ewing gave a full account of the method in which those connected with the China Inland Mission carry on their work, viz.: By the distribution of tracts, preaching the Gospel, and taking charge of opium patients. He closed an interesting address with an earnest appeal for China, asking all present to become more interested in the evangelization of China, to pray to the Lord to send without delay 1,000 missionaries to join the 1,300 who are there already. After singing the missionary hymn the Rev. Dr. Scott pronounced the benediction. Next afternoon Mrs. Orr-Ewing addressed a meeting of the ladies in McNab Street Church Sabbath school room. There was a large attendance. The address was very interesting and instructive, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Mrs. Grant presided.

THE fourth annual meeting of the Brandon Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was held in Carberry on Tuesday, 15th inst., at half-past two p.m. The chair, in the absence through illness of the president, Mrs. McTavish, of Chater, was occupied by Mrs. Watt, president of the Winnipeg Presbyterial Society. After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Watt, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. On the roll being called by the secretary, forty-one delegates responded. There was also in attendance a number of visiting delegates, making in all a very creditable and appreciative audience. After the hearing of reports from various auxiliaries covering an extent of territory from the Portage to Brandon and many miles to the north and south of us, reports of secretary-treasurer, resolution committee and the adoption of the same, an address of welcome was read by Miss Oliver and responded to by Mrs. McKay, of Chater. The Carberry Mission Band then sang, "Jesus is a Rock." A most interesting report of the work done in the Indian school at the Portage was read by Miss Fraser, a teacher in that school. It gave to those present a good idea of the discouragements and encouragements attending such work and led them to see what may be accomplished by patience in the way of civilization among the Indian children. The report of the Pioneer Mission Band was then read by Anna Morton, secretary. A very complete paper on auxiliary was read by Mrs. McKay, Portage la Prairie. It showed how meetings may be made most interesting and helpful to the members, also the responsibility of each member to consecrate her all—time, talents, prayers, money—to her Master. A discussion on this paper brought out some good points from the president, who had asked to be allowed to speak on this subject rather than give a formal address. The afternoon meeting closed by prayer by Mrs. Murray, of Brandon. In the evening there was a sprinkling of gentlemen in the audience—more would have been welcome. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Court, who led the devotional exercises and spoke briefly but forcibly on mission work. The choir assisted materially in making the meeting interesting and a recitation was given by Miss Josie Walker. Addresses on the past success of the society and the encouraging outlook, were given by Rev. Mr. Bremner, of Chater, and on some of the reasons why mission work should be undertaken, by Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Medicine Hat. The meeting closed by singing, "God be with us till we meet again" and the benediction. A collection of twenty dollars was taken up to defray the expenses of the Presbyterial Society. A business meeting was held Wednesday morning, at which the officers for the ensuing year were elected and other routine business transacted. The following are the officers elected: Mrs. MacTavish, Chater, president; Mrs. Urquhart, Brandon; Mrs. A. McD. Haig, Cypress River; Mrs. Coulter, Rapid City, vice-presidents; Mrs. A. D. Mackay, Portage, recording secretary; Mrs. J. Murray, Brandon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Dr. McDiarmid, Brandon, treasurer. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs. MacTavish and Mrs. Bremner, thanks to the Canadian Pacific Railway, the press, ladies of Carberry and choir and Mrs. Watt were passed, and the meeting adjourned. The next annual meeting will be held in Portage la Prairie, June, 1891.

THE corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church at Elgin was laid last week by Mr. Scriver, M.P., in the presence of a large assembly. After dinner there was a move toward the new church, of which the basement is completed. The dimensions are 60 x 42, with thirteen feet of masonry, upon which the brickwork will now be placed. At the southeast corner of the building, which is situated on the knoll directly opposite the late manse, a platform had been erected, upon which the Rev. Andrew Rowat, pastor of the congregation, took his place, together with the Rev. Messrs. Hastings, Martin, Muir, McLean, and Dr. Watson, Dr. Cameron, M.P.P., and Mr. Scriver, toward whom Mr. Rowat turned and read a short address, asking him to lay the corner stone. At a congregational meeting he had been unanimously selected, it was said, because his manly, straightforward and honourable course as representative of the county met with their approval, and from the interest he had always manifested in the welfare of the congregation and from his unsolicited liberality towards its funds. With the address an elegant silver trowel, bearing the following inscription was tendered: "Presented to Julius Scriver, M.P., at the laying of the corner stone of the Presbyterian Church, Elgin, Que., July 9, 1890." Mr. Scriver having well and truly laid the stone, Mr. Rowat repeated the declaration that it was laid in the name of the Trinity, when the 118th Psalm was given out by Mr. Hastings, which ended the ceremony, and the people returned to the grove where addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hastings, Dr. Watson, Dr. Cameron, M.P.P., the Rev. H. McLean, Mr. Scriver, M.P., and the Rev. J. B. Muir. The receipts were \$245, of which over \$200 will be net. The Rev. J. B. Muir read the record of the history of the congregation, concluding as follows: In 1845 the Rev. Alexander Wallace, a native of Glasgow, but educated at Queen's College, was ordained and inducted into the ministry of St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon. During his pastorate, up to 1863, he held regular services at Elgin and also at Athelstan and Port Lewis. In that year, 1863, the Elgin mission station of the Huntingdon congregation was separated from it, and placed a congregation under the care of the Rev. William Cochrane, an ordained missionary from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. In 1866 he was formally inducted as the first minister of Elgin Church. He was minister thereof for a year or two, after which he accepted a charge in Ontario, and died about ten years ago. After the departure of Mr. Cochrane from this district, Elgin and Athelstan were united into one charge. The first minister was the Rev. John Lochead, who was inducted in the year 1868. So as to promote the union of all the Presbyterians in and around Athelstan, he left in 1876, and became minister of the Presbyterian Church in Valleyfield. That year, 1876, was the year after the great union of the Presbyterian Churches in the Dominion of Canada. Mr. Lochead was succeeded by the Rev. John J. Casey in December, 1876, who remained about six years, when he accepted a call to Taylor Church, Montreal. He died in 1885. The Rev. S. Houston, of Bathurst, N.B., became minister in Athelstan and Elgin in 1882. He remained about fifteen months, when he accepted a call to Kingston, Ontario, where he now is. On the 29th May, 1884, the present incumbent, the Rev. A. Rowat, of Winchester (West), was inducted as his successor.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery held its regular semi-monthly meeting in Knox Church, Guelph, on the 15th July. Mr. Strachan's term as Moderator having expired, Mr. Beattie, of Knox Church, Guelph, was unanimously appointed his successor, and took the chair accordingly. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Moderator for the ability and courtesy with which he had discharged the duties of his office. The commissioners to the late General Assembly reported their diligence in the matter of their attendance, and their faithfulness was approved. They were requested to hand to the clerk a note of their travelling expenses that they may be provided for when the Presbytery make the usual apportionment to congregations of the sums required for the schemes of the Church. The list of vacancies and mission stations in the bounds was revised, and the supply provided for each was announced and approved. Mr. Rennie, Convener, reported from the committee appointed to confer with the elders and managers of congregations that had not contributed to the augmentation fund, giving a narrative of the steps taken in carrying out their instructions, consisting in part of conferences and in part of correspondence, and of the measure of encouragement received, expressing the anticipation that greater interest would be taken in the fund, and greater liberality shown towards it in the future. The report was received, and thanks given to the committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence in the matter. Dr. Torrance reported, that after due notice, and having previously ascertained the wish of the congregation, he had moderated in a call