

Church News.

In Canada.

REV. DR. LAINO, Dundas, is to be in Cobourg this coming Sabbath.

REV. H. ROSS, of Burnside, Man., preached his farewell sermon on the 9th inst.

THE new church at Springbank (Centre Road), Parkhill, was opened last Sabbath.

THE Sabbath school at Streetsville will hold their 60th anniversary on New Year's night.

THE Ladies aid Society of Guthrie church, Oro, contributed \$170 towards the building fund of the church during the year.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH Sabbath school, Markham, held their annual entertainment and Christmas tree in the church last Thursday evening.

REV. WM. MCKINLEY, of Kildonan, is to come eastward before Christmas for a rest, and to consult a specialist about some trouble in his eyes.

REV. J. A. F. Sutherland, of Selkirk, has announced to his congregation his intention of laying his resignation before the Winnipeg Presbytery at its next meeting.

MR. STEWART, formerly of the Elkhorn Indian school, has entered upon his duties as assistant principal of the Regina Industrial school, which has now 126 resident pupils.

REV. SAMUEL POLSON has opened a new Presbyterian church at the corner of Logan and Chambers streets in the western part of Winnipeg. This is the ninth Presbyterian church in this city.

REV. DR. HARPER, of Barrie, preached in Collingwood last Sabbath. In the evening Dr. Harper gave a special sermon to young men and young women. Dr. McRae preached at Stayner.

THE anniversary services at Knox church, St. Mary's, were held recently. The Rev. Prof. MacLaren, of Knox College, officiated at both morning and evening services to large congregations.

THE Christian Endeavor Society, Dundas, has been given up this season, the Young People's Improvement Society being organized in its place. The latter society is doing excellent work, is well attended always, and so is flourishing.

REV. STUART ACHESON, B.A., Wiarton, preached at the opening of the new Presbyterian church, Shallow Lake, presbytery of Owen Sound, on Sabbath, Dec. 16th. There were large congregations at both services. The debt of the new church is about provided for.

REV. D. McLEOD was inducted into the pastoral charge of Victoria and Dundas, Man., on the 11th inst. Revs. James Lawrence, Alex. Hamilton and C. W. Gordon, took part in the induction services and in the social meeting of the congregation which followed it.

THE new Presbyterian church at South Edmonton, N.W.T., was opened on the 3rd inst. There were three services, with a large attendance on each occasion. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Herdman, B.D., of Calgary, from the text "Set up a standard toward Zion."

THE following gentlemen have been elected as elders in Guthrie church, Oro, viz.: James Coates, Wm. M. Larty, Samuel Pearsall, Angus McCuaig and Robert Strachan. The ordination and induction took place on the 23rd inst. One of the elders in this congregation, Mr. Peter McArthur, is 94 years old and is usually present at the service every Sabbath.

ON the evening of the 13th inst., Rev. Mr. McMillan, of Mimico, gave his lecture, "The Scottish Covenanters," in Knox church, Dundas, under the joint auspices of the Young People's Societies of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The charming personality of the lecturer, and the bright, attractive way in which he presented the subject, completely captured the audience, and made the lecture a source not only

of intellectual profit, but of personal pleasure to all.

THE young people of Lansdowne, held their annual Christmas entertainment in the town hall on the evening of Friday, Dec. 21st. The programme consisted of music by the choir, vocal and instrumental music, flag drill by 16 young girls, scenic dialogue, recitations, songs, dialogues, etc.

A MEMORIAL service in connection with the death of Professor Thomson, of Knox College, was held on the evening of Sabbath, Dec. 16th, in the West Mission church, Winnipeg, which Mr. Thomson attended and in which he preached more than once last summer. The service was conducted by Dr. King, who preached from John xiv. 2. At the close of the sermon, Dr. King bore strong testimony to the great abilities and especially to the Christian worth of the deceased professor of Knox College, and to the loss which the church has sustained in his death. The interest of the audience, which was unusually large, and many of whom had learned to greatly esteem and love Mr. Thomson, was deep and marked.

REV. CHAS. REID, missionary at Okanagan has been placed in charge of the government authorities, having become deranged in his mind. Mr. Reid is a young man who has only been a few weeks in his new charge, having come here from Manitoba. He is a native of Scotland and gave evidence of more than average talent as a preacher, and was considered to be a young man of great promise. During his brief pastorate at Okanagan mission he had succeeded in creating a favorable impression, and the deepest regret is expressed at the terrible calamity which has overtaken him. He appears to be suffering from some mental affliction which may prove to be of only a temporary nature. The cause of the trouble is not known, but it may possibly have arisen from over-study.

A VERY pleasant and profitable evening was spent in the Presbyterian church, Carman, Manitoba, on the evening of Wednesday, the 12th inst., the occasion being the thank-offering meeting of the W.F.M.S. The pastor, Rev. H. C. Sutherland, B.A., occupied the chair and introduced Mrs. Colin H. Campbell, of Winnipeg, who addressed the large audience on the growth and work of the Canadian W.F.M.S. The collection and thank-offering amounted to \$21.33, attesting the interest of the congregation in the work of this society, and their appreciation of Mrs. Campbell's helpful and inspiring words. A social hour was spent at the close, refreshments being served by the members of the society.

A GRAND success, both financially and otherwise, was the ninth anniversary of Chalmers' Presbyterian church, Uxbridge. Rev. Alex. Gilray, of College street, Toronto, preached special sermons morning and evening on Sabbath. At both services the church was crowded to the doors with an attentive audience. The collections were very large, amounting to \$430. On Monday evening a large crowd turned out to hear Mr. Gilray deliver his lecture on "William Tell His Land of Mountain and Lake." Mr. Gilray is a clear, distinct and interesting speaker, and his powers of description are extremely good. He first described his journey to Switzerland, giving amusing instances of sea-sickness, and brief descriptions of places of interest passed through. He then gave a very realistic account of the beautiful scenery to be found in Switzerland, and described the customs and modes of living of its people, dwelling considerably on their bravery and love of country, for which they are noted. He described his visit to Tell's chapel, and told the well known story of William Tell shooting the apple from his son's head. T. W. Chapple, Esq., M.P.P., performed the duties of chairman, and during an interval in the lecture Mrs. J. A. McGillivray sang a very appropriate solo, entitled "My Ain Country." The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the hundredth psalm and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. Mr. Manning. The proceeds of the lecture amounted to \$42, thus bringing the total receipts of the anniversary up to \$472.

AT a concert and social, held in Woodville Presbyterian church (Manitoba), the building was packed to the door. After a sumptuous repast supplied by the ladies of the congregation the meeting was called to order by Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, pastor of the congregation. As treasurer of the Building Committee, he reported that all liabilities had been met but \$150, due the church and manse fund, and the debt incurred in doubling the size of the stable. To meet the latter, the social was held. He reported \$150 had been paid the church and manse fund already this fall, and hoped another \$50 would be raised before the end of the year. An excellent programme was then rendered, consisting of speeches, solos, duets, quartets and choruses. At the close of the meeting the pleasing announcement was made that the receipts for the evening amounted to thirty-seven dollars and fifteen cents.

THE opening services of the new church at Oxbow, Assa, were conducted on the 9th inst., the Superintendent of Missions preaching in the forenoon, afternoon and evening. He was assisted by the pastor of the church, Rev. T. R. Scott, B.A. The day was fine, and people drove long distances to witness the opening of the first church built in the town or district. The church can seat 200 comfortably, and was filled at the first service and packed at the other two. The building is a neat frame structure, on a stone foundation, well lighted and well ventilated. It is heated by stoves, but provision has been made to put in a furnace as soon as the finances permit. The cost was about \$1,500; and although the district suffered last year through failure of crop, the cost, with the exception of a loan of \$500 from the Church and Manse Board, will be met this autumn. From the collections on Sabbath and a social gathering on Monday over \$150 was realized. Addresses were given on Monday evening by the Revs. James Patterson of Carlyle; A. H. Cameron, of Esteron; Mr. Croux, Methodist minister; Dr. Robertson and T. R. Scott, and by Messrs. Thomson and Mackenzie of Oxbow. Mr. Scott has a strong and attached congregation in the town and district, and he has rendered great service to the cause of religion and morals in the whole vicinity. For the future he is to give supply fortnightly at Dalesboro, twenty miles north; weekly at Alameda, nine miles to the northwest; and every Sabbath evening and every alternate Sabbath forenoon, at Oxbow.

THE recent opening of the new Taylor church, Montreal, was attended with great success. As an example of the interest taken in the event generally the morning service was attended by the Governor General and the Countess of Aberdeen. The preachers were: forenoon, Rev. Dr. Barclay; afternoon, Rev. Jas. Fleck, B.A.; evening, Rev. A. J. Mowatt. In the course of his sermon Rev. Dr. Barclay said that there were few men with faith so strong and hope so sure that they can look out upon the world and say God does all things well. When everything is bright and life is prosperous we are apt to believe that God acts in this manner, and we acknowledge His hand guiding and moving our being. But when reverses come and we are visited with sickness, poverty and all its kindred ills, then these dispensations of God's providence are too deep for human thought to fathom and too dark for mortal sight to comprehend. What does God mean in visiting His people with affliction? Is it not to bring them nearer to Him; to make them feel His universal Fatherhood? And where can we better find the peace of God than in His sanctuary? In times of trouble imitate the divine pattern, and, sending the multitudes away, retire to the house of God for hallowed communion. God, in His infinite wisdom, hath appointed a day for worship, and peculiar places in which His children may draw near unto Him. The best hours of the great men of Biblical history have been spent alone with their God. If your occupation is such that you feel it hard amid such to ask God's blessing upon your work, retire to the sanctuary and pour out your heart in loving