

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. John Ross, B.A., of Brussels, has declined the call for Knox Church, Scarborough.

PARKDALE Presbyterians are at work erecting a church that will accommodate a thousand people.

ONE HUNDRED new members were added to St. Matthew's Church, North Sydney, at its last communion.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Springfield have secured the services of Mr. Beattie, student, for the summer.

THE Rev. William Grant, of Prince Edward Island, will shortly be inducted to the Presbyterian Church at Cow Bay, C. B.

MR. McDONALD, a student from Manitoba College, has been placed in charge of Arrow River and Beulah stations in the North-West.

THE Rev. E. C. B. Hallam gave an interesting lecture in the Presbyterian Church, St. George, on 27th ult., on "Mission Work in India."

THE Rev. Angus McMaster, who laboured faithfully for many years in the northern part of New Brunswick, died suddenly on April 6, at Arran, Scotland, aged eighty-four years.

THE Rev. J. C. Burgess, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Carleton, N. B., has tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

THE Rev. A. Beamer was inducted into the charge of the Petrolia congregation, on 29th ult. Mr. Beamer enters upon his duties with the most encouraging evidences of success.

THE Rev. Joseph Hogg, of Moncton, left last week on a three months' trip to Europe. The evening before his departure, his congregation presented him with a filled purse, accompanied by their best wishes.

TIDINGS have been received of the death of Rev. J. W. Macleod, one of our missionaries in Trinidad. He died at Mr. Morton's house, Tunapuna, on the 1st of April, having been confined to bed only about one week.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, preached in MacNab Street Presbyterian Church last Sabbath morning and evening. He also lectured on "John Milton" on Monday evening.

THE Bible Society recently sent from Toronto thirty strongly bound volumes of the Scriptures for use in the mission Sabbath school, which meets in St. Andrew's Church, Goderich. The donation was much appreciated.

ON Sabbath, April 25, Messrs. E. McMillan, A. Allan and J. Fleming were ordained to the office of ruling elders in the congregation of Kintyre. There are now nine ruling elders in the session, all men of piety, intelligence and prudence.

A GAELIC catechism has been completed by Messrs. Gillis and Cameron, professors in St. Boniface Roman Catholic College, Winnipeg. Copies have been sent to the Gaelic colony at Wapella, by whom, it is said, they are highly esteemed.

THE Rev. A. Falconer, late of Trinidad, spent most of the past winter in England. He preached for two months in the church of Rev. Dr. Macleod, of Birkenhead. Dr. Macleod being absent on sick leave. Mr. Falconer is likely to come to Canada in the autumn.

THE Taylor Church congregation, Montreal, determined that the wife should be the "better half" not only in word but also in deed, gave a more beautiful reception social in honour of Mrs. Bennett upon her arrival last Thursday, than that given her husband last December.

A MEMBER of Dumfries Street Church, Paris, presented one of the student missionaries of Knox College, en route to his field of labour in the North-West, with the sum of \$25—an act of genuine and unsolicited kindness, which betokens a thoughtful appreciation of the difficulties which beset student life.

THE sacramental services in the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, were largely attended and of more than usual interest. The Rev. Mr. Duncan, B.D., of Churchill, preached on Friday. Professor McLaren preached on Sabbath morning and evening. The pastor and Dr. Gray dispensed the ordinance.

THE Rev. Dr. Mowat, of Queen's College, Kingston, preached two excellent sermons in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, on Sabbath week. In the morning he referred to the evil effects of immoral literature, and in the evening to the injurious tendency of the careless observance of the Sabbath day.

THE lecture given by the Rev. Dr. Moffat, of Winchester, in the Town Hall, Charleston, on the evening of the 27th ult., under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute, was a great success. There was a large audience present, and the lecture was much appreciated. The Rev. A. McFaul, president of the institute, occupied the chair.

THE Rev. T. Cumming lectured last week in St. Andrew's Church, Truro, under the auspices of the Ladies' Mission and Benevolent Society of the congregation. His subject was "Seven Great Mistakes of Human Life." The audience was large and appreciative. The lecture, to say the least, was very suggestive and helpful. Financially it was a decided success.

THE Rev. Jas. Howie died lately in Hamilton Asylum in the seventy-third year of his age. Deceased was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, but severed his connection therewith several years ago. Becoming afflicted with a mental malady of pronounced and dangerous type, it was found necessary to remove him to this institute, where he has remained ever since.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Eastern Section, not the ladies of Fort Massey Church, as previously stated, purpose guaranteeing the support of a fourth missionary to the New Hebrides to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Annand to their new field. In this they invite the co-operation of their western sisters to signalize unification and bring about equality.

THE Board of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, met in the library of the college at Pine Hill last week. Various matters of interest were disposed of. The summer session project was considered impracticable, and it was agreed to report to the Assembly accordingly. Affiliation with Dalhousie after the manner of the theological colleges in Montreal with McGill was approved.

THE Rev. H. A. Robertson sends a statement and inventory of arrowroot contributed by the natives of Eromanga for 1885, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions, Eastern Section. The arrowroot is shipped in twelve casks, containing in all 2,368 lbs. net. This represents a large measure of liberality on the part of the Christians of Eromanga. All the arrowroot is a "thank offering."

LAST Monday evening, the Bible class of St. Mark's mission, in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, presented to Mr. Somerville, missionary, a purse accompanied by a brief but very cordial address expressive of the high esteem entertained by the class for the personal worth and valuable services rendered by Mr. J. T. Somerville, who has laboured very successfully in connection with St. Mark's mission for the past six months.

THE monthly meeting of the Canadian Auxiliary of the McAll Mission was held Thursday afternoon in the Mission Hall. Very interesting articles referring to the work were read. The treasurer reported \$62.85 on hand. The committee have ordered a number of quarterlies to be sent regularly from Paris, and have decided to send for records of the American McAll Association, and other very interesting pamphlets which are published in the United States.

THE Charlottetown, P. E. I., Patriot says: Rev. James Carruthers, who has obtained three months' leave of absence to visit his native land, was a few days ago presented with the sum of \$320 to aid in making his trip pleasant, by members of St. James' congregation. Mr. Carruthers, who has been just a year in charge, has worked hard, we fear too hard for his strength. He has now the satisfaction of seeing his church united and flourishing, and also evidence that his labours are appreciated.

ON Monday afternoon a meeting of the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, was held in the lecture room for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the congregation. Professor McLaren, D.D., explained the working of the general society, and a branch was organized, and the following officers appointed: president, Mrs. Grant; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. B. Thompson and Mrs. Main; treasurer, Miss Nellie Bertram; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Harvey.

TEACHING in the Arts classes in Manitoba College continued till Saturday last, 8th inst. After about a fortnight's illness, from which he has happily recovered, Principal King has been able to meet with the Arts classes under his care, comprising the honour students in Philosophy and German. The examinations of the University of Manitoba commence on the 12th inst., and will keep both professors and students busy till the end of the month. Thirty-five students from Manitoba College will take part in these examinations, a larger number than on any previous occasion.

HALIFAX Presbyterian Witness: We congratulate the Augmentation Committee, Eastern Section, on their success. Now, let us keep up to the point "whereunto we have attained." When this work commenced, more than a year ago, we called attention to the fact that the movement really meant a "revival of religion." Its aim is to set ministers free to do their work with heart and soul, being delivered from the distressing bondage of debt and respectable starvation. What do we see? Our own columns testify from week to week that more members have been added to our churches probably than ever before in the same period of time. The revival is going on: let us thank God and take courage.

REV. A. BREMER was inducted to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church at Petrolia, last week. The induction sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Oil Springs; the people were addressed by Dr. Johnston, and the minister was addressed by Rev. George Cuthbertson, of Wyoming. The attendance was good, and the congregation is to be congratulated on having secured at length a pastor who bids fair to unite in harmony the conflicting elements of the church. In the evening a reception was tendered the Rev. Mr. Bremer, in the Oil Exchange Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church. There was a large gathering, and the event was eminently successful and enjoyable.

AT the dedication services last week in St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, the Rev. Dr. Cochrane preached in the morning an eloquent and impressive sermon from Mal. iii. 16-17. Special service was also held in the afternoon, when Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., delivered a suitable and appropriate discourse from 1 Peter ii. 4-5. Dr. Cochrane again preached in the evening. The building was crowded, and numbers failed to gain admission. On Monday evening, after refreshments had been served, Mr. John Carnegie, M.P.P., took the chair, and after praise and prayer introduced the first speaker, Rev. A. H. Munroe, of the Baptist Church. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, who spoke with his accustomed eloquence and fervour. The last speech was delivered by the Rev. F. H. Wallace, of the Methodist Church. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the fine music rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. D. D. Gallely. The singing of the doxology, followed by the benediction, brought the gratifyingly successful series of opening services of St. Andrew's Church to a close.

AN enjoyable Celtic social was held in Brockville recently. No nationality, says the Recorder, is so susceptible to having their feelings worked upon by anything specially distinctive of their country as the Celtic race, and it was a happy idea to provide an entertainment in which everything, as far as possible, should partake of a Scottish character. The Young People's Association is therefore to be congratulated on the success which attended the efforts of its members. A success it truly was so far as attendance was concerned, for the basement was literally packed. Rev. Dr. Jardine occupied the chair in the midst of a bower of flowers. The room was prettily decorated with tartan and other trimmings in keeping with the character of the entertainment. The refreshments included oat cake and Scotch short bread, and the waitresses wore mutches (we won't vouch for the spelling). Dr. Pickup read "Tam o' Shanter," Prof. Austin a scene from "The Lady of the Lake," and Mr. Ross (in Gaelic) after complimenting the entertainment, read a translation of Scott's patriotic address:

"Breathes there a man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land."

A fine selection of Scottish music, vocal and instrumental, and other attractive features greatly contributed to the evening's enjoyment. In announcing the refreshments Dr. Jardine exhibited a nicely-carved wooden toddy ladle, cut out with a jack-knife, kindly lent by Col. Wylie for the occasion, and drew a comparison between the refreshments served with it and those of a more rational character, of which they were about to partake. The audience dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Syne," to the music of the bagpipes.

THE Supplementing Committee met at Halifax, says the Presbyterian Witness, on the 27th ult., and spent the whole day with the business entrusted to their charge. Matters were found to be in a most encouraging position. The receipts for the year have been upwards of \$8,600, with some twenty congregations still to be heard from. Directions were given to pay in full the amounts voted from the Surplus Fund with the expectation that the receipts for the year would cover the whole amount of the expenditure. It was hoped that all the congregations which have not yet remitted their contributions will do so immediately. Deferred applications for the past year were finally considered and disposed of. Applications for supplement for the current year were fully and carefully considered. A few cases have been laid over for further information, and will be finally dealt with at a future meeting. Meantime it is expected that the amounts required for this year will probably be some \$1,500 less than that asked for during the past year. On this point further information will be given at an early day. The committee were gratified to learn that the congregation of Amherst has become self-sustaining, and that besides increasing the amount of support for their own pastor, has sent a very handsome contribution to the Supplementing Fund. Upon the whole the committee were very much cheered with the response which has been generally made by the Church to the recommendations of the Synod, and they felt grateful to the Presbyteries, Sessions and congregations for their hearty co-operation, as well as to the Great Head of the Church for His blessing upon the means employed to maintain the position which has been gained with reference to this matter. It was felt that all that was needed to make the Scheme a permanent success was the maintenance and manifestation of the same spirit which has prevailed during the past two years.

MR. WILLIAM HOSSIE, president of the Brant County Sabbath School Association, has been visiting the Sabbath schools throughout the field embraced by the association. Among others he visited Glenmorris, where he found the school in a prosperous condition. It has an active Band of Hope. The large senior class is taught by the pastor, the Rev. R. Pettigrew, who is training a number of young men and women who may at an early day become useful Sabbath school teachers. At the close of the school exercises Mr. Hossie gave an interesting and instructive address, full of useful information and encouragement. At the evening service conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. Pettigrew, Mr. Hossie, by special request, gave an address on the "Ideal Sabbath School." He suggested that the time was coming when fathers and mothers would render the desirable help, and the scholars not be spoken of as the little children exclusively. He agreed with Dr. Vincent's definition of the Sabbath school, and stated that the Sabbath school is a congregation assembled on the Lord's Day to study, teach and learn the Word of God, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for the purpose of bringing souls to Christ, and of building-up believers in the grace and knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and to help each other to know more of the great salvation so freely offered in the Gospel. Were this status attained, and the school attended by the old as well as the young, then the Word would be studied at home from day to day for a purpose that would be helpful to all in the home, and make an interesting searching service, conducted by the pastor, instead of one of the preaching services. Mr. Pettigrew, in closing the meeting, said, while not agreeing exactly with all that had been advanced, he was greatly pleased with the address, and as he had been seriously thinking over the matter of making some change in one of the services, this discussion might help to open the way for a trial in the direction indicated.

THE annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, for the year ending March 3, 1886, was held in the lecture room of the church recently. The attendance of adherents and members was larger than on former occasions. After devotional exercises conducted by the pastor, who presided at the meeting, the various reports for the year were presented. These were all of an encouraging nature, and showed that there had been progress of a satisfactory nature during the year. The report of the session showed that the attendance at the different services had considerably increased. This is especially true of the evening service and the prayer meeting. During the year forty-eight new members were received, making the total mem-