

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. M. McCallum, of Perth, has been called to Chalmers Church, Kingston.

THE Rev. T. F. Fenwick is occupying Mr. McDiarmid's pulpit at Dornoch during the latter's absence in the North-West.

PRINCIPAL GRANT announces that \$100,000 of the new endowment of \$250,000 for Queen's University has been obtained.

RECENTLY Rev. W. A. Hunter, of Orangeville, held a series of revival meetings in the school house at Farmington, which were very successful.

THE Rev. W. G. Mills, a graduate of Queen's, has been ordained Presbyterian minister at Sunderland, Ontario. He is a native of Smith's Falls or its immediately vicinity.

THE Presbyterian and Methodist Sabbath Schools of Stayner united in an excursion to Delphi lately, and the Presbyterian and Methodist Sabbath Schools of Flesherton unite in a picnic this week.

THE Rev. A. Meldrum preached in Knox Church, Godrich, on Sunday week, both morning and evening, and was much appreciated by those who heard him. He goes to Rock Island, Ill., to accept a charge in that city.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Lindsay Post* says Mr. McKinnon, the Presbyterian student in charge of Uptergrove, Longford and Black River congregations, is giving great satisfaction. He is an able and earnest preacher, and is personally much liked.

THE annual meeting of Chinguacousy Sabbath School Association will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Mount Pleasant, on Friday, June 24, at which the Rev. Messrs. Tapscott, Speer, Craig and Gilchrist and Mr. D. J. McKinnon and others will take part.

REV. JOHN HOGG, M.A., formerly of Charles Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, has gone west to take charge of the congregation of Gardiner Presbyterian Church, Battleford. He began work on Sabbath, June 12, and his first impressions were most favourable.

TWO recent graduates of Knox College, Messrs. D. A. McLean and A. E. Doherty, B.A., were licensed at Big Bay, on May 31, by the Presbytery of Owen Sound. Immediately thereafter Mr. Doherty was ordained as missionary to Big Bay and Lake Charles congregations.

MR. D. W. CAMPBELL, of Montreal, gave a lecture on "London" in Knox Church, Charleston, recently. The lecture was illustrated with 100 beautiful dissolving views of places of interest in the great city, and was given in aid of the Sabbath school. There was a fair audience.

A SOCIAL was recently held in the Presbyterian Church, Newmarket, at which kindly recognition was made of the services rendered by Rev. J. C. Smith, who has decided to sever his connection with the congregation. He spoke of the cheerful and valuable aid rendered him during his last stay in Newmarket.

THE Rev. John McL. Gardiner has recently been presented at Battleford with an address, giving expression to the high esteem in which he is held by those among whom he laboured. The address was accompanied by a purse of \$50, and a handsome gold watch, the latter the gift of members of the Mounted Police.

THE Rev. E. F. Torrance, of St. Paul's Church, Peterboro', preached an impressive sermon on Sabbath week in which reference was made to Mr. William Gilbert, a former member, who had died in Chicago recently, and to Mr. John Erskine, a highly respected elder in St. Paul's congregation, who had also been removed lately by death.

THE Y. P. M. A. of the Presbyterian Church, Streetsville, held an open meeting lately. An interesting and instructive report was read by Mr. Madill, president of the society. The young people are becoming thoroughly aroused with regard to missions, consequent on the strenuous endeavours that the pastor, the Rev. James Murray, has put forth toward that end.

THE Knox College Mission Band expect to address meetings in the following places on the dates named: Messrs. Goforth and Mackenzie will be at Milverton, Millbank and Brookdale during the week beginning June 26. They will take Ingersoll on July 3, during that week at Brantford and Chesterfield. On June 26 Messrs. Webster and McGillivray will visit Tilsonburg and Norwich, and on July 3 they will be at Paris and Brantford. Each congregation will receive notice in time to have the meetings announced.

THE Rev. David Mann, who has for several months supplied the pulpit of Carlton Presbyterian Church, and who leaves for Scotland this week, was on Monday evening presented by Mr. John Whiffeld, in the name of the members and adherents of the congregation with an address expressive of the high esteem in which Mr. Mann was held, and the appreciation of his ministerial services. The address was accompanied with a well-filled purse. Mr. Mann expressed in fitting terms his grateful appreciation of the kindness manifested by his Carlton Street friends.

THE recent series of evangelistic services conducted in Port Hope by Messrs. Crossley and Hunter are very encouraging. At the last communion in the First Presbyterian Church, sixty eight were added to the membership, sixty one of them on profession of faith. A young people's prayer meeting has been begun with the most gratifying results. Though it is barely two and a half years since the church was re-seated, difficulty is experienced in providing for those who wish to worship steadily. By this and former additions pastor and people have been greatly encouraged and strengthened. They give God the praise.

THE corner stone of the Presbyterian Church, Oakville, will be laid on Friday, July 1, the services commencing at half-past two p.m. Mr. Henry W. Darling will perform

the important duty of laying the stone. The following ministers and laymen will take part in the services: Rev. H. M. Parsons, Dr. Kellogg, Joseph Murray, M. Kettlewell, John Robinson, W. Anderson, also John Turner, John Waldie, M.P., J. Barclay, W. McCrone, ex-M.P. Friends are respectfully invited. Dinner, strawberries, ice cream, etc., will be served on the grounds. Conveyances will meet visitors at the railway station at one o'clock p.m.

THE Woman's Foreign Mission Society in connection with Burns Church, Erin, gave a musical and literary entertainment in the Blue Ribbon Hall a short time since. The attendance was large, and the entertainment one of the best ever given in Erin. Readings by Mr. J. Strachan, of Rockwood, and Miss Thomson, of Elora, were well rendered and much appreciated, besides several solos, duets, etc., by those in connection with the society, assisted by a few of the choir of St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg, all of which were well received. The performance of Miss McKinnon, of Charleston, on the piano, and the singing of Miss Skelton, also of Charleston, and Miss Young, of Hillsburg, were much admired. The proceeds amounted to \$52.75.

THE St. John, N. B., *Telegraph* states that the remains of the late Dr. Brady, of Barnesville, were interred in the Reformed Presbyterian Church graveyard on Saturday, the 11th inst. Solemn and impressive services were conducted by Rev. Thomas McFall, of Nova Scotia, and Rev. Thomas Patton, newly-ordained pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church here. Touching scenes of genuine grief were freely displayed, as one after another turned away from viewing the body of their departed friend, who seemed only in a deep sleep. The deceased, who was a native of Rathfriland, Ireland, came to Barnesville about thirty years ago, at the solicitation of Rev. J. R. Lawson, who preceded him about ten years, they having been schoolmates and members of the same Church there, and have since resided here, remaining firm friends.

THE Waterloo *Chronicle* states that on Sunday week the sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church, Crosshill. Preparatory services were held on Friday and a thanksgiving service on Monday. Several new members were added to the roll. Immediately after the service on Friday a congregational meeting was held to discuss the advisability of building a new church. Several of the leading members spoke forcibly on the subject Mr. Barbour, Mr. Thomas Campbell, Mr. John Campbell and others. All who spoke were of the opinion that if each member did his part, gave as God had prospered him, the new church would ere long be an established fact. It is ever pleasing to see a congregation willing to return in thanksgiving to Him from whom they have so bountifully received a part at least of their store.

THE bazaar held by the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, says the *Chronicle* of that town, on the 11th inst., was more successful than their fondest hopes had any reason to expect. The sale began in the morning, and continued during the day with very little interruption. The dispensers of ice cream and other refreshments were kept busy, and they had a legitimate excuse for not getting out in time for Church service the next morning. The goods sold consisted principally of children's clothing, and we have no doubt were a source of pleasure to the little ones as well profit to the society. Orders for work were taken to a considerable amount, and the ladies will get so much work ahead, if they continue as they have begun, that they will have to farm some of it out. The treasurer, Miss Madill, now jingles \$125 in her purse as the result of the venture.

ON Sabbath last, the Court of Foresters, of Berlin, attended divine worship at St. Andrew's Church. Many visitors were also present, the church being filled to its utmost capacity. The Rev. D. Tait, the pastor, took for his text James i. 27—Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world,—and from it he preached an able and eloquent sermon, in which he dealt with the twofold character of religion as laid down in the text. He spoke of the great necessity of Christian charity and sympathy with the distressed, and in this connection commended the Order for the attention they gave to this. He also urged them not to overlook the other part of the text, "to keep himself unspotted from the world," speaking of the beauty and the superiority of Christian character over all else.

THE anniversary social of Knox Church congregation, Hamilton, to commemorate the induction of their present worthy pastor, Rev. Mungo Fraser, M.A., was held in the basement on the 16th inst, where a goodly number of the members of the congregation and their friends were regaled with strawberries and cream, tea, coffee, cakes, oranges and such dainties. After full justice had been done to these good things the audience repaired to the church, when Mr. J. G. McIntyre, the efficient Chairman of the Board of Managers, presided, having with him on the platform, Revs. D. H. Fletcher, John Morton, S. J. Hunter, D.D. and Mungo Fraser, M.A. The platform was beautifully adorned with flowers and plants, and the chairman's table with two handsome bouquets. The chairman stated that letters of apology had been received from Rev. C. H. Mockridge, D.D., who was to speak on behalf of the members of the Episcopal Churches of the city; also from the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, both of whom were detained by unavoidable circumstances from being present. The speakers of the evening were the Rev. S. J. Hunter, D.D., on behalf of the Methodists of the city, Rev. John Morton, on behalf of the Congregationalists, and the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, on behalf of the Presbyterians.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *Halifax Presbyterian*—Rev. Charles Ragbir, who is now on a visit to Nova Scotia, was born on the Island of Trinidad, in 1865. His parents came from India, and he was brought up in the Hindu religion. When only fourteen years of age he was converted to Christianity, through the labours of Miss Blackadder, then teaching in Rev. Mr. Morton's mission field. He then decided to give himself to the work of the ministry, and proceeded to prosecute his studies at Princeton. In 1883 he

came to America, entered the Auburn Theological Seminary where he has completed a full course—having graduated this spring. He has been licensed and ordained as a missionary by the Presbytery of Cayuga, N. Y., and expects to return to labour among his native countymen next autumn. He is a young man of fair ability, an earnest Christian, and has the entire confidence and respect of the faculty and students of the seminary. As a fellow classmate, I have found him to be a Christian gentleman. He appears in his native costume, and his principal lecture, which he has delivered in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Boston, and many other places, is on "The Habits, Customs and Religion of the Hindus in Trinidad." I have no doubt that wherever he speaks, he will be heard with pleasure and profit.

THE Brantford *Expositor* says: Inspiring strains of music from the lovely grounds of the Young Ladies' College, Tuesday night, and the crowds of citizens passing in at the gates, told of the delightful evening in prospect for those who attended, and for the young ladies themselves. The grounds were in beautiful order, and suspended everywhere were numbers of Chinese lanterns, while torches and a huge lamp and reflector cast a brilliant light over a considerable portion of the grounds. The music furnished by the excellent band of the Dufferin Rifles was exceedingly appropriate. The warm night drove the young people from the close atmosphere of the college building, and the score of fair ones, in youthful figures and white dresses, promenade hither and thither, their gay and merry laughter as full of music as the rarest composition of an old master, combined to make a picture of living loveliness that such occasions only present. The guests of the Alumni Association were received by Mrs. John T. Wallace, president of the association, and Miss Hewitt, assisted by Mrs. T. M. Macintyre, and discharged the duties of the onerous position gracefully and well. Alternating with the band, a programme of vocal and instrumental music was given in the parlours, in which Miss Leeming and Miss Ruthven gave piano solos, and Misses McCormick and Foster, and M. Dimmock gave vocal solos. Miss Forin, of Belleville, read the prize essay, a remarkably good one on the subject of the Queen's Jubilee, and the graduates of 1887, six in number, were presented by Dr. Macintyre to the president of the Alumni Association, who pinned upon each left breast the association badge, and gave to each the graduation ring, a plain gold circlet, with the letters B.Y.L.C. raised, and also inscribed with the name of the graduate and the year. During the evening the large dining room was thrown open, and cooling refreshments were served, thus completing the enjoyment of the evening. The alumnae are to be congratulated upon the success that attends each of their annual gatherings. Good weather is always vouchsafed, the attendance is always large, and the evening is looked forward to with great pleasure by all who are privileged to participate. At half-past ten o'clock the band played the National Anthem, and the brilliant assemblage dispersed.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at New Glasgow on June 1. There were present five ministers and three ruling elders. Mr. C. L. Lord resigned the pastoral charges of the congregation of Merigomish, and as his people had been cited to appear for their interests, all parties were heard, and the Presbytery regretfully agreed to accept his resignation, to take effect on the 12th instant. Mr. Lord resigns with a view to accepting an appointment to Bermuda, as his medical advisers have urged such a change in the interests of his health. He leaves a congregation very warmly attached to him, and very sorrowful at the prospect of his removal. His brethren in the Presbytery also part from him with deep regret, and they trust that in his new sphere he may be as diligent, faithful and successful as he has been during the period of his settlement at Merigomish. The Presbytery sympathizes deeply with the congregation at the loss of its pastor. Mr. H. K. McLean gave in his trials for ordination, which were sustained, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday next at Lochaber for his ordination and induction into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Union Centre and Lochaber.—E. A. McCURDY, *Proc. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—This Presbytery met in Bloomfield on the 7th inst. for the purpose of hearing Mr. J. R. Coffin's ordination trials. Having heard Mr. Coffin's trials, the Presbytery very cordially sustained them as trials for ordination. On the following morning, according to appointment, the Presbytery met for the ordination and induction of Mr. Coffin. Rev. Mr. Carr reported that he had served the edict according to appointment. It was then read a third time before the congregation assembled, and there being no objection offered against the life, literature or doctrine of Mr. Coffin, the Presbytery agreed to proceed with the ordination, whereupon Rev. J. P. Gerner preached an appropriate and impressive discourse on the duties and responsibilities of the ministry. The usual formula of questions having been put to Mr. Coffin, and satisfactorily answered by him, he was, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Bloomfield, O'Leary and The Brae. The Rev. Mr. Coffin was suitably addressed by Rev. George Fisher, and the congregation by Rev. William R. Frame. Mr. Coffin received the usual welcome from the congregation on their returning from the church, and was introduced to the Session as their future moderator. His name was added to the roll of the Presbytery. Rev. W. A. Mason gave notice that at next meeting of Presbytery he would tender his resignation of the congregation of New London and Summerfield with the view of taking a post-graduate college course.—J. M. McLEOD, *Pres. Clerk*.

SEVERAL Irish Presbyteries have lately been making their periodic visitation to congregations, and in almost every case the reports have referred to the neglect of family worship, and the want of liberality toward the funds of the Church.