

## Ministers and Churches.

At the communion recently held in Melville Church, Brussels, eighteen new members were added to the roll.

LAST Sabbath morning the semi-annual children's service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, conducted by the pastor.

THE Rev. Dr. Beattie, of Brantford, preached two able discourses in the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. T. A. Nelson, late of Dunbar, in the Brockville Presbytery, has received a unanimous call to Sharon Church, Stellarton, Nova Scotia.

THE Rev. W. J. Smyth, Ph. D., of Oshawa, has been unanimously called to be the minister of St. Joseph's Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

THE annual picnic of St. James Square Presbyterian Church Sabbath School, Toronto, was held at Victoria Park last week, where a very pleasant day was spent.

THE Rev. R. C. Murray, B.A., recently appointed a missionary to Central India, was present at the evening service in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, and addressed the congregation.

DURING a Scott Act meeting in Mitchell, last week, the Rev. Mr. Tully was complimented on the platform on the spirited way in which he had engaged in the Scott Act campaign.

THE Rev. Thomas Macpherson, Stratford, has been conducting the services in the Widder Street Presbyterian Church for the past two Sabbaths owing to the illness of Mr. Turnbull.

MR. D. MCGILLIVRAY, M.A., will resign his position as classical master of the Brantford Collegiate Institute at the close of the present term. He intends entering the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

REV. S. ACHESON, M. A., preached very acceptably at both services in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, on Sabbath week. The musical service in the evening, says the *Brockville Times*, was very fine.

ON Sabbath evening week the Rev. W. A. McKay in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, ably reviewed the work of the Presbyterian Church during the past year in so far as it came before the notice of the General Assembly at Montreal.

MR. A. BEATTIE, who has been in attendance at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, New York, is to be stationed at Norway, near Toronto, during the vacation, and will return to New York in the Fall to prosecute his theological studies.

THE *St. Mary's Argus* regrets to learn that the Rev. Mr. Turnbull, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, is not improving in health. He went out to his father's residence in USborne last week and is suffering intensely from inflammatory rheumatism.

THE committee having in hand the Church Erection Scheme of the Presbytery of St. John met recently in St. Andrew's Church. It was decided to go on with the organization and prepare the circulars setting forth the Scheme to submit to the different congregations as soon as possible.

MISS MARGARET SOMERVILLE, of Dundas, won the Governor-General's gold medal at Brantford Presbyterian College the other day, for the highest marks obtained at the local university examinations, 1884; and Miss Margaret R. Wilson, of Seaford, took the general proficiency medal in all the subjects of the senior year.

THE services in connection with the congregation of Knox Church, Selkirk, Manitoba, were very well attended recently, says the *Herald*. Rev. Mr. Bryden occupied the pulpit, and delivered an excellent discourse. He announced at the close of the services that he would commence the pastoral duties connected with the congregation, continuing his stay in Selkirk.

A LOCAL correspondent says in the *Galt Reformer* that the managers of Stanley Street Church, Ayr, have introduced the organ into their church but cannot go to the sinful extent of allowing the interlude to be played. He adds that the Rev. J. S. Hardie proposes to begin a theological course in connection with his Bible class. The time required for the course would occupy about two years.

THE special services at Alberton under the care of Rev. T. T. Johnston have resulted in over thirty being converted besides the greater part of the membership being greatly quickened. Mr. R. McIntyre, student, whose labours there and elsewhere have been abundantly blessed, conducted the most of the meetings. At the close of the meetings a purse of \$45 was presented him for his self-denying labours on this occasion.

THE Rev. R. H. Warden and family sailed for Europe on Saturday last on the *Parisian*. We are requested to state that Mr. Warden has arranged for the conduct of his business during his absence, so that all letters, etc., are to be addressed to him as usual and as if he were at home. Cheques, post-office orders, etc., are also to be made payable to him as usual, he having duly appointed an attorney to act for him in his absence.

ON the occasion of the concluding entertainment of the season by the members of Knox Church (London South) Literary Society last week, the lecture hall was filled with an appreciative audience. Mr. Thomas Alexander, the president, opened the entertainment with a short address, after which a programme of vocal and instrumental selections, readings and recitations was proceeded with, and carried through to the satisfaction of all present.

ST. ANDREW'S Church, Stratford, has recently undergone a thorough renovation. The ceiling and walls have been tinted, the pews and woodwork stained and varnished and the porch painted, altogether giving the church a very fresh and pleasing appearance. The church was re-opened by the Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., of Knox College. A tea-meeting was held on the following evening when Rev. J.

Kay, of Milverton, and resident ministers of Stratford gave addresses.

A CORRESPONDENT writes about the ordination and induction of Mr. J. Hay, B.D., into the charge at Campbellford, notice of which appeared in last week's issue, that the Presbytery of Peterboro' had resolved that at all inductions within its bounds an address on the Principles and Policy of Presbyterianism shall be given, that such an address was given at the induction of Mr. Hay; and that instead of Mr. Thomson "conducting the whole service," he merely put the questions to the candidate.

AT a congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian church, Rogerville, on Monday last, says the *Huron Express*, it was decided to build a new church in the village of Hensall, and to that end a number of committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements therefor. By way of a start a subscription paper was drawn up at the meeting when some few members alone subscribed considerably over \$1,000. The brick and other material will be drawn this winter and the church built next summer.

ON Sabbath, June 14th, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Guthrie's Church, Wenango. There were twenty new members added to the roll, a few by certificate but the principal number on profession of faith, showing a very gratifying state of spiritual progress in the church under the pastorate of the Rev. J. S. Henderson. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. McConachie, of Port Stanley, assisted by the pastor. The attendance was large and the services very impressive.

REV. JOHN CAMPBELL, M.A., of Harriston, has received the degree of Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) at the regular convocation of the Illinois University, at Bloomington. Dr. Campbell took his course in History, which as the curriculum shows, necessitated the study of fifty three volumes, making about 20,000 pages, written by nineteen different authors. There were two examinations, which, in all, lasted for ten days of six hours each. Among those who have taken a post graduate course in this university are: Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Oshawa, who took his course in the Natural Sciences, and Rev. Dr. Beattie, of Brantford, who took his course in Metaphysics. All these gentlemen are graduates in Arts.

THE first of what is likely to prove a series of union praise meetings among the Presbyterian Churches of Toronto, was held on Friday evening in St. Andrew's Church. The church was completely filled. The programme was a very fine one, consisting of organ solos of sacred music by Mr. Fisher and Miss Dallas, and choruses by the combined choirs of the churches. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell expressed the hope that future meetings of a similar kind would be held, as they would do much to bind the people of the different churches together, and foster that true ideal of praise to God, which Presbyterians in the past had been too much inclined to disregard. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. H. M. Parsons.

A CONTEMPORARY places before his readers the following paragraph. Rev. A. B. Meldrum, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, is, we see by the *Occident*, about to take a month's vacation. There is whisper of something matrimonial in connection with the young pastor. His many friends in Goderich will be pleased to hear that he is much appreciated by his congregation, a member of which, writing to the *Occident*, says that Mr. Meldrum's sermons "would be highly creditable to the graduate of any seminary in the land." We are of opinion the coaching received in Goderich High School and at Knox College has had much to do with the advancement of the popular young pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

THE Rev. Kenneth McKay, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Richmond, Carleton County, N.B., has commenced a series of evangelistic meetings in connection with his congregation at McKenzie's Corner. On Monday week the first meeting was held under very favourable circumstances, and the attendance and interest has gradually increased at each service. Mr. McKay has already received assistance from the following clergy of his own denomination: Geo. S. Allen, A.B., Woodstock; J. D. McRae, New Kincardine; E. M. Dill, Lakeville; D. Fiske, McAdam Junction; A. Currie, St. George, and J. Blair, South Richmond. These services will be continued for a fortnight, at the conclusion of which the Communion will be dispensed.

A LOCAL correspondent of the *Sentinel Review* writes that a Methodist clergyman preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath. His special mission seems to have been exposed to the fallacies of the doctrine of election, but his disinterested labours don't seem to have been rewarded with much success, for the believers in that doctrine seem to be as numerous as ever, in fact more so, for some whom he claims came to a saving knowledge of the truth in his own church have become members of the Presbyterian Church. One good old Methodist clergyman who has preached here in both Methodist and Presbyterian churches with much acceptance, said that there were nine points in which the two bodies agreed and only one in which they differed and he added he thought he would confine himself to the nine points and leave the other one to take care of itself.

THE lecture given in the Bank Street Church, Ottawa, last week by the Rev. Mr. Duncan, of British Columbia, and the delineation of aboriginal customs by the Indians at present with him in the city, drew a very large assembly. It was at first intended to have held it in the basement of the building; but it was evident that would not anything like hold the audiences, and an adjournment was made to the church itself. This was soon filled, and among those present were a large body of visitors to and residents at the Capital. The brief outline which Mr. Duncan gave of his twenty-seven years' labour among them, what they were when he first met them and what they are now, was listened to with the greatest interest. Afterwards the Indians with him, John Neashawlb, Edward Neashawlb and Herbert Keesech, gave delineations of the native manner of receiving guests, the treatment of the sick, and the ceremony of making peace, etc.

A MEETING of the Presbyterian congregation at Simla was held recently, the Rev. Mr. McCutcheon, from Corunna, Moderator of Session, in the chair. The financial report was presented by the treasurer, Mr. P. Cattarnach, showing that the church erected two years ago at a cost of \$1,350 is now free of debt and a sufficient balance in hand for the erection of sheds. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the treasurer and other officers to whose energy and perseverance the prosperity of the church is largely due. Managers were appointed for the coming season and other business transacted, after which the Rev. Mr. McCutcheon was asked to vacate the chair which was taken by Mr. R. Stokes. Mr. Cattarnach then in the name of the congregation presented the Rev. Mr. McCutcheon with a purse containing \$43 and an address, expressing their appreciation of his labours in behalf of the congregation, for which the recipient made an appropriate response.

THE new church at Keene, in the Presbytery of Peterborough, is modern Gothic, facing the east, with a very tall spire. The windows are of stained glass, and the large one in the east end is very beautiful. A gallery capable of holding over 100 persons runs across the east end and the floor of the church is graded and seats are arranged in a circular form and will seat over 500. The church is built of brick with a stone foundation. The cost is \$12,000. The proceeds of Sunday's services and the tea are over \$32. This handsome and commodious place of worship was opened for divine worship on the 21st ult. The Rev. Prince Caven preached appropriate and impressive discourses morning and evening, the pastor, Rev. F. Andrews, taking part in the devotional exercises. On Monday evening a tea meeting was held when the church was filled by a very large audience. The Rev. F. Andrews presided and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. A. Bell, J. Tozeland, of the Methodist Church, J. Carmichael, Norwood, and L. F. Torrance. Excellent music was rendered by the choir.

ON Sabbath, the 21st inst., at St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, the pastor, Rev. Dr. McTavish, preached to a large congregation, the occasion being the completion of the first year of his pastorate, from the text, 1 Samuel vii. 12: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Dr. McTavish delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon. Towards the close of his discourse he referred in terms of praise to the progress made during the year by the church, and said that his pastoral relations with the people had been of the most pleasant character, and that the year he had passed amongst them had certainly been the happiest year of his life. The church had been much improved and rendered more comfortable. The contributions to the several Schemes of the Church had more than doubled and he felt, he said, that the people realized the pleasure of giving with their hearts. The membership had increased by sixty-three; forty-four by profession of faith, and nineteen by certificate. The Sabbath school had prospered and the utmost interest was shown by the teachers and officers engaged in the work. The series of revival meetings conducted by Rev. Messrs. Meikle and Genie had awakened a feeling of interest among the people in spiritual things and had been productive of great good. Referring to the church's weekly prayer meetings, Dr. McTavish said that the opportunity afforded was embraced by a large number and that the effect was to bind more closely together the church membership.

THE Rev. Mungo Fraser, the new minister of Knox Church, Hamilton, was inducted into that charge on the 23rd ult. There was a large congregation present, and a good representation of the Presbytery of Hamilton, including Rev. Messrs. Fletcher, Lyle, Goldsmith, Scott, Abraham, Black, Hamilton and Laidlaw. Rev. R. Welch, U.S. Consul, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Hamlin from Acts ii. 42. The Rev. D. H. Fletcher presided, and after the questions of the formula had been answered, he inducted Mr. Fraser into the pastoral care of Knox Church. Rev. J. Black then addressed the minister on the duties of his office. He was followed by Rev. R. N. Abraham, who addressed the people. On Wednesday evening a welcome was given to Mr. Fraser. Over a thousand people attended, a large number from other denominations being present. The ladies of the church furnished refreshments in the basement, and a pleasant time was spent. An address handsomely illuminated, accompanied by a magnificent scenery, with an inscription on a silver plate, was presented in felicitous terms by Rev. David McLellan, Chairman of Knox Church Committee, to Rev. D. H. Fletcher, in appreciation of his services as Moderator of Knox Church Session during the vacancy. Mr. Fletcher made an appropriate and happy reply. In the church the chair was taken by Mr. David McLellan, and the audience was addressed by the Mayor of Hamilton, J. J. Mason, Rev. A. Barr, D.D., I.L.D., of the Wesleyan Ladies' College, and the Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, of the Baptist Church. Excellent and appropriate music was rendered during the evening.

A LARGE gathering of people took place in Cook's Church on the evening of Thursday, the 25th, to bid farewell to Rev. John Kirkpatrick on his removal from the pastorate. The platform, desk and choir were profusely decorated with flowers and an assembly representing all classes of the citizens of Toronto filled the body of the church. The ladies provided a rare treat for members of the congregation in friends in the lecture room, and the musical and literary exercises took place in the church. Apart from a subdued feeling of sadness which was manifest on all hands, the entertainment was highly appreciated and much enjoyed. The pastor occupied the chair, which he has filled so long for the last five years and delivered a brief address expressive of his own feelings at taking leave of the congregation. Many persons were visibly affected by his remarks. The sentiments of the people found expression in a beautifully-illuminated address which was read by Mr. A. G. Booth and presented to the rev. gentleman. This was accompanied by a well-filled purse from the ladies of the congregation, who took this substantial and sensible mode of illustrating their attachment to their pastor. Only Mr. Kirkpatrick has become used to these surprises. His lady friends, he would have been completely staggered.