

ated minister in Manitoba, has finished his course and entered his eternal reward. He might be said to have died in the harness, for on April 11th he preached in the Presbyterian church at Rolling River, and died as he was returning home. Our departed brother commenced his itinerant career at Matilda, in 1843, and did good service for the Master until 1859, when failing health compelled him to ask for a superannuated relation. In 1870 he re-entered the active work and for eight years he took his place in the effective ranks, when he was again laid aside from active duties, but he laboured at every opportunity according as his health would allow. The last few years of his life were spent in Manitoba.

ITEMS.

The Upper Canada Bible and Tract Society have taken possession of their new premises in Toronto. The structure is an honour to the city and creditable to the friends of the two societies.

The Young Men's Christian Association in Toronto have in course of erection a suite of rooms more eligibly situated, and more commodious than their present rooms. All lovers of young men should aid this important undertaking.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Association of Toronto has made itself felt. It is one of the most useful of the social institutions of the times. They have a boarding-house for women who are out of situations. In three years, no less than 4,286 persons have been inmates of the house, which has not incurred any debt. The association sustains the Prison-Gate Mission, and visits the Mercer Reformatory. During the year the mission had 290 adults and 70 children under its care. The amount of good done is incalculable. Mayor Howland takes great interest in the workings of this Association, the members of which were among his most staunch supporters at the time of his election.

D. L. Moody is planning for a training school in Chicago where

men and women may be trained and educated for practical work among the masses. He hopes that a building will be ready and the school at work before next fall. The purpose is to reach every nationality as far as possible through their own tongue. Nine nationalities are represented in his school at Mount Hermon, and these students are to be trained to work among their own people.

The Japanese Government have arranged to send a number of women to this country to be educated. Japanese women have previously been educated in this country, but Miss Kin Kato will be sent to Salem (Mass.) Normal School at the expense of the Government. She comes to Salem through the influence of Professor E. F. Fennollosa, of the University of Japan, who is a native of Salem. It is the intention after she completes her three years' course to place her at the head of the Normal Schools in her own country. There are over 1,000 members of the Chautauqua Circle in Japan.

A society has been formed in Japan called the "Jesus Opposers," and it is said to be offering vigorous opposition to the spread of Christianity.

A generous Hindoo lady in Calcutta has given \$75,000 to found a hall of residence for native women students of medicine. The Government has contributed the ground for the building. Lady Dufferin takes great interest in the work.

The Rev. F. H. Pickles, Nova Scotia Conference, has formed a "praying band" in his congregation at Kaye Street, Halifax. The band is similar to those formed by Rev. D. Savage, London Conference, and consists of some earnest workers. Cottage prayer-meetings have been established in various parts of the city. Such organizations are calculated to be productive of much good.

Dr. Thoburn, President of the South India Conference at its late session, has been compelled to take a furlough, and on his return to India he hopes to take at least twenty-five more missionaries with him.