

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. G. M. Clark, of New Edinburgh, Ottawa, is at present on a visit to Halifax.

REV. M. H. SCOTT, Presbyterian minister at Bristol, has accepted a call from the congregation at Manitowick, Ont.

ON the 17th August, the Rev. Robert C. Murray, our missionary designate to India, will leave Halifax for Liverpool.

THE Rev. Joseph Annand, missionary for New Hebrides, preached in Chalmers Church, and Fort Massey Church, Halifax.

MR. W. P. MCKENZIE, son of the late Rev. W. McKenzie, of Almonte, and *Mail* correspondent during the rebellion, has been lecturing on the North West in Montreal. The papers of that city are unanimous in their praise of the lecture.

At an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, held at Walkerton on July 30, Dr. Moffat accepted the call to West Winchester and the Presbytery granted the translation. Rev. J. B. Duncan, of Paisley, was appointed Moderator of the Session of St. John's, Walkerton, during the vacancy.

ON Thursday evening, 6th inst., the returned volunteers connected with Cooke's Church met with a warm reception. The church was gaily decorated, and the attendance was large. Rev. Dr. Gregg presided and the meeting was addressed by Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, Rev. C. Campbell, and Captain Manly. At the conclusion of the speeches the ladies entertained those present to raspberries and cream.

REV. A. A. SCOTT, of Zion Church, Carleton Place, Ont., was waited upon by a few members of his church on Tuesday evening, 28th July, and presented with a purse of \$53 on behalf of the congregation, he was also informed that it was the unanimous desire of the congregation that he should take a few weeks' vacation. Mr. Scott is held in high esteem by his people and they trust that Providence may restore him to them much improved in health.

THE services at the re-opening of Zion Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., were appropriate and interesting. The Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, preached in the morning and in the evening. Both discourses were able and eloquent. The Doctor fully sustained his high reputation as a preacher. The large congregation present listened with deep interest and attention, and we are sure that they must have gone away both pleased and profited. In the afternoon the Rev. Job Shenton, President of the Methodist Conference, conducted the service. He preached an admirable sermon on the first two verses of the Eighty-fourth Psalm. The discourse was well adapted to the occasion, and well received by a large and appreciative congregation. The collection taken towards meeting expenses incurred in renovating and painting the church was satisfactory.

THE second quarterly meeting of the Halifax Presbyterial Society was held at Shubenacadie on Wednesday, the 15th ult., in the school-room of the Presbyterian Church. The platform was tastefully decorated with plants and cut flowers by the ladies of that auxiliary. The president, Mrs. Burns, presided. About sixty ladies were present, including delegates from several auxiliaries. After devotional exercises, Mrs. Burns made a few remarks on the benefits of Presbyterial societies. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Miss Weatherly, also Treasurer and Secretary's Report. Mrs. Henry, of Shubenacadie, Mrs. Forbes, of Elmsdale, Mrs. Dickie, of Milford, and Miss Campbell, of Halifax, each gave a short account of the work being done by their several auxiliaries. Mrs. Annand, of Anneticum, was present and delighted the audience with some account of the labours in that lonely island. Miss Frame, of Shubenacadie, read a valuable paper, giving an historical account of woman's work in the past. At 5:45 o'clock the meeting adjourned for tea. The ladies of Shubenacadie had prepared a sumptuous repast, to which about seventy-five sat down. Among those at tea were Mr. Annand, of Anneticum, and Mr. Nightingale, Methodist. After partaking of all the delicacies of the season, the meeting was called to order, and addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Annand, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Nightingale. Eight o'clock brought to a close a most enjoyable and profitable meeting. Rev. Mr. Dickie, of Milford, closing with prayer.

THE Rev. David Mitchell, of Belleville, recently preached a memorial sermon suggested by the death of Rev. A. Schuster, who laboured as a city missionary. He says of him: Our brother was full of faith in the providence of God. He had long pondered over the problem of city mission work. He had counted the cost and said: "Here am I, send me." His many friends, who were interested in the mission when it was first proposed, were anxious about his support. Amid their discussions as to ways and means, Mr. Schuster stood up and said: "I ask nothing from man, I look to God for support." And full of faith in his Heavenly Father putting it into the hearts of others to send him money as required, he undertook the mission. Surely it was a sublime sight to see this man of God "going forth and weeping, bearing precious seed" without thought of earthly reward. While he had nothing to say against the ordinary plan of ministerial support, for a work like his he preferred the principle of looking directly to God for his maintenance. I think that as a community we have reason to grieve in not having given more to the mission, yet it is interesting to find that the method adopted was so far successful. I believe that during the first year the amount thus raised was less than \$50 and the second year (or 1882) \$128, while the last report shows an income of \$360 with an additional \$700 from a legacy made payable to any Christian Jew with such a mission. Had our brother been spared I believe the normal income would have increased from year to year. I have faith in a work like this being supported in the manner described, for the work appeals to all, it is undenominational, it is intended for the general good. We cannot help wondering at the results of Muller's labours,

who supports thousands of children and has bought lands and built houses for his orphanage without asking of man a single penny. He has frequently not known whence would come breakfast or dinner for his large family, but come it did. There has never been want. And I believe the work will go on in this way until it again doubles or quadruples itself. So it is with many Christian enterprises in our day. Given a benevolent, non-sectarian work that appeals to all, and that is world wide in its sympathies, and I have faith in its support being ensured for the Lord. As it was, Mr. Schuster was content with his day of small things. At first I felt most anxious about his support, but he always answered with a smile, saying: "It is all right, God provides."

BY request the Rev. William Bennett preached a sermon to Orangemen at Springville in which the following passages occur: What should be the attitude of Protestants towards Romanists now? The triumph has been obtained. Are we to glory over them? Are we to flaunt our flags in their faces as often as possible and send them to perdition? Surely not. The people themselves are not to be hated and cursed and trampled upon. They are not responsible. It is the system of Popery that we are to despise and abhor. Our duty to the men and women themselves is to seek to do them all the good that we can—seek to bring them to a knowledge of the truth—to bring them over to our own way of thinking, which we believe to be the right way because the doctrines of the Protestant Church are the doctrines of the Bible. Do you say that this is a hopeless task? Why? What has been done before can be done again. What were our forefathers once? What was the state of the whole world once? What was the state of the whole world before the days of Luther, Melancthon, Knox and Calvin? Popery reigned triumphant everywhere. But a change came. In many places Protestantism swept like a flood over the land. If so before, why not again? . . . Will not we lift up our voices against every attempt made to yield to her demands? Will we not say to our politicians: "Grant no more concessions to Rome." We will not persecute her, but we will not allow her to persecute us. We will renew resistance to her aggressions in the spirit of our ancestors, if need be, with the sacrifice of our lives; but we will especially fight her with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Let us beware of confounding Romanists with their system. While we abhor the system we should love, pity and pray for the men—ay! even for the Pope himself—that they all may be led by the Father of Light into the way of truth. And let us never forget that it is very possible for us to hate some errors and yet to hug others—to hate Popery and yet not to love Christ, to profess attachment to the purest Church and yet to die in sin. Personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, personal experience of truth of the Bible and of the power of the Holy Ghost, personal holiness of heart and life, will alone entitle us to the name of Christian or afford solid hope in the prospect of that hour when every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Be ye then Christians indeed, stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ maketh us free, and be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

THE Charlottetown, P. E. I., *Patriot* says that the funeral of the Rev. A. Munro, late minister of Valleyfield, took place there recently. There was an immense concourse of people present. His former parishioners, young and old and middle aged, were out in great numbers to pay the last tribute of respect to him who for so many years had been their faithful pastor and sympathizing friend. But friends from other localities, including Belfast, Wood Islands, Murray Harbour, Montague Bridge, and Georgetown were also there, to show their high esteem for one who had not only been a faithful minister of the Gospel, but also a loyal, valuable and honoured citizen of the State. The clergymen present were the Rev. Messrs. Frame, Raulston, McLeod, (Strathalbyn) and Spencer. Also deceased's eldest son, Rev. J. R. Munro, of Antigonish, N.S.; and his son-in-law, Rev. E. S. Bayne, of Musquodoboit, N. S. As the Valleyfield Church is at present undergoing repairs, the funeral services were held in the Gospel tent, in the church-yard, with the people standing and sitting around it on the green grass. From the same tent, on sacramental occasions, the departed pastor had often preached the Gospel in the Gaelic language to great congregations, and also dispensed the Lord's Supper, while similar services in English were at the same time held in the overflowing church. The devotional services were conducted in English by Rev. Mr. Frame, and in Gaelic by Rev. Mr. McLeod. After which Rev. Mr. Raulston delivered a very appropriate and powerful discourse, founded on Acts xiii. 36: "For David after he had served his own generation by the will of God fell on sleep, and was laid into his fathers." Applying the text to the departed minister, he showed how faithfully he had served his Divine Master in preaching the Gospel of Christ. The congregation were also reminded how faithfully he had served them,—as they themselves could testify—in going in and out among them, and breaking to them the bread of life. The scene during the delivery of the address and at the grave was very affecting. Aged men and women—bowed down with the weight of years—weep like children. Old and young alike seemed to realize that they had lost a true counsellor and faithful friend. Mr. Munro was inducted pastor of Valleyfield and Brown's Creek in 1850, and for a period of thirty-four years ministered to the above congregation. He was a scholarly man, an instructive preacher, and well versed in the laws of the Church. Though often suffering privations and enduring some bereavements, yet, without a murmur he did the work of the ministry as long as strength lasted.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery held a meeting on the 4th inst., when after hearing the representatives from the Presbytery of Stratford and the session and congregation of Knox Church, St. Mary's, and the delegates from the congregations of Oneida, Indiana, Cayuga and Hagersville, who expressed strong attachment to their pastor, Mr. Grant stated that he did not see it to be his duty to accept the call addressed to him by the congregation in St. Mary's, and the translation accordingly was

not granted. Also Dr. James stated that he declined the call given him by the congregation of Welland, which was accordingly set aside.—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery held its monthly meeting on the 4th inst.; Principal Caven, Moderator *pro tem*. The attendance of members was not large; and all the business was transacted at one diet. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to draft a minute about Rev. R. D. Fraser, future minister of Bowmanville, submitted, through Rev. William Meikle, said minute, setting forth the Presbytery's appreciation of Mr. Fraser's worth, his faithful labours and success in Chinguacousy, also his good services as a member of Presbytery, and their hope that, with God's blessing, he would be similarly acceptable and successful in his future sphere of labour. The minute was adopted, and a copy of it ordered to be sent to Mr. Fraser. The case was brought up of Rev. Joseph Watt, a Congregational minister, who wishes to be received as a minister of our Church. A committee was appointed to confer with him and examine his testimonials. Said committee, through Rev. Dr. Gregg, reported afterwards on his case; and, as recommended by them, the Presbytery agreed to apply in Mr. Watt's favour to next General Assembly. In terms of an application made by West Church, Toronto, and supported by Messrs. William Carlyle and James K. Gibson, the Presbytery gave permission to the congregation of said church to borrow on mortgage an additional sum of \$3,000, to enable them to consolidate their debt, and make certain improvements on their place of worship. Pursuant to leave received from the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. William Hamilton was admitted a minister of the Church. Mr. John McInnis, a theological student, underwent with approval his probationary trials; and he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. On motion duly made and seconded, Rev. H. M. Parsons was elected Moderator of Presbytery for the ensuing year, and he took the chair accordingly. As interim Moderator of the Session of Chinguacousy, Rev. J. R. Gilchrist applied for leave to moderate in a call at whatever time they may be ready for the same; and said leave was granted. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of September, at ten a.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—This Presbytery met at New Glasgow on the 28th inst. There were present besides Mr. Laird, Moderator, *pro tem*, Messrs. A. McLean, Wm. Donald, E. A. McCurdy, R. Cumming, E. Scott, A. W. McLeod, and C. S. Lord, ministers, and T. Kennedy and Wm. F. Fraser, ruling elders. Messrs. A. O. Brown and R. C. Murray were also present as corresponding members. The Presbytery sustained a most unanimous and hearty call from Knox Church to Mr. George S. Carson, and agreed to transmit it to him, with the request that he would give an answer as speedily as possible. Trials for ordination were prescribed in the event of his acceptance. Considerable time was spent in the consideration of proposals for reconstruction of congregations on the western side of the county. Commissioners were present from Green Hill, West River, Hermon, Scotsburn and Salt Springs, when, in accordance with resolutions adopted by the various congregations and sections of congregations interested, it was agreed to separate Hermon from the United Congregation, West River, with a view to union with Scotsburn and Salt Springs, and to unite Green Hill and that part of the United Congregation, West River, located at West River and in its vicinity, the union to take place immediately, and the congregations thus formed to be known in the meantime as the congregations of West River and Green Hill, the sessions of the two congregations, with the exception of the elders residing at Hermon, to be the session of the new congregation, with Mr. R. Cumming as *interim* Moderator. Mr. Cumming was appointed to preach at West River on Sabbath first at eleven o'clock, a.m., and at Green Hill at three o'clock, p.m., with instructions to intimate in both places the action of the Presbytery. As the proposed conditions of union between Scotsburn, Hermon and Salt Springs had not been fully considered by the people of those places, it was agreed to allow this matter to lie on the table in order to give them time to complete their action, and that in the meantime they be supplied as one congregation, with the understanding that as a rule the services are to be held at Scotsburn on two successive Sabbaths in the morning and at Salt Springs in the evening, on the third Sabbath at Salt Springs in the morning and at Scotsburn in the evening and at Hermon on the afternoon of every Sabbath. Mr. McLean reported an interesting visit which he made to Fifteen Mile Stream, showing that he had preached there on a recent Sabbath to a good audience and that a number of persons in that place had manifested their desire for service by a subscription to pay for supply amounting to between \$30 and \$40. It was agreed that the Committee on Supply endeavour to secure an occasional service for the people at that place.—E. A. MCCURDY, *Pres. Clerk*.

THE PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—This Presbytery met by adjournment in the hall of St. James's Church, Newcastle, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. The attendance of members was small, there being only six ministers and one elder present. The Rev. Wm. Aitken presided and constituted the court with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Rev. James Murray and Rev. T. G. Johnstone were appointed to examine the session records of Redbank; and Rev. John McCarter and Mr. James McLean those of Bathurst. They reported, respectively, that they were carefully and correctly kept, and they were ordered to be attested accordingly. It was agreed to recommend Black River for an additional supplement of \$50 for the past year, ending April, 1885. The visitations of congregations by Rev. Robert Laing, of Halifax, were arranged as follows: Redbank 9th, 10th and 11th August; Black River, 12th and 13th August; Bathurst, 15th and 16th August inst. A letter was read from Rev. W. Hamilton, signifying his acceptance of the call from Richibucto. His induction was appointed for Thursday, 27th inst., in the church at Kingston, Kent County, Rev. Wm. Aitken to preside and induct, Mr. Watts to preach, Mr. Johnstone to address the minister, and Mr. Aitken, the people. Mr.