

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterians of Priceville have given a call to the Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Kenyon.

THE Presbyterians of Beeton and Tottenham have given a unanimous call to Rev. J. McD. Duncan, B. A.

ANLE discourses on the present aspects of the Jesuit question were delivered on Thanksgiving Day by Principal Caven in College Street Presbyterian Church, and by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell in St. Andrew's West.

THE young people of Knox Church, Cornwall have begun the issue of an excellent and most serviceable congregational periodical, "Knox Church Christian Worker." The first number makes a most creditable appearance.

MR. N. H. RUSSELL, who has been acting pastor of Knox Church, Regina, all summer, upon leaving to renew his theological studies at Manitoba College, was presented by the congregation with a purse containing \$85.

ON the afternoon of Sunday week, in the Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, Rev. J. A. Carmichael preached a special sermon to the children. It was very interesting and was listened to with close attention, both by the little people and the children of a larger growth.

THE Rev. Dr. Kellogg gave an address last Friday evening in the lecture-room of Knox Church, Toronto, depicting the incidents of his tour in Norway and Sweden. Rev. Dr. Parsons presided, and the proceeds of the lecture were in aid of the Woman's Missionary Society.

ON Thanksgiving Day the two congregations of Brockville held a union service in St. John's Church, which was well attended. In the evening the Young People's Association of St. John's held a thanksgiving social at which a large number were present. The Association has now a larger membership than ever before, and they feel their strength by having purchased a fine upright piano for use at their meetings and socials.

IT is very gratifying to learn that through the generosity of a member of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, the remaining debt of \$4,000 has been wiped out. We are under the impression that when the present Pastor, Rev. A. T. Love, took charge the entire debt was \$9,000. Such timely and liberal donations augur well for Presbyterianism in the Ancient Capital, evidencing that Evangelical Protestantism has still its inherent vitality there.

THE *Sentinel-Review* says: The Rev. P. R. Ross left here this morning to take charge of his future congregation in Waverly, N.Y. Yesterday he preached to crowded congregations and he will be greatly missed there, not only by his late congregation but by the Christian people generally. Last Friday night a number of his friends met him in the office of Dr. McKay and presented him with a valuable gold watch and chain as a parting memento.

THE Presbyterian Church situated on the corner of St. David and Sumach Streets, Toronto, recently called the Rev. Mr. Bryant of Bradford to be their minister. The services last Sabbath were conducted by the pastor who preached an excellent discourse, taking for his subject "Naaman the leper." The church was well filled and the prospects are that Mr. Bryant's ministry will be successful in that section of the city. The Presbyterian hymnal was used at the services.

THE annual Thanksgiving Day praise service of Knox Presbyterian Church, Montreal, attracted a very large audience to that church. The building had not capacity enough to contain all those who sought admittance, and consequently a great many had to go away. Around the pulpit and the organ front numerous plants lent a very pretty appearance to the church. The service was of a purely musical character, and the different parts of the programme were rendered in good style by a full choir.

THE annual sermon for the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society was preached in Cooke's Church last Sunday by the Rev. William Patterson. His text was Ps. xli. 1-3, from which he preached an able, appropriate and practical sermon to the delight and edification of a large congregation. The I. P. B. S. have arranged for a most attractive concert in the Pavilion to-morrow, Thursday, evening, at which a number of distinguished musicians, among them Mrs. Agnes Thomson, Mrs. Mackelcan, Hamilton, will appear.

THE annual social in Gladstone, Man., Presbyterian Church last week was quite a success, both financially and intellectually. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Jameson, discoursed splendid music. Mrs. Galloway gave several solos which fairly captivated the large audience. Mr. Stalker, who presided, was ably assisted by the clergymen of the town and three from the west. All expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the entertainment. Some of the speakers spoke on the separate school question, and said that if the Bible was to be put out of our schools they would prefer the separate schools.

PRINCIPAL GRANT delivered a very interesting lecture on Japan in Brockville on the 1st inst., which was highly appreciated by the people of that town. The lecture was under the auspices of the mechanics Institute. The following Sunday he preached the anniversary sermon in St. John's Church in the morning, and in the First Presbyterian Church in the evening, and also delivered two addresses, one to the Young People's Association of St. John's Church and the other to the Y. M. C. A. All the services were listened to with marked attention, many outside the Presbyterian Church being present to hear the learned Principal.

A MEETING of the Ladies' Aid Society, of Calvin Church, St. John, N. B., was held recently at which the Rev. Dr. MacDougall was the recipient of a well filled purse from the ladies of the congregation and an address signed by almost all the ladies of the congregation, in which the kindest sentiments towards Dr. MacDougall and family were expressed. To the address, read by Mrs. Featherston, secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society, Dr. MacDougall briefly and touchingly replied, and heartily thanked the ladies for this tangible evidence of their esteem and friendship, and for the kind words and good wishes for Mrs. MacDougall and family.

AN audience that crowded St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, to the doors assembled last week to bid farewell to the Trinidad missionaries, Rev. John and Mrs. Morton, Rev. F. J. Coffin and Misses Archibald and Gatham. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and showed its warm sympathy and interest by an eager listening to the different speakers, by hearty rounds of applause as telling points were made by each, and by a liberal collection on behalf of the mission funds. The pulpit and rear of the platform were beautifully decorated with exotic plants. The chair was occupied by Rev. R. Laing, and opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Messrs. McMillan and MacPherson.

THE Rev. John Wilkie, of Indore, writes: I regret to say that though the time for my return to India has come, not half the money required for our building in India has yet been subscribed; and further, that if the money can only be raised by my personal canvass, my return must be indefinitely delayed. Is there not another way? Are there not fifty persons in Canada who shall within the next two weeks pledge themselves to give or raise within the next three months \$100 each, or one hundred persons who can do the same for \$50? Only about one dozen congregations have as yet done anything, though circulars and letters by the hundreds have been scattered, in addition to my personal canvass. I do not wish to take an unfavourable meaning out of the want of response, and

hope that within two weeks I may hear that kind friends at home are willing to save my time and strength for India by doing in Canada that which I am now trying to do. If the work is yours as well as mine, then kindly respond as soon as possible, and so enable me still to subscribe myself as your missionary.

THE Rev. L. H. Jordan preached a most interesting sermon to children recently in Erskine Church, Montreal, the occasion being the semi-annual children's service day. The subject was a "symbolic archway," and the treatment was an object lesson the presentation of which greatly interested more than the children. The arch was built in blocks, each block representing Scripture authority for the part it played in the formation of the whole. The foundation was Christ and the Bible. The first block on the left side of the foundation was black, and represents our daily wants; the corresponding one on the right was orange in colour, and represented the Holy Spirit. Then came a prayer for help, and the opposite block was a promise that help would be given. Thus the construction proceeded, the left side representing the human and the right the spiritual side. The keystone of the arch was a bright golden one to represent Christ. The lesson sought to be conveyed was that all human and spiritual wants are to be supplied by applying to God in prayer.

THE *New York Mail and Express* thus refers to the New Mission Church just opened by the Scotch Presbyterian Church, Jersey City: This church has just made a new departure. For some time the Session has been considering the question of starting a Sabbath school and mission in a new and growing locality, and on Sabbath afternoon, October 27th, the Rev. David Mitchell, pastor, and two elders instituted the mission in a temporary building on the corner of Grand and Woodward Streets. Mr. Mitchell preached upon Zach. iv. 10; "The day of small things," and Mr. Thomas Houston, the blind evangelist, who is engaged to act as missionary, spoke some words of kindly welcome. Elders Vevers and Oliphant sympathized warmly with the movement. Upward of one hundred were present. A Sabbath school was begun the same day at 9 a.m. This mission is a step forward. A vast population is destined to come into this district, as may be seen from the number of new buildings being erected. Lots have been secured on Grand and Manning Streets for the mission house, to hold 500 persons, and the plans will soon be ready. The Scotch Church has itself added this year seventy-five to its membership.

THE monthly meeting of the Canadian McAll Auxiliary was held Thursday, November 7th. Mrs. Edward Blake presided. The Treasurer's report was \$676.73, and she stated that \$900 was still required before the close of the year in February. The chief feature of the meeting was an interesting address by Mr. Caldecott giving an account of his visit to the mission in France this summer. The field chosen by Mr. McAll, he said, was an important one, in his opinion, as much so as Japan or China. These two millions of people in the French capital are a pleasure-loving people, having a form of religion but without any practical Christianity. He was much impressed with the mode of work and steady growth of the mission, also the earnestness and self-denying labours of those associated with Mr. McAll. He had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. McAll at the "Salle New York," so called as it is supported by the ladies of New York, and was the bearer of a letter of greeting from Mr. McAll to the ladies of the Canadian Auxiliary. At the close of Mr. Caldecott's address some time was occupied in discussing the taking up of new work in consequence of Dr. Aikins' kind offer and also the establishment of auxiliaries in other cities in Canada. It was decided that the next monthly meeting take the form of a thanksgiving meeting.

THE annual services in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Waterdown, were held Sabbath week. Rev. C. H. Gordon preached in the morning, Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of St. Paul's Church, in the afternoon, and Dr. Fletcher in the evening. There were good congregations, and the reverend gentlemen preached eloquent and practical sermons. Beautiful plants and bouquets of flowers arranged in an artistic manner caused the church to present a very attractive appearance. The following evening the tea-meeting was held, when a very enjoyable time was spent by all present. The hall was filled at an early hour, when all sat down to well-spread tables bountifully supplied by the ladies. After tea all adjourned to the concert room of the hall when the entertainment began, Rev. Mr. Robertson being asked to take the chair. Addresses were given by Rev. C. H. Gordon, B.A., of Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Haddow, B.A., of Milton, also a reading by Miss Kate Misener, which were well received. The addresses of these gentlemen were quite unique in character, being interspersed with singing, and both being splendid singers, formed a most pleasing variety. The choir of the church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gordon, gave some very choice selections, which were much appreciated. A number of the girls belonging to the Sunday school also sang very nicely. The platform was beautifully decorated by the ladies with choice plants and flowers. The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

THE *Manitoba Free Press* says: The Rev. G. A. Laird, B. A., who has been Indian Missionary for the last two years at the Crowland, near Fort Pelly, has returned with Mrs. Laird, from a month's visit to Ontario. Last night when he addressed the congregation of Augustine church on the subject of his work, he described the two reserves which are under his care, as lying 300 miles north west of Winnipeg and near Fort Pelly. The chiefs of these reserves are Cote and Keesekoose, and they have a population of about 500 souls. The work was begun in a small way, but by the aid of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Church, very considerable progress has been made. A building has been erected for a boarding and industrial school. This was kept last winter, and had an average of about 35 children. An addition has been completed during the past summer, and the school has now proper accommodation for about 50 children. Mr. Laird who read most of his address, gave an extremely lucid, connected and interesting description of the customs and social conditions of the Indians; and also the need of the church's work among them. He related several instances to show that not only children can be brought under the power of the truth, but that adult Indians have become as far as one may judge, sincere minded and devoted Christians. Mr. and Mrs. Laird leave for their mission to-morrow. They will be accompanied by Miss McLean, a member of St. Andrew's congregation, who is to assist Mrs. Laird in the house-keeping of the institution, and by Mrs. E. M. Armstrong, a member of Augustine church and formerly one of the public school teachers of this city, who will take the position of teacher in the school which is now being vacated by Mr. John Black's removal to Okanase, near Birtle. Mr. Laird is a graduate in theology of Manitoba college, and Mr. Black was an Indian student at the same college for some time.

THE Rev. A. B. McKay, D.D., preached in Crescent Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, to a large congregation Thanksgiving morning. He took for his text Psalm cxxii. 30. "So he bringeth them to their desired haven." The preacher showed that this was the last touch in one of four pictures which show forth the goodness of God. Then he applied it to the experience of individual Christians in the voyage of life; but specially dwelt on its application to the peculiar circumstances of the congregation. He shortly traced the history and experience of the congregation since it met in Lagachetiere Street, and pointed out that October 17, 1889, would henceforth be a memorable date in their history, because on that day the last cent of debt upon Crescent Street Church had been paid. The most faithful worker for this end would most heartily acknowledge that this was the doing of the Lord. They had also special cause for thankfulness that they had been brought to this haven in peace. Changes had been made in their mode of worship, but all in the spirit of Christian brotherhood and mutual respect. He then pressed upon his hearers that God's

goodness should stir them up to more thorough consecration and more unselfish effort. Let them show their thankfulness by offering the sacrifices of righteousness and declaring God's works with singing. The collection, which was in aid of the Montreal General hospital, amounted to \$167. The large organ which has just been built at a cost of between \$7,000 and \$8,000, was used for the first time, and gave universal satisfaction by its many fine qualities. During the past summer the church has been decorated in excellent taste by Mr. W. P. Scott, St. Catherine Street. At the same time arrangements were made for putting in the electric light. A fine porch was built in Crescent Street, a ladies' room fitted up in the front of the church, and other improvements made. A stained glass memorial window is also to be put in by a gentleman whose name has been identified with the congregation from the beginning, and it is expected that others will follow. A comfortable house has also been erected for the sexton. All the money for these purposes, amounting to over \$36,000, has been subscribed and the most of it already paid.

AN important event in the history of the First Presbyterian congregation, Chatham, which has been without a settled pastor since the resignation of Rev. Messrs McColl and Walker last June, took place recently. In September, after hearing a number of candidates, the congregation agreed to extend a call to Rev. F. H. Larkin, B. D., of Lowell, Mass., a young man who graduated from Montreal Presbyterian College last year. The call was presented and accepted, and the Presbytery of Montreal, with which the Lowell congregation is connected, having signified its acquiescence to the transfer, the induction at Chatham was appointed for the 29th ult. The Presbytery met in the church, Rev. Wm. Farquharson, Moderator, in the chair. A call from the congregation at Tilbury Centre to Rev. Mr. Robertson was approved, and ordered to be transmitted. The induction services were then commenced the members of Presbytery present being Rev. Messrs. Waddell, McColl, King, Walker, Dr. Battisby, Becket, Farquharson, Watson, McLennan and Manson, with representative elders from Chatham, Tilbury Centre and Springfield. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Watson, of Leamington, who preached an able discourse, listened to with marked attention. Rev. Wm. King addressed the pastor, and it is not too much to say that this address was the leading feature of the entire proceedings. Full of sound, practical counsel, and forcibly delivered, it will long be remembered by many besides the gentleman to whom it was more immediately addressed. Rev. Mr. Waddell addressed the people, counselling them as to their duties to the pastor, to strengthen his hands in every possible way, and extend that encouragement which every worker so much needed. The service over, the newly-inducted pastor was introduced to all present as they left the church. The attendance was large, showing the warm interest of the people in the event. The new pastor enters upon his duties under the most favourable circumstances, with a united and prosperous congregation, and the good wishes of people of all denominations for his success in the Master's work. A meeting of Session was held in the Church, at which the newly-inducted pastor was presented with a cheque for the first quarter's salary in advance. The Rev. Mr. Farquharson, Moderator of Session, was also presented with a handsome donation in appreciation of his very efficient and satisfactory services during the vacancy. In the evening a "high tea" was served by the ladies of the congregation at Glenn's new hall on William Street. Tables were spread and an unusually elaborate cold dinner provided, with tea and coffee. The tables were tastefully spread, presenting a fine appearance, and the supply of good things seemed to be inexhaustible. The ladies are to be congratulated on their efforts; certainly nothing more perfect in the way of a church social has ever been given in Chatham. Over five hundred people were served, including representatives from every congregation in town. After tea the people adjourned to the church near by. Rev. Mr. Farquharson took the chair, and after prayer by Rev. William King, addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Treleven (Methodist), Ware (Baptist), Dr. Battisby (St. Andrew's), Walker, ex-co-pastor, Martin (Episcopalian) and the chairman, all of whom extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Larkin, and congratulated him on his being placed over such a congregation. At the close Mr. Larkin made a few remarks, accepting the congratulations extended, and thanking clergy and people for their kind words of welcome. The programme was varied with anthems by the choir and by the congregational singing of a number of hymns with fine effect. Shortly after ten o'clock the interesting day's proceedings were brought to a close.

THE school-room of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, was recently filled, the occasion being the formal presentation of a handsome escritoire to Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, of Wyoming, and a beautiful silver tea service to Mrs. Cuthbertson, the Sarnia Presbytery taking this means of showing their appreciation of the reverend gentleman's services as Clerk of the Presbytery for the past twenty-five years, Mr. Cuthbertson being the oldest Presbytery Clerk in the Church: Rev. Dr. Thompson presided. On the platform with him were Rev. Messrs. Cuthbertson, McCutcheon, Macadam and Tibb, of the Sarnia Presbytery, Rev. A. Henderson, of London, and Mayor Symington, of Sarnia. After a few appropriate remarks of cordial appreciation of Mr. Cuthbertson's qualities as Clerk and also as a personal friend, Rev. Mr. Tibb presented the following address. To the Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, Clerk of the Sarnia Presbytery: Dear Sir,—We offer you our congratulations on being spared to perform the duties of Clerk during the term of twenty-five years in the Presbyteries of London and Sarnia, and in the fair prospect of continuing them for many years to come. We take pleasure in testifying to the courtesy and uniform kindness with which these duties have been discharged, and to the care and faithfulness which have earned for you not only the esteem of your fellow Presbyters, but of those of the Church at large. We have seen the deep interest you have always taken in the affairs of the Church, and especially in those of your Presbytery. You have never spared yourself where real work was to be done. We have shared your valuable counsels, where counsel was needed. Your genuine brotherly and warm heart have often cheered us in many a difficult and delicate task. Attendance on Church Courts has always been with you a solemn duty never neglected, never once absent from a meeting during a period of twenty-five years. Your fellow Presbyters felt honoured in your being unanimously called to preside as Moderator over one of the largest and most important Synods of the Church, and these duties you performed with marked efficiency, to the satisfaction of all your brethren. Your many friends within and without the Presbytery could not let this, the termination of a quarter of a century of efficient labour as Clerk pass without marking it with some outward token of that esteem in which you are generally held, and would also join with you your estimable wife in our best wishes for your mutual happiness in all the years to come, through which we hope you may be spared to her, your family, and to us your brethren. In evidence of these our good wishes and esteem we beg your acceptance of these our tokens of friendship. Rev. Mr. Macadam then uncovered the very handsome silver service, valued at \$120, and presented it to Mrs. Cuthbertson, and the escritoire to Mr. Cuthbertson himself. Mr. Cuthbertson was visibly affected by the kindness of the Presbytery and acknowledged his indebtedness and appreciation of their generosity in fitting terms. Letters of congratulation and apology for inability to attend were read from Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Brantford, J. A. Murray and Dr. Proudfoot, London, and others. The Rev. Alex. Henderson, of Hyde Park, being present, addressed the meeting in behalf of the Presbytery of London, and Rev. Mr. Macadam in behalf of the Presbytery of Sarnia. Mayor Symington also added his congratulations, after which the formal part of the proceedings were brought to a close. Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson and Mrs. Cuthbertson received the congratulations of all present, everyone apparently feeling gratified with the way in which the genial clerk and his good lady had been honoured.