

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterians of Norval are erecting a \$2,200 brick manse.

THE Rev. Mr. Herald, of the Presbyterian Church, has taken a homestead near Melville Hat.

THE Rev. H. J. Borthwick, M.A., has succeeded Mr. J. H. Galbraith as editor of the *Morden Monitor*.

THE Rev. J. Fraser, of Sutton, was recently presented with a complimentary address by the P. A.

THE Rev. C. Doudiet, of Quebec, is addressing meetings in the West in behalf of French Evangelization.

THE Brandon *Star* says that St. Andrew's congregation of that city will extend a call to Rev. Mr. Spence, of Kildonan.

THE Pandita Ramabai, of Bombay, is announced to address a meeting in St. James Square Church, to-morrow, Thursday evening.

THE Ladies Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, gave a very enjoyable concert at the residence of Mrs. Nicholls, on Thursday evening week.

THE title of D.D. has been conferred on the Rev. George H. Wells, of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal. Dr. Wells is at present travelling on the European continent.

THE Rev. Alexander Urquhart and wife, Regina, have left on a holiday tour, which will occupy two months. They take in Colorado Springs and other places of interest in that State.

MR. R. G. MACBETH, of the Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, has been appointed student missionary in the district hitherto served by the Rev. H. J. Borthwick, of Morden.

THE Rev. A. Fraser, late of Orono, writing us from Comox, B. C., on April 19, says: After a pleasant and enjoyable journey we have reached our destination safely, and received a cordial welcome.

At a meeting of the trustees of Knox Church, Galt, the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., who has discharged the duties of Moderator during Dr. Smith's absence, was voted \$100 in recognition of his services.

THE Rev. A. McGilivray, who for the past seventeen and a half years has laboured in connection with Goderich Gaelic mission station, has tendered his resignation to the Presbytery. The station is now vacant.

THE Rev. J. Bennett, D.D., says the *Almonte Gazette*, has recovered from a recent severe illness. He will have an assistant for the next few months in the person of Mr. George R. Lang, a young theological student.

THE Brockville *Recorder* says that the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, has decided to call Rev. W. Mackenzie, of Grafton. The Dalhousie people will be glad to get their old acquaintance so near them again.

THE Senate of Queen's University has been invited to send a representative to the 800th anniversary of the foundation of the University of Bologna. The invitation was expressed in Latin, an accompanying letter from the rector of the senate being in Italian.

ON Tuesday week, at St. Andrew's Church, Williams-town, a call was moderated in favour of the Rev. A. Givan, of L'Assable, in the Kingston Presbytery. As the call is hearty and unanimous the congregation have good hopes that Mr. Givan will accept.

ON the 11th of last month, a call was moderated in St. Matthew's Church, Onabruk, to the Rev. J. Cameron, of Pickering, in the Whitby Presbytery. That Presbytery was to meet on the 1st inst., when it is hoped Mr. Cameron's translation would be agreed to.

THE Rev. J. Wilkie, M.A., and Miss Isabella Ross, missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, at Indore, have returned recently on furlough. Mr. Wilkie has been addressing meetings in several places, giving an interesting account of the trials and triumphs of the Indian Mission.

THE board of the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association at their regular meeting elected the Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, as the representative from the Canadian capital to the World's Conference to be held at the invitation of the King of Sweden, in Stockholm in August of this year.

At a meeting of Knox Church congregation, St. Thomas, on Thursday night week, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. W. H. Bayle, of Paris, to the vacancy created by the resignation of Rev. Dr. Archibald, through ill health. The salary is \$1,600 with manse. A special meeting of the Presbytery will be held in London on May 18, to sustain the call.

THE thirty-third anniversary services of MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, were held on Sunday week, and Principal MacVicar of Montreal, preached thoughtful and appropriate discourses morning and evening. On the following evening the learned Principal delivered his comprehensive and able lecture on "Social Discontent" to a large and attentive audience.

THE Rev. Samuel Lyle, B.D., of Hamilton, occupied the pulpit of Cooke's Church last Sabbath. The service was a continuation of the services in commemoration of the 100th birthday of the late Rev. Dr. Cooke, of Belfast, after whom the Church on Queen Street is named. In the morning he preached from Matthew xvi. 13. Mr. Lyle paid a glowing and eloquent tribute to the memory of Dr. Cooke.

BEFORE leaving for San Francisco, Dr. Smith was presented by the Galt congregation with a heavy gold watch and chain, accompanied by a suitable address. On Sunday he preached his farewell sermon to an audience of 2,000, and on Monday left for his new field in San Francisco. A large number of townspeople went to the station to bid him good bye and God speed. Rev. Dr. Torrance, by appointment of the Presbytery, preached and declared Knox Church vacant Sunday week.

IN considering rules for Presbyterial procedure, the report of the St. John, N.B., Presbytery says. The fifth section read: "When practicable, the Moderator shall wear the gown and bands while occupying his official position." Strong points were made both for and against it. The meeting divided twice, and when the names were taken the vote stood for thirteen against thirteen. It was resolved that Rev. Mr. McDonald, Moderator, give the casting vote, which he did against the clause.

REOPENING services were held in St. Andrew's Church, Masanotick, on Sabbath, the 29th ult. There were three services held during the day, a leading feature in all three being the "song service," making the ceremonies pleasant as well as profitable. The music rendered by the choir was excellent, and reflects credit upon their instructor, Rev. Mr. Scott, the pastor of the church. The church had been undergoing a complete cleansing and renovating and looks much better for the operation.

THE Missionary Association of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, have decided to support a missionary in Labrador during the present summer. One of their number, Mr. J. I. Mackenzie, has been appointed for the work, and expected to sail for his field of labour on or about the 7th May. While the students have subscribed over \$200, and kind friends have generously contributed upwards of \$30, the Association Committee feel that much more will be needed to supply an outfit and suitable religious literature.

THE Presbytery of Ottawa met in Bank Street Church on Wednesday, the Rev. F. W. Farries, Moderator, presiding. The following are the delegates from the Ottawa Presbytery to the General Assembly at Halifax: Rev. G. M. Clark, Ottawa; M. H. Scott, Masanotick; John Fairlie, L'Orignal; W. T. Herridge, F. W. Farries, Dr. Moore, Dr. Armstrong, Ottawa, ministers. Dr. Thorburn, Ottawa; John Durie, Ottawa; William Kerr, Masanotick; Sherwood, Ottawa; A. Drummond, Ottawa; W. H. Manson, East Gloucester; Hiram Robison, Ottawa; John Hardie, Ottawa, elders.

A MEETING of the Wroter Presbyterian congregation was held recently, to confer with a deputation from Mantland Presbytery, consisting of Rev. Mr. Ross, Brussels, Rev. Mr. Muir, Fordwich, and Mr. Stewart, elder, Brussels, on the matter of the resignation of Rev. Mr. Brown, which was laid before the meeting of Presbytery. The meeting was an entirely harmonious one, and a resolution was unanimously carried agreeing to make Mr. Brown a retiring allowance of \$200 a year. A feeling of deep regret is general throughout the congregation that ill-health and increasing years have compelled their esteemed pastor to retire from active ministerial work.

A SOCIAL was held in Emerson Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, 30th ult., at which Rev. J. C. Quinn, the pastor, received an address from the members of the congregation accompanied by a handsome gold chain. The address was read by the chairman of the meeting, Mr. J. Thompson, who also made the presentation. Mr. Quinn made a suitable reply. Tea and coffee and cakes were then served by the ladies. Mr. Quinn left on Tuesday morning for Grand Forks, Dakota, to meet with and to be received by the Presbytery of Pembina, he was then to proceed to assume the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Minot, in Western Dakota. The departure of Mr. Quinn is greatly regretted by the membership of his city church.

AT the conclusion of his sermon on a recent Sunday morning at Knox Church, Woodstock, the pastor, Rev. W. T. McMullen, made a brief and feeling reference to the fact that it was the twenty-eighth anniversary of his settlement. He expressed his profound gratitude that he had been spared to preach the Gospel so long, and to see about him after so many years so large a congregation. A single fact in connection with the changes that had taken place during his ministry was that no less than seven elders had died in that time. Few ministers have worn so well as Mr. McMullen. His congregation and many friends hope to see the new year of ministerial service on which he has entered made memorable by his receiving the highest honour of his Church, the Moderatorship of the General Assembly.

THE ceremony of laying the foundation stone of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Dundas Street and Dovercourt Road, took place on the afternoon of Saturday in the presence of a large number of persons. After a hymn had been sung Rev. Robert Wallace read the Scriptures, then Mr. Robert Rankin, the oldest member of the Church and one of its elders read the record, which was deposited beneath the stone. The pastor, Rev. John Murch, M.A., was then presented with a handsome silver trowel, with which he laid the foundation stone in the name of the Trinity, Rev. J. M. Cameron having led in prayer and the hymn was sung, after which all present adjourned to the old church to hear addresses from Rev. Dr. Parsons, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Rev. Hugh Johnston, Rev. G. M. Milligan and Rev. Alexander Gilray.

THE closing meeting of the Band of Hope in connection with the Independent Presbyterian Church was held on Friday evening, May 11. The church was well filled with the members of the band, their parents and friends. The chair was occupied by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Burnfield. The programme consisted of addresses, readings, recitations and music. The addresses, which were both interesting and instructive, were delivered by Mrs. Burnfield and Mr. Thomas Yellowlees. The other parts of the programme were well rendered, and highly appreciated by the audience. After votes of thanks to the persons who took part in the work of the evening, moved by Mr. Sutherland, and seconded by Messrs. Hamilton, Coulter, Warwick, Stephenson and Curle, the meeting closed, and the audience retired, expressing their hearty pleasure with the entertainment. It is only proper to say that Mr. Arnold, the leader of the church music, aided materially in making the meeting a very successful one.

THE monthly meeting of the Canadian Auxiliary, McAll Mission, was held Thursday, May 3, in the Y. M. C. A. building. Mr. G. H. Finch presided in the absence of the president. The treasurer reported \$379.52 on hand. She

had also compiled from the annual report just received from France the amount of money annually subscribed to the mission, about \$77,000. Of this Great Britain contributed \$34,000; America, \$25,000; France and Switzerland, \$15,000; Canada, \$1,000; Australia, \$200. Fourteen new stations have been opened this year, making a total of 113 stations. Mrs. D. Aikens gave a very instructive Bible reading, taking as her subject "Soldierhood of the Christian." For the advantage of those visiting Paris this summer, the following is a list of the stations: Salle New York, 10 Boulevard de Sebastopol; Salle Philadelphia, 21 Rue Royale, 21; Boston (Montmartre), 50 Boulevard Barbès; Salle Cleveland, (Baugouilles), 3 Rue de Lames; Salle Washington, 68 Rue Minge; Salle Yvette de France, 12 Rue Nationale; Salle Beach, 52 Avenue Wagner; Salle Brooklyn (Belleville, Menilmontant), 39 Rue de Menilmontant; Salle Brooklyn, (La villette No. 1.), 90 Rue d'Allemagne; Salle Newark, 123 Boulevard Voltaire; Salle Worcester, 373 Rue de Vauguard.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—A regular meeting was held in Stratford on the 7th inst. Rev. I. Campbell, of Lisowel, Moderator. Mr. Hamilton, of Motherwell, read a paper on "Our Responsibility," on which a general conference was held. Rev. T. Lowry was invited to correspond with the Presbytery. Messrs. Turnbull and Kay were appointed a committee to consider the matter of the standing of retired ministers and report. Mr. Robert Henderson was examined on the subjects prescribed as trials for license. His examination was sustained and he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. Pantou was instructed to make all needed arrangements for the payment, etc., of probationers at Shakespeare. A call from North and South Nissouri in favour of Mr. D. Perrie was laid on the table by Mr. Grant, of St. Marys. The call was sustained and placed in Mr. Perrie's hand who accepted it. The 29th inst. was fixed upon for Mr. Perrie's ordination and induction. Mr. Grant was appointed to preside, Mr. J. W. Came-on to preach, Mr. Turnbull to address the minister and Mr. John Campbell the people. The stipend promised is \$850 and manse. Mr. Boyd requested that the Presbytery should apply to General Assembly to grant him leave to retire from the active ministry. Arrangements were made to carry out Mr. Boyd's wishes, and a committee was instructed to visit his congregation, and report on the 29th inst. Letters were read showing that application would be made to General Assembly by the Presbyteries of Montreal, Brandon, Toronto, Hamilton and Halifax for leave to receive Messrs. Morrisseau, of Congregational Church, John Wilson, of Church of Scotland, Mark Scott, of Free Church of Scotland, W. McGregor, of the Baptist Church and L. R. Gloag and H. Goddard, of the Congregational Church, as ministers of this Church. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in North Nissouri on 29th inst., at one o'clock p.m.—A. F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

## OBITUARY.

MRS. M'EWEN.

At a meeting of the Bobcaygeon Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held March 7, 1883, it was unanimously resolved. That we place on record our sense of the loss that we as a society have sustained in the death of Mrs. McEwen, of Lakeside. We all remember with pleasure her visit to our auxiliary as president of the Presbyterian Society. Her warm interest in the work, her ready appreciation of difficulties in the way, her wise counsel, sympathy and help greatly strengthened and encouraged us and endeared her to us all, while bowing to the Father's will, we feel that her death is a loss to the missionary cause. To us it seems as if she had been taken away in the midst of her usefulness, but it is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good. What we know not now we shall know hereafter.

The late Mrs. McEwen, wife of the Rev. John McEwen, of Lakeside, was a daughter of the late Mr. J. G. Playter, an officer in the Ordnance Department in Ottawa. She was born in Exeter, England, in May, 1825. Soon after the organization of Knox Church, Ottawa, then Bytown, Mr. Playter and his family identified themselves with it, and continued during the many years of their residence there to take a deep and active interest in every department of its work.

Mrs. McEwen (then Miss Playter) conducted for several years a school for young ladies in Bytown. She was highly esteemed by the parents of her pupils, and by the pupils themselves who still survive she is held in affectionate remembrance.

Some thirty years ago she was united in marriage to the Rev. John McEwen. In his several pastoral charges—Cumberland, Pembroke, Ingersoll and Lakeside—she was to him a true "help meet." Her self-denying and unwearied co-operation was greatly blessed in promoting the spiritual welfare of those among whom they lived and laboured. Her influence for good was not less felt by those among whom she wrought in the Lord's work in Toronto, which was her home for some years; while Mr. McEwen was the trusted and efficient agent of the Sabbath School Association of Ontario.

The formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society led her into new lines of work and self-denial. In that department as well as in the mission work of William Street, Toronto, her willing service will be long remembered by loving friends. After Mr. McEwen's settlement at Lakeside, Mrs. McEwen was chosen as president of the Presbytery's Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. When on the bed from which she was to rise no more, thoughts about a meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to be held at Bobcaygeon had an uppermost place in her mind. From that meeting and from many other quarters testimonies have been received as to the joy and help which her presence always afforded, and as to the sense of loss sustained by her removal. But the Lord's time had