

Ministers and Churches.

UPPER Musquodoboit congregation is moving in a call to Rev. G. Valentine.

THE Rev. Robert Atkinson has accepted the call to St. Andrew's Kirk, Picton.

THE Rev. A. O. Brown, Campbellton, N. B., is very ill, and not expected to recover.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane will open St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, on the 12th inst.

THE Santa Rosa, California, Church, to which Rev. C. B. Pitblado ministers, is about to erect a new building.

THE Rev. R. C. Moffat, D.D., Toronto, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, last Sunday.

THE Presbyterians of Merrickville have given a call to Mr. James G. Potter, of Halifax, a graduate of Queen's.

THE Rev. A. H. Boyd, who was licensed by the Halifax Presbytery recently, is to be called to Glenelg, St. Mary's.

THE Rev. Godfrey Shore, St. Stephen, N. B., is to labour during the summer at the Coburg Road Mission and Rockingham.

FORTY-SIX student catechists are to be employed this summer in the varied mission fields in the maritime provinces of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

MR. S. FRAZER, student, is to labour as a catechist at Couva, Trinidad, during the summer. His appointment at North-West Arm has been cancelled.

OMAR L. KILBORN, M.A., M.D., has been appointed lecturer in analytical and practical chemistry during the summer session of Queen's University.

THE Rev. Dr. Macleod, of Sydney, C. B., is now longer in the ministry than any other Presbyterian minister in Canada. He was ordained Nov. 7, 1833.

At the congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Meaford, Tuesday evening week, it was decided to give a call to the Rev. Mr. Ross, lately of Dundalk.

THE Congregationalist body in Ontario and Quebec have offered to sell their mission premises on the coast of Labrador to the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church.

THE pulpit of St. James Square Church was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of New York, last Sabbath, preaching eloquent and impressive discourses on both occasions.

PROFESSOR MACGILLIVRAY, Ph.D. of Queen's, will spend the summer in Germany. He goes to publish his work upon which he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Leipzig.

THE Rev. Robert Stewart, who laboured several years at Wilmot, Annapolis, in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, has applied for admission into the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

THE Rev. J. Johnson, who has laboured for several years at British Guiana, under the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, has applied for admission into the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

SIXTY years ago there were only seven Presbyterian congregations in P. E. Island, now there are thirty-two. Twenty-eight years ago \$10,000 was raised for congregational purposes; last year \$39,000 was raised.

THERE was a very large congregation present on Sabbath evening week in Knox Church, Galt, on the occasion of the pastor's second lecture on Early Scottish Missionaries. Taking St. Ninian as his theme he gave a most eloquent and impressive missionary discourse.

THE Rev. Mr. James, of Midland, officiated at the preparatory services in the Presbyterian Church, Wauaubshene, recently. The Sacrament was administered on Sunday evening by the Rev. R. J. M. Glasford. A number of new members have been added to the church.

THE *Almonte Gazette* says: On Sunday week Rev. Mr. Ross, of Perth, preached morning and evening in St. Andrew's Church and at Appleton in the afternoon. His sermons on all three occasions were able discourses. Mr. Ross is fast coming to be looked upon as one of the foremost preachers in the country. The Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Toronto, occupied St. Andrew's Church last Sabbath.

THE concert by the choir of the Presbyterian Church, Napanee, on Thursday evening week, was well patronized and was a very enjoyable affair. The choir scored another musical success, and fairly earned a position in the front rank of the local musical organizations. Rev. Mr. Young officiated as chairman very acceptably. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the performers from a distance.

A SHORT time ago, Mr. James Watt, delivered a very interesting lecture on "The Covenanters" in the lecture room of West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, the Rev. R. Wallace presiding. The lecture embraced the principal points in the history of the eventful struggle that resulted in the triumph of civil and religious liberty, and shaped the destiny of the British Empire. The lecture, a singularly able one, was greatly appreciated by the large audience to whom it was delivered.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was held last week to take formal steps towards extending the call to Rev. Robert Johnston, B.A. The Moderator of session, Rev. John McMillan, of Wick, presided. The call will be brought before the Presbytery at its first meeting. Messrs. J. R. McNeillie and Thomas Stewart were appointed commissioners to represent the congregation in further proceedings.

A social was held by the Bible class of Crescent Street Church, Montreal, in the lecture hall recently. The occasion was the departure from the city of the Superintendent, Mr. Robert Johnston, who graduated the other day at the Presbyterian College, and has accepted a call to Lindsay, Ont. A short musical programme was gone through. Refreshments were served, and altogether a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. During the evening Mr. Johnston was presented with a valuable watch and chain by the members of the class.

THE *Vancouver World* says: The Rev. E. D. McLaren, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, preached an interesting sermon from Father iv. 16, "So will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law, and if I perish, I perish." The sermon was a beautiful delineation of womanhood, glorified by courage, and was listened to most attentively. Many were obliged to go away, being unable to get seats. This fact has made the officers of the church determined to take immediate steps towards the erection of the church proper.

THE Christian Endeavour Society of Knox Church, Winnipeg, held an "at home" to members in the lecture room last week. A very large number of those connected with the society were present and all spent one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the young people. Rev. Dr. Duval, honorary president, occupied the chair and opened the meeting by a few pleasing words. It is the intention to hold similar gatherings monthly. Rev. Dr. Bryce will shortly lecture under the auspices of the society. The subject will be "The story of the Earth."

THE members of the Young People's Association of St. James Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, held a very successful concert last week, it being their closing entertainment for the season. The programme was very interesting and was well received. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the musical part of the programme: Misses Woodbridge, Nairn, Lay, Mr. E. T. Coates and Dr. A. S. Thompson. Readings were given by Miss Hatton and

Mr. J. K. Rae. The Glee Club sang in excellent style "Stars of the Summer Night" and "Silent Night."

THE Presbyterian Sabbath school started on North Waterloo Street, London, a little over a year ago has about outgrown its present location, necessitating increased accommodation. To meet this, the south-west corner of Oxford and Colborne Streets has been purchased, and a modern school building will be erected thereon as soon as the necessary funds are provided, which will not likely be long, as so much interest is shown in the movement. The matter was discussed at a quiet meeting of the Session and managers of St. Andrew's Church recently and heartily indorsed.

THE *Dundas True Banner* says: Last Saturday afternoon while breaking a piece of coal in a grate, the Rev. Dr. Laing was unfortunate enough to get three splinters into his left eye. The eye was so painful on Sunday that he found it impossible to conduct church service. Mr. James McQueen preached in the morning, thereby convincing his audience that an excellent minister had been lost in a capable postmaster. The church was closed at night, and the other churches accommodated the Presbyterians. The Rev. Dr. Laing's eye was so much better yesterday that he went to Toronto to attend to church business.

THE quarterly congregational meeting and social was held in the lecture room of Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, Thursday evening week. There were quite a number present, and a very pleasant time was spent. The committee having charge of the new Sabbath school building, plans of which were submitted to the meeting, were instructed to proceed at once and solicit subscriptions, and advertise for tenders for the work. The treasurer, Mr. E. A. Macnachten, stated that the finances were in a very satisfactory state. The congregation was out of debt, and the receipts since the first of the year, covered all the expenditures.

THE *Ottawa Journal* says:—The second of the course of lectures in French on Genesis, was given recently in the French Presbyterian Church by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Rondeau, B.A., who treated several questions of unusual interest which naturally arise from the first chapter of the Bible. Man, his descent and position in nature, as also the unity of the human race were examined critically. The lecture was listened to throughout with great interest. The course will be continued next Wednesday, when it is reported that Mr. H. M. Ami will speak on the different periods of creation from the book of nature and the geological record.

THE American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, was comfortably filled one evening last week on the occasion of a lecture by Rev. Dr. Wells on "How I went to Spain." The Doctor possesses the knack of knowing just how to keep an audience from wearying and longing to get away. He dealt with his subject ably and in a pleasing manner, his tone being rather conversational, and each in the church felt as if he or she was being spoken to on an interesting subject. The lecture was illustrated with some splendid views, giving the audience a good opportunity of witnessing the best buildings, scenery, etc., in a foreign land. The views were thrown on the canvas by Mr. Prowse, who ably seconded the lecturer in his task in enlightening the audience.

AFTER the usual service at St. Gabriel Church, Montreal, lately, a special ordination service was held by the Presbytery of Montreal before a large assemblage. The Rev. James Barclay, Moderator, presided, and was surrounded by many clergymen. The following three gentlemen were ordained missionaries, two French and one English, viz., Messrs. Cote, Lods and Forbes. At the conclusion of the ordination ceremony, eloquent addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Heine and Morin, who gave the new missionaries some excellent advice as to the duties they had that night entered upon. The service closed with the Moderator pronouncing the benediction. The two French missionaries will enter on duties in Canada, and the Rev. Mr. Forbes goes to India.

THE *Orillia Times* says:—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church here, last Sabbath week. There was a large attendance. Mr. Manning of the Orillia Methodist Church preached one of the preparatory sermons on Friday, and Mr. Glasford conducted the service on Monday evening. Eighteen new members were added to the roll. It is supposed that this is the last time the ordinance will be dispensed in the lecture room, as active preparations are already going on for the opening of the new church on the 16th of June. The five elders recently ordained took part in the service. Mr. Gow, the patriarch of the Session, was present, looking remarkably well for a man finishing his eighty-second year. His many friends hope he may be spared to enjoy many communion seasons in the new church.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce was held in Knox Church, Paisley, on a recent Tuesday, Mr. Tolmie presiding, when Mr. A. G. Jansen was, after a satisfactory examination, licensed to preach the Gospel, and ordained as missionary to Gore Bay. There was also submitted a call from Pinkerton and West Brant to the Rev. Richard C. Tibb, B.A., signed by 160 members and eighty-three adherents, and accompanied with the guarantee for an annual stipend of \$825 and manse. The call was duly sustained and ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Tibb with the request of an early reply. In the event of the call being accepted, the Presbytery resolved to meet at Pinkerton on Tuesday, the 28th day of May, at one o'clock p.m. for Mr. Tibb's induction, and the following arrangements were made in connection therewith, viz.: Mr. MacMillan to preside, Mr. Eadie to preach, Mr. Johnston to address the minister and Dr. James the people.

THE *Manitoba Free Press* says: Dr. Duval, of Knox Church, Winnipeg, gave in the town hall, Portage la Prairie, one of the most practical and interesting lectures ever listened to by a Portage audience. The attendance was not so large as was expected. The Portage people did not anticipate what a grand treat was in store for them or the hall would certainly have been packed. The proceeds will be devoted to the use of the Y.M.C.A. reading room. The doctor took as his text, "Young Men for the Age," and said the men required for the present age were men efficient, courageous, hard-working, honest, temperate and chaste. By intermixing at certain stages fitting and amusing anecdotes the rapt attention of the audience was kept continually. At the close of this discourse Rev. J. M. Harrison moved a vote of thanks to the doctor, which was seconded by Mayor Garland, and on being put was received with prolonged applause by all present, showing that the doctor's words had been fully appreciated by those present. It is to be hoped the doctor will sometime in the near future again favour us, when he will be greeted by a full house.

THE monthly meeting of the Canadian Auxiliary, McAll Mission, was held Thursday, May 2, in the library of the Y.M.C.A., the President, Mrs. E. Blake, in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. McAll in which he says he is much encouraged by the success of the Canadian Auxiliary, he also speaks of the work to be carried on by the mission in Paris this summer during the Exposition when they will have two halls in which daily Gospel services will be held close to the two entrances to the exhibition. In this undertaking generous aid is afforded by the British organization of the Evangelical Alliance, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the Religious Tract Societies of London and Paris. But the sum remaining chargeable on the already overtaxed funds of the mission is very considerable—at least £500 to £600. Already some special help has been received. Mr. Sebastian de Neufville, a Paris banker, has given 2,000 francs, and a gentleman from Campbellton, Scotland, £25. An account of the annual meeting of the American McAll Association was given by the president, and an interesting article was read on the career of M. Reveillard, editor of *Le Signal*, formerly a Roman Catholic, now a warm friend and advocate of the mission. The treasurer reported \$360.63 on hand.

A RODNEY, ONT., correspondent writes: For some years the Presbyterian cause in New Glasgow and Rodney, Ont., has been gradually becoming weaker by removals, etc., until a few years ago, being without a pastor, some of the more despondent of our members began to despair of ever again seeing the congregation—which is one of the oldest in the west—able to support a settled pastor. The families were comparatively few and scattered. A new manse was needed. Both churches were needing to be repaired, and an old debt of about \$140 was still resting upon one of them. But two years ago Rev. George A. Francis, who had just graduated in Knox College, Toronto, and who had laboured with much acceptance as a student in this field during the previous summer, was called. He accepted, and his labours have been greatly blessed by God. During the two years of his pastorate, thirty new members have been added to the church. The Sabbath school library has been enlarged by the addition of 129 volumes. A very handsome and commodious new brick manse has been built during last year at a cost of \$2,200, of which \$1,100 was paid at the first payment in January, and the balance is well provided for. The church debt has disappeared, and now arrangements are being made for repairing the churches. In addition to that the pastor's stipend has been increased to \$860 during the last year. Surely the Lord hath blessed us.

THE success which has attended Wentworth Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, since it was planted in the eastern portion of the city, has been very great. A large population is rapidly growing up around it, and already it is apparent the present building will soon be inadequate to accommodate the large and rapidly growing congregation. At a meeting of the congregation lately, which was largely attended, the question of enlarging the building was discussed, and it was unanimously resolved to extend the building some twenty-seven feet to the southern end of the lot on Smith Avenue. There will be a basement floor under the addition capable of holding about a hundred persons, to be used for the meetings of the various organizations connected with the church. A large committee, composed of the elders, managers, and a number of members, was appointed to have the work carried out. The cost of the alterations was limited to \$2,000, and a resolution arrived at that one-third of the sum required must be subscribed before the work is commenced. It is not expected there will be any difficulty in this regard. A list was started, and a good beginning in subscriptions made. This church is doing a great work for the cause of Presbyterianism in the part of the city in which it is located, the members are enthusiastic in the matter, and deserve, and no doubt will receive, the moral and financial support of the up-town Presbyterian Churches, in their efforts to provide church privileges for the Presbyterians residing there. The pastor, Rev. James Murray, B.A., B.D., is himself an enthusiast in the work, and by his continuous and earnest labours is proving himself especially adapted to gather around him a strong, active congregation which will be a power for good in the neighbourhood, and be a credit to the Presbyterian body.

SABBATH week was the twenty-third anniversary of the consecration of Erskine Church, Montreal, for public worship. The church presented a pretty appearance with its floral decorations, and the musical service was appropriate to the occasion. In the evening Rev. L. H. Jordan, the pastor, preached the anniversary sermon, taking for his text Deuteronomy v. 1-3. The discourse was attentively listened to by a large audience. The church now occupied by Erskine congregation was dedicated to the worship of God on April 29, 1866, just twenty-three years ago, and the present pastor was inducted into the charge of the congregation May 7, 1885, four years ago. Looking at the past, the reverend gentleman spoke of the great change that has taken place since the organization of the congregation in 1833, and more particularly during the past twenty-three years. The order of worship has been revised to a considerable extent, notable among the changes being the introduction of the organ, re-organization of the choir, and introduction of the hymnal. The Presbyterian College was a movement with which Erskine Church was largely identified, and the church building was for a time at the disposal of the college. Over 1,000 persons were received into full communion with the Church in the past twenty-three years, and 100 during the present pastorate. The church has also contributed in that number of years the sum of \$170,000 to the Schemes of the Presbyterian Church, and is now sending out two representatives to the Foreign Mission field. The records of the Church show a steady advance, while the congregation has worked hard and persevered, so that the success of the Church has not been surpassed by any in the city. The congregation has lost by death in the twenty-three years past, 460 persons, fifty of whom were buried by the present pastor. Looking forward to the next few years, the preacher indicated some of the changes likely to take place from different causes, and predicted a bright future for the congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Peterborough was held on the 16th April. There were twelve ministers and three elders present. A committee was appointed to take steps towards a re-construction of the stations belonging to the pastoral charges of Messrs. Ewing and Bennett. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, on the 22nd May, at three o'clock p.m., to hear the trial discourses of Mr. Orr Bennet, and in the event of these being sustained to license him as a public preacher. Mr. Bennett's ordination was appointed to take place at eight o'clock. Mr. Bell to preach and preside, and Mr. Torrance to address the newly-ordained missionary. It was resolved to ask leave of the Synod to transfer the mission station, Kinmount, to the care of the Presbytery of Lindsay. The Clerk was authorized to arrange for a joint meeting of the Presbyteries of Whitby and Peterborough at the time of the meeting of Synod in reference to the proposed union of the 1st and 2nd Cartwright congregations. The Assembly's Remits on Vacancies and on the establishing of a fund for the payment of expenses of delegates to the Assembly were approved of *simpliciter*. Arrangements were made for a conference at next meeting of Presbytery on some subject to be appointed by a committee of which Mr. Bell is Convener. The Clerk was authorized to give to Rev. G. McKay, late of Cartwright and Ballyduff, the usual Presbyterian certificate when asked for. The name of Mr. Oswald, missionary at Harvey, who has been for some time studying under the auspices of the Presbytery, was ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly in terms of the resolution of Assembly of 1885 on the subject of an abbreviated course for the classes mentioned therein. Mr. Bell reported on behalf of the committee appointed to draft a minute on the question of "The Jesuit Estates Bill." The minute proposed was unanimously adopted. It is as follows: This Presbytery solemnly and emphatically protests against the allowance of the Jesuit Estates Bill; inasmuch as it diverts a large amount of funds from their original purpose, and gives them to a sect notorious for teachings subversive of both civil and religious liberty, and sanctions the interference of a foreign potentate in the legislation of the country, giving him a right to veto or approve of the enactments of our Parliaments before they can become law—a prerogative which alone belongs to our gracious sovereign the Queen. The Presbytery further deplores the subservient attitude of politicians towards the papacy in sacrificing principle to policy; while it desires to put on record its admiration of the few brave men who, in the face of strongly opposing influences, stood to their principles and voted against the Bill.—W. BENNETT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—The Presbytery of Glengarry met by adjournment in St. Andrew's Church, Martintown, on Tuesday, 9th ult. There were present the Rev. J. Hastie, Moderator; J. A. G. Calder, J. Matheson, N. Macphee, A. Givan McLennan and J. S. Burnet, ministers, and Messrs. H. Robertson, A. D. McIntyre, D. Morrison, W. Campbell and F. McGregor, elders. Mr. Burnet