

Ministers and Churches.

PRINCIPAL GRANT delivered a four hours' lecture last week at Napanee on "Closer Relations Between Great Britain and Canada."

A RECEPTION was tendered in St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, to Rev. D. M. Gordon, pastor, who has returned from his trip around the world.

THE Rev. Dr. Jardine, Prince Albert, has started a class for the study of the Scripture every Thursday evening in the Manse after prayer-meeting.

REV. JAMES G. PATTERSON, D.D., of Erie, Pennsylvania, during the brief absence of Dr. Parsons, is filling the pulpit of Knox Church, Toronto, with great acceptance.

THE subscription list for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund has now reached \$24,000 in this city. No congregation can afford to hold aloof from the good work.

THE Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of the Presbyterian North-West mission, who has spent some weeks in the Maritime Provinces urging the claims of that work, has gone to Newfoundland.

THE Rev. Mr. Mordy, of Niagara Falls, preached last Sabbath in Wentworth Presbyterian Church, corner of Barton Street and Smith Ave., Hamilton. At both services there were large congregations, and the reverend gentleman delivered able practical addresses.

THE Rev. J. Wilkie, of Indore, Central India, delivered addresses last week at Kincardine, Tiverton, Underwood, North Bruce, Paisley, Walkerton and Port Elgin. The people of the district have had their interest in the Foreign Mission work greatly increased.

THE Rev. Mr. Crombie, of Smith's Falls, preached morning and evening in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, Sabbath week. At the close of the morning service the new elders were inducted into their office, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. Messrs. Crombie, Grant and Edmonson.

SUNDAY week concluded the fifth year of the ministry of Rev. T. Cumming in the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Truro. The morning service was one specially appropriate to the occasion. Under Mr. Cumming's ministry the congregation has steadily grown and prospered.

PRINCIPAL GRANT has had a busy time during his visit to Toronto in connection with the Evangelical Alliance meetings. Besides other engagements on Saturday he addressed the students of Knox College, and preached on Sabbath in the morning in St. Andrews, east, and in the Metropolitan Church in the evening.

ATTENTION is directed to the circular relating to the collection for Manitoba College. The work being done by this institution is vitally important to the present and future well-being of the great North-West. It merits the fullest confidence of the whole Church, and is fairly entitled to a generous support.

THE Rev. Nevil Woodside conducted the sacramental services held last week in the Carlton Street Reformed Presbyterian Church, Toronto. On Sabbath twenty-one new members were received into Church fellowship. The services throughout have been largely attended. The church is in a flourishing condition and complete harmony prevails.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Dorchester, in the Presbytery of London, was opened on Sabbath week. In the morning and evening Rev. W. Sawyers, of Westminster, preached. His sermons were listened to very attentively. Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Thamesford, preached in the afternoon. The church was filled on each occasion to its utmost. The collections amounted to \$143.

THE Perth Star says: Misses Maggie H. and Tina J. Scott, sisters of Rev. A. H. Scott, who have been in Perth for a few days, will leave Canada by the Pacific route for China early in January. They are expected to sail from Vancouver about the middle of next month, and proceed by way of Yokohama to Shanghai, where they engage in work in connection with the China Inland Mission.

THE Guelph Mercury says: Services preparatory to the communion were conducted with much acceptance and profit to the large congregations present by the Rev. J. B. Mullin, of Fergus. At both services Mr. Mullin read a deliverance from Guelph Presbytery based upon its recent visitation of the congregation which expressed its great satisfaction at the prosperity of the congregation in recent years.

THE Rev. D. McKenzie, who has received a call to Tara, County of Bruce, says the *Berlin Telegraph*, preached in St. Andrew's Church of this town, on Sabbath last, two able and thoughtful sermons that were highly appreciated. Mr. McKenzie has the reputation of possessing an excellent mind, is a sound thinker, and being of a studious disposition we predict for him a bright and useful future as a minister of the Gospel. The Presbyterians of Tara will be exceedingly fortunate should Mr. McKenzie accept the call tendered to him to become their pastor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Dr. Reid lately received from Mr. James Wallace, of Mono, the sum of \$171.00, under the will of the late Miss Sarah Duncan, of Caledon. The amount is divided equally, giving fifty seven dollars to the Home, Foreign, and French Evangelization Schemes. The following legacies have also been recently received, viz., from Mr. John McDermid, Humphrey, executor of the will of the late Mr. Malcolm McDermid, \$500 for Home Missions; and from Messrs W. Mortimer Clark and Hugh Macdonald, executors of the will of the late Mr. John Gordon, of Toronto, \$500 for Knox College Endowment Fund.

In a letter from Dr. Mackay, dated Tamsui, Oct. 24th, 1889, the following passage occurs: During 1888 one native preacher was paid by the native church, one was supported with money from a lady in Manitoba, one by a lover of Zion, in Ottawa, and one by a friend, in Almonte. The latter has sent sufficient means to maintain two native preachers of the Gospel during this year, 1889. Each one wrote thus: "Do what you think best with the money." I thought best to use these gifts as above stated. The man who gives what will support one or two Heralds of the Cross, proclaiming salvation through the blood of Christ—does a work—a great work which only the Great Day will reveal.

THE Young People's Union of the Presbyterian Churches of this city met last week in the Central Presbyterian Church school-room. Dr. Gordon presided, and the students of Knox College led in the musical part of the programme. Besides the conducting of devotional exercises addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. McTavish, pastor of the church, and Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Cooke's Church. Dr. McTavish referred to the benefits that would be derived from the union, and of the good influence it would have on the work of the Church. The pastor of Cooke's Church spoke of "The Workings of the Christian Endeavour Society," and bore testimony to the good done by it in his own congregation.

ANOTHER of those pleasant musical and social entertainments held under the auspices of the MacNab Street Church Christian Endeavour Society, Hamilton, was held last week, when the school-room was filled by a delighted audience of the members and their friends. The principal attraction was Rev. Robert Haddow, M.A., of Milton, in his lecture entitled "Musical Reminiscences," interspersed with imitations of various street singers heard in Edinburgh and other Scotch cities. He was assisted by his sister, Miss Haddow. After an intermission Mr. Haddow delivered the old but ever acceptable "Mark Twain and European Guides," and his abilities as an locationist are fully equal to his power as a vocalist and lecturer. Miss Galtshore and Mrs. Weir also assisted very largely toward the enjoyment of the evening by their vocal solos.

A NUMBER of the members of the Presbyterian Church, Griswold, Man., accompanied by the choir, met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Boyd on Thursday evening last to show their appreciation of her services as organist during the past summer and fall, and in a very suitable way conveyed to her their grateful acknowledgment of her valuable services by presenting her with a purse containing about \$50 and an address which was read to her by Mr. Millar, Miss Hogg presenting her with the purse. Mrs. Boyd was completely taken by surprise, not expecting anything of the kind, as it is always a pleasure to her to render her assistance to advance the interests of the Church as she has always done in the past. Mrs. Boyd made a very suitable reply, and was invited to a lunch, after which a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

THE Rev. Andrew Dowsley, a Canadian who received his theological training at Knox College, was for a number of years a most efficient and devoted missionary in connection with the Church of Scotland in India. He returned to Canada recently and has settled meanwhile at Campellford, Ont., where correspondence concerning appointments will reach him. Dr. Snodgrass, formerly Principal of Queen's University, now of Canobie, Scotland, says of Mr. Dowsley: "He has been for twelve years in the service of the Church of Scotland in connection with its missions in India and China. During the period and in the countries I have mentioned, he has laboured with vigilance, zeal, and success. Having recently resigned his position under the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland he carries with him their best wishes for his welfare and work in any other field to which by Providence he may be led."

ON Monday afternoon the 4th inst., the auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of Melville Church, Fergus, held a most interesting thanksgiving meeting. The attendance was very large. Mrs. Dr. Smellie, who has been president of the society since its organization thirteen years ago, presided, and was assisted in conducting the devotional exercises by Mrs. R. M. Craig, Mrs. P. Dow and Mrs. Nelson. The programme consisted of a thanksgiving paper by Miss McQueen, a solo by Miss Argo, and an interesting retrospect of mission fields by Mrs. Drainie. The thanksgiving offering was a new feature in the work here. The members of the society had been asked to place a thanksgiving offering accompanied with a passage of Scripture in an envelope without signature, and the reading of these passages formed a pleasing and profitable part of the proceedings, but the expectations of even the most sanguine were surpassed when it was announced that the thanksgiving offerings of the day amounted to upwards of \$95.

THE anniversary services of the Erskine Church, Hamilton, were conducted by Rev. Prof. McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto. In the evening the reverend gentleman delivered an instructive address from the text "Every one that seeth the Son and believeth on Him shall have everlasting life." The first part of this blessing is everlasting life, and the second, a glorious resurrection. The justified sinner is not only pardoned, but is also restored to the divine favour. It is this glorious doctrine which gives a man a sure and certain hope of salvation. A man who has once tried this kind of faith can never go back to the full measure of his sinful life. Christ gives us to understand that He came unto this world to save sinners, with the concurrence of a covenant-keeping God and that His purpose was backed by the power and stability of God's will. Notwithstanding the doubts expressed by those professing atheism we must remain firm in the faith that God will surely keep His promise and that no matter what our trials may be we will live in the hope of the blessing of resurrection and eternal life.

THE Presbyterian Church in Port Elgin was re-opened on Sunday, November 24th, when the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, preached to crowded congregations both morning and evening. The church has been enlarged so as to provide for the growing needs of the congregation and Sunday school. The seating accommodation is now about 450 and the building has been re-roofed, painted, papered and kalsomined and made most attractive and comfortable. Mr. Macdonnell's fervent, practical and eloquent sermons at the opening made a very powerful impression. On Monday evening following the opening exercises a social meeting was held. Tea was served in the basement. The pastor, Rev. James Gourlay, occupied the chair at the after meeting in the body of the church, and addresses were given by the Revs. D. J. Macdonnell, Toronto; Tolmie, Southampton; Johnston, of Paisley, and the resident ministers. Including the subscriptions for the new organ, which were taken the week of the opening, the receipts of the services amounted to \$355. On Sunday, December 1st, the services were continued by the pastor in the forenoon and the Rev. James Little, of Underwood, in the evening. Mr. Gourlay recalled some of the changes that took place during his pastorate of 15 years, there being only twenty six members left who were on the roll when he became minister at Port Elgin. The congregation was never more prosperous than at present. The regular services are well attended, harmony and mutual esteem prevail between pastor and people, and the earnest and unceasing labours of the former are held in growing appreciation by the whole community. The expense of the recent extension and improvements has all been provided for.

THE Hespeler correspondent of the *Galt Reporter* says: After being closed for two weeks for renovation, the Presbyterian Church, Hespeler, was re-opened on Sunday week with appropriate services. The church presents a beautiful appearance, being nicely papered on both walls and ceiling; the floor carpeted and the old pews replaced by handsome opera chairs. This together with the new Sunday school, built last summer, makes one of the best equipped church buildings in the neighbourhood. In the morning the services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jackson of Galt, who preached a very able and eloquent sermon. The building was crowded to the doors. In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Beattie, of Guelph, officiated. He also preached a very able sermon. But the evening service was the one of the day; Mr. Jackson conducted this one also. Every available space was occupied; where a chair could be placed in the aisles in front of the pulpit, there they were placed. People sat on the edge of the pulpit platform, out in the vestry, the ante room, stood in the lobby, and at the door; and yet crowds turned away from the door unable to gain admission. Such a jam has never been seen at any meeting of any kind in Hespeler. Mr. Jackson spoke for over an hour, yet his hearers were not tired listening to him, and could have sat another hour, so interesting was the speaker. On the following Monday evening a prayer and tea-meeting was held. Like the previous evening crowds were turned away; being unable to gain admission. Speeches were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Smith, of Guelph; Jackson, of Galt and Cornish, Haist and Haigh, Hespeler. Rev. Mr. Mullen, of Fergus, occupied the chair. Two beautiful solos were given by Miss Johnson of Woodstock. The choir of the church also furnished excellent music. The collections on Sunday and the proceeds of Monday evening amounted to nearly \$200.

THE Smith's Falls News says: During the past three years, among the many other extensive improvements which have been going on in our midst, the least noticeable has been that of church edifice improvements. Owing to the rapid and permanent growth in population and wealth, a broader freedom of thought, and a desire to keep pace with the spirit of the times, one after another of the several denominational bodies have been enlarging and improving their places of worship. St. Andrew's Church, which fifty-three years ago was built by the pioneers of the town and surrounding district and which till the year 1878, or forty-two years later, remained the simple wooden edifice it was when first erected, on Sunday week presented an appearance second to no other building of its size belonging to Scotland's Kirk, in the province. In the year 1878 St. Andrew's Church woke up from its forty two years' sleep, added thirteen feet to its length and was brick veneered and otherwise improved. Ten years later it was found necessary to again enlarge it to meet the demand of an

ever-increasing congregation. The church proper has been thoroughly overhauled, the ceiling re-painted and decorated, the walls re-plastered and re-painted, the old stall pews have given place to the latest opera chair, so constructed as to make a very comfortable seat and at the same time not occupy much space, having iron supports, and can be folded up when not in use. The floor is on an incline towards the pulpit and the building as now furnished will seat over three hundred and fifty persons—nine in a row down the centre and four in a row down each side. At the end of the building and just back of the pulpit has been built a choir, in which has been placed a new and very handsome Bell organ. The forty-eight feet added to the building this year has lengthened the body of the church by seven feet and provided for a well designed and very convenient Sabbath school room, with two adult and one infant class rooms and a library—also a comfortable vestry. The windows are made of frosted glass with coloured borders which give a pretty effect. The heating by registers is perfect and the lighting is with the incandescent lamp, of which there are twenty-five. The outside premises have also been improved, and altogether the work done will make a cosy and attractive church and school.

THE handsome and commodious building erected by the congregation of St. Andrews Church, Tamworth, of which the Rev. W. S. F. Smith is pastor was opened on Sabbath week: To Rev. M. W. McLean, M.A., of Belleville, was accorded the honour of preaching the first discourse in the new church. The selection was a wise one, as was proved by the admirable sermon which the occasion called forth. He took occasion to offer some practical advice, admonition and counsel, couched in such terms as cannot fail to make a lasting impression for good upon the congregation. He based his remarks on the first verse of the 6th chapter, 11 Corinthians: "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." His theme was "being co-workers with Christ." He pointed out the practical work of the congregation was but begun. To-day they were to begin making a history of this church, and it depended upon themselves what the records should contain. He recalled that as Christians, as members of the church Christ established, they were co-workers with God in saving the world. The numbers or wealth of the congregation mattered not so long as they were filled with zeal for the cause. He urged upon the congregation faithful devotion to God and his work through every trial and tribulation, maintaining a reputation that will be a living testimony of the principles professed. At 2.30 P.M. the church was again filled to overflowing, indeed, many were not able to gain admittance. Rev. W. F. Allen, of Newburgh, preached from the last clause of Judges viii. 18—"Each one resembled the children of a king." At the evening service the church was even more densely packed than during the day, while scores turned away from the door unable to gain an entrance. Rev. T. G. Smith, D.D., Secretary of Queen's University, occupied the pulpit, and preached an able, eloquent and effective sermon from the text: "The express image of His person." The large congregation listened for an hour held in rapt attention by the unusual line of the discourse, the depth of thought and research manifested in its plan, the eloquent language and impressive manner of the speaker, and the perfect logic of his reasoning. It was a sermon which will cause the learned Secretary of Queen's to be long remembered by those who heard it. On Monday evening the feast of dedication, or the tea-meeting, as it was called was held in the Town Hall, and proved to be one of the most successful enterprises of the kind ever held in the village. All denominations apparently were anxious to demonstrate an interest in the work in which Mr. Smith and his people have been engaged, and their satisfaction and approval of the successful completion of their labours. The ladies served refreshments of excellent quality and in lavish abundance. The chair was taken by Mr. W. C. Scott. There was a good practical address from Rev. Mr. Allen, a happy speech from Rev. R. J. Craig, Deseronto; an earnest address on the influence of Christ in the world by Rev. Mr. Depew, of Yarker; by Rev. A. Young, of Napanee, a historical review of Presbyterian effort in the outlying townships of the country, a rousing appeal for a continued effort in placing the parish on the footing it should occupy, closing with deserved congratulations to Mr. Smith on the success of his labours; a very humorous speech by Dr. Smith in which he kept the audience by turns convulsed with laughter or rapt with stirring words of eloquence. Messrs. J. W. Bell, M. P. and J. S. Miller, M.P.P., each made a happy and appropriate address, while Mr. Russell, editor of the *Deseronto Tribune*, delivered a neat, timely and interesting speech. Misses Reid and Stratton gave recitations, both of which were admirable rendering, touching a responsive cord in the hearts of those who listened. Mr. J. F. Ferguson also gave a reading, and being happy in his selection and delivery, made a decided hit. The dedication services will net considerably over \$100, and this will leave only \$550 above the subscriptions already obtained to provide for the cost of the church, which is estimated at \$2,500. This of itself is a grand testimonial to the energy, zeal, perseverance, and popularity of the pastor of the congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—An adjourned meeting was held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 3rd inst. The call to Mr. Gordon was taken up. After hearing all the commissioners it was agreed that in view of the serious illness of Mr. Gordon, the matter be left open for three months. The Presbytery, led by Mr. Panton, engaged in prayer on Mr. Gordon's behalf, seeking that he might soon be restored to his usual health. Mr. Chas. Gordon, who represented his father, thanked the Presbytery for their sympathy thus shown. The remittance of the constitution of the General Assembly was considered. It was agreed to recommend that the representation of the Assembly be reduced to one sixth; that a central place of meeting be chosen and a fund provided for the payment of the expenses of delegates to the Assembly. Rev. A. Henderson was appointed to prepare and read a paper at the next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's church, Stratford, on Monday, January 13th, 1890, at 7.30 p. m.—A. F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The second annual Conference of the Dominion Evangelical Alliance was held in St. James Square Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Mr. W. H. Howland, president of the Alliance, presided. The opening prayer was led by Rev. Charles Chiniquy.

Mr. Howland delivered the opening address. He was confident that the country would not have been so awakened on the Jesuit matter if it had not been for the action of the Dominion Alliance. He believed that, by having accomplished that much, the Dominion Alliance had really won a place in the affections of the people, and he felt that must not be the end of the matter. Not that they had further political duty before them, but they should face their danger in this matter as Christians should. They, as Christians, had never taken hold of the work of French Evangelization as they ought, and he urged that this now be done. He spoke of the efforts of the Irish Church to evangelize the Irish people, which were stopped by the Church itself. If it had not been for this, Ireland would be in a different position to-day. The late Hon. Mr. Ross, who died in Quebec the other day, left a portion of his fortune for French Evangelization. He thought that this action indicated the direction that their future labours should take, and that they should build up a glorious French Protestant Church. Among themselves, too, he thought they should preach a more earnest evangel than they had in the past. Many people are now outside of the Church, and they must send out a spirit of evangelization that shall bring these into the Church.