

## Ministers and Churches.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**—Rev. Dr. Reid has received from "A Friend to Missions" \$100, viz.: Home Missions, North West, \$50, and Augmentation, \$50.

**THE REV. J. A. F. McBain**, of Providence, R. I., has recently received the degree of Ph. B. from Illinois University, at Bloomington, Ill., after passing an examination on their post graduate course of studies.

**MR. REGINALD RADCLIFFE** addressed St. James Square congregation on Sabbath evening, and afterwards along with Mr. George C. Needham spoke at the regular meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association.

**THE** handsome new church edifice at Campbellton, N. B., is to be opened about the middle of August. The Rev. Dr. McCrae, St. John, and Rev. A. T. Love, Quebec, are to be the preachers at the opening services.

**THE** people of St. Andrew's, New Westminster, B. C., have decided to build this summer a \$12,000 brick church. It is a pretty big contract for a congregation which attained self-support barely two years ago, and has built a \$2,500 manse in the meantime; but New Westminster is a rapidly growing place.

**THE** Rev. J. Wilkie desires it to be understood that on his return to Ontario from the Maritime Provinces, he intends visiting as many of the congregations as he can overtake. Those desirous of a visit from the earnest missionary, who gives a most graphic account of the work in Central India, can correspond with him, saving the time most convenient for them. His address is 270 Wellington Street, West, Toronto.

**THE** Rev. William Graham, of St. Andrew's Church, St. Johns, Newfoundland, has spent a few days in Toronto. Mr. Graham has been travelling through Canada, after attending the meeting of the General Assembly, and is much pleased with Toronto and the country west. He succeeded the Rev. L. G. Macneil, now of St. John, N. B., and is a young clergyman of much promise. Mr. Graham was born and educated in Scotland. The Rev. L. G. Macneil is spending his vacation in Prince Edward Island.

**ON** Monday week a large congregation was present in St. James Square Church at the valedictory services held in connection with the departure of Miss H. Sutherland, now on her way along with Dr. and Mrs. Smith to Honan, China. Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, presided; and the consecration prayer was offered up by Rev. Dr. Reid, and addresses were delivered by Revs. S. H. Kellogg, D.D., John Laing, D.D., D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., and Mr. Henderson, of Cobourg, who in name of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society presented Miss Sutherland with a copy of the Scriptures.

**THE** *Huntsville Forester* says: Sermons by the Rev. J. Sievright have been so attractive for the past year that the seating capacity of the church has been strained to its utmost to comfortably seat all who attend. The church managers met in the Church recently and discussed the situation. Some were for putting in a gallery, others for building an addition, and others were for putting in a lot of chairs to tide over for the present, and it was decided that chairs be furnished. The day is not far distant when our Presbyterian friends will have to square in the face the question of building a new church, and many of the members could not see the force of squandering a lot of money on the old edifice.

**ON** Monday evening the 9th July, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, of West Flamboro, celebrated their crystal wedding. Upwards of seventy of their friends were present. The feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a handsome set of fruit dishes in silver frames, to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, accompanied by a neatly worded address expressive of the kindly feelings with which they are regarded and conveying fervent wishes for their future happiness and usefulness. The address was read by Mr. Andrew Black. The presentation was made by Mrs. Thomas Thompson. Other valuable gifts were presented by friends. Mr. Fisher made a very appropriate speech in reply to the address. Altogether a very pleasant time was spent.

**COMMUNION** services were held lately in St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon, Quebec. In these services the pastor, Rev. James Barclay Muir was assisted on the 6th July by the Rev. George Whilans, of North Georgetown, who preached a most appropriate preparatory sermon on Job ix. 2, "But how should man be just with God?" At the forenoon service on the 8th inst., the Lord's supper was dispensed by the minister of the congregation to the largest number of communicants that ever met in St. Andrew's Church. This result is most gratifying to the Rev. Mr. Muir, after a pastorate in Huntingdon of fourteen years. In the evening of the 8th, the Rev. Mr. Langton, of Rockburn, preached a good sermon to a large and appreciative audience. The Ladies' Aid Society of the above church has lately given to the congregation a handsome silver communion service.

**THE** Rev. J. Wilkie, of the Central Indian Mission writes: Would you kindly allow me the use of your columns to answer once for all a question that has very frequently been put to me since my return home. The question generally runs thus: "Can you come to us and what are your terms?" The origin of this last question I fail to understand. All missionaries receive their salary from the Church when at home as well as when abroad, and so are precluded from any attempt to make money for themselves on the principle of simple honesty, if nothing more. Collections are generally taken up, but these are not for the missionary but for the Foreign Mission Funds of the Church. It is a privilege to tell of what has been done in the hope of increasing interest in the work, and I regret therefore, that we missionaries have been thought capable of selfishly turning our own knowledge or calling to mercenary uses.

**THE** corner-stone of the new church for the congregation of St. Andrew's, New Westminster, B. C., was laid on the 12th July, by the Rev. R. Jamieson, the pioneer of our Church in British Columbia, who organized the congregation of St. Andrew's, and ministered to it through most of the years of isolation, until ill health compelled him to retire in 1884. Rev. Thomas Scouler, the present pastor, presided, and addresses were delivered by Rev. R. Y. Thompson, of Knox College, Toronto; Hon. John Robson, Provincial Secretary (one of the "charter members" of St. Andrew's); Rev. J. H. White—Methodist—(son of an honoured British Columbia pioneer missionary); Rev. Thomas Haddon—Reformed Episcopal; Rev. R. Lennie—Baptist, and others. Rev. R. Y. Thompson made eloquent and touching allusion to the long and faithful pastorate of Mr. Jamieson, and paid a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. J. S. Mackay, which awakened a responsive echo in many hearts. Hon. Mr. Robson and other speakers also made feeling reference to pioneer days and pioneer struggles. A very handsome silver trowel, suitably engraved, was presented to Mr. Jamieson by the chairman of the Building Committee, and the usual records, papers, etc., were placed under the stone. The church is to be of brick on a granite foundation. It will seat 600, and cost between \$12,000 and \$14,000. The contractors expect to have it ready about Christmas.

**THE** corner-stone of the Nisbet Academy was laid recently with imposing and impressive ceremonies, Canon Flett acting for the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M., discharged the special duty of the hour and delivered an appropriate address, concluding with the words, "We doubt not that this institution will be of great benefit to our town, and in selecting the name of Nisbet for your Academy you are rightly doing honour to the memory of one who laid the foundation and corner-stone of our town of Prince Albert, the capital of the Saskatchewan, and you are perpetuating in the history of your Church the name of a noble pioneer missionary of the grand old historic Presbyterian Church of Scotland. Addresses were also delivered by the Hon. L. Clarke, Archdeacon McKay, Mayor Bain and Dr. Jardine. The *Prince Albert Times* says: Exactly a year ago the Rev. Dr. Jardine was sent down by the congregation to whom he ministers to plead the cause of the school before the General Assembly in Winnipeg. The result of his appeal was authority to proceed at once to raise funds for the establishment of the school on a permanent basis. For nine months he laboured in Ontario and Quebec with this object in view, and returned about the end of March last with the report that about \$8,000 had been secured. Meanwhile the school had been incorporated by the Dominion Parliament under the name of "The Trustees of the Nisbet Academy of Prince Albert," and the gentlemen thus entrusted with the establishment of the institution have lost no time in acting upon the authority given to them. The Academy will be under the control of twelve trustees who are to be appointed annually by the Synod of Manitoba and the North-West Territories of the Presbyterian Church, and are required to send an annual report to that body.

**THE** Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Smith with Miss Harriet R. Sutherland, trained nurse, sailed from Owen Sound en route for the Honan Mission, China, on Wednesday, 18th inst., by Canadian Pacific Railway steamer *Athabasca*. A farewell meeting was held in Knox Church, Owen Sound, on the evening previous, Dr. Fraser, of Leith, presiding, and representing the Foreign Mission Committee. He congratulated those present upon the privilege of attending such a meeting; he congratulated the Church upon the character of the missionaries she was sending out, and the missionaries upon the fact that they represented the Presbyterian Church which was leading the Churches of Canada in Foreign Mission work. Short addresses expressing sympathy with the missionaries in their noble work were delivered by Rev. Messrs. McDiarmid, Mullen and McGinnis representing Owen Sound Presbytery. Mr. Holmes, Methodist minister, said he would not be true to his Church, which had always been a missionary Church, did he not express his sympathy with the missionaries about to sail for China and wish them God speed. Mr. Gandier, of St. Mark's, Toronto, represented the Queen's University Missionary Association by whose effort Dr. and Mrs. Smith are being sent to the foreign field. He said it was a day of sadness to those who were personal friends of Dr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Sutherland; but it was also a day of rejoicing when the efforts of years had been crowned with success, and the holiest ambition of Dr. Smith and many of his fellow students fulfilled. Dr. Smith in his words of farewell said it was the saddest day of their life and at the same time the happiest—saddest when they thought of the partings, happiest when they thought of the work before them. No one knew the pain of parting with father and mother, brothers and sisters, and turning one's back upon the old homestead and the old associations until called upon to make the sacrifice; but they were borne up by a faith not of this world. For himself and the lady missionaries he asked the continued intercession of God's children. They left our shores with one request—"Brethren, pray for us." The missionaries were commended to God by Rev. Messrs. Morrison and McAlpin, and the meeting closed with the benediction. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$23 which was forwarded to the treasurer of the College Missionary Association.

**PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.**—This Presbytery met at Chesterville, July 3. Mr. Macalister, B.A., of Iroquois, was chosen Moderator for six months. Mr. Harkness ably presented the claims of Pleasant Valley for divine service, for which he received the thanks of the Presbytery. Mr. Macdiarmid obtained leave to moderate in a call at Hyndman and Osgoode Line. A very hearty and unanimous call from Morrisburg, in favour of the Rev. H. Cameron, B.A., of Watford, Ont., was sustained. Salary \$900 and a house. Mr. Lochhead, of Parkhill, was appointed to prosecute the call. The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk

of the committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches on Ecclesiastical Cooperation. The letter was allowed to lie on the table for the guidance of the Presbytery. The deputation appointed to visit Farmersville and associated stations, with a view to rearrangement, reported that the present arrangement was not the best, but recommended that action be deferred until further information be obtained. The recommendation was adopted. Mr. Kellock presented the Home Mission report, which showed that all the mission stations within the bounds were well provided with the Gospel, and that good was being done. Messrs. MacGillivray and J. J. Richards were appointed to visit Toledo, etc., and Messrs. Stuart and Hyland to visit Stone's Corners and North Augusta. It was moved, seconded and agreed to, that the question of rearranging the western section of the Presbytery be left open until the adjourned meeting at Brockville, when all the stations will have been visited. The Clerk presented the report on colportage which was received and adopted. In the event of Mr. Cameron's acceptance of the call from Morrisburg, arrangements for the induction were made as follows: The Moderator of Session to preside, Mr. McKenzie to preach, the Clerk to address the minister, Mr. Shearer the people. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed to assign students' exercises. The next regular meeting to be held in Spencer-ville, September 10, at two p.m. An adjourned meeting will be held in First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, July 26, at three p.m. Messrs. MacGillivray, Stuart and the Clerk, were appointed to make suitable arrangements for holding missionary meetings, and to report at the September meeting. A deputation from Pleasant Valley appeared before the Presbytery asking for supply. It was agreed to send them a student. The matter of the rearrangement of the eastern section of the Presbytery was then taken up. The Clerk moved that Winchester Springs and West Winchester; Colquhoun and North Williamsburg; Dunbar and Chesterville be hereafter the arrangement with Mr. Grant, minister of the two last named places. This arrangement not meeting with the views of some of the delegates, it was again moved by the Clerk and agreed to, that the whole matter of rearrangement be dismissed; that the Presbytery's Convener of Home Mission Committee be instructed to secure the services of a student forthwith as an assistant to Mr. Grant. Dr. Moffat's resignation of West Winchester congregation was accepted and Mr. Shearer appointed Moderator of Session, with instructions to declare the pulpit vacant on July 15. Messrs. Shearer, Kellock and Grant were appointed a committee on supply. Mr. Munro's trials for license were heard. He was also examined in theology. The examination was sustained as highly satisfactory, and Mr. Munro was licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. Kellock, on behalf of the congregation of Farmersville, asked leave to mortgage the church. Leave was granted, and the Clerk was instructed to forward an extract to the Rev. Mr. Pullar. It was agreed to send a student to North Williamsburg and Winchester Springs. Knox Church, Merrickville and St. George's Church, Jasper, were named into one pastoral charge. Mr. Kellock was instructed to apply for a grant of \$200. Leave was granted to moderate in a call.—GEORGE MACARTHUR, Pres. Clerk.

**PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.**—This Court held a regular meeting in Knox Church, Stratford, on Tuesday, July 10, at half-past ten a.m. There was a very full attendance of ministers and elders. In the absence of Mr. Tully, stated Clerk, Mr. Henderson was appointed Clerk *pro tem*. Elders commissions were presented, and Mr. J. Campbell's term as Moderator having expired, Mr. J. A. Turnbull, LL.B., of St. Mary's, was appointed Moderator for the current six months. Mr. Alexander Hamilton, of Regina Presbytery, and Messrs. R. Watt, and J. McClung, were invited to correspond. A reference from Milverton Session was taken up, and Mr. Kay requested that assessors be appointed by the Presbytery to act with the Session and congregation. This request was granted and the following assessors were appointed, viz.: The Moderator, and Messrs. Wright, Stewart, Ballantyne, Dewar and Livingstone. The Moderator reported that owing to the death of Mr. Boyd, the committee on redistribution of stations had done nothing in the North. The report was received, and Messrs. Dewar and Freeborn, of Zion Church, Wellesley, and Messrs. Barbour and Campbell, of Crosshill, were heard ancient redistribution of these stations. It was moved by Mr. Wright, and seconded by Mr. Pant n, that the committee on redistribution be instructed to continue their work in the North end of the field, and urge upon the congregations of Crosshill and Wellesley, Milverton, and Millbank, respectively, that in the opinion of this Presbytery it is in the highest degree desirable that Millbank and Crosshill form one pastoral charge, and Milverton and Zion Church, Wellesley, another, especially as no guarantee can be given by the Presbytery to the congregations of Crosshill and Wellesley, that the grant from the Augmentation Fund will be continued; Carried. In reference to Mr. Gordon's arrears of stipend a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Wright, Ray, Sutherland and Turnbull, with instructions to visit the field and ascertain the financial condition of Harrington congregation. The committee appointed to bring in a condensed report of proceedings in connection with the late Mr. Boyd's funeral, and also to prepare an obituary minute, reported through Mr. McKibbin. The report was received and adopted and the action of the members of Presbytery on the occasion of Mr. Boyd's funeral approved. The obituary minute is as follows: "It is with feelings of the most profound grief that we, the Presbytery of Stratford, record the death of the Rev. James Boyd, who died at Crosshill, Wellesley, on Sabbath morning 10th ult. He was a native of Pollockshaws, Scotland, and at the time of his death was seventy-three years of age. For the long period of forty-one years, he had laboured in the work of the ministry, and for twenty-nine years he was a member of this Court. Of Mr. Boyd it may be truly said, that he consecrated himself to the Master's service. He was seldom absent from a meeting of Presbytery, and we feel that we have sustained a great loss in his removal! We shall miss his words of wisdom and ripe experience in conducting the business of this Court."