

Ministers and Churches.

THE congregation of Dover has unanimously called Rev. William Farquharson, B.A.

THE memoir of the late lamented Mr. Inglis, of Ayr, which Dr. Cochrane has been preparing during the last few months is now in the press. Detailed announcements, as to date of publication, price, etc., will be given in a future issue.

A LECTURE was given last Friday evening in Knox Church, under the auspices of the Young People's Association, by the Rev. Andrew Wilson, on "The Martyrs of Scotland." It was exceedingly interesting and instructive, and greatly appreciated by all present.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Battleford, it was decided to name the beautiful brick church recently erected, in honour of the pastor, "Gardiner Presbyterian Church." This is one of many tokens of appreciation on the part of the congregation of their missionary, Rev. J. McL. Gardiner.

THE Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., pastor of Erskine Church, Montreal, has this year again sent to each of the families represented in his congregation, a very prettily designed "New Year's Greeting." The card is printed in colours, and is sure to be preserved as a pleasant little souvenir. It cannot but contribute to cement the closeness of attachment already existing between pastor and people.

AN entertainment was held in the Town Hall, Thamesford, on December 30, under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Mission Society of St. Andrew's Church. There was a large and select audience, the hall being crowded to the doors. Tea was served from six to eight. The chair was taken by the Rev. L. Cameron; a most interesting programme was proceeded with, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, addresses, etc. Proceeds amounted to \$72.

At the Presbyterian College, Halifax, the Rev. Dr. Burns began a course of special lectures on Wednesday, November 10, closing on Wednesday, December 22, seven in all, on "Mohamed," "Wycliff," "Huss," "Tyndale," "Luther" and "Knox." His last year's course was on the "Principles, Practices and Institutions of the Jesuits." On January 12 a special course of ten lectures on missionary topics will be given by as many ministers. There are twenty-seven theological students, very promising.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, B. C., on the last Sabbath of 1886, when twenty-one names were added to the communion roll, sixteen by certificate and five on profession of faith. This makes the additions for the year forty two. A new and beautiful service of communion plate was used on this occasion, the flagon of which bears this inscription: "In memory of Mrs. Lizzie Garvin Jamieson, who died May 14, 1886. Presented to the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, by her husband." A fitting memorial.

IN response to a suggestion concerning the completion of Knox College Endowment Fund, made in *Knox College Monthly*, the Rev. William Burns has received, from a correspondent he does not name, the following note which speaks for itself and to others: "I am delighted to see the Endowment Fund progressing so well. I wish I were able to act on the hint of the *Monthly* to make it the \$200,000. In default of that will you accept a subscription of \$50, payable in five equal annual instalments (first to be made on 1st May, 1887), with interest from 1st January. This is practically cash you will see."

BETWEEN sixty and seventy of the members of the South Presbyterian Church, West Nisour, assembled at the residence of Mr. John Steele on New Year's Eve, and presented him with an address and a handsome easy chair and gauntlets. Mrs. Steele was at the same time the recipient of a magnificent parlour rocking chair in appreciation of Mr. Steele's services as precursor for the last five years. Mr. Steele gratefully replied, after which the ladies provided an excellent repast. The rest of the evening was spent in an enjoyable way. A late hour the company dispersed, wishing each other a happy new year.

THE Rev. D. Wardrope, of Westminster Church, Teeswater, has had a serious attack of hemorrhage of the lungs. He is now recovering slowly, and his many friends hope and pray that he may soon be completely restored. At the last meeting of Presbytery he tendered his resignation of his charge. A congregational meeting was held in Westminster Church on December 23, at which meeting it was decided to leave the pulpit supplied in the meantime by probationers, and that these be paid by the congregation. It was also decided to ask the Presbytery not to grant the resignation of their pastor. Probationers desiring a few days' work may apply to Rev. A. R. Linton, Teeswater.

THE sale in the Presbyterian Church, Nanaimo, and the social in the evening of the same day were well attended and successful, the ladies having disposed of nearly all the fancy and useful articles at remunerative prices. In the evening the attendance was large, many friends outside the congregation being present. The choir, as usual, acquitted itself well, and the audience was favoured with addresses from Rev. John Scott, who gave reminiscences of his first journey from Toronto to Bath, more than thirty years ago; and told also some of his late experiences in the mission fields of Manitoba and the North-West Territories. After a few routine matters were attended to the meeting was brought to a close, the promoters being well satisfied with the results of their labours. The net proceeds amounted to \$62.

A MOST pleasant and profitable reunion of the children and young folks of Knox Church, Ottawa, was recently held in the large lecture hall of the church. Tea was served to all, and then a full and very satisfactory programme of

musical and literary selections was presented. The chair was occupied by Mr. Macmillan, the superintendent of the Sabbath school. The distribution of prizes was first proceeded with. These embraced the superintendent's prize given to the class having the best record for regular attendance during the year, the prizes given by the school to those who were present every Sabbath during the year, Mr. Donald Masson's prize given to each member of his own class, and Mr. Blackburn's prize for memorizing scripture selections. The many friends testified that this was the best Sabbath school festival ever held in the congregation.

A CORRESPONDENT informs the Guelph *Mercury* that the Rev. Hugh Rose, of Elora, whose various illustrated lectures have been such a marked success, has just procured from Scotland, through Messrs. Connors, a series of magnificent photographic views, intended to serve as art realizations of the scenes which will be described in a series of lectures which he is preparing on "Edinburgh," "The Land of Burns," and other cognate subjects. Mr. Rose is one of the most pleasant lecturers on the Canadian platform. is full of his subject, especially when it deals with the land of his birth, possesses broad and liberal views and keen powers of observation, and pleases all who listen to his vivid descriptions and touches of humour, and look upon the varied pictures which serve to transport the spectator to the locality portrayed by camera and lecturer. A private view of the pictures was given recently to a small but appreciative audience, and all the sons of Scotia present were delighted with the glimpses given them of the homes of their youth.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Osgoode and Kenmore was held on the 29th of December. The congregation is at present in good working order. There were twenty-five new communicants added during the year, on a public profession of faith in Christ as their Saviour. The three Sabbath schools and two Bible classes are well attended, there are hopeful signs that the Lord is working especially among the young people of said congregation. Osgoode is being prepared to build a new brick church in the village of Vernon, which is to cost about \$4,000. At the anniversary of the Sabbath school in Vernon, on New Year's night, the children were presented with New Year gifts. Mr. Thomas Bow, the superintendent, was the recipient of a beautiful edition of Bagster's Polyglot Bible. Miss Kate Kennedy was presented with a well filled purse, for presiding at the organ of the Sabbath school, and at the Sabbath evening meetings in Vernon. The pastor, Rev. Robert Hughes, was presented with a large buffalo robe and an address.

A VERY interesting and successful congregational meeting of the congregation of Fitzroy and Torbolton was held on January 6 in the new church, Torbolton. The church was well filled, each half of the congregation being well represented. Rev. W. K. Shearer, the pastor, occupied the chair. The meeting was opened by the whole congregation singing Psalm cxxxiii. Tea was provided by the ladies, after which a financial statement was read, showing that the current expenses of the year had been all provided for, a great increase in the amount contributed to the Schemes of the Church, and that on the whole the year had been a very prosperous one. The reading of the different statements, election of officers, etc., were pleasingly relieved by music, in which the ladies of each section of the congregation took part, and by a reading by Miss Fraser, deservedly applauded. A pleasant feature of the evening's entertainment was a half-hour devoted to social conversation, that the members of the congregation might have an opportunity for becoming better acquainted, and which they evidently appreciated and improved. After votes of thanks were awarded, a very enjoyable evening was closed by singing the doxology.

CHRISTMAS Eve will be a night long remembered by the children of Cumberland, when about 200 of them, in connection with the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches in the village, accompanied by their parents and friends, assembled in the Presbyterian Church. The occasion was the despoiling of a monster, thirteen feet high Christmas tree, which was literally loaded with handsome presents generously subscribed for by the members of the two Churches. By seven o'clock every available seat in the church was occupied, and after a few introductory remarks by the Rev. J. Miles Crombie, the pastor, the proceedings of the evening began by a very interesting entertainment given by the children, consisting of appropriate pieces of music and recitations, the choir contributing "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "All Glory, Praise and Honour," with Miss Prince pleasingly presiding at the organ. The concert over, the distribution of presents took place, to the evident joy of the youthful recipients, not one being forgotten. The surprise feature of the evening was the gift of a winter coat to the pastor, when Mr. Walter Dunning, treasurer, read a kindly address, and Miss Prince and Miss Wilson gracefully made the presentation on behalf of the subscribers. The rev. gentleman having suitably returned thanks, the evening's entertainment was concluded by all singing the doxology, every one having spent a pleasant time.

A MOST successful Christmas entertainment was held in connection with Norwood Sabbath School. After devotional exercises, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. Carmichael, M.A., the superintendent, Mr. W. E. Roxburgh, stated that a cantata would be rendered by the younger pupils, and which inculcated the important truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive; that at this Christmas season they were endeavouring to carry out that principle, by asking the scholars to bring such articles of clothing as would be of use to the Indians and Half-breeds and their children in the missions of the Presbyterian Church in the Northwest. He also thanked the audience for the heartiness with which they countenance the Sabbath schools, as the presence of so many showed that its work was appreciated. Mr. Clark then read the annual report. This showed: Number of scholars on the roll, 126; average attendance, ninety; number of teachers and officers, fourteen; expenditure for Sabbath school for the year 1886, \$43.20; quarterly collections in church on behalf of school, \$19.83;

sabbath collections in school and birthday box, \$58.29; the whole of this latter sum, \$58.29, was voted by the school for missionary purposes. The cantata followed, reflecting great credit on the children and their teachers, and gave great delight to the audience. The solos given by the little girls were really well rendered. The well pleased audience, after spending a most enjoyable evening, dispersed at a seasonable hour.

THE young people of English River held a very successful Christmas festival on December 23. The church was filled to its utmost capacity, benches being placed along the aisles. The platform, which was occupied by the children, and on which stood the Christmas trees, was an attractive sight. The pastor presided, and was ably assisted by the Rev. Mr. Birrell, late of Hawick, Scotland. A very interesting programme was gone through, consisting of short speeches music, readings, recitations, etc. The young people acquitted themselves admirably, reflecting credit upon those who had the training of them. The pieces of music were well rendered, and elicited loud applause. An interesting feature of the entertainment was a series of presentations—one by the pupils of English River school to their teacher, Miss Campbell, consisting of a silver butter-cooler, etc. another, by the members of Star Lodge, to Mrs. Mackeracher, of a valuable Christmas box; another, by the members of the Bible class and congregation of English River, to the Rev. C. M. Mackeracher, of a purse containing \$55. After the gifts, with which the trees were loaded, were distributed, the proceedings were brought to a close, a very enjoyable evening having been spent. The young people realized by the entertainment \$35. On the following evening, December 24, the Hawick section of the same congregation held their annual Sabbath school festival in Knox Church. Although the weather was most unfavourable, the church was well filled, and the entertainment highly successful. The Rev. C. M. Mackeracher presided. The superintendent, Mr. George McClellan, made an interesting statement bearing upon the past history and the present condition of the school. Eloquent addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. B. Muir, of Huntington, and Mr. Birrell. The music, under the able leadership of Dr. Shanks, was excellent. The readings and recitations were well rendered. The cantata, "King Winter," was much admired. A pleasing part of the programme was the presentation, by Misses Mackeracher and R. J., to Dr. and Mrs. Shanks, of an address, accompanied by a number of other articles, as a slight recognition, on the part of the congregation, of their services in leading the psalmody in Knox Church. Financially, too, the entertainment was a success. The sum of \$33 was realized in aid of the Sabbath school.

SARNIA PRESBYTERY.—This Presbytery met at Sarnia, on Tuesday, 21st ult., Rev. Mr. Lochead, Parkhill, in the chair. Rev. Hugh Cameron, of Watford, was appointed Moderator for the next six months, and took the chair, which was vacated by Rev. Mr. Lochead. Rev. Messrs. Rennie and Henderson, a deputation from the Presbytery of London, and Rev. D. B. Cameron, formerly of Acton, being present, were asked to sit in the court and took seats accordingly. There was read an extract minute from London Presbytery, in reference to the state of matters at East Williams congregation, and asking the Presbytery of Sarnia to suggest some means for future supply thereof. After discussion, it was agreed that having read the extract from Presbytery of London, and heard commissioners from Presbytery and congregation, reciprocal feelings of anxiety expressed thereby, anent East Williams congregation, and appoint a deputation, consisting of Rev. Dr. Thompson, Rev. Messrs. Currie and McLennan and Mr. Robert Rae, elder, to proceed to the field at their earliest convenience, and make proposals to the congregation there, with a view of cooperating in supply till end of October next. The following deputations were appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations, and report at a meeting. Forest, Messrs. Currie and Rae; Point Edward, Dr. Thompson and Mr. George Leys; Corunna, Messrs. Tibb and Cole; Oil Springs, Messrs. Beemer and Robson. Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Alvington, reported that the supply he had been able to give at Inwood had resulted in the people subscribing about \$90, and asking for student supply during next summer. It was agreed to express gratification at Mr. Johnston's success at Inwood, and also to make arrangements for supply during the summer, as petitioned for. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the third Tuesday in March, at one o'clock p.m., when elders commissions will be called for. Rev. Mr. McLintock laid on the table a list of certified members worshipping at Vyner Station, in connection with Mandamin: The Presbytery agreed to approve of Mr. McLintock's conduct, and declare the names certified by him as the communion roll of Vyner Station, and connect them with Mandamin, under the designation of Mandamin and Vyner. A circular was read, in regard to the Augmentation Fund Scheme, showing that \$550 is expected from this Presbytery. It was agreed to direct the various congregations and stations to exercise greater liberality toward the Scheme, so that the amount asked may be realized. A petition was laid on the table and read from Oil City, asking for renewed help in reducing the debt. Mr. Dobbyn was heard in support of the same, showing that in addition to the ordinary debt a note of \$150 matures at the end of January, for which he and another person are personally responsible. The Presbytery, after investigating closely into the matter, agreed to appoint a committee, consisting of Rev. Mr. Tibb and Mr. George Leys, to communicate with congregations within the bounds, with a view of retiring said note, and report at next meeting. The Presbytery then adjourned to hold a Sabbath School Convention at eight o'clock p.m., in the same place, and was closed with the benediction.—GEORGE CUTHERBERTSON, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery met in First Presbyterian Church, London, on December 14, at half-past two p.m. The attendance was good, there being present twenty-one ministers and fifteen elders. After reading and