

## Ministers and Churches.

EVANGELISTIC services are being held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough.

LARGELY attended anniversary services were lately held in Pembroke Presbyterian Church. Principal Grant was the preacher on the occasion.

THE Rev. Dr. Laing has returned home from Newark, N. J. He is greatly invigorated, and feels much stronger and better after his fortnight's holidays.

THE Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., Galt, chairman of the Collegiate Institute Board, has generously given to the institute library books to the value of \$100.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., recently delivered an able lecture on "Mrs. Browning," under the auspices of the Ottawa Literary and Scientific Association.

THE Rev. James Barclay, of St. Paul's, Montreal, lectured recently in St. John, N. B., on "Savonarola" and "The Implanting of the Christian Church in Canada."

ON the evening of February 10, at the Presbyterian Church, Dresden, Mr. T. B. Anderson was ordained to the eldership. Rev. Mr. Currie, of Wallaceburg, preached, and the pastor of the church performed the ordination ceremonies.

ANNIVERSARY sermons were preached in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, on a recent Sabbath by Rev. Professor McLaren. At the morning service he made a touching reference to the loss sustained by the congregation in the death of Mr. William Moore, of Waterloo, an esteemed elder of St. Andrew's Church.

THE Rev. F. McCuag, having obtained permission to delay accepting his British Columbia appointment, has accepted a temporary engagement as agent to collect arrears of subscriptions to Queen's College. He will commence this work next week, and will be engaged on it in the western part of Ontario for at least a month.

THE Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of Toronto, gave an exceedingly interesting and profitable address at the evening meeting of the Cobourg Y. M. C. A. on a recent Sabbath. He dealt with the subject of personal purity. His address was delivered with great earnestness, and will doubtless cause many to think seriously about a most important subject.

THE concert held in Ratho Church on Tuesday evening, 15th ult., was a grand success. The choir was ably filled by the pastor (Rev. Mr. McKinley). Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Chesterfield, Rev. Mr. Wylie, of Paris, and James Sutherland, M.P. Some very fine musical selections were rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Professor Salter. The proceeds amounted to \$60.

AT the anniversary tea meeting of the Glenmorris Presbyterian Church, held on Tuesday evening, February 8, instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. T. Bone, of the Welland Canal Mission, and Rev. J. M. Cameron, of Toronto. A most interesting event in the meeting was the presentation of a fine Astrachan fur coat to the pastor, Rev. R. Pettigrew, by the congregation. The choir of the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, furnished excellent music for the occasion.

MR. J. FORMAN, of Princeton, N. J., who is at present engaged in visiting the universities and colleges in Canada and the United States in order to bring the claims of foreign missions before the students, delivered brief and impressive addresses in McMaster Hall, also to medical students and in St. James Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last Sabbath. In the evening he addressed a mass meeting of students in the University Y. M. C. A. building, and on Monday afternoon a meeting of ladies in the same place.

MR. J. GOFORTH, of Knox College, conducted the morning and evening services in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay. Both addresses were eloquent and impressive, but the evening address was particularly interesting, as Mr. Goforth spoke of the great mission field of China, where he hopes shortly to labour. A special collection of nearly \$50, to assist in outfitting him, expressed the sympathy of the congregation. Mr. Goforth, of Knox College, and Mr. Smith, of Queen's University, are going as missionaries to China, and are to be supported by these colleges.

THE social meeting held in Knox Church, Woodstock, last week, under the auspices of the Willing Hands Band was very largely attended, the lecture room being filled to its utmost capacity. Music, recitations and refreshments were enjoyed by all, and under the superintendence of Rev. W. T. McMullen, the pastor, the proceedings moved along in the most pleasant manner. Perhaps the most interesting feature of all was the friendly and hearty manner in which all present went round, shaking hands and conversing with each other during the interval given for that purpose. The collection for missions amounted to \$25, which will make a total from the Willing Hands of about \$90 for the year.

THE anniversary services of St. Paul's, Simcoe, were held on the 6th ult. The Rev. W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, who preached morning and evening, delivered magnificent discourses, appropriate to the occasion, to large and appreciative audiences. The Rev. P. Clifton Parker, who conducted the afternoon services, more than sustained his reputation as a divine and a preacher. On Monday evening an excellent supper was provided, and served by the ladies in the basement. Stirring addresses were delivered in the church by Rev. W. T. McMullen, Rev. P. C. Parker, Baptist, and Rev. J. Gemley, English Church. The pastor (Rev. R. M. Croll) occupied the chair. The choir, under the efficient conductorship of Mr. J. W. Best, rendered a choice selection of anthems. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$100.

THE anniversary services in connection with Guthrie Church, Harriston, were held on Sabbath, the 13th ult. The Rev. A. Tolmie, of Southampton, preached in the

morning and evening excellent discourses to large and interested audiences. The annual soiree was held on Monday evening. After tea had been served in the basement to over 500 persons, they repaired to the church. The pastor (Rev. J. Baikie) occupied the chair. Short, but appropriate and profitable, addresses were delivered by Revs. Mr. Somerville, A. Linton, M.A., of Teeswater, A. Tolmie, of Southampton, and A. J. Belt, M.A., of the English Church, J. Mills, Methodist, of Harriston. The choir and others contributed greatly with their singing to the enjoyment of a large and successful meeting. The proceeds of the Sabbath collections and of the social on Monday evening amounted to \$242.

THE annual social of St. Paul's Church, Ottawa, was held last week. The attendance was large. Besides the members and adherents of the congregation there were present quite a number of visiting friends. After justice had been done to the abundance of good things provided by the ladies, the regular programme was begun by music from the choir. Before the recess of half an hour, during which those present seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly, as they always do at St. Paul's, the chairman (Rev. W. D. Armstrong, M.A., Ph.D.) took occasion to refer in a pleasing manner to the services rendered by the choir. He then, after speaking of the valuable services rendered by Miss Nicholson, as organist, called on Mr. Whillans, on behalf of the congregation, to present to Miss Nicholson a valuable dressing case containing some \$40 in gold. After the recess Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Prescott, in a pleasing style, addressed the meeting. Rev. Dr. Moore, of Bank Street Presbyterian Church, also gave an address.

THE annual meeting of the Thamesford Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in St. Andrew's Church on Monday, Feb. 7th ult. An interesting paper bearing on the habits, life and condition of the natives of the New Hebrides was listened to with great eagerness. A draft of the annual report was read by the secretary and approved. The president, secretary and several other ladies are expected to attend the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in London, March 3. The treasurer's report shows that during the past year this society has collected, in all, over \$200. An entertainment was held, the proceeds of which amounted to \$63.50. Thirty dollars were received in missionary boxes, and a box of clothing valued at \$38 was sent to the New Hebrides. Fees, contributions and donations made up the balance. On account of the resignation of Mrs. J. McKay, a new treasurer, Mrs. McWilliam, was duly installed in office. The officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Cameron, president; Mrs. McMillan, vice-president; Mrs. McWilliam, treasurer; Miss M. McKay, secretary.

FROM the annual report, recently published, of St. Andrew's Church, London, the following facts are gleaned: The number of communicants on the roll at the beginning of 1886 was 620; from this there were removed by death eight, and by change of residence, twenty-four, reducing the membership to 588; to these were added by certificate, seventy-one; and by profession of faith in Christ, fifty-eight, making the present membership, 717. The number of families on the pastor's visiting book is fully 400. The baptisms during the year were thirty, of which five were adults. The deaths in all were seventeen. The secretary-treasurer's report shows that the congregational income for the year amounted to \$5,616.99, and the expenditure was \$4,617.84, leaving a balance of \$999.15. The total contributions of the congregation, including those for missionary and benevolent purposes, amounted to \$6,833.24. The Sabbath school and Bible class reports indicate steady and satisfactory progress in attendance and contributions. The Missionary Association report shows that \$1,098.19 were apportioned to the Schemes of the Church. The congregational Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is also able to report progress and good work done in connection with missions. Though the report makes no reference to the matter, it was proposed to increase Rev. Mr. Murray's salary by \$200, a proposition which he magnanimously declined.

THE congregation of Wendigo Presbyterian Church held its annual business meeting on the evening of January 12, the pastor (Rev. J. S. Henderson) in the chair. The chairman reported for the Session, giving an account of the spiritual growth of the church; eighteen had been added to the membership during the year, which was now 119, or nearly double what it was a few years ago. The weekly prayer meeting had been fairly attended, and averaged about fifty five. The Bible classes and Sabbath school had also been well attended, the number on the roll being eighty-nine. A review of the field was also given, showing the number of places requiring services, etc. The treasurer's report covered a period of thirteen months, and showed that the income from all sources had been as follows:—Cash on hand, December 2, 1885, \$12.72; received from subscriptions and collections, \$936.35; subscription for Knox College Endowment, \$28.12, making altogether \$977.19; from the Willing Workers' Society, for the building fund, \$190.77; subscriptions for the building fund, \$683.38—making the total amount \$1,851.34. Disbursements during the year:—Salaries and running expenses, \$777.41; improvements on property, \$60.19; Schemes of the Church, \$56.50; Knox College Endowment, \$28.12; cash on hand, \$29.12; paid on church and manse debt, including one year's interest, \$900; total amount, \$1,851.34. After the usual election of office-bearers, the meeting was closed by the chairman.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society met in annual session recently in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., the president in the chair, a large attendance of ladies from the Presbyterian Churches, and four of their pastors present. The report of the secretary (Mrs. McCready) was an excellent résumé of the work of the year. The receipts amounted to \$408.03, which added to their balance at the last annual meeting, \$457.15, made \$865.18, of which they had \$337.43 on hand. They had given \$100 to Hampton and Springfield Churches, and \$400 to the eight

new missionaries in the Province. The secretary congratulated the society upon its marked progress during the year, and bright prospects for the future. Miss Helen Adam presented the treasurer's report. Miss M. Cruikshank, the corresponding secretary, presented her report, which dealt mainly with correspondence with the different missionaries at home and abroad. The reports were ordered to be printed. The result of the balloting for officers for the year was as follows: Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, president; Miss Helen Adam, treasurer; Miss M. Cruikshank, corresponding secretary; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Donald, St. Andrew's Church; Miss Upton, St. David's; Miss Duncan, Calvin; Mrs. Dr. McLaren, St. Stephen's; Miss Henderson, St. John; Miss Brittain, Carleton. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers, and the president called upon Rev. L. G. Macneill for a few remarks, which were given in his usual happy style. Reports were also read from Sussex Auxiliary, from Rev. Mr. Russ, and from Rev. Mr. Cahill anent missionary work.

THE annual meeting and social of the Ottawa Mission band was held in the lecture room of Knox Church last week, the president (Mrs. James Gibson) in the chair. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Dr. Moore. The business part of the meeting was opened by the president's annual address, read by Mrs. Gibson. Miss Hardie, the recording secretary, then gave an address on the work of the society during the past year. The treasurer's report (presented by Miss Romaine) showed the finances to be in a flourishing condition. Miss Farries then sang, with good effect, "Forever with the Lord." The corresponding secretary's report (from Miss Mary Masson) showed the extent of the work being done by the band. Mrs. McCallum, who is at present on a visit to the city, gave a pleasing address on the "Mission in Smyrna." Miss Maud Drummond sang a sacred song entitled "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Mrs. J. B. Halkett addressed the meeting on the "Baptist Mission in Telugu." A reading entitled "Dying," followed by Mr. Thorburn, and then Mr. Beddoe in his usual good style recited "The Maiden Martyr." Mrs. Gibson closed with a few remarks, urging the young ladies to renewed efforts during the year, and asked them to take as their motto—"With both hands earnestly." The refreshments provided by the young ladies were done ample justice to, and the singing of the doxology brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The election of officers for the year which was held during the evening resulted as follows: President, Mrs. James Gibson, re-elected; vice-presidents, Rochester—Mrs. B. Durie, St. Andrew's Church—Mrs. C. Ross, Bank Street—Mrs. C. Allen, Knox Church—Mrs. Blackburn, St. Paul's Church—Mrs. Lindsay, New Edinburgh—Miss McTaggart; treasurer, Miss Romaine, re-elected; recording secretary, Miss Mary Masson, re-elected. Gentlemen obtain the privilege of honorary membership on payment of a small fee yearly, and a large number were admitted on these conditions.

ST. JAMES Presbyterian Church, London, is one of those congregations of our Church, which from very small beginnings and a thoroughly broken down condition has rapidly become not only a self-sustaining congregation, but one of goodly and growing proportions. This is a fact creditable to both pastor and people. The reports submitted at the annual meeting held recently show substantial progress in all departments during the past year. At the annual congregational meeting, the Rev. D. McGillivray, pastor, occupied the chair, and G. Rowatt was appointed secretary. The financial statement showed that the sum raised from all sources amounted to \$2,068.86. Of this sum, about \$324 was given by the Ladies' Aid Society. Increased subscriptions, as well as a number of new contributions beginning from the annual meeting, will give an increase in the envelope collections of about \$4 per Sabbath, or \$200 for the coming year. The Session report also showed substantial progress in its department. The number of families removed during the year was four; number of families added during the year, thirteen; number of families now belonging to the congregation, ninety-seven; number of communicants added during the year, forty; number of communicants on expurgated roll, 175; number of Sabbath school scholars on roll, 140. The following new managers were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Management: A. K. Melbourne, George McNeil, Neil McNeil and Mr. Kennedy. The following gentlemen constitute new board: J. Mitchell, G. Rowatt, R. Munro, W. Webster, S. C. Edgar, A. K. Melbourne, Mr. Kennedy, George McNeil and N. McNeil. Mr. A. K. Melbourne moved, seconded by Mr. Munro, that the congregation, while profoundly grateful to Almighty God for raising up their very esteemed pastor from severe illness to health, express their sincere sympathy with him in his affliction and joy in his recovery to health again; also their deep appreciation of his able, faithful, earnest labours amongst them as their pastor, and pray that he may be long spared among them. This was carried with a standing vote. Mr. McGillivray made a suitable reply, acknowledging the great kindness of the congregation to him in sickness and health, and his gratitude to them therefor.

IN January of last year the congregation of Dunbarton, in the Presbytery of Whithy, decided to build a new church. The work was begun and carried on amidst the greatest enthusiasm. Subscriptions were called for, and tenders asked, and on the 17th of June the corner-stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies. The new building stands on the site of the old building, on a beautiful elevation overlooking the village. It is of modern Gothic style, 40x52, built of red brick, faced with white brick and Ohio stone. The main entrance is through a well-proportioned porch and vestibule, leading into either aisle. The roof is of hammer-beam construction; the audience room has a twenty-eight feet ceiling, and the five Gothic windows are tastefully filled with stained glass. The seats, provided by the Ladies' Aid Society, are semi-circular in form with accommodation for 300 people, while the pulpit and fittings are in ash. The basement is full size, with a ten feet ceiling, very suitably arranged, with vestry and class-rooms.