

Ministers and Churches.

THE venerable Dr. Cook, of Quebec, is about to publish a volume of sermons.

A LECTURE on "The Holy Land" was given in Melville Church, Brussels, on the 17th inst., by Rev. G. Howie. The lecture, which was both pleasing and profitable, was much appreciated.

THE Lord's supper was observed in Knox Church, Beckwith, on the 13th inst., when eighteen sat at the table for the first time, making an addition of forty-five in the united congregations of Beckwith and Ashton during the year.

THE agent of Knox College is desirous of reminding the subscribers to the Endowment Fund that the year is drawing near to a close, and the Board meets on the 6th of April. Returns will be very welcome. Local treasurers will much oblige by attention.

A VERY successful concert, under the patronage of Mrs. H. H. Whimster and Mrs. H. E. Kayll, and the Hon. Dr. Harrison, M.P.P. as chairman, was held at Strathclair, Man., last month. The proceeds netted \$60, and with them a handsome Astrachan jacket and Persian lamb cap were purchased, and presented to Mrs. McKay, wife of the Rev. John McKay, Presbyterian minister of the place.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. - Dr. Reid has received from A. Friend, Merlin, \$1; Jewish Missions, \$2; Foreign Missions, \$2; Home Missions, also, through Dr. Cochrane, a second grant of £100 sterling from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Also from W. S. J., Quebec, per Mr. C. B. Robinson, \$75; viz., Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$10; French Evangelization, \$10; Foreign Missions, \$55.

A SUCCESSFUL missionary meeting was recently held in St. Andrew's Church, Nairn. The pastor, the Rev. John Anderson, occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Thomas Macadam, Strathroy, and Rev. W. S. Ball, Vanneck. A branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Association was also formed among the ladies of the congregation by Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Macadam, who were present. Contributions for Schemes of the Church showed an increase of \$37 over last year, and \$82 over the year previous.

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, was held on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst. The meeting was very numerously attended. Rev. A. T. Love, pastor, occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings with praise and prayer. Very gratifying and encouraging reports were submitted from all the organizations connected with the Church. There has been a large addition to the communion roll during the past year, and the attendance at the various diets of worship is steadily on the increase. Amount contributed to the Schemes, \$520. The debt on the church has been reduced to \$5,000, \$2,500 having been paid during the year. From the treasurer's report it appears that the receipts of the year amounted to \$6,034, and the expenditure was \$5,933.02, leaving a balance of \$100.08.

MR. SCHIVEREA has been in Chatham for three weeks, and, to judge from present appearances, much good has been done. From the very first night the church was crowded with a most orderly and attentive audience. Night after night during the last two weeks the church was packed upstairs and down. There must have been at least 1,800 or 2,000 people in St. Andrew's Church some evenings, and hundreds could not obtain admittance. Every night large numbers of anxious souls stood up to be prayed for and talked with, these numbers ranging from twelve to sixty. Apart from sinners being brought to Christ, God's own people have been stirred up to greater zeal and activity in the good work. One outcome of the work among the Presbyterians is that all the other Churches have been blessed, and this week they are beginning a season of special services among their own people. Mr. Schivera has done good here.

THE Sabbath school of Knox Church, Mitchell, was favoured by a visit of Rev. G. A. Howie, on the 18th inst. Mr. Howie delivered one of his lectures on "The Holy Land." His description of Oriental life, especially as it comes in contact with the Scriptures, was not merely interesting, but in a high degree instructive. As all Bible students know, a knowledge of the Eastern customs, manners and the like is essential to a correct understanding of many important passages, we must heartily recommend Sabbath schools to secure Mr. Howie's services. The charges for the lectures are so low that it is desirable to arrange for three or four successive nights, so that Mr. Howie's portion may not be eaten up by travelling expenses. Let the superintendents of several schools club together, as was done in Listowel, Attwood, Brussels and Mitchell, which points were visited this week. The gathering in Mitchell left the school richer by several dollars. We intend to invite Mr. Howie back very soon.

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, was held recently. After supper had been partaken of, Mr. Elgin Myers was invited to the chair by the pastor, and the various reports of the Church were presented. The report of the Session stated that the pastor had preached 250 times during the year, made 598 pastoral visits, baptized forty-one, buried twenty-five and added seventy-five to the Church during the year. This brings the membership up to 300. The managers reported a surplus after meeting all engagements, and, as subscriptions have been taken to remove the floating debt, the heavy debt on the church is now reduced to the mortgage of \$5,500, the interest of which is met by the Ladies' Aid Society. Several large subscriptions were given—Mr. W. H. Hunter, Mr. J. S. Fead and Mr. F. MacAdam having given \$300 each. The collections for the Schemes of the Church amounted to about \$400, of which the Sabbath school gave \$80 and the Women's Foreign Missionary Society \$50. After votes of thanks were passed to the choir and officers the meeting was closed with the benediction.

THE annual meeting of St. Paul's Church, Port Arthur, was held January 29, 1887. The attendance of members and adherents was large. The treasurer's statement showed that all expenses had been met, and that there was a small balance on hand. It was unanimously agreed to add \$100 to the minister's stipend. There are over 100 families connected with the congregation, and forty young people not connected with families at Port Arthur. Baptism was dispensed to thirty persons during the year—twenty-nine in infants and one adult. Forty-four were added to the roll, twenty-six on profession of faith and eighteen by certificate. Seventeen names were removed from the roll. The net gain for the year is twenty-seven. Payments for congregational purposes show a total of \$2,105, and for Schemes, etc., \$270. The managers are true business men, who take a deep interest in the welfare of the Church. The ladies of the Missionary Association are in dead earnest; have done good work in 1886, and have begun 1887 with large expectations. We hope that this year may be marked by abundant success.

THE annual report of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, New Brunswick, for the year ending December 31, 1886, is as follows. Communicants on roll, 350; removed by death and change of residence, thirty-three; added on profession of faith, thirty-nine, and by certificate, twelve; number of families, 230; in Sabbath school and Bible classes, 300; teachers, etc., thirty-five; number of baptisms, sixty-seven, of which two were adults. The prayer meetings have been largely attended, and are regarded as the event of the week. The treasurer's report shows that \$2,846 have been raised for congregational purposes; for the Schemes, \$384; other benevolent and religious purposes, \$372, making a total for all purposes of \$3,602. The 30th of March will be the fifth anniversary of the Rev. E. Wallace Waits' pastorate in this congregation, during which period 171 members have been added to the communion roll, and seventy-four removed by death and change of residence. There is at present a revival in the religious life of the congregation. On the first Sabbath of March eighteen were received into full communion at the sacramental services.

THE annual meeting of the West Winchester congregation was held on Monday evening. Mr. Ross, the treasurer of the congregation, reported that all old debts had been paid, that all the expense of repairs had been fully met, that the Sabbath collections had largely increased during the year, that the insurance on Church and manse was paid for the next three years, that the stipend was paid in advance till May next, and that there was a balance in hand of \$46. The Sabbath school has raised ample funds to provide books, papers, etc., for the coming year, and also contributes a \$50 scholarship to the Pointe-aux-Trembles school. For this year, up to date, \$142 has been raised for the different Schemes of the Church. During the year the ladies raised by envelopes and two social gatherings \$142, for the improvement of the church. Since the induction of the Rev. Dr. Moffat, thirty-one new members have been added to the membership. During the past week, Mrs. William Anderson had a very pleasant and successful social gathering at her residence. All facts considered, the congregation and pastor have good reasons for whole-souled gratitude to the great Head of the Church.

THE congregation of Osgoode has held special evangelistic meetings during the last four weeks, which were conducted by the pastor and Mr. John William McLeod, one of our students from the Presbyterian College, Montreal. Mr. McLeod preached Christ, and Him crucified, from night to night with great force, ability and power. The meetings were much blessed to many who were out of Christ before the movement began. In some instances whole families were brought to Christ, and so intense was the interest manifested from the time they began till they were closed that many people had to leave the Orange Hall of Vernon, in which they were held, from want of standing room. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed Sabbath week, when fifty new communicants, who professed faith in Christ as their Saviour at the meetings, sat down with us at the Lord's table, for which we have reason to thank God, and take courage. The meetings were brought to a close that Sabbath in Vernon, and we began in Kenmore, which also belongs to Osgoode, on the 14th inst., where we hope the same blessing will be granted to us as we received in Vernon. Mr. McLeod is a young man of much ability, and is calculated to prove a blessing in the ministry of our Church to which he is looking forward.

THE lecture room of Knox Church was well filled with ladies of all denominations on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Ottawa Auxiliary on March 8. The platform was tastefully decorated with plants and flowers, and presented a pleasing appearance. The president, Mrs. J. Thorburn, took the chair at three o'clock p.m., and presided through the entire meeting with grace and dignity. Occupying seats on the platform were Mrs. James Gibson, president of the Mission Band, and the recording secretary, Miss Laura Hoppick. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved, and the president then read her address, which gave a comprehensive account of missions, and spoke of the greater need of individual effort in the work. Many bright, helpful suggestions were brought out, and in closing Mrs. Thorburn gave the society its "marching orders" for the coming year, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." The corresponding secretary, Miss Harmon, read the report, which is always an interesting one. The treasurer, Mrs. Crannell, showed by her statement that \$424 were to be forwarded to the general society—the amount collected at the thank offering meeting in October being \$214.95. Mrs. Charles Beddoe now sang a sacred solo, and the election of officers was proceeded with. Very much regret was expressed at the resignation of the faithful recording secretary, Miss Laura Hoppick, who is leaving the city to take up her residence in Stratford, and a resolution to that effect was passed. The following officers were then elected: Mrs. J. Thorburn, president; Mrs. Herridge, St. Andrew's

Church, Mrs. Armstrong, St. Paul's Church, Mrs. Durie, Knox Church, Mrs. Hardie, Bank Street Church, Mrs. McNaughton, New Edinburgh Church, Mrs. White, Rochesterville Church, vice-presidents; Miss R. Maconar, recording secretary; Miss A. M. Harmon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. Crannell, treasurer. In addition to other committees, a programme committee was elected to assist the president in the programmes of the monthly meetings. Addresses full of encouragement and kindly feeling were given by Mrs. Tilton, of the Episcopal Woman's Missionary Society, and Mrs. Hardie, of the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Nellie Hay read an amusing paper on the trifling things that keep us away from the meetings. The collection was taken up by young ladies of the Mission Band, and with the singing of a hymn a very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close. Among the audience were noticed a number of ladies from the newly formed society in Chelsea, P. Q., who braved the bad roads and deep snow to show their interest in the beloved cause.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met on March 15. Mr. J. R. Baitisly was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months. Mr. Fairquharson intimated his acceptance of the call from Dover, and his ordination was appointed to take place on the 31st. A moderation was granted to Caven Church and South Dover. Reports on the State of Religion, Temperance and Sabbath Schools were submitted and adopted. The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, ask and receive liberty to form a board of management. Dr. Burns, Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. It was agreed to ask from the Augmentation Committee \$225 for Essex Centre; \$150 for Duart, and \$150 for Leamington, and to ask from the Home Mission Committee \$2 per week for Buxton, and \$4 per week for Tilbury Centre. The following were appointed as commissioners to General Assembly: Messrs. McKelvie and Scott by rotation, and Messrs. Gray, Battisly and Tallach by ballot; Messrs. Linton, Ainslie, Bartlett and McKeown, elders, were also appointed. The resignation of Mr. M'Diarmid, of Elmira, was accepted. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, July 19, at ten a.m.—WILLIAM WALKER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in Palmerston on the 15th inst. Mr. M'Nair was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Mrs. Harvie addressed the Presbytery on the working of the Woman's Foreign Mission. A hearty vote of thanks was given her for her very interesting address. Intimation was given that the Bruce Presbytery had agreed to apply to Synod to have Balaklava transferred to the Saugeen Presbytery. The Presbytery also agreed to apply to have said congregation received. Balaklava intimated that they wished their present supply continued. Ayton also expressed satisfaction with the present supply, if service could not be obtained every Sabbath, in place of every second Sabbath. East Normanby asked for service every Sabbath. It was agreed to continue the present supply, and send a deputation to visit East Normanby. Messrs. Niven and Thorn, by rotation, and Mr. Young, by ballot, were appointed commissioners to General Assembly, and Messrs. Wm. Fraser, Isaac Starratt and James Scott, elders. Reports were given on Sabbath Schools, Temperance and the State of Religion, by Messrs. Aull, Bickell and Baikie, respectively. There was presented and read a receipt of the balance of \$1,000 gratuitously promised to the Rev. John Macmillan by Knox Church, Mount Forest. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Clerk of Synod accordingly. The Presbytery approved of the remit on marriage with a deceased wife's sister, but disapproved of the remit on co-operation, because it was not practicable. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on the 15th inst. It was resolved to appoint the ministerial commissioners to the General Assembly in rotation, half from the top and half from the bottom of the roll. The commissioners thus appointed were Messrs. Porteous, Livingstone, Fenton, Murray, Ross, Young, Caswell, R. McIntyre. Messrs. Murray and McIntyre having declined the appointment, Messrs. Burson and Bell were appointed in their places. In case of further declinations the Clerk was instructed to fill up the blanks by the next in order on the roll. Messrs. R. McQueen, G. Ruherford, Dr. McDonald, A. J. Mackenzie, W. J. McGill, J. McMaster, D. McLellan, J. Charlton, elders, were appointed commissioners. The conveners of the committees on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperance gave in reports, and were requested to complete and forward their reports to the Synod. A call from Niagara Falls to Rev. R. H. Abraham was sustained. It was laid on the table to be considered on the 25th inst., and the congregation of Burlington is to be cited for their interests. Also a call from N. Pelham and Wellandport was sustained, and accepted by Rev. T. Peatchall. The induction was fixed at N. Pelham on Tuesday, April 5, at two o'clock p.m. Mr. Ratcliffe to preside, Mr. Ross to preach, Mr. Burns to address the pastor and Mr. Crombie the people. Mr. McGuire was asked for six months as supply for the Wentworth Street, Hamilton, congregation. The vacancies now are (1) Erskine Church, Hamilton, (2) Welland, (3) Fort Erie, etc., (4) Caledonia, (5) East Ancaster, (6) Dunnville, Merriton, etc. The mission stations are, Port Colborne, Cayuga, Hayne's Avenue, St. Catharines. The congregations receiving Augmentation grants are: (1) Blackheath, etc., (2) Nelson, etc., (3) Niagara, (4) St. Ann's, etc. Four students are required for the summer. The remit on co-operation with the Methodist Church was considered, and it was resolved to approve of the object aimed at, but not the plan of co-operation detailed in the remit, as tending to interfere with and trammel the free action of Presbyteries and Sessions.—JOHN LAING, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Clinton on March 8. Session records were