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# Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. T. A. Rogers, the new Presbyterian clergyman at Wellington, has just been inducted.

Rev. R W. Ross, M.A., was ordained and in-ducted into the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, Glencoe,

Mrs. MacArthur, of Cardinal, was the recipient of a handsome upholstered rattan rocking chair, the gift of the Mission Bund at Pittston.

The Presbyterian Church at Stirling asked the Presbytery of Kingston for liberty to mortgage their church property to the extent of \$3,000; the request was granted.

The Rev. Mr. MacArthur, of Cardinal, assisted by Mr. Colin Cameron, of Iroquois, in a few hours on the 5th inst secured subscriptions in Iroquois for the A. I. M F. to the amount of \$353

Revd Lauchlan Cameron, of St. Andrew's church, Thamesford, is at present very ill with pneumonia, contracted from la grippe. His condition is considered critical and his many friends are very anxious.

To correct an item of church news, clipped from some exchange, and which was published in this column, we are requested to state that Rev. Mr. Gandier's late charge in Brampton has no present intention of "calling any student, finished or unfinished."

The anniversary services in connection with the congregation of Columbus and Brooklin were conducted by the Rev. J. Neil, B.A., on February the 11th. Large congregations greeted the reverend gentleman who delighted his audience with his expectations of divine tenth. positions of divine truth.

The Rev. A. B. Dobson was inducted into the pastoral charge of Fordwich and Gerrie on the 1st of Feb. Mr. Young presided, Mr. MacVicar preached, Mr. Munro addressed the minister, and Mr. Cameron the people. Mr. Dobson enters upon this week in the feld with a present of the control of the co his work in this field with encouraging prospects.

The ladies of the W. F. M. Society of St. Andrew's Church, Oltawa, at the last meeting of the Oltawa Presbytery, entertained the members of the Presbytery to tea in the the members of the Presbytery to tea in the parlours of the hall. It was a delightful break in the midst of work, to enjoy not only the sumptuous least, but the pieasant intercourse with the kind entertainers themselves.

Rev. Hugh McLeod. D.D., Fernwood, Sydney, died at 10 o'clock on the evening of January 23rd, after a lingering illness. Dr. McLeod has been the leading Protestant divine in Cape Breton for nearly half a century. He was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, April. 1803, and entered King's College, Aberdeen, at the age of 18, graduating in 1826, when he entered the divinity half, at Edinburgh, under Dr. Chalmers. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Tongue, of the Church of Seonthe Presbytery of Tongue, of the Church of Scot-land, in 1831, and was ordained in 1833. He fol-lowed the lead of Dr. Chalmers on the Free Church question, and was sent out to the British North American Provinces, as a deputy in 1845, where, through his eloquence and enthusiasm, he won over many congregations and is said to have laid the foundation of a new organization in America. He arrived in Sydney in September 1845, and there being no Presbyterian church there, he preached several times in a small Methodist chapei. After a visit of some months to the Province and the New England States, he returned to Scotland and reported the condition of the church on this side of the Atlantic. Mr. McLeod's preaching made such an impression on the highlanders of Cape Breton that they gave him a unanimous call in 1849, which was accepted, and he sailed from Scotland in June 1850 for his Cape Breton charge When he arrived in Sydney and took charge of the Mira field, he found a great deal of destitution, and work to be don. He immedi-ately took a deep interest in the development of his newly adopted country, as well as in the spiritual welfare of his people. From the time he arrived in Sydney he led in all matters pertaining to the process of the island, figuring prominently in the educational advancement of the country. He was a powerful and eloquent preacher and could more the people as few could. Although his parish was sparingly settled be often had from 1,500 to 2,000 of a congregation.—Halifaz Herald.

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEET-INGS.

The usual annual business meeting of the Park Avenue Chutch, London, held recently, was largely attended. Rev. W. J. Clark, the pastor, occupied the chair. He was succeeded by Mr. Robert Reid, who presides over the Board of Managers while the business affairs were berry adjusted. The member ship at present was stated to be 350. The treasurer's statement of offerings and collections showed a total of \$4,475 76, leaving, after disbursements, a balance on hand of \$540.72.

The annual meeting of Knox Church, Galt was lately held in the lecture room of the church. Total number of communicants on the roll, Dec 31st, 1893-1080. The session notes with deep regret the death of a former pastor of this church, the Rev. John Thompson, D.D. He died March 1st, at Forres, Scotland. The financial statement showed total receipts on ordinary account of \$6,424 61. which, after paying expenses, left a balance on hand of \$3\$1.44. Mission schemes showed receipts \$973.28, and a balance on hand of \$3\$5.61. After singing the long metre doxology, the Moderator led in an expect prayer for the church, and its officers, members and work, and after the bene-diction one of the most pleasant and populous meetings of Knox congregation dispersed.

At the annual meeting of Russell Presbyterian congregation, the tressurer's report showed the contributions to the schemes of the church to be \$160. being exactly double the amount raised last year, while the returns of the W. F. M. S. were \$48. the same as the previous year. The Ladies' Aid Society raised \$162, the Sabbath School \$42, and the Y. P. S. C. E. \$35, while \$350 were paid on the church and manse debt. Fourteen were added to the membership of the church during the year. It was decided to increase the salary of the pastor, Rev. O. Bennet, fifty dollars

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's congrega-tion, Eidon, was held on Tuesday, January, 11th. All the reports from the different departments of the church work were of an encouraging nature. The pastor, Rev. D. D. McDonald, occupied the chair. The congregation and pastor now enter upon a new year with every prospect of success. A few remarks from the pastor prought to a close the most harmonious meeting in the history of the congregation. The W. F. M. Society is in a flurishing condution, doing good work for the cause of Christ.

The anniversary services of this church were conducted Feb. 11th, by Dr. Smith of Queen's College, morning and evening. On Monday, Feb. 12th, he delivered one of his popular lectures.

The annual meeting of St. John's Church, Almonte, Rev. A E. Mutchell, B.A., pastor, was held lately. After the meeting was opened by the pastor with devotional exercises, Mr. A. M. Greig was chosen chairman. The treasurers of the various organizations in connection with the church presented their reports, which showed the affairs of the congregation to be in a very healthy state. The congregation raised last year for purely congregational purposes the sum of \$2,753.96, and for missionary and benevolent purposes, about \$1,100. Membership is now 215. The pastor was voted an annual holiday of four weeks, the expenses for washing the beautiful to be heart but the congregation. supply to be borne by the congregation. At the close of the business meeting an hour or two was spent by the members in social intercourse.

The annual congregational meetings of St. Paul's Church, Middleville and St. Peter's Church, Darling, were held respectively on the 10th and 17th January. Both the churches have been freed from debt during the year. The Sabbath plate collections have more than doubled and at no time in the history of Prestyterianism in this section of the the history of Preshyterianism in this section of the church were matters, temporal and spiritual, in a better state. The Sabbath schools are large and also the pastor's Bible class. The Christian Endeavor prayer meetings are fairly well attended and the Ladies' Aid is in good working order. The congregation of St. Paul's have purchased a handsome church organ. The pastor of these congregations is the Rev. Mr. Smith, who was inducted about a year ago and the foregoing reports show that he has not been idle.

The session of St. Andrew's Church, Lachine reports fifteen added to the membership during the year, eight upon profession of faith, and seven by certificate. It also very earnestly requests all persons belonging to the congregation to attend the prayer meeting, as this is one great means of lostering their spiritual life. During the year, the session sanctioned the formation of a Junior Christian Endeavor Society in connection with the congregation, and already hey believe that this society has been a means of blessing. It will be observed there is an increase in the Sunday plate collections of \$32.96 over the previous year and of \$59.45 in the pew rents which is gratifying. The total receipts had been for all nurposes \$2,121.62, leaving on hand a balance of \$1.94

The annual meeting of Chalmers Church, Elora, was held on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 17th, the pastor, the Rev. H. R. Horne, B. A., LLB., presiding. Reports were read from the various missionary societies, the C. E. Socie'y, the Ladies' Aid, the managers and session, all of which were very encouraging, showing a growing interest and increasing activity in all departments. The managers' statement showed the total amount raised by the congregation for the year to be \$2.068. The by the congregation for the year to be \$2.068 finances of the congregation are in a very satisfac-tory condition, the total indebtedness is only some 5440, which will, without doub, be cleated off be-fore the present year closes. An encouraging fea-ture of the meeting was the hopeful manner in which all looked forward to the work of the new year, and the determination everywhere manifested to make the year 1894 a great advance on any year the congregation has yet known.

The annual meeting of the growing Stewarton church, Ottawa, was held on the 23rd January, and was largely attended by members and adherents. It was the best in every way that the church has had in its short history. The various reports of Kirk Session, Board of Managers, Sunday School, Ladies' Aid Society and Alpha League were most encouraging, showing a large increase in membership; that the revenue, notwiths anding the cost of enlarging the church building, had more than men the expenses. The report of the session, submitted the expenses. The report of the session, submitted by Mr. J. B. Halkett, session clerk, showed a total membership of 171, and attributed the result as mainly due to the faithful ministrations of Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., pastor, and the cordial rela-tions existing between him and his people. Mr. J. S. Durie's financial statement, as treasurer, showed that the total amount raised was \$2,344,46, or an iccrease of \$1,000 on the receipts for 1891, the first year of the church's existence. Mr. D. B. MacTavish, Q.C., was re-elected chairman of the board of managers. Mr. James Skead continues the efficient secretary.

The annual meeting of Knox Church, Embro was held on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 10th. Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., pastor of the church, presided. The various reports submitted showed that

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The congregations of Owen Sound held their annual meetings on Thursday evening, Jan. 25th. Both were largely attended, and the reports presented summed up a very successful year's work. At Division St., the Treasurer, Mr. Edgar, reported that the debt on the church had been reduced \$500 to the church had been reduced \$500 to the church with the course \$700.50 during the year, and that on the organ \$391.50. Reports were presented by the Ludies' Aid, the W. F. Mission Auxiliary, and the Young People's Society, all indicating a prosperous and progressive year. Indeed the record taken as a whole is the best in the history of the congregation. The ordinary receipts of the year were \$3.862.84. At Knox Church there was also a very encouraging meeting, and most sa isfactory reports were presented by all the secreties engaged in the various branches of

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