

lowing be taken as a working basis for statistical purposes: (a). That where the husband and wife are members in full communion, they be considered, as at present, one family. (b). That where neither husband nor wife are members, but both adherents, paying into the schemes and otherwise taking or showing an interest in the Presbyterian Church, they be considered one family. (c). That where only the husband or wife is a member, the family be considered as one; but where individual members or adherents, other than the head of a household, contributing towards the support of the church, four of these constitute one family. The report was received and adopted. Mr. Little laid on the table and read a petition from Ilderton, requesting to be organized into a separate congregation in connection with English Settlement. The petition was signed by 36 members and 27 adherents; there was also a subscription list amounting to \$219. Mr. Charlton, elder, supported the petition. It was agreed to receive the petition and cite all interested congregations to the next regular meeting of the Presbytery. The Home Mission half-yearly report was given in, and the convener authorized to apply for the grants specified for the augmented charges. Committees were appointed to visit and receive congregations and report at March meeting. Calls from Glencoe, London East, Port Stanley, Tempo and South Delaware were duly presented and sustained. The first two of these were accepted by telegram and the third on the floor of the Presbytery—Mr. Courtney, who is called to Port Stanley, being present. The other ministers called are Mr. Ross to Glencoe and Mr. D. Robertson, of Hamilton, to London East. Mr. Hugh Brown, of Havelock, is called to Tempo and South Delaware. Mr. Jno. Currie, as convener of committee on remits of Assembly, gave in the report on the hymnal. After several recommendations were considered and agreed to, the consideration of the remainder was laid over till next meeting of Presbytery. Arrangements were duly made for the ordination and induction of Messrs. Ross, Robertson and Courtney into their respective charges. The Presbytery nominated Mr. G. L. McKay, of Fortnosa, as Moderator of next General Assembly. Leave was given to St. James church, London, to increase their mortgage from \$6,300 to \$7,300 in order to consolidate floating debt. Mr. Mulloy was requested to read a paper on "Term service in the eldership," at the May meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Clark presented the report on temperance; the same was received, its recommendations considered and adopted. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Park Ave. church, London, on the 23rd January, at 10.30 forenoon, and hold next regular meeting in the same place on second Tuesday of March, at 1 p.m. The meeting closed with the benediction—GEORGE STATHLEIGH, Clerk.

Presbytery of Inverness.

THE Presbytery of Inverness met at Greenwood church, Baldeck, on Jan. 16th, for visitation and other business. The attendance of members was small, on account of the state of the roads. Rev. D. McDonald, late of Hastings, was invited to correspond. Rev. D. McDougall was appointed clerk. Rev. A. McMillan preached and presided at the visitation of the congregation. The usual questions were put to minister, session and managers; and favourable replies were returned. The treasurer showed that the congregation did fairly well last year, notwithstanding the hard times which prevailed here. They raised over \$1,600 for all purposes: of which amount, about \$140 were for the schemes of the church. The congregation was in arrears for a part of the last quarter for stipend. Rev. D. McDonald read a letter which he, while clerk of the Presbytery, had received from Rev. K. MacKenzie, late pastor of Baldeck and Forks, agent retiring allowance. The Presbytery referred the matter to the managers, with the hope that they will do the best thing for all concerned, under the circumstances. The Forks congregation applied to Presbytery to recom-

mend them to the Augmentation Committee for \$250 a year to enable them to call a minister as soon as they are ready. Presbytery agreed to recommend them to the fund. Presbytery also agreed to apply to the Augmentation Committee on behalf of Strathlorne for \$150 for two years. The Presbytery agreed to apply to the Hunter fund committee for a free grant of \$300 in order to aid in building a place of worship at Deconce. Rev. D. McDonald visited the Arichat Mission field and strongly urged the application. Other business of minor importance received due attention, after which the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Whyecoomagh in the old church on the 20th of March, at 11 o'clock a.m., for visitation and other business.—D. McDUGALL, Clerk.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Moncton, has been totally destroyed by fire.

ST. ANDREW'S church, Deseronto, held an enjoyable tea meeting lately.

The concert held at L'Amable in behalf of the manse fund proved a great success.

ST. ANDREW'S church, Windsor, has done away with its choir and appointed a paid quartette.

REV. D. PERRIN, B.A., of Pickering, has accepted the call extended to him by the Presbyterian congregation of Gravenhurst.

At Eden Mills, on Thursday, January 25th, James Argo, father of the Rev. J. Argo, of Norval, died in the 88th year of his age.

At a recent meeting of the Huron Presbytery, sympathy was expressed with Rev. Mr. Shaw, of Egmondville, who has been passing through severe illness.

MRS. PATTERSON, wife of Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cooke's church, Toronto, is announced to sing at the concert in St. James church, London, Ont., to-night.

ON account of the ill-health of his wife, Rev. R. H. Myers will leave Norwich, and will settle near St. Paul's. He will preach his farewell sermon on Sabbath, 11th inst.

MR. GILBERT, missionary at Burk's Falls, has removed to another sphere of action. During his stay he has made many warm friends who will sincerely regret his departure.

ONE of the elders of the Cardigan, P. E. I. Presbyterian church will be ninety nine on the 21th of March next. He is quite well and active, and is in possession of all his faculties except hearing. He still works and chops with the axe well enough for one store.

THE scholars of Knox church Sabbath school, Guelph, and their friends crowded the large lecture room of that edifice on the 26th ult., on the occasion of their anniversary festival. Tea was served at an early hour and all the little ones thoroughly enjoyed the many good things provided.

REV. R. W. ROSS, M.A., was ordained and inducted into the pastorate of the congregation at Glencoe on the 30th ult. Rev. A. Henderson presided, Rev. Mr. Miller preached, Rev. J. A. Murray, of London, addressed the minister, and Rev. J. A. McDonald, of St. Thomas, addressed the people.

THE Christian Endeavor Society of Knox church, Cannington, sends in, through its missionary committee, this week, two sailor's bags to be placed in vessels for the use of the sailors. The bags are full of good reading matter. This is the first missionary work of the society. It intends soon to provide reading matter for missions in connection with Knox College Missionary Society. A plan is also under consideration to collect weekly offerings for missions.

Annual Meetings.

TRENTON.

THE annual meeting of Trenton, N. S., congregation was held on January 10th. Total receipts (including balance of \$204 from the previous year), \$1,809.81. Expenditure \$1,602.50, leaving a balance of \$206 on the right side. Within the last three months contributions have been larger than ever before. Debt has been reduced \$260.50. The amount of \$280 has been raised for the schemes of the church and evangelistic work.

The congregation is steadily growing. Rev H. R. Grant is pastor.

NEW GLASGOW.

THE congregation of James church, New Glasgow, N. S., held its annual meeting recently. Total amount raised for all purposes was \$3,919.00. Of this \$1,103.00 was for schemes of the church. The ordinary Sabbath collections have increased during the past two years from \$1,800.00 to \$2,500.00, and contributions to schemes have been nearly doubled. This congregation adheres to the voluntary system for everything. They have no pew rents, no envelopes, no subscriptions, each gives from Sabbath to Sabbath as God hath prospered him. The reports from the several societies in connection with the church show that there is activity in every department. We trust that the liberality manifested this year may be continued, and that the present is but the beginning of greater work to be done by this, one of the oldest congregations in the Synod.

VICTORIA, B.C.

THE annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church, Victoria, B. C., was held on January 25th. The reports of the session, managers and other officers of the church were read, showing the standing of the congregation to be very satisfactory and the progress of the work encouraging. The income for the year was over \$5,000, and the managers were enabled to present a clean balance sheet. There are no floating debts, the only liability being a small mortgage. The ladies' aid, the choir, and other societies had much to do with bringing about this satisfactory state of affairs. The four retiring managers were re-elected, and J. McIntosh and J. Luke were elected to fill vacancies.

OXFORD, N.S.

THE St. James' Presbyterian Church, Oxford, held their annual meeting on Thursday evening, 11th inst. There was a good attendance and much interest manifested. The financial reports for 1893 showed amount collected for stipend, schemes, etc. \$738.39, and amount for building fund \$417.77 which together with balance from previous year make a total of \$1,156.16. The congregation is making substantial progress under the faithful ministry of their beloved pastor, Rev. C. Munro, and feel much encouraged. At the recent communion thirty-two united with the church for the first time and four by certificate. The regular weekly prayer meeting and the Sabbath school are well attended. There is also a Y.P.S.C.E. in connection with the congregation which was organized a few months ago. The debt which weighed so heavily upon this people so long, it is hoped, will soon be entirely removed, as the present amount is only \$550. At a sociable recently held in the basement of the church, the ladies of the congregation presented the pastor with an astrachan coat, beaver cap and driving mittens accompanied by an address as an expression of good will. Mr. Munro in reply feelingly expressed his heartfelt thanks for their thoughtful kindness.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONCTON.

THE annual meeting of St. John's church, Moncton, was held on Monday evening, 29th ult., Mr. W. O. Schwartz in the chair. The attendance was large. Mr. James McAllister presented the financial statement. The expenditure had been more than ordinarily heavy owing to the putting in of new furnaces, etc., but, notwithstanding, all had been met, and a balance of \$12.00 stood to the credit of the congregation at the close of the year. In all respects the different reports showed the year just ended to have been one of the most prosperous in the history of the church. This was the more gratifying in view of the great loss just sustained in the destruction of the church building by fire, and the increased expenditure that the coming year would necessarily involve. The congregation also took the rebuilding of the church into consideration. It was unanimously decided to proceed with the work upon the old foundation. A building committee was appointed in whose hands the work was entrusted, with power to make such changes as might be deemed desirable and consistent with the