

Ministers and Churches.

A VERY successful service of song was held in Knox Church, Dundas, recently.

THE Rev. T. Fenwick has received for the Waldensian Church from two anonymous friends of it in Ayr, Ontario, \$10.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Dr. Reid has received from Mr. Robert Dickie, Glenmorris, \$20 for Foreign Missions in Central India.

THE McDowall Memorial Church, at Fredericksburg, has been reopened. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Williamson.

THE Rev. R. C. Murray, a graduate of Queens, doing missionary work in India, will probably return, his health being in a precarious condition.

THE Rev. W. A. McKay, of Chalmers Church, Woodstock, is delivering a series of discourses on the New Theology, on Sabbath evenings.

IN the paragraph relating to the West Church, Toronto, the number of additions to the membership this year was printed as 116; it should have been 125.

A CALL received from the Church at Red Bank by Rev. J. D. Murray, of Buctouche, has been ordered by the Presbytery of Miramichi to be transmitted to the Presbytery of St. John.

THE Rev. Andrew Wilson, formerly of Carleton Street Church, Toronto, and a fellow-student of the Rev. Dr. Ure in his college days, has been engaged to assist for a time in Goderich.

THE Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, was held Sabbath evening week, when the Rev. Mr. Goforth, B.A., spoke on Foreign Missions. His address was listened to with intense interest. The collection was liberal.

A SHORT time since a social under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, Duntroon, was held at the residence of Mr. John McKee, near Duntroon. A large number from Collingwood were present. The evening was enjoyably passed.

SPECIAL services are being conducted in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin. These services are part of an arrangement made by the Presbytery of Guelph, by which they purpose holding a series of religious meetings in all the congregations within its bounds.

IT is not improbable that the Rev. Mr. Rondeau, of Joliette, who, during the insurrection of the Rev. Marc Ami, is doing duty for him, will be retained in the French Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, permanently as assistant to Mr. Ami in his field of labour.

THE Oxford Mills Sabbath school, being desirous of securing funds for its work, and some spiritual and intellectual profit, secured the services of Rev. Dr. Moffat on Thursday evening. He gave one of his popular lectures that on "President Garfield," to a deeply interested audience.

THE San Francisco *Chronicle* of a recent issue says: Rev. Dr. Smith, of Cal., Canada, the pastor of the largest Presbyterian Church in the Dominion, and who was at one time connected with the Presbyterian Church in this city, will occupy the pulpit of St. John's Church for a season, beginning to-day. Rev. J. C. Smith, son of Rev. Dr. Smith, will be connected with the Howard Street Presbyterian Church for the ensuing six months.

THE Mount Vernon Hawk Eye, published in Wisconsin, quoting from the *Pickering News*, a paragraph relating to a visit of the Rev. Alexander Kennedy, formerly of Dumbarton, Ont., adds: We have a very pleasing recollection of the veteran, having met him two years ago when on a visit to his nephew, Rev. A. K. Baird, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this place. When here he preached several times for his nephew with great acceptance.

DR. LAING, of Dundas, Convener of Assembly's Committee on the Book of Forms, writes: You will oblige me by letting all whom it may concern know that in the Draft Book of Forms now before Presbyteries, pages 32 and 33 should be deleted, except the last paragraph on page 33; also that on page 45 there is an omission of paragraph 65 on page 16 of the old book. I will thank any person who will early call attention to other mistakes or omissions.

COMMUNION service was held in the Presbyterian Church, Milverton, on a recent Sabbath. The pastor, Rev. John Kay, preached in his usual effective and forcible manner from John 1:29. The reverend gentleman's discourse was replete with Gospel truths, and well calculated to leave lasting impressions on the minds of his congregation. Sixteen new communicants were admitted, making forty-one since separation from North Mornington took place. The membership now numbers over one hundred and sixty.

THE following have gained the scholarships in Theology in Queen's University: David Strathern Dow (\$100), P. A. McLeod, B.A., Prince Edward Island; Sochan No. 1 (\$90), G. J. Bryan, Richmond, Que.; Buchanan No. 2 (\$75), James Rattray, B.A., Scotland; Dominion (\$70), J. M. McLean, B.A., Cape Breton. Supplementary examinations—Apologetics, D. J. Hyland; New Testament Criticism, J. G. Potter. For the degree of B.D.—J. V. Fowler, M.A., Doaktown, N. B., passed in Biblical Introduction and Inspiration.

THE Rev. J. McL. Gardiner, who refused to accept a call from Newmarket Presbyterian Church on account of ill health, has been extended a call from the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Eramosa, and previous to that one from Teeswater. The *Newmarket Era* says: He is evidently very popular, and we would advise our Presbyterian friends to moderate their call at once, pressing it by a deputation. Mr. Gardiner was ordained last year to Home Mission work, and has been preaching for a year in the North-West.

THE Rev. G. B. Howie, M.A., lectured in the Presbyterian Churches of Maxwell, Feversham and McIntyre on last Monday, Tuesday and Thursday respectively. The lectures were "From Jerusalem to Bethlehem," "Oriental Customs at the Birth of Male Children," and "From Joppa to Jerusalem." On each occasion the lecturer, by his spirited delivery and vivid descriptions, riveted the attention of the audience. Mr. Howie was induced to promise to return soon to Oprey to lecture in the above-named churches.

THE Presbyterians of Niagara Falls South (old Drummondville) came to the conclusion that they ought to have a new church, but they did not want the latest "modern improvement"—a mortgage, so a long and fruitless discussion as to "ways and means" ensued. After listening to the debate for some time, Mr. James Lowell arose, and said that he thought there was no use in trying to collect enough money to build a new church such as they would like. He therefore proposed to build a \$7,000 church for them at his own expense and furnish it. This solved the difficulty at once, and the church is in course of erection.

THE *Bryson Equity* says: Revival meetings opened in the Presbyterian Church, Luke, recently, proved a source of much religious awakening to the different Protestant denominations of the village, all of whom attended and lent their aid in various ways to make the occasion memorable for the spirit of sincere religious fervour displayed, and for uniting in closer bonds the Christians of the different Churches. The promoters of the movement, Rev. Messrs. Duels and Allan, having this object in view, invited Mrs. Gordon, of Alymer, a lady evangelist of the Episcopalian Church, so that the three great Protestant Churches might be properly represented, to come and open the meetings. Mrs. Gordon accepted the invitation.

ANNIVERSARY sermons were preached in Knox Church, St. Mary's, by the pastor, Rev. A. Grant, on a recent Sabbath, and the annual tea meeting was held on the following Monday evening. The pastor acted as chairman, and delivered the opening address. The next speaker was the Rev. W. Wylie, of Paris. The burden of his address was a united sociability and the cheerfulness that should characterize the life of Christians. Then came Rev. A. M. Philp's address on "Character." The next speaker on the programme was the Rev. Mr. Turnbull, who made a few well-chosen remarks. The musical part of the entertainment consisted of duets, quartettes, full choruses, etc., by the choir, which were rendered in good style.

THE Rev. R. Hunter Craig, who has done excellent work in the Peabody mission district, and who has gone to labour in Holland district, was, on the occasion of his removal, presented by his numerous and grateful friends in the former with an address giving expression to their warm regard for him personally, for his valuable and self-denying services and their earnest wishes for his continued usefulness and welfare. The address was accompanied with a well-filled purse. In acknowledgment Mr. Craig made a feeling and appropriate reply. He entered on his large new sphere on the last Sabbath of October, preaching at Williamsford at half past ten a.m., at Berkeley, three p.m., and at Holland Centre at seven p.m. His address is now Holland Centre Post Office.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Westport, seeing in the papers that an effort was being made to secure the services of Rev. D. Y. Ross for another congregation, held a meeting on November 1. Managers were elected and auditors appointed, but the chief matter under consideration was the possibility of Mr. Ross' removal. The meeting was unanimous in the desire to keep Mr. Ross, who had already been for seven years their pastor. The meeting pledged itself to do all that can be done to place him above anxiety, especially in paying his salary promptly. The resolution closed as follows: "We sincerely hope and trust that the Rev. David Y. Ross, M.A., our faithful and loving pastor, may remain with us to be our teacher and example in promoting our spiritual welfare."

A MEETING was held in the reading room in the rear of the Presbyterian Church, Samia, last week, by the young people, for the purpose of organizing a literary society in connection with the Church. The meeting was a success, every one present entering heartily into the work, and before the close a society was organized, to be known as St. Andrew's Church Literary Society, with the following officers: Dr. Wm. Logie, president; Miss A. McGlashan, vice-president; Miss Minnie McMaster, secretary; Miss Bethune, treasurer; Misses McColl, King and J. Leys, Messrs. Scott, Hossie and Ross, committee of management. The election of officers will take place every month. The society propose holding public entertainments monthly, the proceeds of which will go into the Church Fund.

THE Knox Church, Goderich, Band of Hope held their second entertainment recently. It was a decided success, a large number of young people and children being present. Mr. Strang, who occupied the chair, also conducted devotional exercises. First piece by the band (wearing their blue badges), "I love Jesus," was sweetly sung. Suitable readings by Messrs. Wilson and Strang were well received, as also addresses by Rev. I. B. Wallwin and Dr. Ure. A quartette, "I love my Mountain Home," by Messrs. Moore, Thompson, McColl and McGillivray, was loudly applauded. Misses Sands and Ralph gave a recitation and a solo respectively, which were well received. The Misses Fletcher, Thompson and Trueman kindly aided as organists. The children of the band, who now number some eighty, acquitted themselves finely in their different parts.

A SERIES of most interesting monthly Missionary Bible Readings is being given by Rev. Dr. Kellogg in the University College Y. M. C. A. building. The first was given on the 15th inst. The attendance of students from the University and the various theological institutions in the city was large, and there was most decided interest manifested. The students who neglect this opportunity will miss not only something delightful, but a precious means of profit. In the programme appear the suggestive words,

"It is hoped that questions will be asked." The following are the topics announced: 1. Responsibility of the Heathen; 2. The Purpose of the Missionary Work; 3. The Relation of Israel to the Future Redemption of the Nations; 4. Signs of the Times as bearing on the Foreign Missionary Question; 5. Scriptural motives to Foreign Missionary Work; 6. Principles bearing on Individual Decision as to Personal duty.

KNOX CHURCH, Dundas, has for fourteen years been labouring under a debt, which has manifestly retarded its progress and work as a Christian Church, and although the burden has been bravely borne by the members in spite of many drawbacks and obstructions, yet it has taken a long time to finally dispose of all the debt. This feat was, however, the Dundas *Banner* rejoices to state, accomplished on Saturday week, and there are quite a number of subscriptions yet unpaid, which it is proposed to devote towards making some necessary repairs and improvements on the property. The occasion it has been determined to make one of general rejoicing, and as it is just fifty years since the Rev. Mr. Stark took charge of the church here, the event will take the form of a jubilee service, which will eventuate on the evening of the 29th inst., when the people of the church and their friends will meet together socially to celebrate the occasion in a fitting manner. The affair promises to be very pleasant indeed, marking as it does such a joyful event in the history of the Church.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on November 15. Leave was granted to moderate in a call at Blackheath. A proposal to unite the newly-organized congregation of St. David's with Hayne's Avenue Church was laid on the table, and the congregations were required to consider and report thereon at next ordinary meeting. A committee was appointed to prepare and send to Sessions statements of what will be expected from each congregation this year for Home Missions and Augmentation Funds. Mr. McGuire declined the call from Wentworth Church. The Clerk was instructed to give the necessary extract minutes to complete the sale of the manse at Simcoe. Messrs. Mordy, Burson, Ratcliffe, McDonald and Beadle were appointed a committee to take such steps as they may deem proper, by prosecution or otherwise, to prevent Sabbath desecration. Mr. Dolson declined the call from East Ancaster. Messrs. McGillivray, Ray and McKenzie were certified to the college, and Mr. E. R. Hut as an occasional student under the direction of the Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to write to congregations which are in arrears to the Presbytery Fund. Rev. J. W. Dey accepted a call from Erskine Church, Hamilton, and the induction was appointed for Monday, Nov. 28, at half-past seven p.m., Mr. Lyle to preside, Mr. Morry to preach, Mr. Murray to address the pastor, and Mr. Robertson the people. Messrs. Charlton, Hamilton and Thynne were appointed to examine the Draft Book of Forms, and report. JOHN LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.—The following members of this Presbytery, Revs. D. Fraser, T. J. Thompson, D. McKee, T. Scouler and J. C. Flett, elder, met the commissioners appointed by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church to discuss an application from the congregation to be received into the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The minutes of congregational meetings leading up to the application, as also a letter from the Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, were read. The following commissioners were heard: J. Finlayson, J. Hutcheson, D. McLean, H. F. Heisterman and A. B. Gray, after which the following resolution was carried on the motion of the Rev. D. McKee, seconded by the Rev. T. Scouler. The Presbytery having received and considered an application from St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, to be received as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and having read the minutes of congregational meetings leading to the application, and being satisfied with the regularity of the proceedings, and having read the resolutions adopted by the congregation and the letter of the Convener of the Colonial Committee anent the same, and having heard commissioners, resolve to grant the application and receive it, as we hereby do, as a congregation of this Church under the care of this Presbytery. The Moderator then announced the decision to the commissioners that they were now a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Rev. Mr. Scouler was then asked to lead in prayer, and the 133rd Psalm was sung. The Rev. Mr. Fraser was appointed Moderator of Session with power to moderate in a call to a minister when the congregation is ready. The following resolution was then carried on the motion of the Rev. T. G. Thompson, seconded by Mr. J. C. Flett. That the Presbytery rejoice in the reception of St. Andrew's Church and congregation, believing that its union with this Presbytery at this time will tend to its own advancement, as well as to the good of Presbyterians in this Province. At the same time we would express our cordial appreciation of the kindness of the venerable Church of Scotland in supplying this Church and other places in this Province with the means of grace for so many years at much expense and with great anxiety; and that a copy of the resolution passed be forwarded to the Colonial Committee. The Rev. Mr. McKee, along with the Rev. Mr. Fraser and the Session, were appointed a committee of supply for the pulpit while vacant. Mr. Fraser was appointed to announce the decision of the Presbytery to St. Andrew's congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Sarnia on Nov. 8. The remit on the Constitution of Assembly and Travelling Expenses was taken up. The first article was amended as follows, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, duly seconded, "That the representation remain as it is, but that the Assembly meet triennially." Articles II. and III. were approved of as they stand. Subsection (a) of Article III. was amended to read thus: "That the committee shall, prior to Jan. 1, immediately preceding the meeting of Assembly, form an estimate of the total amount required, and apportion said sum among the