

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Dr. Proudfoot last week lectured in Burns, Church, near Sarnia.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane has been elected chairman of the Brantford Free Library Board.

THE Rev. Hugh Rose, of Elora, delivered a lecture on Egypt in connection with Knox Church, Toronto, last week.

A FINE new church on Anahst Island was lately opened for public worship by Revs. Principal Grant, Professor Williamson, and R. J. Craig. Next evening a successful sacred concert was held.

REV. DR. COCHRANE has received £200 from the Free Church of Scotland for Home Missions. The Free Church has also sent £150 to the eastern section, and £100 to the theological department of Manitoba College.

THE pulpit of St. James' Square Church was occupied last Sabbath by Rev. James Barclay, of St. Paul's, Montreal. On Monday evening he delivered a very interesting lecture on Savonarola. The chair was occupied by Hon. Oliver Mowat.

THE annual tea-meeting of Leslieville Presbyterian Church was held last Thursday, the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. W. Frizzell, in the chair. Admirable addresses were delivered by Revs. John Smith, Dr. Thomas, W. S. Blackstock, and E. Baker.

FORT MASSEY CHURCH, Halifax, N. S., Dr. Burns, Pastor, raised for all purposes last year \$7,672 of which, for congregational purposes, by Sabbath offerings, \$4,715, an advance on the previous year. The \$500 required for Augmentation by Presbytery allocation, has been paid in.

THE Rev. J. M. McIntyre is now engaged in evangelistic work in Knox Church, Paisley. Great success has already attended his labors. Fully fifty persons have professed to find peace in believing in Christ, and many are anxious. Meetings increasing in numbers and interest daily. Mr. McIntyre has been invited to visit Kincardine.

THE Rev. Mr. McTavish, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was the recipient of a present from his congregation of a handsome Persian lamb overcoat. It is a pleasure to note the esteem in which the reverend gentlemen is held by his congregation, who feel that he thoroughly deserves all that can possibly be done for him in a practical and tangible manner.

THE Presbytery of Stratford will meet in Millbank on March 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of inducting Mr. McKibbin to that charge. The regular meeting will be held in Knox Church, Stratford, on the second Wednesday of March, at 10 a.m. The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Society in this Presbytery will be held on Wednesday evening.

A social entertainment was given in Russell Hall on Friday evening, by the members of St. John's (French) Church, which was largely attended. Many of the Presbyterian ministers of the city were present, and a most interesting programme was presented. During the evening a brief address was given by Rev. Principal McVicar. The proceeds were to meet the expenses incurred in repairs to the building, consequent upon the rioting when Father Chiniquy was here last November.

A VERY interesting concert was held in the lecture room of West Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, conducted by Knox College Glee Club, under the leadership of Professor Collins. An excellent programme of glees, choruses, etc., was well rendered by the Club, with quartettes, and a splendid piano solo by the leader, interspersed with recitations and readings by Messrs Halden and Elliott, exceedingly well given, and enthusiastically cheered. Judges of music noted the admirable time kept by the well trained Club, as doing credit at once to Mr. Collins and themselves, and we can assure them of a very cordial welcome in West Church at some future time. The concert was in aid of the fund for the enlargement of the Sabbath School rooms.

THE anniversary services in Knox Church, Palmerston, were held on Sabbath week. Two remarkably clear and able discourses were given morning and evening, by Rev. Mr. Smith, of Guelph. Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Listowel, preached in the afternoon. His sermon was appropriate and impressive. The annual tea meeting was held on Monday evening. The house was literally packed. Rev. Mr. Smith's vigorous and aptly illustrated address on "Work," was a rich treat. The children's social on Tuesday evening was largely attended and much enjoyed. The proceeds amounted to about \$50. The entire services were eminently successful. The increased attendance now necessitates the enlargement of the church. It is the intention to do this during the coming year. Under Rev. Mr. Aull's pastorate, this church is enjoying a gratifying measure of prosperity.

"ONE WHO KNOWS" writes to correct some statements made by a correspondent in the issue of the 21st January, who, he presumes, must have been misinformed in regard to the statement, "that the Church at Dunvegan was built

during the pastorate of the Rev. F. McLennan," which is not the case, but under the pastorate of his predecessor, Rev. A. F. Macqueen, who preached the first sermon within its walls, although not finished at the time, neither is it correct "that there is more contributed now in aid of one branch of missions, than formerly given for the whole schemes of the church," neither was Mr. McLennan's salary augmented by the "startling danger of his removal," but it was raised to the minimum sum required, before he got the call to another place. He adds that he does not state these facts with any disparagement to Mr. McLennan, but merely for the sake of truth and fair play.

ON Wednesday evening last, a service of praise in connection with the inauguration of the new organ in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, was held. The large building was crowded, although the evening was excessively cold. The Rev. D. J. Macdonnell conducted the service, reading appropriate selections of Scripture. He gave a very able address on Church Music, tracing its progress through Hebrew and Christian times, and remarking on what were the proper and improper uses of the organ in the service of praise. Mr. Edward Fisher, organist of St. Andrew's, a musician of rare taste and accomplishment, in an unobtrusive manner displayed the capabilities of the magnificent instrument now placed in the organ gallery of St. Andrew's, by giving admirable selections from the masterpieces of Haydn, Handel, Beethoven and other composers. The choir, with splendid effect, rendered selections from Haydn's Creation, Gounod's Redemption, and Handel's Messiah.

ON the night of the 18th of January, Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, was entirely destroyed by fire. The church was built about three years ago, and cost, including furnishings, \$12,000. It was insured for \$5,000, but all this sum will go to pay off mortgages. The congregation have thus lost their church, and the \$7,000 paid on it, and they have no fund with which to rebuild and in the present depressed condition of affairs in Manitoba it will be impossible for them to do much at present, though with characteristic pluck and energy they have already begun to raise funds for rebuilding. In God's providence a great calamity has befallen this congregation, and their case deserves the sympathy and assistance of the brethren throughout the Church. It has been suggested that Mr. Bell, the pastor, visit the churches in the east. Should he do so, it is to be hoped all will respond heartily, and encourage the efforts of those pioneers of Presbyterianism in the North-West. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation, in Collingwood, was held on Wednesday, the 28th of January, the Rev. R. Rodgers in the chair. The pastor stated that eighty new members were added to the congregation during the year, sixty-four of whom were received on profession of their faith and fourteen by letter and forty-nine were removed, making a net increase of thirty-one. The number on the roll is now two hundred and ten. The report of the Sabbath School was read by Mr. Henry Foreman, which showed that 323 names were on the roll with an average attendance of 165. At the beginning of the year there was a balance on hand of \$115.08, during the year the collection amounted to \$101.25, and \$126.10 were expended on the work of the school, leaving a balance of \$86.23. The financial report was read by the Secretary, Mr. D. G. Cooper. This report showed that the receipts for ordinary expenditure, including \$146.15 for the Schemes of the Church, amounted to \$1553.32 being less than the income of 1883 by \$2.10. But owing to the Board having incurred certain additional obligations, the income was not equal to the demand by about \$200. The report showed further that the new Sabbath School had been successfully completed at a cost of about \$2,500, and that about \$1,000 had been contributed for this object, making the income of the congregation for the year a little over \$2,500. This speaks favourably for the zeal and liberality of the people and augurs well for their future prosperity.

THE *Uxbridge Guardian* contains a brief historical sketch of the Presbyterian congregation of that town, and gives a description of the handsome and commodious new church, just completed and opened on Sabbath week for divine service. In the morning the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, preached to a crowded congregation an able, impressive and appropriate sermon. The Rev. R. P. Markay, of Parkdale, preached a thoughtful and practical sermon on "Sitting at the feet of Jesus," to a large audience in the afternoon. The pulpit was again occupied by Dr. Cochrane in the evening, who preached on "Communion with God." Services in the neighbouring churches were discontinued in order that the people might have an opportunity of hearing the divines from a distance. An overflow meeting was held in the evening in the Methodist Church where Mr. Mackay preached to a good congregation. On Monday evening the Rev. Dr. Cochrane delivered his famous lecture on "Whitfield, the Prince of Preachers," to a large audience. The Sabbath collections amounted to over \$500; the tea and lecture to upwards of \$200, thus making a total of over \$700. One among the many pleasing incidents in connection with the occasion was the presentation

of four beautiful collection plates. In each one there was placed a dollar bill. The name of the donor is not known. Uxbridge congregation and its esteemed pastor, Rev. E. Cockburn, are to be congratulated on the marked prosperity to which they have attained.

THE condition of Knox Church, Winnipeg as revealed at the recent congregational meeting at which Judge Taylor presided, is highly satisfactory. The number at present on the rolls of the congregation are as follows:—Communicants reported January, 1884, 493; added during the year by certificate, 87; on profession, 20; total, 107. Removed by certificate, 28; removed on purging roll, 75, total, 103; making the number now upon the roll 497, a net increase of 4. The session in their report present a highly complimentary minute, recounting the valuable services rendered by Professor J. Hoyer Pantou, who has removed from Winnipeg, to resume his former position in the Agricultural College, Guelph. Contributions to the Schemes of the Church were as follows: Augmentation Fund, \$250; Home Missions, \$368; Foreign Missions, 175; Manitoba College, \$350; French Evangelization, \$75; Ministers Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$50; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$50; Total, \$1,318. The Bible class and Sabbath schools also made liberal contributions. The treasurer's statement was as follows:—Total receipts, \$10,021.33; expenditure, \$9,975.63; balance on hand, \$45.70. The various organizations doing important Christian work were reported as in a prosperous state. A communication from the pastor, Rev. D. Gordon, suggested the reduction of his salary by \$1,000. This proposal, to their credit, the congregation did not entertain. This generous offer of Mr. Gordon is a strong evidence that the ministry of the church is not guided exclusively by mercenary motives.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting on the 20th January. Mr. D. M. Ramsay, B.A., was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. A letter from Dr. Cochrane was read, intimating that the Assembly's Home Mission Committee appointed Rev. T. G. Thomson, of Brucefield, to Burrard Inlet, British Columbia, and requesting that he be loosed from his present charge. It was agreed to cite his congregation to appear at next regular meeting for their interests. A letter from Mr. Warden, respecting French Evangelization work, was read, and action taken on it, as also on a circular from the Committee, on the Augmentation of Stipends. Mr. Fletcher and his elder were appointed to visit Exeter, Mr. Martin and his elder to visit Grand Bend, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the congregations of Bayfield Road and Berne in the interests of Stipend Augmentation. Leave was granted to the trustees of Willis' Church, Clinton, on application made, to mortgage their new church property for a sum not exceeding \$5,000 to meet contractor's demands. The resignation of Mr. McGilvray of his charge of the Gaelic station, Goderich, was accepted, and Mr. Pritchard was instructed to procure suitable supply for said station. The report of the committee recommending that in the event of Leeburn, or Elmira Church, or both, being separated from Knox Church, Goderich, a union be effected between them and the Gaelic station, Goderich, with the view of forming a satisfactory charge. The recommendation was approved by the Presbytery. It was agreed to hold a conference on the State of Religion at next meeting of Presbytery on the following subjects. First, "Special Evangelistic Services" to be introduced by Messrs. Musgrave and McCoy. Second, "New Method of Enlisting the Eldership in the Discharge of their Official Duties," to be introduced by Messrs. R. T. Thomson, and Shaw, elder. Report on Sabbath-schools was delayed till next meeting. Mr. McCoy brought the interests of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund before the Presbytery, and said fund was commended to the sympathy and liberality of the congregations of the bounds. The Presbytery spent some time in discussing the subject of the Federation of the Colleges, and resolved to take up the same subject at next meeting. The nomination of Moderator of next Assembly was taken up, when the following deliverance was unanimously adopted: "Notwithstanding the appointment of a college of Moderators to make such nominations in future, the Presbytery, believing that Presbyteries have the inherent right to make the aforesaid nominations, in accordance with past usages, and as such power has not lapsed by the consent of the Presbyteries themselves, hereby nominate the Rev. Dr. McKnight, of Halifax, as the Moderator of next Assembly. The following deliverance respecting the Scott Act was unanimously adopted: "Inasmuch as the Presbytery has already expressed itself in sympathy with the Scott Act and inasmuch as a petition has been presented to Parliament asking for certain changes to be made which will validate the Act, Resolved: that the counter petitions issued by the Dominion Alliance, be commended to the interest and sympathies of the members and adherents of the Church within the bounds, and that these petitions be as largely signed and as quickly forwarded as possible." A successful Sabbath school convention was held on the 21st inst. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Seaforth on the second Tuesday of March, at eleven a.m.—A. McLEAY, Pres. Clerk.