

## Ministers and Churches.

THE ladies of the Presbyterian Church lately held their bazaar in Bellamy's Hall, Moosejaw. The attendance was large.

THE Sarnia Presbytery at its meeting last week sustained a call from Gutrie Church, Wilkesport, to Rev. Mr. McClung, of Shakespeare.

IN answer to numerous inquiries we are pleased to be able to state that the Rev. Dr. Kellogg is steadily recovering from his recent illness.

THE Rev. Dr. Macrae, St. John, received from a number of his congregation a well filled purse and a handsome pulpit gown of the richest silk.

THE Rev. Thomas Davidson, M.A., was inducted on 24th Dec. to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Wroxeter in the Presbytery of Maitland.

THE anniversary sermons in Knox Church, Mitchell, on a recent Sabbath, were preached by Rev. Mr. Danby, of Sealorth. They were very able and instructive discourses.

WE have received from Mr. Thomas Kerr, Inspector, Standard Life Assurance Company, a copy of the very handsome and useful Almanac and Diary for 1889 issued by that company.

ON Christmas night the Willing Workers in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Uxbridge, gave an excellent entertainment in the Ontario Hall, being the Cantata of Ruth the Moabitess.

THE Rev. Mr. Pihladi, late of Winnipeg, has resigned the pastorate of Calvary Church, San Francisco, and accepted a call to a congregation in San Rosa, where the work will be much lighter.

THE Belmont Presbyterian congregation is discussing the advisability of building a new church next summer, owing to the large increase in the attendance, both at Church and Sunday school services.

REV. A. H. Scott, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth, preached at Almonte on Monday evening and the services are being conducted through the week by the resident clergyman, Rev. Mr. Stuart.

THE Rev. William Moore, D.D., the pastor of Bank Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, was on Christmas eve presented by the ladies of his congregation with a Persian lamb overcoat, cap and gauntlets.

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian Congregation, of Harwich was held in the Blenheim Church on Wednesday afternoon last week. The reports submitted showed the congregation to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

A SOCIAL was held in the hall of the First Presbyterian Church Truro N. S. last evening during which the ladies of Mrs. Robbins' bible class presented that lady with a gold watch guard and address. A very agreeable evening was passed.

MR. JAMES MITCHELL, who resides in California, has paid off the debt of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, St. John, \$2,732. He lived in New Brunswick forty years ago, and his sister is a member of the church which he has so generously helped.

A KINGSTON paper says: Mr. Russell, a student, has been preaching a strange doctrine at Onslow Mission. The young man's sermon will be analyzed by the Lanark Presbytery, and the attention of the college authorities called to the matter.

THE members and congregation connected with Knox Church, Ayr, assembled in the lecture-room, and partook of a tea a few evenings ago; after which Mr. D. Goldie read an address, welcoming Rev. I. Thomson and his wife on their return to Ayr.

A MEAFORD paper states that the Rev. A. T. Colter sent in his resignation of the pastorate of the Meaford Presbyterian Church at the last meeting of the Presbytery. He is at present in Manitoba, and, we understand, intends to make his home there, as the climate agrees with him.

FRIDAY evening week, the Presbyterian Young Peoples' Association, Brampton, gave an entertainment which was well attended. The programme was good, all the numbers being well rendered. One feature of the evening was a debate. Resolved—"That Nature is to be preferred to Art."

THE Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., conducted anniversary services in Chalmers Church, Toronto, last Sabbath. In the morning Mr. Dickson spoke chiefly to parents; in the afternoon to children, and in the evening to young men. All three services were largely attended by attentive audiences.

THE news of the death of Rev. John Gibson, missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to the colonies of Demerara, has just been received. His death was caused by an attack of dysentery. He leaves a widow and an infant child. Mr. Gibson has been at work in Demerara a little over three years.

THE Rev. T. Cumming, of St. Andrew's Church, Truro, Nova Scotia, delivered before the students of Presbyterian College, Halifax, lately, the first of a series of lectures on the faiths of the world, his subject being "Man as a religious being." Rev. J. Robbins is the lecturer for January 22, subject, "The Religion of the Hindus."

THE congregation of Knox Church, Woodstock, were greatly pleased on Sunday evening week to once more see their pastor, the Rev. Mr. McMullen, in his accustomed place, that he has so eminently filled for many years. He has completely recovered from his attack of sickness, and is feeling better than for some time. His sermons on Sunday were listened to with great interest by large congregations.

KNOX CHURCH, Brussels, Sabbath-school, held their annual entertainment on 27th December, Elder Thomas Strachan in the chair. The usual round of singing, readings and recitations was satisfactorily gone through. The pastor's (G. B. Howie) contribution was an account of his journey in 1877 from Scotland through Europe and Asia Minor to Syria with a word about day and Sabbath-schools there.

THE Rev. A. MacDougall, B.A., of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and Ph.D. of the Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., received from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, the degree of B.D., *ad eundem gradum* at a meeting of the senate of that College held lately. The rev. doctor carried off the first prize in each year of his course in that institution, and since that time has received, upon examination the degrees mentioned above.

THE many friends of Mr. J. K. McGillivray, a graduate of Manitoba College, who a few months ago left Winnipeg for Princeton Theological Seminary, will doubtless be pleased to learn that he recently distinguished himself as a Hebrew student, winning 1st prizes in the New Haven correspondence school in Hebrew. The prize was awarded for having done during the past year the most satisfactory work, both as to merit and the number of exercises sent in during the year.

A LITERARY and improvement society has been formed in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, known as St. Paul's Young People's Association. The officers elected are as follows: President, Rev. Dr. Jardine; first vice-president, T. N. Campbell; second vice-president, H. W. Neelands; sec.-treas., H. W. Neelands; committee: W. Knox, J. F. A. Stull; J. Kernaghan, Miss McGregor, and Mrs. Potter. It is intended that an entertainment be held every fortnight.

THE Rev. Mr. Townsend of Knox Church, Manitou, has intimated to the elders that owing to ill health he felt himself unable to attend to the increased duties devolving upon him and expressed a desire to visit a milder climate in the hope that his health would be fully restored. Under the circumstances the elders present decided to leave the question in abeyance until the annual meeting in January, when it

if thought that matters can be so arranged as to grant the pastor leave of absence for a time.

THE Y. P. A. of the new Edinburgh Presbyterian Church held their second annual social in the Albert Hall, New Edinburgh. After refreshments had been served by the young ladies and gentlemen and a short conversation had been indulged in, the honorary president, Rev. G. M. Clark who acted as chairman, addressed the assembly in a very pleasing manner giving words of counsel and encouragement to the association. He then announced the programme which was chiefly musical, well rendered and highly appreciated.

ON Friday evening week the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Kirkwall, held their annual social, which was a great success in every respect. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Carruthers, occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Dickson and Jackson, of Galt, and Mr. J. G. Cochran, of Sheffield. The choir of the Methodist Church gave a number of selections during the evening. Miss Taylor, of Galt, also gave a reading, and Mr. Ziegler a humorous recitation.

THE annual social of the Presbyterian Church, Gladstone, Man., here held last week was a splendid success financially and otherwise. The choir discoursed some first class music and certainly have the hearty thanks of the public. Their leader, Mr. Mason, takes great delight in having everything first class and no hitch. The speaking was chiefly confined to the clergy and was very interesting. The question of union of the churches was touched upon by two or three of them and the conclusion arrived at was that organized union is distant.

OSHAWA was recently favoured with a visit from Rev. J. Wilkie, of Indore. His address on mission work in India was intensely interesting and instructive,—pronounced one of the best ever given in the church. Mr. Wilkie's visits to our congregations cannot but deepen the interest in Foreign Missions,—especially in our India mission,—and it is to be hoped that he will be greeted by the full house that such addresses as he gives deserve. Those who absent themselves learn what they miss too late to get the benefit of the visit.

A FEW of the members of the Presbyterian and Union Sabbath-school of Cypress River gathered at the Rev. Mr. Haig's on Friday evening week and presented Mrs. Haig with a purse as a slight token of appreciation of the interest she has taken as organist in both Sunday school and church services. After the address was read a sumptuous repast was handed around by the ladies. The following are the names of those who took part in the programme amusements: Mr. and Mrs. Haig, Mr. and Mrs. Diehl, Mr. F. Shultz, Mr. H. Stewart.

IN Knox Church, Guelph, the pastor, Rev. R. J. Beattie, entered upon the sixth year of his pastorate lately, and preached a sermon based upon the first chapter of 1st Thess., setting forth the characteristics and influence of a church having the true spirit of the Lord. A short statement concerning the congregation was made. The number of members added during the last five years was 373. The present membership is 461. Number of baptisms, 121. In the evening the pastor preached an appropriate sermon on the duty of church members.

A GENTLEMAN from Port Stanley, connected with the Presbyterian Church there, lately called upon Rev. Mr. McConnachie, in London, and presented him with a sum of money amounting to \$53, as a token of the esteem of his late congregation and their sympathy with himself and family in his affliction. Mr. McConnachie's many friends will be glad to learn that, though very ill, his condition is not so bad as recently rumoured. The last few weeks have not developed any aggravation of his malady. He is able to be up and down stairs daily.

ON Sunday morning week Rev. Mr. Wilson, of King, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, and preached a sermon to the Sabbath school children from the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." In the evening he preached to those more advanced in years on the subject, "How am I to become a Christian?" Both sermons were intensely interesting, and were delivered in such a pleasing style as to awaken rapt attention and produce serious thoughts.

THE *Brantford Expositor* quoting from a Charleston paper the following: The Rev. Dr. Beattie, of Canada, who recently succeeded the Rev. Dr. Woodrow in the Perkins professorship of the Columbia Seminary, preached to day in the First Presbyterian Church and he made a fine impression on the congregation. He sustained his reputation as a minister of eloquence and striking ability. The *Expositor* adds: The reverend doctor seems to have met the expectations of the people in the South, and his many friends in this city and county will be glad to know it.

A VERY interesting social was held in the Presbyterian Church, Princeton, Ont., lately. The chairman was Mr. Somerville, M.P., who did his duties admirably. There was a good attendance and the proceedings were much enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Tolmie spoke on the future of Canada; Rev. Mr. Beattie (St. Andrew's Church, Oxford and Blenheim) also gave an address. Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Chesier delivered a happy address. Music was furnished by local talent. Proceeds were ample to cover their debt and set them free. The children had a social the next evening.

THERE was a missionary meeting in the West Flamboro' Presbyterian Church lately. Rev. D. Wardrope, of Guelph, Convener of the Foreign Mission committee, addressed the meeting upon missions. Rev. Dr. Laing followed, giving special attention to the wants of the home field, French Canadian and colleges. The West Flamboro' congregation has raised \$409 for missions during the year. A proposition was made at the meeting to adopt the envelope system for the funds of the church. This congregation is very prosperous notwithstanding the establishment of the Church at Lynden.

AT the annual entertainment in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, on Wednesday evening week, a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent listening to musical and literary selections. There was a good attendance and the proceeds amounted to upwards of \$30 at an admission fee of ten and fifteen cents. One commendable feature in the programme was the presentation to the respected pastor, Rev. A. McLean, of a valuable cutter robe and whip as a memento of good will from the congregation. Mr. McLean made a feeling and very nice reply to the address, which was read by Mr. J. S. McKinnon.

LAST night was a field one for the scholars of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, Brandon. Each presented an elaborate programme, partaking of songs, choruses and recitations, which ran smoothly and nicely, showing careful training. Large audiences greeted both performances. A pleasing feature of the Presbyterian children's concert was the presentation by his class to J. F. Howard, Bible class teacher, of a beautiful easy chair as a token of their appreciation of his labour. Alderman-elect, John A. Brown, in a neat speech, conveyed to Mr. Howard the feeling of the Bible class toward him.

THE *Elora Express* says: The anniversary services in connection with Knox Church, held on Sunday and Monday, were a pleasing success in every particular. The Rev. Alex. Jackson, of Galt, preached to large congregations on Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Jackson is recently of Pittsburg, Pa. He is one of the greatest pulpit orators in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, besides being considerable of a scientist. His sermons smack strongly of science, and he possesses the power of conciliating religion with science in a marked degree. His sermon on Sunday evening was a treat which has never been excelled inside the walls of an Elora church.

ON Christmas night the basement of Georgetown Presbyterian Church was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large number

of adults and children who attended the Christmas tree. Everything passed off to the satisfaction of everybody. The tree was tastefully decked with elegant and valuable presents that the recipients received with the greatest pleasure. The singing by the Sunday-school was well done and thoroughly entertaining. Mrs. Longman, on whom was placed this responsibility, is worthy of commendation for the efficiency with which the scholars performed their part. The music by the orchestra was of a high order and helped to make the already good programme first-class.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Mill Branch, Kent Co., N. B. was formally dedicated last Sunday. The dedication sermon in the morning was preached by Rev. G. M. Robinson, of Moncton, who took as his text the words: "And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Gen. 28: 17. Rev. Mr. Bell, Methodist minister of Weldford, preached in the afternoon. The fine new church building cost \$1,700 and nearly all of this amount has been either promised or already paid in. Rev. J. H. Cameron is pastor on this circuit, which is to be divided, Bass River and some adjoining sections forming one congregation and Weldford and Mill Branch another.

THE Rev. G. B. Howie, of Brussels, late of Mount Lebanon, delivered three lectures in Ashfield last week on Canaan, its geography and the customs of its people. These points were discussed in so far as they touch the Bible and chiefly for the benefit of Sabbath schools. Mr. Howie said that it is the well-known opinion of pious and wise Christian scholars that knowledge of Palestine is necessary to a better understanding of Scripture. He added that congregations in favourable circumstances ought by all means to give their pastors the best opportunity to visit the East. It will pay. Mr. Howie surprised his hearers when he said that about \$200 will defray the cost of a return trip to Jerusalem, though five years ago a thousand would have been necessary.

THE ninth anniversary of the dedication of the Collingwood Presbyterian Church was observed last Sabbath. The Rev. Professor MacLaren, D.D., preached in the morning and evening. The very name of Dr. MacLaren was sufficient to create an interest in the services. The sermons were clear and powerful expositions of the truth. The Doctor's earnestness in presenting the way of salvation made an impression which will not soon be forgotten. The collection which was for the building debt amounted to \$250 50. The congregation raised for the Church debt during the year nearly \$1 400. The congregation has been in bondage by a heavy debt since the church was built, but the debt will soon be a thing of the past.

THE Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church, Sarnia, held its regular meeting in the school room on Monday evening. The programme opened with two instrumental duets, by Miss Recie Mackenzie and Lucy Robinson and by the Misses Da-zel, respectively, after which followed the debate, resolved: "That climate affects the moral character of man." Messrs. Hossie, Grant and Logan held for affirmative and Dr. Logie, Mr. Nisbet and D. Mackenzie for the negative. The debate was lively from the start and at the close each side had numerous sympathizers in the audience. Rev. Dr. Thompson summed up the arguments and decided in favour of the affirmative. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Thompson for the able manner in which he filled the chair.

A REGULAR meeting of the Presbytery of Columbia was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, Rev. D. McRae, Moderator. Present the Revs. P. McF. McLeod, D. Fraser, T. G. Thomson, R. McKay, R. Jameson, T. Scouler, A. Tait, and Elders McConnan, Flett, Mackie, J. M. Browning, E. Sanders, and others. After the usual routine business had been gone through, miscellaneous matters came up for consideration among which may be mentioned the subject of Home Missions and the consideration of remits from Assembly. The Rev. D. Fraser's resignation of Mount Lehman, and the call extended to the Rev. Mr. McLaren, of Brampton, Ontario, by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church came up for decisive action during the evening. The meeting of the Presbytery was concluded the following day.

A VICTORIA B. C., paper says: On Sunday night the Rev. Mr. Fraser, of the First Presbyterian Church, preached an able and eloquent sermon on "Love," taking his text from John xvi. 9, the congregation completely filling the church. Of late the attendance at this church has been remarkably large and continues to increase every Sunday. Whether this is the result of increased religious fervour through the influence of Mr. Moody or from the earnest discourse of the pastor it is hard to say, but the facts remain that every Sunday and evening the church is filled. The singing is also very attractive, the choir under Mr. Brown doing splendid service. The anthem Sunday evening was very tastefully rendered by about twenty-four voices. It is now probably the largest choir in Victoria and certainly does its leader credit.

THE Christmas entertainment at the William Street Mission, under the auspices of Erskine Church, Toronto, last week, was very successful. The children, to the number of about 100, were seated on raised benches and presented a fine appearance, and they were kept admirably in hand by Mr. Yellowlees, the superintendent, the best of order prevailing. The choruses and recitations were capitally given, while a little girl of ten years, Sarah Welsh, repeated the Ten Commandments without a mistake. Every scholar received a book, a box of candies and an orange, and several received special prizes for repeating the Ten Commandments and golden texts. At the close of the services Mr. Yellowlees was the recipient of a very substantial acknowledgment from Erskine Church for the services he has rendered in connection with their mission. Miss Findlay, the organist, was also kindly remembered.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Clifford, was opened on Dec. 16. Dr. McLaren of Knox College preached in the morning and evening, and Rev. Mr. Jones of Brussels in the afternoon. All the sermons were able and appropriate, and the audiences large. There was a social gathering on the Monday evening at which the following gave addresses, Messrs Stewart, Walker, (Methodist), Cameron, McMullan, M. P., Jones and McNair. There was also a Sabbath school social on the Tuesday evening. Proceeds over \$220. The church is of white brick with basement. The seats in the audience room are circular, every thing is finished in the most modern style and reflects credit both on the contractor and building committee. The ladies of the congregation who provided the furnishings have also displayed good taste. The acoustic properties are perfect. The congregation also purchased the adjoining lot on which they have built substantial sheds. The whole cost is provided for.

THE congregation of Blackheath, Abingdon and East Seneca is having its turn of peace and prosperity. Blackheath Church has been repainted and refurbished, and is now a credit to the community. The Abingdon portion of the congregation have put up additional sheds, as, since the settlement of their pastor, the Rev. J. W. Penman, amongst them seven months ago, the present shed room has proved insufficient for the usual worshipping congregation. East Seneca people are also alive. Their church has been repaired and improved; money has been subscribed for an organ, which will be bought and in use in a few days; and the church will be repainted next summer. Besides all that, forty-six new members have been added to the communion roll within the last five months. Though the distance is nearly thirty miles, each church has its Sabbath service and weekly prayer meeting. A movement will be made shortly to have the congregation self-sustaining. So there is peace, activity and prosperity all along the line.

SEVERAL hundred children and members of the Zion Presbyterian Church Sunday school, Brantford, engaged in celebrating the usual anniversary Wednesday night in that church. Early in the evening a free supper was given the scholars in the school room. The supper was provided by the ladies of the church, and was a bounteous spread. An adjournment to the church proper was in