

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Airle, intend building a new church. They have about \$700 subscribed.

KNOX CHURCH, Acton, is to have the old seats taken away and chairs put in their place. There is also a new manse to be built.

THE Rev. A. O. Brown, pastor of the Campbellton, N.B., Presbyterian Church, has, on account of failing health, been obliged to give up his charge for a few months.

MR. RATTRAY, of Queen's College, who laboured at Melrose, will, during the coming summer, conduct the services in connection with the Presbyterian Church there again.

The members of the Smith's Hill Presbyterian Church have presented Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Young with a handsome easy chair each, in recognition of Mr. Young's services as leader of the Psalmody.

A VERY interesting and profitable Sabbath School Convention was recently held in Brucefield, at which a number of the Presbyterian ministers and Sabbath school workers in the neighbourhood took part.

THE ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Keewatin, Norman and Rat Portage, presented their pastor, Rev. R. Nairn, with a handsome overcoat. The cloth is the finest quality of Moscow beaver, with other fur collar.

AN excellent Sunday-school entertainment was given in the Presbyterian Church, Angus, lately. The programme consisted of recitations, dialogues, etc., by the scholars. The proceeds amounted to over \$14.

THE Rev. R. Hamilton, of Motherwell, conducted the services at Knox Church, Mitchell, on the 24th ult. The ministers of Stratford Presbytery have been very kind in supplying for Rev. Mr. Tully during his illness.

HAWSKILL Presbyterian Church was opened for divine worship on Sunday 17th ult. The Rev. Mr. Beattie, of Guelph, preached three excellent sermons. The tea-meeting held on Monday was also very successful.

REV. DR. ROBERTSON, the Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in the Northwest, lectured in the Presbyterian Church, Columbus, to a good audience. The reverend gentleman is an enthusiast on the prospects of the North West.

THE second of the series of parlour socials under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church, Oak Lake, Manitoba, was held lately at the house of Mr. Archibald Leitch, and was well attended, somewhere about eighty people being present.

THE Brampton Presbyterian Church have unanimously called Rev. Alfred Gandier, M.A., to the pastorate of their congregation. Mr. Gandier is a young minister of great promise, having passed a highly creditable course at Knox College. He is at present in Edinburgh, Scotland.

THE Sabbath-school entertainment in the Presbyterian Church, Leury, last Wednesday was well attended. Most of the pupils were presented with a copy of the Scriptures. Mr. A. Smith, the superintendent, occupied the chair. There are fifty-nine names on the roll. Proceeds \$13.65.

MR. MEIKLE has been holding a series of Evangelistic meetings in Ottawa, which have been well attended and have occasioned much interest and will doubtless in many instances result most beneficially. Mr. Meikle's addresses have been characterized by his accustomed fervour, earnestness and simplicity.

ON Sunday the 24th ult., the Rev. A. U. Campbell, of Quaker Hill Church, occupied the Presbyterian Church pulpit, Uxbridge, and declared it vacant on account of Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., being translated to Paris. A student, it is stated, is to have charge of the pulpit till a selection of a regular pastor is made.

THE Young People's Association of John Street Presbyterian Church, Belleville, gave another of their popular entertainments in the Sabbath school room lately. As usual, there was a full house. The entertainment was of a high order, as to its literary character, and the social side of the gathering seemed to be much appreciated.

THE Rev. D. B. McLeod, of Orwell, P.E.I., has received from the Sabbath-school scholars of his congregation the gift of a handsome sleigh and robe. This is only one of many marks of appreciation which Mr. McLeod has received from the good people of Orwell. The congregation is prosperous, the people harmonious and most attentive to the services.

THE Presbyterians of Tamworth have purchased from the Methodist body of that village, the church and grounds formerly owned by the Wesleyan denomination for \$400. This is considered a great bargain as the church is still in good condition. The Presbyterians are to expend \$200 in making it comfortable. The cause is very prosperous under the Rev. Mr. Smith.

AT a social gathering held in Melville Church, Brussels, on Feb. 26th, an address was presented to Elder Alex. Stewart, in which the congregation expressed its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him in many ways during the past twenty five years, and for ten of which he has filled the position of treasurer. The address was accompanied with a purse of \$50 in gold.

LAST week Mr. Joseph Harkness waited upon Rev. H. J. Northwick, A.M., in Morden, Manitoba, and presented him with an address signed by various residents of that neighbourhood who attend fortnightly his services at Mr. Robert Barclay's. The address was accompanied with a purse of \$45, which was contributed by Episcopalians and Methodists as well as by Presbyterians.

A VOTE on the organ question was taken last week at a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation at Burgoyne. The Rev. A. Tolmie, the pastor, presided, and the best of good feeling prevailed. The vote was overwhelming in favor of the introduction of a musical instrument into the services of both Sunday school and congregation, only some half dozen not voting with the majority.

THE lady members of St. Andrew's Church, Milton, have presented the pastor, the Rev. Robert Burnett, with a magnificent study carpet. This manifestation of the pleasant relations subsisting between the minister and his people is neither the first nor second that the pastor has received since he came amongst them. The congregation of St. Andrew's still seem desirous of maintaining their good name for liberality.

IN the Bond Head Presbyterian Church a few evenings ago the Rev. George Burnfield, of Toronto, delivered a most interesting lecture entitled "An Evening in Egypt." There was a large attendance, and the interest of the audience was steadily sustained by the fact that the lecturer was describing scenes and incidents that had come under his own personal observation. The Rev. J. Carwell, pastor of the church, occupied the chair.

THE Young People's Association of Knox Church, Stratford, is a very live organization, judging from the highly successful entertainment given in the church lecture room recently. The attendance was very large, the Association netting some \$25, notwithstanding the low price of admission. The president of the society, Mr. W. J. Elliott, made an agreeable chairman. The programme was well filled and the selections all of a high order.

THE Rev. J. A. Townsend, pastor of Manitou Presbyterian Church, has left for the Pacific coast, in search of health. It is to be hoped, says the *Winnipeg Sun*, that the reverend gentleman will soon return and with renewed strength continue the work in Manitou, which has prospered so well in his hands. The pulpit will in the meantime be supplied from Winnipeg under the direction of the Rev. Dr. King, principal of the Manitoba College.

THE Presbyterian tea meeting at Forest, was a success, both as an entertainment and financially. The proceeds amounted to over \$80. The congregation are having some trouble over getting the organ introduced into the church, but it is to be hoped that both parties will concede a little, and settle the matter amicably, ever remembering Paul's farewell address to the Galatians, "Be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

THREE has been presented to the Rev. Mr. Anderson, by a son of his former pastor in Scotland, a very handsome communion service, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. James Anderson by J. Halliday Croom, M.D., 1888." A fine bell has also been presented to the congregation, inscribed as follows: Presented with belfry to the Musquodoboit Presbyterian Church by a few friends in Scotland of the Rev. James Anderson, M.A., 1888."

THE Presbyterian manse, Kilsyth, was the scene of a very happy gathering recently, about fifty of the young people of the congregation having, without the slightest warning, taken their pastor, Rev. E. Mullan, and his family by surprise. The visitors made the object of their visit known by presenting Miss Bella Mullan with a beautiful china tea set, accompanied by an appropriate and kindly address, which was suitably acknowledged. An agreeable, social evening was spent.

AT Calvin Presbyterian Church, Montreal, last week, Messrs. James Osborne, Sr., W. Crawford, W. H. Pickard and W. Fourney were ordained to the eldership. The pastor, Dr. Smythe, preached on "The relation of the eldership to the Church," and after putting the necessary questions to the elders-elect, ordained them to that office. The newly-ordained elders were addressed in a suitable manner by the Rev. W. R. Cruikshanks, B.A., and the people were addressed by the Rev. Principal MacVicar, D.D., LL.D.

DR. COCHRANE has received the sum of £390 from the Glasgow College (Free Church) Missionary Society, in aid of the Home Mission Fund. This handsome contribution is, to a great extent, the result of the visit paid to the North-West in 1887, by the Rev. Dr. John Stewart, of Glasgow. He took a deep interest in our work, and on his return brought the matter repeatedly before the students. The Rev. J. S. Mackintosh, also, the secretary of the Free Church Colonial Committee, has given valuable help in the matter.

A MISSIONARY meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Fenelon Falls, lately. After devotional exercises the chairman, Rev. William Luchead, introduced Rev. W. G. Mills, of Sunderland, who spoke at considerable length, reviewing the work of Presbyterian missions in different fields, but especially in India. There was a good attendance, although the weather was cold. At the close a collection in aid of Foreign Missions was taken up. On Sunday Mr. Mills preached in the Presbyterian Church both morning and evening to large congregations.

A VERY successful tea meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Carholme, lately. A large number were present. The ladies did their part of the work with their usual generosity. Mr. James McBurney, Simcoe, ably filled the chair, and the speeches by Rev. Messrs Wells, of Jarvis, McGregor, of Tilsonburgh, and Hamilton, of Lynedoch, were instructive and entertaining. The singing by Mr. A. W. Gray, Lynedoch, and Miss Edgar of Hamilton, was highly appreciated, both receiving encore after encore. Within the past year more than \$200 have been spent in church repairs.

THE Baptist annual social of the Ingersoll congregation in its literary part, took the form of a lecture by the Rev. G. B. Howie, late of Syria, now of Brussels. Mr. Howie gave a description of Jerusalem and other places in the neighbourhood; the structure and furniture of houses, as well as the food and manner of preparing it were described in their bearing on Bible texts. In moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, the Rev. R. Mantland commended this departure, and described the lecture as delightful, entertaining and highly instructive, for it brought them in living contact with sacred lands.

THE following is the report of St. John's Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., for 1888:—Number of families, 100; communicants, 102; added during year on profession, 21; by certificate, 11; total, 32; baptisms, 18; average attendance at prayer meeting, 60; in Sunday school and Bible class, 200; engaged in Sunday school work, 27; raised for congregational purposes, \$2,531; for schemes of the church and benevolent purposes, \$94; for all purposes, \$2,625; average per family, \$26.25, per communicant, \$16.20. Under the pastoral care of the Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, St. John's Church is making steady and encouraging progress.

AN entertainment held recently under the auspices of the Parry Sound Presbyterian Church Ladies' Aid Society, was an unqualified success as to numbers and financial results. The chair was ably filled by Rev. G. O. Grant, B.A., who introduced the following programme: Solo, Capt. Macfarlane; Violin and Piano Duet, Miss Grant and Mr. Jordan; Solo and Chorus, the Misses Hewitt, Mr. Lapp and Capt. Macfarlane; Duet, Miss Grant and Capt. Macfarlane; Solo, Mrs. Kennedy; The Orchestra of the Citizen's Musical Association also played several fine selections. The Rev. Mr. Hewitt delivered an instructive lecture which sustained the attention of his delighted audience to the close.

THE Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Collingwood, has announced a series of short lectures, on Sabbath evenings, on the following subjects: God commanded man to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath; there is no command to keep the first day of the week; why then do Christians keep the first day and not the seventh day as the Sabbath? Who are the Jesuits? What are their principles? Is the Christian Church in danger from them? The Mormons of Utah recently asked for colonization land in the North West. What is Mormonism? Should the Mormons be allowed to colonize in Canada? John Knox and the Reformation in Scotland. The doctrines of the Presbyterian Church regarding Baptism. The mode of baptism. The subjects of Baptism.

ANNIVERSARY services were held at the Presbyterian Church, Barrie, Sunday week. Professor McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto, preached morning and evening. The professor, says the *Barrie Advance*, is a portly man, getting on in years, as indexed by the silvery hair. His face is clean shaven, except a thin fringe of chin whiskers. His forehead has large development in the region of the reasoning faculties, while the perceptive are above the average. As a speaker, he is clear, logical, and forcible. His sermon in the morning was based on Acts ix. 15, 16. His object was to show how God accomplishes His purposes, and that when he has a work to do He raises up men fitted to accomplish it. He instanced many persons in history to prove this, such as Luther and the Apostle Paul. He gave a somewhat exhaustive history of Paul and the work he accomplished. The professor's Calvinism was very clearly marked in his discourses.

A pleasant time was spent lately in the basement of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, it being the fortnightly entertainment of the Young People's Institute: Rev. W. T. Herridge presided. The selections were entirely taken from the works of Longfellow. Mr. C. H. Beddoe gave the first song, the well known and time-honoured, "Village Blacksmith." Immediately after came Mr. McPherson, with a timely and much appreciated essay on the poet. Mr. Scott gave a reading from "Hiawatha," and later on Mr. Frank Nelson read an extract from "Evangeline." Mr. Beddoe gave another recitation, "The Legend of the Birds," and near the close of the evening, Rev. W. T. Herridge read in his usual agreeable style, "The Old Clock on the Stairs." Between the readings, instrumental music was afforded by Miss Scott, and Miss K. Drummond, and Mrs. Bronson sang in a very charming manner, "The Day is Done." The entertainment was brought to a close by a quartette, "Good Night," capably handled by Messrs. Anderson, Beddoe, and Meadames Hutchison and Bronson.

THE congregation of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, of which the Rev. Dr. Burns is pastor, has a Missionary Association, a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Mission Band, a Mite Society, a Young People's Association, and a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, a Working Boy's Society. The machinery is in thorough working order. The reports of the Session and managers are very gratifying. The sum of \$8,599 has been paid in for all purposes during the year, being \$6,097 for congregational purposes (including \$1,102 for the debt) and \$2,502 for schemes. Additions to roll during year, twenty-seven; deaths, eleven. The communion roll is set down at 205. The rate of giving is high. The Young Men's Bible class is taught by President Forrest, the Young Women's by the pastor's wife; and the Primary class by one of the elders, Mr. D. Blackwood. The well known and universally respected superintendent of the Sabbath school, (J. S. Machar) has been compelled for the present by impaired health, to retire from the position he has so long and most successfully occupied and his place is filled by Mr. J. P. Stairs.

MESSRS R. P. KNOWLES and D. M. Ross, students of Manitoba College, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Winnipeg, on behalf of the Students' Missionary Society connected with their college. In the opening remarks of Mr. Ross, he gave a brief outline of the object of the society. He said it existed largely to keep up a true missionary spirit amongst the students, but also to raise funds to send two or three of its members into the mission fields of the Prairie Province during the summer. During last year two students had occupied mission stations, and this year they wished to send out three, one to work amongst the Indians. The society also erected, with the assistance of its friends, a mission church amongst the Icelanders and gave assistance to Mr. Moore's school for Indian boys in the North West. Mr. Knowles, who followed, preached an eloquent sermon from the words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." He pointed out the many ways in which this text applied to Christians, and closed by asking the congregation to deal liberally with the society. The collection was very large, Messrs. A. C. Manson and I. McDonald preached in the North Presbyterian Church on the same day on behalf of the missionary society.

THE lecture room of Erskine Church, Hamilton, presented a very pretty appearance last week when the children and their parents were all assembled to celebrate their annual social. The Sunday school is in a very flourishing condition, as is shown by the following figures: The number on the roll is 300 and the average attendance 210, with 36 officers and teachers, the whole being under the direction of Mr. James Newlands, the superintendent. The amount contributed last year for missionary and benevolent purposes was \$216, and this year \$210 was collected. The school is supported principally by the children themselves, and the above figures speak volumes for the scholars. At the social the superintendent presided, and a number of scholars contributed to a very lengthy and interesting programme. After this part of the programme was gone through with, two very pleasing events took place, they being a couple of presentations to two of the teachers, who are about to leave the school; one—Mrs. R. E. Woodruff—to go to Toronto to live, while the other—Miss A. B. Horsburgh—goes to China as a missionary. The presents consisted of beautifully framed pictures of their respective classes. Both the ladies were taken by surprise, but responded in a few words, thanking the scholars for their kind gifts. Refreshments were served in abundance during the evening. After the benediction by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Dey, the young people left for their homes, well pleased with their annual social.

ABOUT seventy-five ladies, members of the different Presbyterian congregations in Winnipeg assembled in the lecture room of Knox Church Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Winnipeg Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This society is composed of the different auxiliaries connected with the congregations of Knox, St. Andrew's, Fort Rouge and Port Arthur Churches, and is formed to receive reports from the different auxiliaries in the Presbytery, and forward them to the Central Woman's Foreign Missionary Society connected with the Presbyterian Church in Toronto. It also looks after the formation of new auxiliaries and superintends in general the different societies connected with it. The Port Arthur Society was asked by letter to nominate an officer, as they had no delegates present, and they complied by nominating the treasurer. The election of officers resulted as follows, the vice-presidents being the presidents of the auxiliaries: Mrs. Watts, president; Mrs. Duval, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Pringle and Mrs. Taylor, vice-presidents; Mrs. C. H. Campbell, secretary; Miss Kennedy, of Port Arthur, treasurer. The society will meet at the call of the president whenever requested by any of the presidents of the auxiliaries. It will generally meet when the Winnipeg Presbytery is sitting, so that they may hear how their work is progressing and where their efforts are most needed.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church, Norwood, were held recently. The Rev. James Ross, B.D., of Perth, delivered two excellent sermons; that of the morning was from Isa. lx. 13, "I will make the place of my feet glorious," and was indeed a touching and eloquent discourse. In the evening he preached from Ps. xxxv. 3; "Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation." In this he showed a depth of pathos and eloquence even greater than in the morning. The church was well filled both morning and evening. Notwithstanding the storm which raged all Monday the soiree in the evening was a decided success. After a sumptuous tea in the commodious Sabbath-school room, all repaired to the church, where eloquent and stirring addresses were delivered by the following gentlemen, namely, Rev. Messrs. Ross, of Perth; Hay, of Campbellford; Hyde, of Warsaw; Thompson, of Hastings; Clark, of Norwood; and Mr. Madill student at Havelock. The musical part of the programme was efficiently given by the choir of the church, ably assisted by Miss Cameron, of Peterborough, who sang in a clear and sweet voice two beautiful solos. Mr. Ross spoke very highly of the choir and we think deservedly so. The usual social which follows the Monday evening soiree, took place on Tuesday evening, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number in attendance. The proceeds of the anniversary reached the handsome sum of \$125.

IN the January number of the *Journal* for 1888, attention was directed to the International Bible Reading Association, and we are glad to know that, as a result, a considerable number of branches have been formed in Methodist Episcopal Sunday-schools. The increase in membership in the Association from 160,000 to 200,000 in one year, appears to be striking proof of its acceptability to Sunday-school work, especially as the increase has been spread over each of the great divisions of the world. The International lessons have met with growing acceptance in England and other countries, and this daily remembrance in the home has had the effect of increasing and widening their influence. There is a power in sentiment which Sunday-school teachers may legitimately use, and the idea of a band of daily Bible readers extending through Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia, is calculated to interest the members and stimulate them to faithfulness and regularity in reading the selected portions. The selections have been made by a company of Bible students in London; and all who have followed them through the year have expressed with one voice their approval of the passages chosen as admirable for daily reading. The list is published in all the Sunday-school periodicals of our Church, and comes to the attention of at least two million people. The readings thus provided for are, we doubt not, used by a majority of the readers of the *Journal*; but we cannot fail to recognize the value of an organization which, as we have said, is likely to add increased interest to the reading, especially with scholars. A branch of the association may be formed with ten members and upward, each of whom subscribes the nominal amount of two cents for the year, and receives a card of membership, and monthly hints on the daily portions. Circulars containing further