

Church News.

In Canada.

A successful entertainment was recently held by the ladies of Central Church, James Bay, Victoria, B.C.

THE Christmas entertainment of Knox church Sabbath school, Victoria, B.C., was a most enjoyable and successful affair.

At their Xmas entertainment the Presbyterians of Windham Centre, presented their pastor, Rev. R. W. Leitch, with a beautiful fur overcoat.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed on the 16th ult., in St. Andrew's church, Sault Ste Marie, Ont., when 17 new members were received.

D. L. CAMPBELL, B.A., of Knox College, is supplying Ballinlad, etc., during the Xmas holidays. He had charge of these stations during the past summer.

REV. JONATHAN GUFORTH conducts missionary services at Cheltenham and Claude on Sabbath, Jan. 6th, and addresses the Orangeville Presbyterian on Jan. 8th.

REV. W. A. STEWART, M.A., formerly of Hornings Mills and Spanish River, received a unanimous call to Sheet Harbor, Nova Scotia, and was inducted on Dec. 27th.

MISS WATERS, organist, at Tamworth, has been presented with a complimentary address and a purse of money, in recognition of her services to the congregation of St. Andrew's church there.

THANKSGIVING services were held in St. Andrew's church, Pickering, last Sabbath, which were very largely attended. Rev. A. M. Aoley, the pastor, preaching at both services. The offerings were very large.

THE annual congregational meetings of Cheltenham and Mt. Pleasant were held on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, Jan. 3rd and 4th. The past year was marked by success in all departments of church work in both congregations.

MR. DUGALD McDONALD and his wife have been made the recipients of gifts from the members of Kintore congregation for their valuable services. The presents, consisting of a parlour suite and a gold watch, were accompanied by a flattering address.

At the December communion services in connection with the Vernon congregation, sixteen persons were added to the membership upon a profession of faith and one by certificate. Six adults were baptized at the opening service on Sabbath morning.

On Thursday evening Dec. 20th, a deputation representing the ladies of the congregation, waited on their pastor, Rev. D. McDonald, at the manse, Glenarm, and presented him with a kindly worded address accompanied with two handsome and valuable robes and a pair of gauntlets.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria was held in Central church, Victoria, B.C., on Wednesday evening, the 19th Dec., for the induction of the Rev. P. McF. McLeod to the pastoral charge of the congregation. The Rev. T. H. Rogers, president, Rev. R. G. Munson preached, Rev. Dr. Campbell addressed the minister and Rev. D. MacRae the people.

THE first anniversary services in connection with the new church, Glenarm, were held on Sabbath, Nov. 25th. Mr. Bethune, of Beaverton, preached powerful sermons both morning and evening. At 3 p.m. Mr. B. addressed a gathering of Sabbath school children, teachers and members of the C. E. Society, in that pleasing and attractive manner so peculiar to himself.

MISSIONARY services were conducted at Port Lock, MacLennan and Star River, on Sabbath, 23rd ult., by Rev. W. A. Duncan of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Each station was well represented, each place of worship being well filled with attentive and appreciative audience. This field is progressing rapidly under Rev. J. R. McGillivray, clerk of Presbytery of Algoma. A new manse will soon be completed and occupied, which will aid materially in prosecuting the work.

REV. DR. CARMICHAEL received a pleasant surprise on New Year's eve. The ladies of St. Andrew's, King, invited his congregation to meet at the manse, and while there presented their pastor with a new pulpit gown and a tastefully worded address. The company spent the last hours of the old year with music, refreshments and conversation, and parted with a general New Year's greeting.

On Sabbath, Dec. 23, 1894, Rev. J. G. Potter, B.A., of the Southside Presbyterian church, Toronto, exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. F. Macfarlane, B.A., pastor of the united congregation of Heckston and South Mountain, and conducted the annual anniversary services connected with the opening of these churches. The services were well attended, and all were well pleased with Mr. Potter's eloquent and earnest discourses.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian Sabbath school, Flesherton, for 1894 rank among the most successful in its history. The anniversary sermon was preached on Sabbath morning, Dec. 23, by the pastor, Rev. J. Wells, M.A., who chose by way of text, Judges xiv. 8, "A swarm of bees," and preached a sermon of rare excellence for the occasion; the illustrations were apt and the lessons taught from the life and habits of the busy bee were for the child-mind appropriate, interesting and instructive. The anniversary tea and entertainment on Christmas evening was a grand success. The large audience filled the church to the doors. The pastor presided in a very pleasing manner, and the strictest order prevailed. The selections were choice, the chorus singing by the children was particularly good, and the admirably rendered recitations by the little folk received hearty applause. Quartettes, "Christmas Bells," and "I will guide thee," by Misses Becroft and Williams, Miss Van Dusen and Mrs. Blackburn, and also a solo by Miss Stewart, were much appreciated. Another very pleasing feature of the evening was the excellent recitals by Miss Annie Richardson, elocutionist, of whom Flesherton (her home) may justly be proud. In the following numbers, viz., "The Second Trial," "The Painter of Seville," "The Obstructive Hat," "Parental Discipline," and "Long 'fore I knew what Santa Claus wuz," she showed her pleasing exponent of her art, and won the closest attention and hearty applause of her large audience in all her selections. The secretary's and librarian's reports were interesting, and showed the school to be in a prosperous condition. At the close, the handsomely decorated Christmas Tree was stripped of its precious burden, and the presents distributed among the happy children. Proceeds, \$75.

THE congregation of Bridgeport, C.B., has got comfortably settled in the new church, and a beautiful structure it is. In the historical sketch of the congregation given by Rev. James A. Forbes, of Glace Bay, at the dedicatory services, he said that thirty-five years ago, this part of Cape Breton was a barren wilderness. The dreariness was only broken by a solitary house here and there, or by a fisherman's hut on the shore. Although the French had mined coal along the sea wall, and private individuals had engaged in the industry, it was not till 1861 that coal mining on an extensive scale began in this district. Reference was made to the labours of the late lamented Rev. A. Farquharson, who did excellent pioneer work in this and adjacent fields. In 1867 he began his labours. There was no place of worship excepting private houses or a hall. Six years were consumed in erecting and completing a church. In 1881, Mr. Forbes was called as minister. Although his labours were widely scattered he had the satisfaction of seeing the cause prosper greatly. It was decided to separate two sections of Glace Bay field and erect them into the congregation of Bridgeport and Reserve. This was effected on January, 1893, and in a short time Mr. Macglashen was called. After the address, which proved very interesting, Prof. Falconer, Halifax, offered the solemn prayer by which the

church was dedicated to the work of Almighty God. Then followed the communion service, in which all the ministers present took part. Sixteen members were received by certificate, most of them from Stellarton and Springhill. In the afternoon was a children's service, and in the evening Prof. Falconer preached. The collections during the day amounted to \$200, of which \$15 were contributed by the Sabbath School children.

A SUCCESSFUL Xmas tree entertainment was given on Xmas night in the Webbwood Presbyterian church, when the church was crowded to the doors. There were two special attractions, the singing and recitations of the children and a well laden Xmas tree. The children did their part admirably and were repeatedly applauded. One of the pleasing features of the evening was the reading of an address and presentation of a purse of \$25 to Miss McLandress, who has ever since the organization of this cause six years ago presided at the organ. Mr. Geo. Arnold, student at Copper Cliff, discharged the duties of chairman in an able and pleasing manner. On the following Sabbath, Dec. 30, the congregation on special appeal, besides their usual Sabbath offering, placed \$75 on the collection plate so as to be ready to make their second last payment on the mortgage which falls due March 1st. Much interest is manifested in the work here, and this plucky little congregation will assuredly do its part for the Master.

A CHILDREN'S service was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Dalhousie Mills, on Xmas morning, which was largely attended by the people of the congregation. The services consisted of a children's sermon, by the pastor Rev. A. K. MacLennan, and Xmas carols by the children. Much credit is due to Mr. A. R. MacNaughton, for his untiring efforts in training the children to sing. The singing of a sweet solo, by little Miss Lizzie MacNaughton, delighted the whole audience. A pleasing feature of the morning's proceedings was the presentation by the pastor in behalf of the members of the Y. P. S. C. E., of a beautiful pulpit Bible and Psalm Book to the congregation. Mr. MacGregor, elder, acknowledged this valuable gift in a very suitable manner. The children of the various Sabbath schools throughout the congregation also presented Mr. A. W. MacNaughton with a fine gold C. E. pin. The presentation was made in a neat little speech by Miss Eva Stackhouse, to which Mr. MacNaughton suitably replied. On the following Wednesday afternoon, the parents and teachers of the Glen Robertson Sabbath school children, provided a well loaded Xmas tree for the children of that district in the house of Mr. P. Hambleton. All the teachers received presents from their pupils, and the superintendent Mr. Hutcheson was presented by the school with a nicely bound Bible. A valuable gold C. E. pin was also given to the pastor Rev. A. K. MacLennan. A very pleasant afternoon was spent by teachers, parents and scholars, and every one present was remembered by the Misses Hambleton who passed round a bountiful repast of coffee and cake. The meeting closed by singing the well known hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

Presbytery of Bruce.

THIS Presbytery at Paisley on December 11, when Rev. G. McLennan was appointed moderator for the ensuing half-year, and presided. Rev. J. Johnston reported having organized mission stations at Gillie's Hill and Dobbington, with a membership of 43 and 21 respectively. Session records were examined by committees and attested. Leave was granted to moderate in a call to Tiverton, and arrangements were made for issuing the call. The remits of Assembly having been considered, it was agreed to recommend that the Jewish work be continued under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Committee. The remit on the amalgamation of certain committees was approved of. The Presbytery recommended that graduating students give six months to Home