

Ministers and Churches.

THERE were thirty members added to the communion roll of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, during the past year.

MR. M. D. FRASER occupied the chair at a pleasant Sabbath school entertainment given in the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, London, last week.

REV. DR. SMITH, formerly of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, has resigned the charge of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., in order to accept a call to Wausau, Wisconsin.

THERE was a new and handsome cutter left in the manse stable at Stayner on Christmas Eve, and with it a note signed "Santa Claus," intimating that it was a gift to the Rev. R. Moodie from his Stayner congregation.

AT St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on Sabbath week, the sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Herridge, was one specially appropriate to the closing of the year. In the morning there had been a Christmas service, and in the afternoon a special service for Sabbath school children.

RECENTLY a most successful tea-meeting and bazaar were held in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburgh, Bazaar was opened during the day. Tea was served at six p.m. After tea excellent addresses were delivered by various clergymen.

AT the close of a Christmas entertainment in Boston Church, Milton, on behalf of the Sabbath school, the Rev. M. C. Cameron, B.D., was presented by his Bible class with an address and a well-filled morocco purse, as a slight token of their high appreciation of him as their religious instructor. Mr. Cameron acknowledged the address in a neat and appropriate speech.

THE congregation of Westminster Church, Broad and Fitzwater Streets, Philadelphia, says the *Press* of that city, at a recent meeting extended a call to Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, formerly of Toronto, Canada. This is one of several churches here which have been competing for Dr. Kirkpatrick's services, not to speak of the inducements offered him to go further West.

THE Rev. J. C. Cattanaeh, of Sherbrooke, has accepted the call extended to him by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, and is to be released from his present charge on the 12th January. His departure will be a very great loss to the city of Sherbrooke and to the whole Presbytery of Quebec. His congregations have recently given him several tangible proofs of their esteem, amongst which was the sum of \$100.

ON Christmas Eve, Mrs. J. A. Townsend, of Manitou, Manitoba, received a pleasant surprise, in the shape of a box, which, when opened, revealed a fine Astrachan coat. Accompanying the same was a note which read as follows: "Dear Mrs. Townsend, please accept this coat, with the best wishes of a few friends, who also wish you and your worthy husband a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

ON Tuesday last the congregations of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, and St. John's Church, Markham, called on the Rev. Charles A. Tanner, their pastor, and presented him with an address and a handsome horse and harness. Mrs. Tanner was also presented with a costly fur coat and cap. A sumptuous repast was served up in the Sabbath school house, after which Mr. John T. Brown, session clerk, took the chair, and Miss Emma Thompson presided at the organ. Several hymns were sung, in which all present seemed to join heartily. Several speeches were made, and an amusing paper, giving an historical sketch of the cause of the present gathering, was read by Mr. Andrew Hood. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. R. V. McKibbin, and a very pleasant afternoon, spent in Christian fellowship, was brought to a close.

A LARGE and interesting meeting of the friends and well-wishers of the Rev. D. B. Cameron was held in the manse, Acton, on the 30th December, for the purpose of presenting him and his sister with handsome and valuable tokens of their affection and esteem. Almost every room of the manse was occupied at an early hour, and some of them crowded. Colonel Allen presided and read an address, expressive of the affection and esteem of his many friends for his elevated Christian character and his fidelity and earnestness as a minister of the Gospel. Mr. Cameron made a fitting and characteristic reply. An excellent and appropriate address to Miss Cameron was also presented by Mrs. C. S. Smith, to which Miss Cameron responded. The Rev. Dr. Torrance, Mr. Piggott and Mr. John McKay, students of theology, delivered brief but cordial addresses on the occasion.

THE Mill Street Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, Sabbath school, held their annual social in the town hall on Wednesday evening, the 30th Dec. There was a good attendance of scholars and members and friends of the congregation. Tea—which, by the way, was a good one—was served in the market room, and there was much pleasant enjoyment while partaking of it. On adjourning to the hall, the Rev. Mr. Cleland, pastor of the congregation, requested Dr. Hamilton to occupy the chair. Mr. Cleland was supported by the Rev. Mr. McNaughton and the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, of Garden Hill. A good programme of readings, dialogues and music was presented by the scholars and choir. Addresses were made by the Rev. Mr. Jamieson and Mr. David Millar, of Toronto. The prizes were then distributed to the deserving pupils, and the children again made happy by a presentation of oranges, etc. This excellent meeting was brought to a close at ten o'clock, when the benediction was pronounced by the pastor. This church was completely renovated lately, having the pews upholstered, the walls and ceiling discoloured and frescoed, and a vestry added, at a cost of \$1,000.

THE following, says the *Woodstock Sentinel-Review*, will be read with interest, being an extract from a letter received from Miss Rose, missionary to Chief Pi-a-Pot's Reserve, N.-W.T.: Chief Pi-a-Pot, about whom everybody is more or less interested, is a shrewd Indian between forty and fifty years of age. He is about medium height, straight and

strong, wears his hair parted in the middle like Alfred Tennyson. It hangs down his back in perfect abandon and wild profusion, shedding bear's oil over his blanket regardless of expense. He was pleased to shake hands with me, and in a very dignified manner. He told me that Maskoock (perhaps) he was going to Winnipeg on the fire-wagon; would be gone five weeks, would return to Regina ten sleeps from to-day. Was glad to have the children taught, only I was to teach them that Chief Pi-a-Pot was an entirely great and good man. They were not to be taught to pray (getting down on his knees), if that was going to lessen his power. I may teach them to sing plenty; also I must make a house large enough to take all the children and not let them come home, and in ten years (holding up his ten fingers) they will know more than the Iskwaw (mothers). And after all our long talk he wanted to know what I would pay him for listening to me so long and getting his views. I told him I would give him all the views I had free, and would he not call that even trade? He thought a moment, and then laughed quite human, exclaiming: "Maskoock, tappwa (perhaps, truly); good woman, you bet." The probabilities are that the children on Chief Pi-a-Pot's, Muskapetung's and Pasqua's Reserves will be gathered into one institution.

THE *Norwood Register* says: The Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Peseborough, delivered his lecture, "Chiniquy, his Trials and Triumphs," in the Presbyterian Church, Norwood, lately. The lecture was full of thrilling incident, and graphically detailed the trials and triumphs of Mr. Chiniquy, a man, whether as priest or minister, who has wielded more influence for good than any living Canadian. The lecturer described the childhood of Mr. Chiniquy, who, like Timothy, was taught the Holy Scriptures; that as a boy he would read to the neighbours who would gather at his mother's home from the Bible, since that home was the only one in the parish in which a copy of the Scriptures was to be found. His great success when a priest as a temperance reformer, the love and devotion always evinced to him by his fellow-countrymen, and the high esteem in which he was held by ecclesiastical superiors, were vividly and eloquently told. Then his removal with a large number of French-Canadians to Illinois, his labour of self-devotion for his little colony, building a church and schools; the conflict which there was going on in his own soul between light and darkness, his interview with his Bishop and his final rupture with Rome, and his bringing the whole of his flock with him into the Protestant fold, were narrated with dramatic and thrilling effect. The civil actions he had to contend against, the false witnesses suborned to crush and destroy him, the frequent and ineffectual attempts made upon his life on his return to Canada, his success in bringing hundreds of his countrymen into Protestantism, were related in language of simple but sublime pathos. Mr. Bennett in his lecture has done both his subject and himself justice, and we hope that congregations who have not heard the lecture will see to it that they do so, since it is one both highly instructive and interesting.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—A *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Miramichi was held in St. James' Hall, Newcastle, on Thursday, the 24th December, Rev. William Aitken, Moderator. Sederunt: Rev. Messrs. N. McKay, T. G. Johnstone, Wm. Aitken, John McCarter, E. Wallace Waits. There were no elders present. The Rev. James Murray and A. Ogilvie Brown were asked to sit as corresponding members of the court. The Rev. A. O. Brown respectfully declined the call to Bathurst, and expressed sympathy with the congregation there in the circumstances. The Presbytery in setting aside the call recorded its sympathy with the Bathurst congregation in their present disappointment at not obtaining the services of Mr. Brown, and expressed the hope that Providence would direct them to make choice of a minister who might see his way to accept, and that a harmonious settlement may be speedily effected. A hearty and unanimous call, addressed to Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown from the congregation at Campbellton, was read by the Clerk, and also relative documents from the Rev. Alexander Russell, Moderator of their Session, who was unable to be present, reporting that he had, on the 21st inst., moderated in a call there. The Rev. E. Wallace Waits was requested to prosecute the call in the absence of Mr. Russell, and Mr. John Mair also appeared as commissioner to represent the congregation. The call was signed by 124 members and eighty-four adherents. The stipend promised was \$500, with manse, or the rent accruing from the manse in the event of Mr. Brown not occupying the same. It was sustained as a regular Gospel call, and placed in Mr. Brown's hands, who signified his acceptance of it; and his induction was appointed to take place at Campbellton on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1886, at eleven o'clock, a.m., the Rev. William Aitken to preside, induct and address the people; Rev. Neil McKay to preach; and Rev. E. Wallace Waits to address the minister. It was resolved to request that a collection be made at the induction services to pay the travelling expenses of the ministers appointed to officiate on the occasion.—E. WALLACE WAITS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, London, on the 5th and 6th inst. Rev. K. McDonald, Moderator. The following brethren being present: Rev. Messrs. J. L. Murray, J. B. Hamilton, J. Ferguson, J. McKenzie, J. McEwen and Dr. Elliott were asked to sit and correspond. The first item of business taken up was the resignation of W. Ballantyne, of Westminster, laid on the table at last meeting. After hearing commissioners from North and South Westminster expressing their attachment to Mr. Ballantyne and their sorrow at the prospect of parting with him—and hearing Mr. Ballantyne himself pressing his resignation—the Presbytery agreed to accept the same, to take effect on the second Sabbath of January next. Mr. Murray was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on that day and act thereafter as Moderator of Session. A call from Ashfield, Presbytery of Maitland, to Mr. McDonald, of Belmont, was read. The call was signed by thirty-four members and 269 adherents, promising \$1,000 stipend and manse with a glebe of ten acres. After commissioners from Maitland Presbytery, the congregations of Ashfield and Belmont were heard for and against the trans-

lation. The call was put into Mr. McDonald's hands for consideration. Mr. McDonald having signified his acceptance of the call, it was duly moved, and agreed to, that the translation be granted to take effect on the second Sabbath of January, Mr. L. Cameron to declare the pulpit vacant on that day, and act thereafter as Moderator of Session. Mr. Milloy presented a call from Wardsville and Newbury in favour of Mr. J. B. Hamilton. The stipend promised was \$450, and the congregation asked \$300 from Augmentation Fund. Messrs. Douglas and Atkinson were heard in support of the call. The Presbytery approved Mr. Milloy's conduct, sustained the call as a regular Gospel call, and ordered its transmission to Mr. Hamilton for consideration. Mr. Hamilton, who was present, signified his acceptance, the induction was appointed to take place on the 5th of January at eleven o'clock a.m.—Mr. Milloy to preside and address the minister, Dr. Archibald to preach and Mr. J. Currie to address the people. The remit on the unification of Foreign Mission work was committed to the following committee: Messrs. Murray, Convener, Dr. Archibald, A. Henderson, W. S. Ball and Mr. Thompson, elder, to report at the meeting in March. Mr. Smith, of Galt, was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. Dr. Archibald was appointed to address the Woman's Foreign Mission Presbyterial Society at its annual meeting in February next. The Clerk intimated that he had received a bank cheque for \$1,000 from Mr. Crothers, solicitor, St. Thomas, being the first instalment of bequest by the late Hugh Fulton for the Home and Foreign Missions of this Church. The Presbytery authorized the Moderator and Clerk to sign the receipt. The following motion by Mr. Roger, duly seconded, was adopted in connection with the nominating of a professor for Knox College: In view of the great need of an increased staff of teachers in Knox College, and of the limited amount available for that purpose, the Presbytery declined to nominate a professor for the proposed chair, and declare their preference for the continuance and extension of the present system of lectureships. Committees were appointed to draft suitable minutes in connection with the removal of Messrs. McDonald and Ballantyne from the bounds of the Presbytery. The remit on the "Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund" was considered, section by section. The second, third and fifth sections were agreed to. The Presbytery agreed to omit the fourth section, and add the following to the third: That the existing fund be augmented as rapidly as possible by such bequests and special donations for the purpose as may be obtained. The sixth section was amended as follows: That any minister who is regularly on the Fund shall become entitled to his superannuation allowance on being permitted to retire by the General Assembly. The remit on minutes of the Assembly was disposed of as follows: The first, fifth and sixth sections were adopted as they are, the second section was struck out, and the fourth section amended thus: That copies of the minutes be sent to all the elders as formerly. Messrs. N. McKinnon, A. Henderson, J. S. Henderson, W. S. Ball and Mr. Charlton, elder, were appointed a committee to apportion \$1,700 for Augmentation on the congregations of the Presbytery. A petition for leave to organize a second congregation in Glencoe, signed by eighty-one members and ninety-three adherents, was read, as also an extended extract minute of the Session of Glencoe congregation, opposing the prayer of the petition. After hearing and questioning commissioners who were present in support of the petition, and after a lengthened discussion, the following resolution was agreed to: The Presbytery, having fully heard the petitioners, and having duly considered the case in all its bearings, do not at present see their way to grant the prayer of the petition; but appoint a commission to visit the field and meet with the petitioners, with the view of ascertaining more fully all the facts of the case, with instructions to use all diligence to heal, if possible, the present unhappy division, and report to next meeting of Presbytery. And in the meantime the Presbytery affectionately urge all parties to consider one another, and pursue the things that make for peace. Further, the commissioners shall have power to cite all parties to next meeting of Presbytery should they think it necessary. Mr. Rennie gave in the yearly report of the Committee on Finances, duly audited. The report showed a balance in hand of over \$22 after meeting the various expenses of the year. The report was received and adopted. Mr. Rogers moved that the expenses of delegates to the General Assembly be defrayed by the Presbytery, and that they be a charge on the Presbytery fund. On the suggestion of Mr. Ball, it was agreed to refer the motion for the consideration of sessions. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Wardsville on January 5, at eleven o'clock a.m., and to hold the next regular meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, London, on the second Tuesday of March, 1886, and at half past two o'clock p.m. GEORGE SUTHERLAND, *Pres. Clerk*.

QUEBEC NOTES.

THE Rev. J. C. Cattanaeh, of Sherbrooke, has accepted the call to St. Andrew's Church, Halifax. He will be inducted about the middle of January. Mr. Cattanaeh has done a good work in Sherbrooke. His departure is regretted not only by his congregation, but also by the Presbytery of which he was a most energetic and useful member. As Sherbrooke is a rising city and an important railway centre, it is hoped that a suitable man may be secured as quickly as possible.

THE Presbytery of Quebec has sustained a severe loss in the death of the Rev. John McDonald, of Scotstown. He passed away in the prime of life. He had been in the ministry twenty years and was an earnest and faithful minister of the Gospel and highly esteemed by his own flock and all classes of people for miles around.

THREE good men have been added to the eldership of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec—W. R. Dean, John Strang, and Adam Elliot. The Rev. Mr. Love has just entered upon his second year as pastor. During the year that is closed the work of the Church has been carried on successfully and harmoniously. There has been a large addition to the membership and the debt has been reduced considerably.